



Talk of the Town

November 9, 2016

51st Edition

Town Tidbit:

Did you know? Ten months after the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the Town of Smithfield was officially chartered. However, the origins of the community date back to 1759 when John Smith, one of the area's earliest settlers, petitioned to operate a ferry where the Neuse River cut through land he owned. The site became known as Smith's Ferry.



For the past decade Johnston County Schools has honored our local veterans with a special Veterans Day celebration program.

The 2016 Veterans Day celebration will be held on Veterans Day (Friday, Nov. 11) at [Smithfield-Selma High School](#). The program begins at 11 a.m. and takes place in the school's gymnasium (be sure to arrive early).

The event is completely student led and is a joint effort by our high school JROTC cadets, All-County Chorus, and All-County Band. All Johnston County veterans and community members are welcome to attend.

Each of these ceremonies can be viewed by clicking on the links below. Photo galleries from the [2013](#), [2014](#), and [2015](#) events are also available and may found on Johnston County Schools' [Facebook page](#).

Notice of Community Meeting:

Michael Scott, Town Manager
Greg Siler, Finance Director
Tim Kerigan, Human Resources/PIO
Shannan Williams, Town Clerk



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Notice of
Community Meeting
To Discuss
Damages Associated with Hurricane Matthew

The Town of Smithfield will conduct a community meeting on November 17, 2016 at the Smithfield Recreation and Aquatics Center (SRAC) located at 600 Booker Dairy Road, Smithfield at 7:30 PM. Officials from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, the Small Business Administration, Johnston County Emergency Management and Town of Smithfield will be in attendance.

The purpose of the meeting will be to inform the public about FEMA Assistance and Hazard Mitigation. Attendance is open to everyone who experienced flood damage. Special emphasis will be placed on those families whose homes were located in Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) and had substantial damage in excess of 50% of the market value of the structure. Information will be provided that will assist in obtaining assistance for repairs, FEMA buy-out programs and qualifying for flood insurance in the future. Attendance is encouraged and questions will be welcomed.

Additional information can be obtained by calling the Smithfield Planning Department at 919-934-2116 ext. 1111.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael L. Scott", is written over a horizontal line.

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Visit www.smithfield-nc.com

Johnston County Schools honors 2016 Living Legends



Three former Johnston County Schools educators were honored at the Parent Advisory Council dinner on Nov. 3 at Smithfield-Selma High.

The Living Legend Award was presented to Charles Wilson, Christabelle W. Harlee, and Jerry Bowman before Parent Advisory Council members from each of Johnston County's 46 public schools.

The careers of these retired educators spanned more than 30 years serving in Johnston County Schools. The three were recognized for their legacies of influential teaching styles and dedication to the children they taught.

Charles Wilson served Johnston County Schools for 55 years. Wilson was a social studies teacher at Princeton High for 38 years before he retired in 1993. After his retirement Wilson worked part time as a classroom and roadwork instructor in driver education.

Wilson's social studies lessons correlated geography, history, the humanities, religion, mathematics, architecture, history, and current events. He used the "inquiry approach" for gaining historical information ranging from great speeches by great historical people, places and events, to facts about the present.

Wilson's advice to teachers is, "Start the year fair, friendly, and firm and that's the way it will be in May. Never back a student into a corner. He will come out fighting. Leave him an outlet without embarrassing him. Treat each child with respect, and you will gain his respect."

Christabelle Harlee served as a teacher for Johnston County Schools for 32 years. She taught grades 1-3 at South Smithfield Elementary before retiring in 1998.

Harlee is described as being the teacher who was willing to stick to her fervent desire to help each child succeed no matter what. Her lessons were said to be easy for students to understand because of her diverse methods.

Harlee's advice to teachers is, "An effective teacher will establish a good working relationship with the child and the parents; be a good listener and communicator; choose carefully the words you use and the tone of voice used. Children will imitate their teacher in talking, walking, and dressing. Respect the children, parents, and yourself; and you will be respected."



Jerry Bowman served as a teacher for Johnston County Schools for 32 years. Bowman was a social studies teacher at South Johnston High for 29 years and Cleveland High for three years. He also served as a part-time driver education instructor for 42 years, and taught classes at Johnston Community College for 30 years.

Bowman coordinated a systematic study of the social sciences, drawing upon such disciplines as anthropology, economics, jurisprudence, philosophy, political science, and psychology. He encouraged his students to understand the relevancy of the curriculum to the development of good citizenship.

Bowman's advice to teacher is, "Treat each child the way that you would treat your own child. Be fair and honest. Create an environment in which each child can reach his highest God-given potential with good, hard work."

