



Talk of the Town

May 15, 2014
28th Edition

Town Tidbit:

Did you know? The Historic Hastings House that was built in 1854 for William Hastings, is one of the two oldest homes in Smithfield. The Hastings House served as pre-battle command office for General Joseph E. Johnston, Commander of the Confederate troops that marched to stop General Sherman at the Battle of Bentonville, March 19-21, 1865. Call (919) 934-0887 to schedule a tour.

National Police Week

Remembering the Fallen, Honoring Those Who Serve

(Written Wednesday, May 14, 2014)

Tomorrow, May 15th, is designated by the President of the United States as Police Memorial Day. All government flags are to be flown at half-staff in remembrance of officers who have given their lives in the service of their communities. To date, 531 North Carolina Officers' names darn the walls of the Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington DC. In May alone, five officers have lost their lives in the line of duty around the United States.

Tomorrow, please find a moment to thank those in your own way, who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of their fellow man.

For those who have not seen the Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington DC, it sits in an area of town that you would not want to frequent after dark. While some take offense at this, I find it rather fitting. It was dedicated in 1991. Lions stand at the entrance and exit of the National memorial. The lions and cubs are sculptured in Bronze. The Lions are an allegory, meaning quality and fortitude.

Two sculptures each depicting a female lion protecting her cubs are perched on the memorial's wall, one on each side of the entrance. On the opposite wall are two sculptures each depicting a male lion watching the female and cubs. The memorial's walls are inscribed with more than 13,500 officers who have been killed in the line of duty since 1794. The lions represent the strength, courage, and valor of these law enforcement officers and they symbolize the protective role of all law enforcement officers. The memorial itself covers three acres. New names are added each year in May, during National Police Week.

On the West wall, in front of the left lion an inscription reads, "The wicked flee when no man pursueth but the righteous are bold as a lion" Proverbs 28:1

And then on the West wall in front of the right lion the inscription reads, "It is not how these officers died that made them heroes it is how they Lived." Vivian Eney, Survivor.

On the East wall, in front of the right lion the inscription reads, "Carved on these walls is the story of America a continuing quest to preserve both democracy and decency and to protect a national treasure that we call the American Dream" President George Bush

And finally on the East wall, in front of the left lion the inscription reads, "In Valor there is Hope" Tactus.

Thanks for your support as we remember the fallen and their families.

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5th Annual 3 Little Pigs Triathlon

Register Now for Lower Entry Fee



Title sponsor Chick-fil-A welcomes everyone to this great event held on June 14th at 7:30 am. The race is comprised of a 250 yard swim, a bike portion (14 miles) and a running portion (5 km). The swim portion is in the Smithfield Recreation and Aquatics Center; the bike portion takes you from SRAC into rural Johnston County, on a scenic but flat course; and the run portion is an out and back course that takes you through Smithfield's Community Park and onto its new Buffalo Creek Greenway and back to SRAC. Feel free to bring your family - your kids can play at the park while you do all the work!

All proceeds raised during the event will be split between Smithfield Parks and Recreation Department/Friends of the Park and the Rotary Club of Central Johnston County.

Race Registration is as follows:

Before 6/11/14
Individual: \$50.00
Relay: \$100.00

After 6/10/14 - This is on-site, race-day registration

Individual: \$60.00
Relay: \$120.00

All registrations are done on-line at www.fsseries.com. The last day to register online is 6/10/14. On-site registration may be available if this event is not full. A fee for USAT race day insurance will be added if you are not a USAT member (\$12.00 for adults, \$10.00 for ages 17 and under).

Carolina Railhawks Soccer Training

Elite Technique Off-Season Training Program



RailHawks Elite Technique Off-Season Training Program -

ARE YOU a YOUTH SOCCER PLAYER LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL ELITE-LEVEL TRAINING DURING THE OFF-SEASON THAT IS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED IN SMITHFIELD? LEARN FROM THE PROS!

RailHawks Elite Technique Off-Season EAST Program is a supplemental training program designed to keep you training at the highest level during the off-season to keep your game moving forward and better prepare you for the start of the next season.

