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Pickup driver cited in 18-wheeler rollover



Wood chips are strewn across East Broad Avenue Wednesday night after the tractor-trailer hauling them overturned during a collision with a pickup truck.

William R. Toler | Daily Journal

Firefighters used cargo to soak up spilled fuel

By Gavin Stone
Staff Writer

ROCKINGHAM — The driver of the blue Ford pickup involved in the collision Wednesday night that resulted in a tractor-trailer transporting wood chips flipping over has been given a citation for failing to see before starting, according to Rockingham Police.

The driver of the pickup was taken away on a stretcher by EMS

and taken to FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital to receive treatment. The other driver was evaluated at the scene but did not require further treatment, according to the police report on the incident.

The citation, G.S. 20-154 (a), states that, "The driver of any vehicle upon a highway or public vehicular area before starting, stopping or turning from a direct line shall first see that such movement can be

made in safety..." This citation, when resulting in a wreck, carries a penalty of no less than \$500, according to state law.

Detective Shawn Paxton said, based on a diagram of the wreck, that the pickup was crossing East Broad Avenue from the Ichiban side of Walnut Lane and pulled out in front of the tractor-trailer. Paxton said the tractor-trailer was going the speed limit, 45 miles

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Hamlet native Clayton Scott, who now lives in Nashville, Tennessee, will return to Richmond County this weekend for a book signing.

Author returns home for book signing

By Christine S. Carroll
Staff Writer

ROCKINGHAM — Hamlet native Clayton Scott Sr. will come home to Richmond County on Saturday to sign copies of his book, "Knocked Off Balance: Unexpected Events That Change Our Course of Life."

For Scott, 50, those events have included being born the 16th child to a mother abandoned to poverty, and suffering through friends' and family's anxiety, depression and abuse.

Scott's answer to the travails life has thrown at him and them: a relationship with Jesus Christ.

"I had a whole lot of unexpected events happen in my life," Scott said Thursday. "I wanted to share, to help inspire (others) to overcome some of their obstacles."

He wants, he said, to inspire resolve, happiness, hope.

"I touch on a whole lot" in the book, Scott said — relationships, gun violence, work stress. But mostly, his message is that those who incorporate Jesus into their lives "get through it (all) in the best way."

Scott, a 1986 graduate of Richmond Senior High School, now lives in Nashville with his sons.

He will sign books from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, at Leath Memorial Library, 412 E. Franklin St., Rockingham.

Divine Alliance Publishing prints "Knocked Off Balance," which was released in paperback last year. The book costs \$21.95 and is available online, in bookstores and in libraries.

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Eric Hanse, a hearing instrument specialist with Beltone in Rockingham, puts in Virginia Walters' new hearing aids that were donated to her by the Beltone Hearing Care Foundation.

'I can hear you!' Donation restores mother's hearing

By Gavin Stone
Staff Writer

ROCKINGHAM — Immediately after the birth of her daughter in 1996, Virginia Walters noticed a problem: She couldn't hear her baby crying.

She remembers it getting "really loud" in the hospital room just prior, and demanded her husband find out if the baby was breathing at all.

But the baby was fine — it was Walters' hearing that was the problem.

"There's nothing more important than hearing your child cry — nothing," Walters, 55, said.

"If I could bring that moment back, I would raise her all over again."

It was 13½ hours before she would hear her daughter cry for the first time, a delay that she won't let happen again when her grandchild is born this October.

This time, she'll have her new hearing aids courtesy of the Beltone Hearing Care Foundation which donated the devices after she and Eric Hanse, a hearing instrument specialist with Beltone in Rockingham, wrote a letter detailing her struggles.

"I will not miss that cry," she said after adjusting to the new



Virginia Walters reacts to the first sounds she heard with her new hearing aids in on Thursday at the Beltone office in Rockingham.

aids Thursday afternoon.

Ever since her daughter's birth it's sounded like she's underwater.

Her own voice, those

of her loved ones, the music at church, the chirps of her canary, Petey, have been muffled for 22 years.

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Mary Bynum, 89, Pinehurst
Danielle Robinson, 40, Rockingham
Lucille Stanback, 82, Rockingham

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Billy Graham funeral to serve as final crusade



Photo by Olivier Douliery | Abaca Press/TNS

Well-wishers walk past the casket of the Rev. Billy Graham on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 as he lies in honor in the Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.