PHOTO1: Three former Johnston County Schools educators were honored as Living Legends. 2016 Living Legends (from left) are Jerry Bowman, Christabelle Harlee, and Charles Wilson.

PHOTO2: Three former JCS educators were honored at the Parent Advisory Council dinner on Nov. 3. Photographed (from left) are Superintendent Dr. Ross Renfrow, Living Legend award recipients Jerry Bowman, Christabelle Harlee, and Charles Wilson, as well as Board of Education Vice-Chair Dorothy Johnson, and Board of Education members Dr. Peggy Smith, Butler Hall, Mike Wooten, and Donna White.

Courtesy of [Johnson County Schools](http://www.johnsoncountyschools.org)

SMITHFIELD-SELMA ATHLETES VOLUNTEER AT SELMA ELEMENTARY

Several Smithfield-Selma High School fall athletes had the opportunity to spend their day back in elementary classrooms.



The Spartans volunteered at Selma Elementary throughout the day and had lunch with students. The elementary students were surprised and excited to have high school students visiting and spending time with them.

"This was a wonderful opportunity for younger students to see what they are working toward as they are building their educational foundation," said Selma Elementary Assistant Principal Anthony Whitaker. "Not only was it an educational example for our students, but the high school students showed our students the importance of taking the time to help others."

All of the teachers involved with the visit said the extra hands were helpful in the classroom and were very appreciative of the help.

The volunteer event was coordinated by Whitaker and Smithfield-Selma Athletic Director Marvin Burke.

"I am very appreciative that SSS is willing to partner with us," said Whitaker. "I look forward to us working together more this year."

PHOTO: Caleb Silver (left), a Smithfield-Selma senior and member of cross country and soccer team, works with third grade student Alexander Rosas Gonzalez (right) on Tuesday, Oct. 25.

Courtesy of [Johnson County Schools](#)

Quote Of The Week:

Don't wait for extraordinary opportunities. Seize common occasions and make them great.

-Orison Swett Marden

Safety Tips

Top Ten Red Cross Cold Weather Safety Tips

As temperatures drop this winter, the American Red Cross offers ten steps people can take to stay safe during the cold weather.

1. Layer up! Wear layers of lightweight clothing to stay warm. Gloves and a hat will help prevent losing your body heat.
2. Don't forget your furry friends. Bring pets indoors. If they can't come inside, make sure they have enough shelter to keep them warm and that they can get to unfrozen water.
3. Remember the three feet rule. If you are using a space heater, place it on a level, hard surface and keep anything flammable at least three feet away - things such as paper, clothing, bedding, curtains or rugs.
4. Requires supervision - Turn off space heaters and make sure fireplace embers are out before leaving the room or going to bed.
5. Don't catch fire! If you are using a fireplace, use a glass or metal fire screen large enough to catch sparks and rolling logs.
6. Protect your pipes. Run water, even at a trickle, to help prevent your pipes from freezing. Open the kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing. Be sure to move any harmful cleaners and household chemicals out of the reach of children. Keep the garage doors closed if there are water lines in the garage.
7. Better safe than sorry. Keep the thermostat at the same temperature day and night. Your heating bill may be a little higher, but you could avoid a more costly repair job if your pipes freeze and burst.
8. The kitchen is for cooking. Never use a stove or oven to heat your home.
9. Use generators outside. Never operate a generator inside the home, including in the basement or garage.



10. Knowledge is power. Don't hook a generator up to the home's wiring. The safest thing to do is to connect the equipment you want to power directly to the outlets on the generator.

Courtesy of www.redcross.org

Local Business Spotlight: Carolina Packers



Carolina Packing Company, as it was originally called, was founded in Smithfield, North Carolina by John A. Jones Sr., a native of Claxton, Georgia, and a group of local businessmen on December 12, 1940. Later, in 1941, the name was changed to Carolina Packers Incorporated.

From the very beginning Carolina Packers created a much needed livestock market for Smithfield area farmers, many of whom became charter stockholders in the new company. For the next 50 years we processed locally-grown beef and pork into hams, bacon, country link sausage and our famous family of "Bright Leaf" hot dogs, bologna, red hots and smoked sausage. In 1997 we discontinued slaughtering operations to concentrate our efforts on our Bright Leaf product line.

Often folks who are new to our products ask about the origin of our "Bright Leaf" name. The answer is rooted in our North Carolina agricultural heritage. The area's rural economy was dominated by tobacco during our early years. In fact the section of US Highway 301, in Smithfield, NC, where our plant is located, has long been known as Brightleaf Boulevard, because of the number of tobacco warehouses that lined the highway through Smithfield during the 1940's. In addition, many of our customers and suppliers grew tobacco as part of their farming operations, so we adopted this name, along with the tobacco leaf in our logo, to identify with our agricultural heritage.