Location: Smithfield Community Park / Soccer Field, 600 Booker Dairy Road

Three training options offered:

1. Introductory Program for U9-U14 Challenge and Rec-Level Boys and Girls (5 sessions)
2. Intensive Program for U11-U12 Classic-Level Boys and Girls (10 sessions)
3. Intensive Program for U13-U18 Classic-Level Boys and Girls (kids further divided into groups by age and skill level)(10 sessions)

Training addresses all aspects of the game: technical, tactical, physical and psychological.

5-weeks of training running from June 9 through July 16 (no sessions during the week of 4th of July)

Players will have the freedom to make mistakes to enable them to push past existing skill levels.

Training led by Director of RailHawks Elite Technique, Sam Stockley, and other RailHawks professional coaching staff.

For more information and easy online registration, go to the following link: www.carolinairailhawks.com/page/slug/et-off-season-east-program#.U2E1mcYbef8

Jammin' on Johnston

Concert Series Kicks Off May 20th

The Central Park Band will open the 2014 Jammin' on Johnston Summer Concert Series in Downtown Smithfield on May 20. Concerts will be held on the third Tuesday of the month from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. at the corner of Johnston and Third streets in the heart of Historic Downtown Smithfield.

The popular concert series organized by the Downtown Smithfield Development Corporation is free and open to the public. Attendees are encouraged to enjoy dinner at one of Downtown Smithfield's locally owned restaurants, then come out to dance and enjoy the bands.

May 20	The Central Park Band
June 17	The Holiday Band
July 15	The Main Event Band
August 19	Backyard Groove
September 16	Coco Loco Party Band

The Jammin' on Johnston Summer Concert Series is sponsored by Stevens Sausage, Agri Supply, Carolina Packers, and the Johnston County Visitors Bureau.

To learn more about Downtown Smithfield and its businesses, please call Sarah Edwards, Interim Director of the Downtown Smithfield Development Corporation at 919-934-0887 or visit them on the web at www.downtownsmithfield.com.



Smithfield-Selma High School

English Class Wins Nationwide Literacy Competition

Cynthia Hutchings' Honors English I class at Smithfield-Selma High School won the nationwide Achieve3000 literary competition.

The competition helps enhance students' literary proficiency to levels required by colleges and careers. To win, each student was required to read a minimum of eight nonfiction Achieve3000 articles during a twenty-eight day period and correctly answer questions built around Common Core proficiency standards.

The class won the competition with more than 30,000 points. They were awarded a \$30 gift card for a pizza party, which they enjoyed.

PHOTO: A group of Smithfield-Selma High School students won the nationwide Achieve3000 literary competition. On the front row is Janya Collins. On the second row (from left) are Makayla Mitchell, Tatyana Mcelveen, Mollie Lane, Ashley Lee, Meghan O'brien, Sabrea Johnson, and Nadia Whitaker. On the third row are Payton Parker, Gabriela Aguilar, Jasmyne Davis, Genesis Doblado, Isabel Douglas, Debbie Herrera, Shannon Parrish, and Evelyn Tovar. On the back row are Ms. Cynthia Hutchings, Michael Menjivar, Colby Langley, Henry Moore, Elijah Hill, Dylan Dacey, Cole Davis, Fernando Perez, and Carlos Ruiz- Hernandez. Not Pictured are Patrick Herrmann, Mikayla Rabil, Titus Sanders, and Tremaine White.



Riding with SSS AVID

Advancement Via Individual Determination

Smithfield-Selma High School AVID students in grades 9 through 11 took a ride to western North Carolina on an overnight college field trip on April 24th and 25th. Students raised funds throughout the year to defray the cost of this trip. Thirty-six students and four chaperones toured the campuses of Western Carolina University, UNC-Asheville, and Appalachian State University, where they learned about admission requirements, programs of study, on-campus housing, campus activities, and were able to enjoy meals in the campus dining halls. "All three of the colleges were hospitable and provided us with useful information about their schools, and college in general. Not only was this a learning experience for us AVID students, but it also created a stronger bond between our classes which really creates a better atmosphere in school and other events at SSS," explained AVID Junior, Erika Callejas. In addition, the SSS AVID students listened to a presentation on AVID for Higher Education at UNC-Asheville. This new program, the first of its kind in North Carolina, will begin in the fall of 2014.