By Tom Foreman Jr.
and Jonathan Drew
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE — As his public appearances dwindled in recent years, the Rev. Billy Graham began choosing songs, scripture and speakers for one last public opportunity to spread the Gospel — his own funeral.

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LEGACY OF LOVE

Rockingham pastor Dian Griffin Jackson-Davis, of Mount Zion United Church of Christ, describes the impact the late Rev. Billy Graham had on her as a child and her own journey into ministry.

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Authorities found the student, spoke with the parents and followed up before allowing the student to return to campus. Later Wednesday, officers responded to a call of communicating a threat, and the caller said they received a Snapchat from a person who threatened students at the school.

Civil rights museum loan is forgiven

GREENSBORO (AP) — A civil rights museum in North Carolina won't have to repay a \$1.5 million because it raised enough money to have the loan forgiven. The News & Record of Greensboro reports the city of Greensboro announced Thursday that it has forgiven the loan to the International Civil Rights Center & Museum. The city had agreed to forgive one dollar of the loan for every dollar the museum raised.

Museum co-founder Skip Alston says he

received an email saying the museum raised enough money to have the loan cleared.

The museum honors the sit-in movement that began Feb. 1, 1960, when four black freshmen at North Carolina A&T State University refused to leave the whites-only lunch counter at the Woolworth store. The museum opened in 2010.

Dog saves man's life by barking at house fire

SHAWBORO (AP) — A North Carolina man

says his dog saved his life by waking him from a nap and barking when his home caught fire.

Adrian Woodley tells The Daily Advance of Elizabeth City that his dog Shadow growled and barked on the afternoon of Feb. 21. The 48-year-old Woodley says Shadow jumped out of bed but stopped at the curtain that divided the bedroom from the rest of the mobile home in Currituck County.

Woodley heard breaking and cracking sounds and then saw smoke in the hallway when he

moved the curtain back.

He and Shadow escaped the mobile home, which was destroyed. Woodley says Shadow, who is several months old, is his hero.

Remains belong to woman missing for 10 years

LAWNDALE (AP) — Remains found by hunters have been identified as those of a woman missing from a North Carolina assisted living facility for a decade.

Local media outlets report that rabbit hunters found human

remains two weeks ago in Cleveland County.

This week, the remains were identified as those of Mouy Tang.

Tang was 46 when she wandered away from Unique Living assisted care in Lawndale in September 2008.

The remains were found less than a mile from that facility, where Tang had been living for 16 years.

She had been diagnosed with schizophrenia and diabetes.

Authorities are treating the case as an accidental death.

Donation

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Two months ago, after she realized that she could no longer take care of her family without being able to hear them, Walters — a Bennettsville, South Carolina, resident and West Virginia-native — walked into Hanse's office for a consultation. Hanse said she had "significant" hearing loss, and that she was having to do extra work in conversation to compensate. She could never afford to buy quality hearing aids which cost thousands.

"You put the needs of your children before your own," Walters said.

Hanse decided to try to find an alternative. The Beltone Hearing Care Foundation is a 501c3 charitable organization that donates hearing aids to those in need but are without the means to pay for them. This was the first donation the foundation has made in Rockingham.

"She has truly shown me what it means to have a loss (of hearing) and the total impact it can have on your life," Hanse wrote in a letter to the foundation. "A person can read all about the impact of a disability but to truly grasp the impact, you have to look into their eyes. That is what I did with Mrs.



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Eric Hanse shows Virginia Walters her new hearing aids that were donated to her by the Beltone Hearing Care Foundation.

Walters."

Her impairment forced her to rely on lip-reading in conversation and putting her foot up against the speakers at church to know when the key of the music changed. She considers herself a people person who loves hearing what others have to say.

"Your hearing is special. If you can't hear those three words (I love you), you have to lip read and you better hope you get it right — otherwise, there goes that special relationship," Walters said.

At her job as a registrar at the hospital, she said patients are "forced to scream" their personal information to her which she worries will violate federal privacy laws if someone were to hear. At worst, she fears getting the information wrong and endangering the patient.

When she arrived at Hanse's office shortly after

noon on Thursday, she stopped in the doorway as if she'd reached the end of a long journey and said, "I'm scared to death."