In March, 1977, Mr. Jones' son, Buck, became president and remained so until his death in 2005. Buck's wife, Jean continues to carry on the food service legacy founded almost seventy years ago.

While we have undergone many changes over the years, we have remained loyal to the traditions that have made us a family favorite on the dinner tables of eastern North Carolinians for nearly seven decades. Like our famous Hot Dog recipe, our commitment to providing good tasting, wholesome products, has not and will not change.

Visit: carolinapackers.com or call: 919-934-2181

Government In Touch Meetings

North Smithfield - District 3
Thursday, November 17th at 6:30 pm
Smithfield Recreation & Aquatics Center
600 Booker Dairy Road

North Smithfield - Distrito 3
Cerrado jueves 17 de noviembre a 18:30
Smithfield reconstrucción y del Centro
Acuático (SRAC)
600 Booker Dairy Road



*The Johnston County Art Council
is Sponsoring*

Kyle Wilson

at

The Frank Creech Art Gallery

November 1, 2016—December 4, 2016

Opening Reception

Tuesday, November 1, 5:30 pm—7:00 pm

Johnston Community College

STEAM Building

Smithfield, NC

919.209.2112 www.johnstoncc.edu

Gallery Hours:

Saturdays 10 am—3 pm

Sundays 1 pm—5 pm



courtesy of www.johnstoncc.edu

Parks & Recreation / SRAC



Smithfield Tadpoles

Moms and dads bring your little tadpoles and swim in the splash park! Additional pool play activities may occasionally be provided. Play groups are welcome!

Dates: Wednesdays, September 7th - April 26th, 2017

Time: 10am-Noon

Fee: Adults - \$3/Smithfield Resident
\$5.50/Non-Smithfield Resident

Children (3+) - \$2/Smithfield Resident
\$4/Non-Smithfield Resident

Each additional child \$3 each.

Smithfield SRAC Kids Night

Date: December 3, 2016; 5:30-8:30pm

Ages: 5-10yrs

Fee: \$8-Smithfield Resident (pre-registration)
\$13.50-Non-Smithfield resident (pre-registration)

\$5/each add. child during pre-registration
\$10-Smithfield Resident (register day/night of)
\$16.50-Non-Smithfield Resident (register day/night of)

Smithfield Doodlebugs Art Class

Dates: Every Friday, Beginning September 2nd

Time: 9:30-10:15 AM

Ages: 18 mos-3yrs

Fee: \$5/class or \$19.00/4 classes-Smithfield Resident

\$8/class or \$30.00/4 classes-Smithfield Non Resident

Pre-registration required by Wednesday.

Smithfield - Marlins of Raleigh Development Fall Swim League

Tuesday/ Thursday/ Saturday

November 8 -29

No class November 24 or November 26

10 & under 6:30pm - 7:15 pm

11 & up 7:15 pm - 8:00pm

Sign up at www.marlinsofraleigh.com

Smithfield SRAC Swim Lessons

Are you ready to get in and SWIM? Our individual swim lessons will begin to build a foundation of swimming lessons. We have instructors for all ages to teach the life learning skill of swimming.

Individual swim lessons allow clients to have one-on-one training in the pool with a qualified instructor at their own pace.

Private swim lessons are offered year around. We offer 3 lessons and 5 lessons packages. Each lesson is 30 minutes in length.

We follow American Red Cross guidelines. Instructors are flexible with meeting dates and times, and we encourage lessons more than once a week for optimal learning. All ages and skill levels welcome. Please visit our website http://www.smithfield-nc.com/page/srac_pool to download the registration form. For more information contact Laura Crumpler at 919-934-1408 or laura.crumpler@smithfield-nc.com

ADULT EVENTS

SMITHFIELD - Pickleball

Pickleball will be offered at SRAC throughout the fall, September 9th through November 18th **on Fridays only**, from 12:30-1:45 PM. If you are not a member of SRAC, it will be \$3 per session to come out and play. We will provide the paddle, balls and net. For questions, contact Tiffany Pearson at 919-934-2148.

SMITHFIELD - STERLING SILVER SENIORS CLUB

All 55 and older adults are welcome.

Meet 2nd Wednesday of each month, 10:30 AM

Fee: \$12/year dues (plus money for trips that you wish to take)

We are a club that takes trips together, fellowships together, and has fun doing different activities and crafts throughout the year. If interested in joining or if you have questions contact Tiffany Pearson at 919-934-2148.