SSS AVID students also participated in low ropes course activities and zip-lining at Camp Agape in Fuquay-Varina on Saturday, May 3. These activities promoted teambuilding, communication, and leadership skills which are all core principals incorporated into the AVID curriculum to prepare students for college. "This experience allowed students to step out of their comfort zone in activities they have never tried. They particularly enjoyed the zip-line. I thought the students did a great job communicating and trusting their group members during the low ropes course," SSS AVID counselor, Sarah Barnhart.

Photo: AVID Classes of 2015, 2016, and 2017 pose with ASU's Mountaineer, Yosef.

SSS AVID Wins 1st Place in National Video Competition



Smithfield-Selma High School's AVID program was recently announced the winner of AVID's 2014 national video contest. AVID senior Oscar Villanueva took the lead organizing the effort and, with the participation and support of SSS AVID students in grades 9-12, saw great returns on his hard work. As the first-place winners of the high school division, SSS AVID received \$1,000. "It felt exciting because we worked really really hard on the video. This year was the first year we had an AVID Student President and I think it helped me unite our group. AVID is amazing, if you take it seriously it will change the way you act and who you are," explained Oscar Villanueva.

AVID students nationwide were asked to showcase their AVID spirit and the program's impact on them. Their winning video did just that, highlighting the academic and organizational strategies reinforced in the AVID classroom as well as the leadership development, college exploration, and service-oriented activities SSS AVID offers outside the classroom. Villanueva and his AVID peers took complete ownership of the project. "We announced the competition to our AVID classes, and then the next thing I knew, Oscar was organizing meetings during their lunch period to record. It was amazing. It was also a great learning experience for them, especially Oscar. Orchestrating this many students and the editing involved was no easy task, but they made it happen," said SSS AVID Coordinator Kaye Pearce. SSS AVID will use the prize money for future AVID scholarships.

AVID, which stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination, is a college readiness system implemented across the country and beyond to provide essential skills and support for students who want to attend college and who are willing to do the hard work to get there. AVID has been at SSS since 2007. The Class of 2014 will be the fourth senior class to graduate from the school. This year's seniors are proof of the value and effectiveness of the program; all have been accepted and are planning to attend college in the fall.

Photo: SSS AVID Class President, Oscar Villanueva, films students for the video.

Distracted Driving Video Help Promote Safety and Awareness



Distracted driving is at an all-time high and we are seeing more and more accidents from cell phone use among all age groups. For teen drivers though, inexperience and accessibility to smartphones has made for a lethal combination.

[Please view this video](#) and share with all of your friends, family members and loved ones. "[CRASH](#)" is a collaborative effort between Backwards Man Productions & Johnston County EMS. Intro is provided by Johnston Community College. This short film aims to show teens the dangers of distracted driving.

You can also view more teen driving safety tips from Johnston County Teen Drivers (JCTD) at www.jocoteendrivers.com. Johnston County Teen Drivers (JCTD) is a peer-to-peer safety program for young drivers, involving teenagers directly in developing and delivering driving safety messages. Our goal is to raise awareness of the top driving dangers for teens and prevent crashes involving young drivers. The program empowers teens to spread the word among their peers about deadly driving risks and encourage them to make smart choices while behind the wheel and as passengers.

Lifeguard Training Classes

at Smithfield Recreation & Aquatic Center



Must pass Pre-Course Swim Test in order to continue in class.
For Boys and Girls - Must be at least 15 in order to take this class

Cost: \$175.00 / Smithfield Residents
\$200.00 / Non-Smithfield Residents

You MUST attend 100% of all classes.

The Lifeguard Training we offer is the American Red Cross Lifeguard Training Class.