Hanse and Walters embraced in the lobby. "I told you I was going to help," he said, while she nodded, emotional. "You have waited long enough."

She said she had been up since 2 a.m. the night before, unable to sleep. Once in his office, Hanse opened a box revealing the two small pods with wires hanging off of them that would change her life. Once the hearing aids were in place and turned on, with Walters anxiously waiting for the first noise, she caught back-chatter from the hallway and jumped, "I can hear you!"

Walters' emotions were too much for her and she began to cry tears of joy. Hanse spoke to her softly, "This is real."

"You're telling me," she replied. "And you're not

even shouting."

Hanse walked out in the hallway about 20 feet away and spoke at the same volume he was when they were two feet away — she heard him without any hesitation. The right-side hearing aid died at one point, but Hanse gave Walters a spare. The batteries cost about \$1 each, and last four to eight days, depending on usage.

Thinking of the possibilities, Walters said she wanted to return to Niagra Falls with her family to hear the thunder of the water, and also remembered that she would need to turn her car's radio down a few notches.

The hearing aids are able to connect to Walters' iPhone which will allow her to control the volume of her hearing aids, as well as play music and FaceTime directly through them.

"What we've managed to do is connect her back to her life and the conversations she's wanted to be in," Hanse said.

He took a moment to reflect on his career as Walters prepared to leave. He said he never knew what he wanted to do in life, but knew he wanted to make people happy.

"Your smile is my salary today," Hanse said.

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Rollover

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per hour on East Broad Avenue, and that it's likely the driver tried to over-correct to avoid the pickup, and its momentum — plus the collision — caused it to topple over.

Firefighters with the Rockingham Fire Department were seen using the spilled contents of the trailer, along with oil dry, to contain the diesel fuel leakage from the tractor trailer. Chief Harold Isler estimated that 50 gallons of fuel spilled onto the road. They used 10 bags of the oil dry and requested 30 additional bags from the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

The leakage also forced firefighters to dike up the storm drains

to keep it from contaminating the waterways, Isler said.

An eight-foot pile of wood chips was left on the side of the road because a backhoe that was called to the scene could not reach high enough to put them back into the truck once it was right-side up, according to Isler. He said a crew would be out today to clean up the wood chips for good.

The wreck also caused about \$2,000 to a Duke Energy power pole, according to the report. Paxton said this likely occurred when the tractor-trailer jumped the curb in front of Family Dollar.

The call came in at around 6:30 p.m. and the road was cleared at 10:06 p.m., according to Paxton.

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Crusade

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Plans for Friday's service took shape in the years after his last crusade in 2005 as he huddled with confidants and loved ones in his North Carolina mountain home. Musicians who had shared Graham's stage would sing. Some of the best preachers Graham knew — his own children — would deliver personal messages.

And evoking the "Cathedral" revivals that helped launch his ministry seven decades ago, mourners would gather under a tent to pay their final respects. For his family, the idea became capturing the feeling of the crusades that made Graham "America's Pastor" and the world's best-known Protestant preacher of his era.

"His fingerprints are on this service for sure," family spokesman Mark DeMoss said in a phone interview. "The Graham family has long considered that his funeral eventually would really be his last crusade."

Graham, who died last week at age 99, brought a message of salvation to millions during visits and live broadcasts to scores of countries. While the invitation-only crowd Friday on the grounds of his Charlotte library is limited to 2,000 or so, internet livestreams are allowing many more to watch at noon.

The service features songs from gospel musicians who performed at Graham's events: Linda McCrary-Fisher, Michael W. Smith and the Gaither Vocal Band. They are all friends who sang for Graham at his home in recent years, DeMoss said, adding: "They're not just artists."

Graham's oldest son,

the Rev. Franklin Graham, will deliver the funeral message after shorter addresses by his other children. The service, expected to last about 90 minutes, also includes prayers by pastors from as close as Charlotte and as far away as Asia.

President Donald Trump is expected to attend.

Afterward, Billy Graham will be buried next to his wife in a memorial prayer garden at the library, with his grandchildren serving as pallbearers. His casket was made of pine by inmates at the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola. The grave marker reads: "Preacher of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ."

The funeral serves as the culmination of more than a week of tributes that included crowds lining the road for a procession from the mountains to Charlotte, where Graham grew up. Approximately 13,000 people — including former presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton — filed past his casket during a public viewing in Charlotte this week.

