

Obituaries

**Kathryn Lane Byrum**

EDENTON - Kathryn Lane Byrum, 85, of 2227 Virginia Road, passed away on Saturday, December 19, 2015 in her home.

Mrs. Byrum was born in Perquimans County on December 28, 1929 and was the daughter of the late Pailen and Lillian Ward Lane. A homemaker, she was formerly employed with United Piece & Dye Works, and as a Teacher's Assistant at Chowan Middle School. A member of Rocky Hock Baptist Church where she had served as a GA Leader and attended the Faye Ober Sunday School Class, other involvements included her work as a 4-H Leader, and membership in the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Carroll Byrum, Jr.

Surviving are her daughter, Sheila Byrum of Virginia Beach, VA; two sons, Joseph Carroll Byrum, III and wife Sandra, and Barry Byrum, all of Edenton; a brother, Ray Lane and wife Marie of Myrtle Beach, SC; four grandchildren, Joey Byrum and wife Ashley of Edenton, Stacey Virginia and husband Tony of Virginia Beach, Wendy Gardner and husband Gary of Wilson, and Jamie Davenport of Hertford; eight great-grandchildren, Reed and Wade Byrum, Colton and Ainsley Virginia, Bailey and Trinity Gardner, Katrina Sanders and Waylon Davenport; and her faithful canine companion, Sambo.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. in Rocky Hock Baptist Church and were officiated by Dr. James Horton. Burial followed in Beaver Hill Cemetery with Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, 735 Virginia Road, Edenton, handling arrangements. Friends joined the family at the residence.

The family wishes to express their deep appreciation to caregivers Jessica Cofield, Brenda Verzyvelt, and Darla Wendling, to Albemarle Home Care & Hospice, and to the medical providers, that have attended their loved one in her time of declining health.

Memorial contributions may be made to any chapter of the American Cancer Society ( www.cancer.org ).

Online condolences may be made by visiting www.millerfhc.com

**Horace E. White**

HERTFORD - Horace Edward White, 74, of 757 Ocean Highway North, died Monday, December 21, 2015 in his home.

Mr. White was born in Perquimans County on April 13, 1941, and was the son of the late Kader Silas and Miley Hollowell White. Retired as a supervisor in the Bridge Maintenance Division of the North Carolina Department of Transportation, he was a member of Woodville Baptist Church. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Sallie E. Brickhouse.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, May Belle Ashley White; two sons, Horace R. "Buddy" White and Kenneth R. "Skin" White and wife Jennifer, all of Hertford; three brothers, Kader F. White of Monroe, GA, Burfoot L. White of Hobbsville, and Carlton B. White of Haines City, FL; three grandchildren, Paul A. White, Kenzie R. White, and Kristen Bassett; and a great-granddaughter, Ellie Bassett.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. in the Miller & Van Essendelft Funeral Chapel, 1125 Harvey Point Road, Hertford, by Pastor H. Gene Boyce. Private burial will follow in Cedarwood Cemetery. Friends may join the family in the funeral home immediately following the chapel service on Wednesday.

The family wishes to express their deep appreciation to the staff of Albemarle Home Care & Hospice for the compassionate care given them during these past weeks.

Memorial contributions may be made to Albemarle Home Care & Hospice, PO Box 189, Elizabeth City, NC 27907.

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**DEATH NOTICES**

NORFOLK - Elisabeth Thach McCloskey, 74, died on Wednesday, December 16, 2015. Funeral services were held Saturday, at Norview United Methodist Church, 1112 Norview Avenue, Norfolk. Arrangements by Miller & Van Essendelft Funeral Home, 1125 Harvey Point Road, Hertford.

NEWARK NJ - William H. "Joe Lewis" Tyler, 77, died on Friday, Dec. 4, 2015. Funeral was held Saturday at Olive Branch Missionary Baptist Church. Arrangements by Stallings Memorial Chapel, Hertford.

ELIZABETH CITY - James E. Spence, 73, died on Thursday, Dec. 17. Funeral was held Tuesday, at Old Oak Grove Cemetery. Arrangements by Stallings Memorial Chapel, Hertford.

ELIZABETH CITY - Lola M. Ervin, 89, died on Monday, December 21, 2015. Funeral is pending. Arrangements by Stallings Memorial Chapel, Hertford.

CORAPEAKE - Vera J. Amerson, died on Sunday, December 20, 2015. Funeral is Wednesday at 11 a.m., at funeral home chapel. Visitation one hour prior to the service. Arrangements by Miller & Van Essendelft Funeral Chapel, 1125 Harvey Point Road, Hertford.

**Health Department Schedule**

From staff reports

Albemarle Regional Health Services has announced its clinic schedule for the Perquimans County Health Department for January.

The health department is located at 103 ARPDC St. in Hertford. The phone number is 426-2100. The hours are 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Thursday.