To register for the class, you must submit a \$25 non-refundable deposit upon registration. If you pass the Pre-Course, this deposit will be applied to your balance. Upon passing Pre-Course, you will pay the remainder fee at the first class.

Pre-course swim test includes: 1) A 300 yard swim with rhythmic breathing and breath control. You may use the following strokes all or in combination: freestyle and breaststroke. You may NOT swim on your back. 2) You must tread water for 2 minutes using only your legs, with your hands placed under your armpits. 3) You must swim 20 yards to retrieve a brick in 9 feet of water, then swim the brick back 20 yards to the wall, using only your legs. All this must be done in a time limit under 1 minute and 40 seconds. You may NOT use goggles for #2 & #3. You MUST complete all of the above requirements in order to continue in the class.

Available Class Dates:

*First Session/Option - Friday, March 7 from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM
Saturday, March 8 from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM & Sunday, March 9 from 1:00 until 6:00 PM (Completed)*

*Second Session/Option - Friday, April 4 from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM
Saturday, April 5 from 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM & Sunday, April 6 from 1:00 until 6:00 PM (Completed)*

*Third Session/Option - Friday, April 25 from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM
Saturday, April 26 from 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM & Sunday, April 27 from 1:00 until 6:00 PM (Completed)*

**Fourth Session/Option - Friday, May 16 from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM
Saturday, May 17 from 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM & Sunday, May 18 from 1:00 until 6:00 PM**

YOU MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE AT ALL DATES IN THE CLASS SESSION YOU SIGN UP FOR. SESSIONS CAN NOT BE MIXED.

For more information, contact Laura Crumpler at 919-934-1408 or lcrumpler-parks@ncrrbiz.com.

Parks & Recreation / SRAC



Swimming Stroke Clinic - If you are between the ages of 5-18 years old, and want to improve your swimming skills, come to the Stroke Clinic at SRAC. The Stroke Clinic begins April 29th through May 22nd, on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Children between the ages of 5-10 will meet from 6:00 to 6:45pm; and children ages 11-18 will meet from 6:45 to 7:45pm. Cost is \$70 for Smithfield Residents and \$80 for Non-Residents. There is a 10% sibling discount. Participants must be able to swim 25 yards of freestyle and backstroke to be eligible for the clinic. For more information contact Laura Crumpler at lcrumpler-parks@ncrrbiz.com, or 919-934-1408.

Group Tennis Lessons - May 5th through 29th we will be offering group tennis lessons at Smithfield Community Park. Lessons will be Monday and Thursday nights, from 6:30-7:30pm. Come learn the game with a coach with 30 years experience - Jimmy Jernigan. The cost is \$40. Checks should be made payable to Jimmy Jernigan. You must provide your own tennis racquet.

SRAC Summer Camp - Art, swimming, sports, and outdoor fun are just some of the activities your child will be involved in! Space is limited! Registration begins April 1, 2014. Children will be responsible for bringing 2 snacks, a lunch, swimming suit and towel. Dates: June 16-20, June 23-27, July 7-11, July 14-18, July 21-25, July 28-Aug 1, Aug 4-8, Aug 11-15; Time: 8:30am-4:30pm Early drop off and late pick up are available for an extra \$25 per week. Ages: 5-12yrs; Fee: \$100-Smithfield Resident; \$125-Non-Smithfield Resident

Basketball Camp - Ages: 7-14 yrs.; Dates: June 16- 19; Time: 9-12 Noon; Fee: \$65.00 (Make checks payable to James Robinson). \$75 if you sign up on first day of camp. Location: SRAC Gym. James Robinson is the Head Coach at SSS High School. Other area coaches and high school players will assist, with former college players in attendance! Camp includes slam dunk contests, 3-point shooting contests, most improved and more.