And on Wednesday, Graham became the first private citizen since civil rights icon Rosa Parks in 2005 to lie in honor at the Capitol Rotunda in Washington.

Still, loved ones said Graham saw himself as a humble preacher who would have been embarrassed by such fanfare.

And most of all, to Graham, Friday's good-bye marks an end only to his earthly journey.

"Do I fear death? ... No. I look forward to death, with great anticipation," Graham told a Newsweek reporter in 2005. "I am looking forward to seeing God face to face. And that could happen any day."

Drew reported from Raleigh.

FRIDAY EVENING MARCH 2, 2018

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	S1	S2
ABC 9	News at 6 (N)	ABC World News (N)	Inside Edition	Entertainment Tonight	Once Upon a Time "Secret Garden" (N)	Agent SHIELD "All the Comforts of Home" (N)	20/20				9	9
CBS 3	News	CBS Evening News (N)	PrimeTime Live	Access Jeop. (N)	MacGyver "Hammock + Balcony" (N)	Hawaii Five-0 "O na hoku o ka lani wale no kai 'ike o Pae" (N)	Blue Bloods "Legacy" (N)				3	3
NBC 5	WRAL Charlotte at 6:00 (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune (N)	Blindspot "Warning Shot" (N)	Taken "Absalom" (N)	Dateline NBC				36	36
PBS 4	WUNC	PBS NewsHour (N)	Business (N)	NC Spin	Washington Week (N)	Front Row	Frontline "Weinstein" (N)	MAKERS "Women in Hollywood"			4	30
FOX 11	Mom	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	iZombie "Are You Ready for Some Zombies?"	Jane the Virgin "Chapter Seventy-Five" (N)	WCCB News (N)	(35) WCCB News Edge			18	18
46	CW 8	Fox 46 News 6 p.m. (N)	TMZ	Modern	MasterChef Junior (N)	MasterChef Junior (N)	Fox 46 News 10 p.m. (N)	2 1/2 Men			46	46
55	MNT 17	The People's Court (N)	Dateline		Am.Ninja "Vegas Finals"	Am.Ninja "Vegas Finals"	2 1/2 Men	2 1/2 Men			55	55
64	ION 10	Goldberg	Goldberg	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	The Game	Crime Watch Daily (N)	Eyewitness News (N)		64	64
A&E 36	(5:00) Live PD				Live PD / (05) Live PD	Live PD (L)					118	265
AMC 27	(5:00) Bruce Almighty	Jaws (1975, Horror)	Richard Dreyfuss, Robert Shaw, Roy Scheider.	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters (N)	Treehouse Masters (N)	Tanked! (N) / (05) Treeh.	Jaws 2 ('78, Hor)			130	254
ANPL 38	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters (N)	Treehouse Masters (N)	Treehouse Masters (N)	Treehouse Masters (N)	Tanked! (N) / (05) Treeh.	Jaws 2 ('78, Hor)			130	254
BET 59	(5:30) Rush Hour	(98, Act)	(35) Rush Hour 3	(07, Act) Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker.	The Quad "Native Son"						124	329
BRAVO 37	(5:55) Housewives Atl.	(55) Housewives Atlanta	Medic. "D.N.A.-DAY"	Medic. "In the Black" (N)	Relative Success (N)						129	273
CMT 51	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Coyote Ugly	(00, Com/Dra) Adam Garcia, Piper Perabo.	Music City	Music City				166	327
CNBC 34	Mad Money	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank				208	355
CNN 32	The Situation Room	OutFront	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360	CNN Tonight					200	202
COM 52	(15) Office	(50) The Office	(25) Office	The Office	The Office	Wayne's World	(92, Com) Mike Myers.				107	249
DISC 35	Gold Rush	Gold Rush	Gold Rush: Pay Dirt (N)	Gold Rush (N)	Gold Rush (N)	White "Hypothermia" (N)	182	278			182	278
DISN 54	Jessie	Jessie /Bunk	(15) Zombies	(18, Mus) Meg Donnelly.	Bizaard. (N) Raven's.	GravityFalls	GravityFalls				172	290