There is a fee, based on income, for most clinics. Immunizations and general clinics are held every day and other clinics are by appointment only. Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) and other communicable disease services are free. Appointments for STD services may be required.

The Children's Developmental Services Agency, formerly the DEC, provides services to children birth to three years of age through early intervention programming. The CDSA is located at 1417 Parkview Drive in Elizabeth City. Office hours are 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Call 338-4044 for information or an appointment.

Albemarle Home Care and Hospice's comprehensive services are offered.

Information on advanced directives is available upon request. For more information, please call 338-4066.

The schedule for the Perquimans County Health Department:

- Jan. 1: Holiday.
- Jan. 4: New prenatal-AM, general.
- Jan. 5: General.
- Jan. 6: Child health all day, general, WIC.
- Jan. 7: Women's health services, prenatal-all day, immunizations 5-7 p.m.
- Jan. 8: General.
- Jan. 11: General.
- Jan. 12: General.
- Jan. 13: General, WIC.
- Jan. 14: Women's health services, prenatal-all day, immunizations 5-7 p.m.
- Jan. 15: General, WIC-all day, adult health-PM
- Jan. 18: Holiday.
- Jan. 19: General.
- Jan. 20: General, child health all day.
- Jan. 21: Women's health services, prenatal-all day, DEPO PM, immunizations 5-7 p.m.
- Jan. 22: General.
- Jan. 25: General.
- Jan. 26: General, WIC.
- Jan. 27: General.
- Jan. 28: Women's health services, prenatal all day, immunizations 5-7 p.m.
- Jan. 29: General.

**Local Farm Bureau honored**

From staff reports

Perquimans County Farm Bureau was named the winner of the 2015 County of Excellence Award for Division 3 in Greensboro this month. The county organization was judged North Carolina Farm Bureau's most effective in its membership class in implementing programs, services and activities that build active county Farm Bureaus

and fulfill the mission of the organization.

The award ceremony took place during NCFB's 80th annual meeting, Dec. 6-8, in Greensboro.

"This award is presented to the county that executed the best all-around effort for the year, and Perquimans County Farm Bureau represented the best of what Farm Bureau stands for and strives to achieve through its grassroots structure," said Larry Wooten, president of NCFB.

Some of those activities included the sponsorship of agricultural and educational activities within the county, attendance at several state conferences and events, and sponsorship of safety programs throughout the county.

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**But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel... Micah 5:2**

This time of year in churches all over the world, followers of Christ sing Phillip Brooks' beautiful hymn, O Little Town of Bethlehem. The words resonate in our ears and in our hearts. "O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie; above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight."

Brooks wrote these words in 1868 following a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. He was inspired by the view of Bethlehem from the surrounding hills of Palestine, especially at night. As he paints a verbal picture, the hymn catches our imagination. We can almost see Bethlehem in our mind's eye.

We are aware of the power that music exercises over the human spirit. It communicates to the soul what nothing else can achieve. Music reaches where words cannot, ritualizing the emotions deep inside us for which there are no words. Christmas carols encourage us to worship, to hope, and to expand the horizons of our vision so that we can see the light of truth and dare to live justly in a troubled world.

No matter how often we sing them, the simple words of O Little Town of Bethlehem always transport us to the night on which the Christ Child comes to earth. Through a gentle, quiet tune and pictures painted with words, we enter the time and place when God is born into human history and the Word becomes incarnate.

The prophet Micah tells us about this town, "But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel..." God is at work, fulfilling that prophecy even through government decrees, preparing for the birth of the Messiah in Bethlehem, the city of David.

So Bethlehem becomes the center of our universe at this time of year. Bethlehem is where everything comes together, where a child is born and laid in a manger, a child who will grow strong in faith and in obedience to God. He will love and heal, teach and mentor. He will die our death, and in return, give us the greatest of gifts, everlasting life.



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**Church Briefs**

**Soup Kitchen**

Hertford United Methodist Church will host The Lord's Table Soup Kitchen every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. For information call 426-5467.

**Chapel On The Sound**

Chapel On The Sound will host a "Food With Friends" program on the first and third Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Soup, sandwiches, dessert for the people of Perquimans County will be offered at 106 Soundview Road, Holiday Island.

**Whiteville Grove**

Whiteville Grove Baptist Church will host the annual

Christmas Eve candlelight service on Thursday at 11:30 p.m.

**Bagley Swamp Wesleyan**

Bagley Swamp Wesleyan Church will hold a Christmas Eve candlelight service Thursday at 5 and 7 p.m.

**Hertford United Methodist**

Hertford United Methodist Church will hold a Christmas Eve service Thursday at 5 p.m.

**Riddick Grove MBC**

A Watch Service will be held on Dec. 31 at 10 p.m. at Riddick Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Rev. Jerry Jones and Bay Branch AME Zion Church will be in charge.

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