Cheerleading Camp - Grades: 1-6th ; Dates: June 23-25 and/or July 28-30; Time: 9-11am; Fee: \$50.00 (Make checks payable to Jessica Brank). Location: SRAC Gym. For more information contact Jessica at brankncs@gmail.com

Tennis Camp - Ages: 5-7 year olds - \$30 / From 6-7pm; 8-14 year olds - \$50 / From 7-8:30pm. Location: Smithfield Community Park Tennis Cts. (Make checks payable to Jimmy Jernigan)

Softball Camp - Ages: Girls 7-16 yrs.; Dates: June 23-26; Time: 9-Noon; Fee: \$60.00 (Make checks payable to Britney Smith). Location: Smithfield Community Park. Britney Smith is a former SSS Softball Coach.

Baseball Camp - Ages: 7-14 yrs.; Dates: July 7-10; Time: 9-Noon; Fee: \$65.00 (Make checks payable to SSS Dugout Club). Location: SSS Baseball Field. Chase Crocker is the Athletic Director at SSS.

Volleyball Camp - Girls Ages: 8-14 yrs.; Dates: July 7-10; Time: 9:00 - Noon; Fee \$60.00 (Make checks payable to Kim Smith). Location: SRAC Gym. Kim Smith is a former Clemson player.

Spartans Football Camp - Boys Ages: 6-14 yrs.; Dates: July 7-8; Time: 5:30-8pm; Fee \$45.00 (Make checks payable to David Lawhon). Location: SSS Football Field. David Lawhon is the Head Coach at SSS High School.

Engineering with Lego Summer Camps - Dream it - Build it - Wreck it - Repeat!! Drive into LEGOS, and build elaborate objects, structures and/or vehicles, as you explore fundamental principles of engineering and physics. Get extra inspiration from specially trained instructors! The camp is offered at SRAC for two age groups as follows:

Pre-Engineering - 5-7 Year Olds; July 7th-11th ; 9am-Noon; Cost - \$150;

Register online at <http://register.play-well.org/registration/new/30450>

Engineering FUNDamentals - 8-12 Year Olds; July 7th-11th; ;1-4pm; Cost - \$150

Register online at <http://register.play-well.org/registration/new/30451>

Pottery Camp - Come play in the clay! Students will learn the techniques for handbuilding with clay as well as basic wheel throwing. Projects will be made that can go home. A 25lb bag of clay must be purchased separately at the front desk. Date: July 7-11, 2014 and August 4-8, 2014; Time: 9am -12pm

Ages: 8-15yrs; Fee: \$85-Smithfield Resident; \$100-Non-Smithfield Resident

Soccer Camp - Ages: 5-14 yrs.; Dates: July 14-17; Time: 8:30 -11:00 am; Fee \$50.00 (Make checks payable to Steve Brush). Location: Smithfield Community Park Soccer Fields. Steve Brush, USSF Nat. D & NSCAA National Coaching Diploma, and will be assisted by Morgan Brush, a former Barton College player, and Amber Brush, a current Barton College player.

Pickleball - May 2nd through August 22nd, ON FRIDAYS ONLY, from 2-4pm, Pickleball will be offered at SRAC. If you are not a member of SRAC, it will be \$2 per session to come out and play. We will provide the paddle, balls and net. For questions, contact Tiffany at 919-934-2148, ext 112.

Pour It & Paint - Ladies grab your girlfriends and plan some girl time!!! Our new series will be offered in May, June, July and August once a month. You must pre-register and be at least 21 years old to participate. We supply the canvas and the paint, you supply the wine. Classes run from 7-9pm, and the cost is \$35/class. The May date is Friday, May 16th. For remaining dates contact 919-934-2148 or 934-1408, Tiffany or Kristin.

Craft Fair - Looking for Vendors for an upcoming Craft Fair to be held on Saturday, June 21st, from 9am-4pm, in the parking lot of Smithfield Recreation & Aquatics Center (SRAC). This should be a good weekend for the craft fair, as there will be a baseball tournament in the park and a basketball tournament in the Aquatics Center! Vendor fee is \$25 for an 8x10 space. Looking for vendors with hand-crafted items, re-purposed or unique finds, antiques, plants/herbs, jewelry, pottery, photography, paintings, woodwork, hand-sewn items, mixed media, etc. Contact Kristin Sasser (ksasser-parks@ncrbiz.com) or Tiffany Pearson (tpearson-parks@ncrbiz.com) or 919-934-2148 for more information or to secure your spot.