ESPN-C 69	NBA Basketball Classics	Toronto vs Washington	Boxing Classics	Boxing Classics	Boxing Classics	Boxing Classics					143	208
ESPN 39	SportsCenter (N)	NBA Countdown (L)	NBA Basketball	Toronto Raptors at Washington Wizards (L)	Basket.						140	206
ESPN2 68	Horn	Interrupt	NCAA Basketball	UT-Arlington at Texas State (L)	NCAA Basketball	Iowa State at Oklahoma (L)	144	209			144	209
FOOD 55	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners				110	231
FREE 29	(5:10) The Sorcerer's Apprentice	(45) The Da Vinci Code	(2006, Drama) Audrey Tautou, Jean Reno, Tom Hanks.								180	311
FS1 67	NASCAR Racing (L)	NASCAR Auto Racing	Penzoil 400 (L)	RaceDay	NASCAR Truck Racing	Camping World Series (L)	150	607			150	607
FSS 40	NCAA Basketball ACC	Tournament TBA/N.D. (L)	NCAA Basketball	ACC Tournament TBA/Fla. S. (L)	NCAA Basketball	H.Hunt (N) House (N)	112	229			112	229
HGTV 46	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Bargain	Dream H.	Dream H.	Dream H.				120	269
HIST 65	Ancient Aliens	Ancient Aliens	Aliens "The Replicants"	Ancient Aliens	(05) Ancient Aliens						120	269
INSP 78	Little House Prairie	Bonanza "Justice"	Bonanza	Walker "The Wedding"	Walker "The Wedding"	Walker "The Wedding"	259	364			259	364
LIFE 31	Bring It!	Bring It!	LGibson / Bring It (N)	Bring It! (N)	Laurieann Gibson (N)						108	252
LMN 72	The Nightmare Nanny	(13, Dra) Ashley Scott.	Devious Nanny	(18, Thril) Michelle Borth. (P)	Evil Nanny	(16, Thril)	109	253			109	253
MTV 43	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	(10) Ridicu.	(45) Ridicu.	(20) Ridiculousness	(55) Ridicu. Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous			160	331
NICK 30	Henry Danger	Knight	Lip Sync	Alvin and the Chipmunks	(07, Ani)	Full House	Full House				170	299
SPIKE 44	★★★ The Longest Yard	(05, Com) Chris Rock, Adam Sandler.	Mixed Martial Arts	Bellator '5 (L)							168	262
SYFY 64	(05) ★★★ The Chronicles of Riddick	(04, Sci-Fi) Vin Diesel.	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama				122	244
TBS 24	FamilyGuy	FamilyGuy	Brooklyn	Brooklyn	★★ Red Dawn	(12, Act) Chris Hemsworth.	ELeague				139	247
TCM 25	(5:15) ★★★ The Guns of Navarone	(61, War)	★★★★ Annie Hall	(77, Com) Woody Allen.	★★ Kramer vs. Kramer						132	256
TLC 48	Untold Stories of the ER	Untold "Learning Pains"	Untold Stories of the ER	Untold "ER Runaround"	Untold "Couch Creature"						183	280
TNT 26	Bones	Bones	★★★ The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo	(11, Cri) Daniel Craig.							138	245
TOON 53	Gumball (N) UNIKITTY	AppOnion	Teen Titan	King of Hill	Cleveland	Cleveland	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	BobBurg.		176	296
TRAVEL 47	Ghost Adventures	Expedition Unknown	Destination Truth	Destination Truth (N)	Destination Truth						215	277
TVLAND 56	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Mom		105	301
USA 28	Modern	Modern	Modern	Modern	Modern	Modern	Modern	Modern	Modern		106	242
WGN 19	Blue Bloods	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	MASH 1/2	MASH 2/2	M*A*S*H	MASH 1/2	MASH 2/2		239	307
VH1 42	(4:45) Space Jam	★★ Along Came Polly	(04, Com) Ben Stiller.	★★★ The Goonies	(85, Adv) Sean Astin.						162	335
HBO 7	(5:15) Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them	(16, Adv)	Vice News Tonight (N)	★★★★ Alien	(1979, Sci-Fi) Tom Skerritt, John Hurt, Sigourney Weaver.	Real Time With Bill Maher (N)					300	501
MAX 320	(4:45) ★★★ U.S. Marshals	(98, Act)	Trouble No More	(05) ★★★ Speed	(1994, Action) Sandra Bullock, Dennis Hopper, Keanu Reeves.	Strike Back (N)					310	512