HOLIDAY & SPECIAL EVENTS:

Smithfield Pour It & Paint

Need a night off? Sign up now to paint a Christmas canvas for the holidays on November 4th!! We provide the canvas and the paint - you bring the fun! Come paint in a relaxing environment with a friend, and your favorite wine! Preregistration required - 5 person minimum for class to make. Time: 7-9pm (Must be 21 or older to participate.) Cost is \$35 for Smithfield Residents and \$45 for Non-Smithfield Residents.

Smithfield Christmas Tree Lighting

Mark your calendars, and let's bring in the Holiday Season with the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, on Thursday night, December 1st, 7pm, at the corner of Third & Market Street. Join us for hot chocolate, entertainment, and a special guest from the North Pole!

Smithfield Swim With Santa

Bring your bathing suit and towel and join Santa for a little swim before he gets too busy with the Christmas Rush, on Friday, December 2nd, between 5-8pm. Swim a little, and enjoy cookies and milk - Santa's favorites!!!

(Santa should be available to visit between 5:30-7pm.) SRAC members are free. Non-SRAC Member Adults: \$3/Smithfield Resident; \$5.50/Non-Smithfield Resident. Non-SRAC Member Children (Ages 3-17): \$2/Smithfield Resident; \$4/Non-Smithfield Resident.

Smithfield 5th Annual Grinch Stink, Stank, Stunk 5k & Jingle Bell Jog

No one wants to be a "bad banana with a greasy black peel!!!" Join us Saturday, December 3rd for our 5th Annual Grinch Stink, Stank, Stunk Run and give until your heart is 3 sizes too big! All participants are asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy or gift card. All toys will benefit Harbor and the Johnston County DSS Angel Tree Project. There will also be prizes awarded for some of your favorite "Whoville" characters ... so dress up and have fun! Registration forms will be available at SRAC beginning in September or at www.smithfield-nc.com. If you would like to order a Grinch t-shirt, the cost is \$15 and must be

registered and paid by 11/18/16. (No extra shirts will be available.) Race packets will be available for pick up on Friday afternoon, 12/2/16, between 3-7 pm. Run begins at 10 am with Jog/Walk beginning at 10:05 am.

Smithfield Christmas Parade

Go ahead and mark your calendars - Thursday night, December 8th, 7pm and plan to attend Smithfield's Christmas Parade!! If you want to be in the Parade, applications can be found at SRAC or at www.smithfield-nc.com under Holiday events.

Smithfield Winter Wonderland with LEGO

It's not too early to be thinking about your child's Christmas break and what they'll be doing... Have them join us as they apply engineering, architecture, creativity and fun to create a magical Winter Wonderland!! Build motorized contraptions like snowmobiles, gondolas, or a hilltop village, or slopes for LEGO skiers and sledgers.

Dates: December 28-30, 2016; Ages 5-7 from 9am-Noon; Ages 8-12 from 1-4pm.

Register online at www.play-well.org. For questions, contact Tiffany at 919-934-2148 ext 107.

Around Town

For fun or to help others in our community

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

November 1, 2016



Regular Meeting Summary:

1. Finance Director Greg Siler presented the FY 2015-2016 Audit to the Council.
2. Public Utilities Director Ted Credle presented information to the Council on the South Smithfield Water District
3. Mayor Moore expressed his appreciation to Town Employees and distributed service awards to all full-time Town employees
4. Approved Conditional Use Permit CUP-16-10, Victor Hugo Garcia Rizo
5. Approved the Consent Agenda
6. A bid was awarded to Superior Recreation in the amount of \$39,991.89 for the acquisition and installation of playground equipment at Gertrude B. Johnson Park.
7. Approval was given to the Fire Department to apply for an AFG (Assistance to Firefighters Grant) to replace aging Air-Packs (SCBA's) and the Air compressor.

The Town Council regularly meets the first Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall Council Chambers located at 350 East Market Street - unless rescheduled. The next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6th. Come join us and get involved! [View Minutes of Past Meetings Here](#)

Employment Opportunities with the Town of Smithfield

- **Animal Control Officer**
- **Licensed Water Plant Operator**
- **Police Officer**
- **Sanitation Equipment Operator**
- **Zoning & Minimum Housing Code Compliance Officer**

Applications may be obtained at the Smithfield Town Hall, 350 East Market Street, Smithfield, NC 27577 or by visiting our website at www.smithfield-nc.com. Full Job Advertisements may be obtained at the Smithfield Town Hall or by visiting our website at www.smithfield-nc.com/jobs. Full Job Descriptions may be obtained upon request at the Smithfield Town Hall. Only qualified applicants should apply. The Town of Smithfield is an ADA/EEO Employer.

Contact: **Tim Kerigan** - HR Director / Public Information Officer
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