Senior Coffee Corner - Every Tuesday & Thursday from 8:30AM to 10:30AM we will have FREE coffee available to all 55 and older adults. There will be occasional breakfast treats and brain teasers available. You do not have to be a member of SRAC to come hang out with your friends, read the paper, and enjoy a cup-a-joe. Where: The Smithfield Recreation and Aquatic Center. Questions: contact Tiffany Pearson 919-934-2148 ext.112, or tpearson-parks@ncrbiz.com.

Doodlebugs - Dates: Every Friday through June 6th. (Then will resume in the fall.); Time: 9:30-10:15am; Ages: 18 mos-3yrs; Dribble, drip, squish and squeeze. Delight in watching your child as together you get messy while creating and experimenting with different materials. Experiment with dough, pudding, gelatin, crayons, watercolors and more. Watch your young artist blossom! One child per adult please! You can sign up for one class at a time or for a 4 week session. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED by the Wednesday before each class so that accurate supplies are provided. Fee: \$5/class or \$19.00/4 classes-Smithfield Resident \$7/class or \$27.00/4 classes-Smithfield Non Resident.

Join the SRAC! The area's most modern and well-equipped aquatics and fitness center is right in your own backyard. Check here for membership rates and special offerings for seniors, Johnston County School System employees and short-term memberships for Johnston County Community College students. Get Fit! [Membership Info](#)

Around Town

For fun or to help others in our community

Business After Hours - Downtown Smithfield Development Corporation will host a Smithfield-Selma Chamber of Commerce "Business After Hours" event on Thursday, May 1, 2014 from 5:30 p.m to 7:00 p.m. to recognize the 2014 Ham & Yam Sponsors and kick-off this annual festival. The event will be held at Bistro on Third located at 146 S. Third St., Smithfield. Contact Kelly Wallace at 919-934-9166 for more information. Come by for some food and beverages and take advantage of another Chamber networking opportunity. This is a great way to reconnect with old acquaintances and make new ones in a fun, relaxed atmosphere.

The JoCo Scrabble group - meets on Monday nights from 6 pm to 8 pm at the McDonald's in West Smithfield (W. Market Street). There is no cost beyond whatever food you choose to buy. This is a social group of adult (or teen) Scrabble players. Players vary in ability levels, so don't hesitate to come and play. For more information, please email southerner@earthlink.net. Please put Scrabble in the subject line so that we know what the message is about.

Book Club - The Public Library of Johnston County and Smithfield welcomes new members to its daytime book club. Meetings are at 12:30pm on the third Tuesday of every month. Club members suggest the titles to read, and the library lends copies of each month's selection to the members. For more information, call Morgan Paty at 919-934-8146 or email mpaty@pljcs.org.

Downtown Smithfield Development Corporation - Want to stay up to date with what's happening in Downtown Smithfield? [Click here](#) to sign-up for their newsletter or call 919-934-0887 for more information.

Council Meeting Highlights

Special Meeting - April 22, 2014



Regular Meeting summary:

1. Approved a motion to formally excuse Councilman Wood from the meeting.
2. FY 2014-2015 Budget Discussion: Parks and Recreation, SRAC and Public Works.

The Town Council regularly meets the first Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:00pm at the Town Hall Council Chambers located at 350 East Market Street - unless rescheduled. The next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 3rd. Come join us and get involved! [View Minutes of Past Meetings Here](#)

Employment Opportunities

with the Town of Smithfield

- **Part-time Lifeguard**
- **Police Officer I**
- **Water/Sewer Pump Station Mechanic**

Full [Job Descriptions and Applications](#) may be obtained at the Smithfield Town Hall, 350 East Market Street, Smithfield, NC 27577, by visiting our website at www.smithfield-nc.com or by calling 919-934-2116. Only qualified applicants should apply. The Town of Smithfield is an ADA/EEO Employer.
