

# Rain puts damper on mowing plans

We've gotten over four inches of rain the past few days and hopefully it's about to end for us on Thursday. The lawns are really lush and green and do they ever need to be mowed. Probably will be Saturday before the ground and the grass will be dried out enough to start up the lawn tractors for a lot of us. I'm wondering if October will be as wet as September was a total wash out around here. Fall decorations I'm

spotting quite often now at a lot of homes. Once you get an idea on how you want to decorate the fun can begin. Some bales of hay, some cornstalks a good starting point and then add some mums, pumpkins, a scarecrow or two and whatever else to add to your display of welcoming fall. I like checking out the beautiful scenes that people create. Sometimes I find myself saying why I didn't think of that, because they are so eye-catching and to be admired.

We do have some people to be praying for and God hears our prayers as prayer is such a powerful weapon that we need to use all the time from the start of the day till we lay down for sleep at night-

time: the families of Perry Stembridge, Paul Foster, Jonell Bratcher, and Norman Warren, Edna Hooper, Jerry Lee Cantrell, Sandy Johnson, Charlie Mai Daniel, Bernie Braswell, Joe Young, John Carpenter, the family of Linda Kilgore Armour, and, too, the people who have lost loved ones and properties in the Carolina's with all the flooding that has happened from hurricane Florence.

We've got some October birthdays coming up shortly: Sierra Campbell ninth, Ann Warren 11th, (my sister-in-law), Bradley Campbell 27th, and

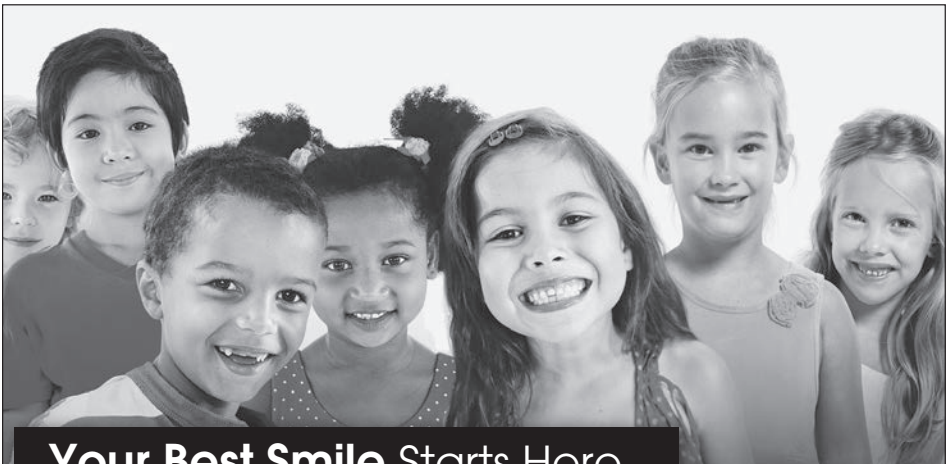
Barbara Vincion 28th. I've found out if I put the Lord at the top of my agenda each day in prayer, my day always goes 100% better. Try it and you're going to feel much better and will do even more for the Lord in whatever you want to accomplish that day.

If you have any news for the column, just give me a call at 615-563-4429. Have a great day!

*And we know that all things work together for good to them that love the God, to them who are called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28*



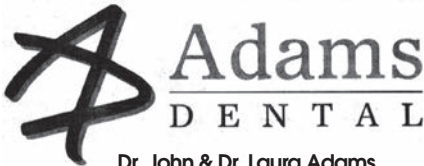
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## Fall is cooler than summer

Rain seems to be in the forecast for a while. Please continue to remember the families affected by hurricane Florence. Hillary Cantrell Gould and her children have made it back home to Buford, N.C. safely. Her home does have some damaged but is fixable. We have flooding in all parts of DeKalb County. Please remember not to cross a road with flowing water it is dangerous. This weather is sure to put a damper on the football games.

October is here and fall is in the air. I enjoy the cooler temperatures, almost time for the hoodies and the boots. Griffin's Fruit Stand has a fine selection of fall mums, pumpkins all different shapes and colors, fresh apples and sweet potatoes.

I know of two pumpkins patches nearby and have been to both of them. Cedar Wood Farm, pumpkin patch is located in McMinnville, and Amazin' Acres is located

in Sparta. Just google them and see which one you would like to attend. Both are nice places for children to visit and pick out their favorite pumpkin.

Hayden and Katie Ervin enjoyed a few days in Gatlinburg over the past weekend. I enjoy going on vacation but I seem to always be ready to come back home. I am very peaceful at home. I enjoy being with family and friends. I really enjoy cooking for my family. I'm not much on baking; I leave that to my daughter, Lindsay and my daughter-in-law, Katie. Always take time to enjoy family and friends.

Please remember the following in prayer: Linda Kilgore Armour family, the Doyle Smith family, Kenneth and Lucy Young, Kim-berly Violet, Joe Young, Brenda Bates, Gordon Rackley.

If you have news for the column call 615-597-5485.



NEW HOME NEWS  
by BARBARA ANN ERVIN

## Happy birthday, Sawyer!

Buddy and Deborah Fuson have returned to their home in Cabot, Ark., after a vacation touring out west. We are glad they were able to enjoy this road trip and are back home safe.

Get well wishes go out to our neighbor Moose Nokes who is in a Nashville hospital. Please remember him in your prayers. We were sorry to hear Sue

Blair is not well. May God bless you Sue.

Your writer spent several days at the home of Ricky and Kathy Hendrix. On Sunday the family came for dinner there after church. A good meal was enjoyed by all.

Congratulations to T.J. Harper and Xena Walker on their upcoming marriage. The Dry Creek Baptist Church hosted a wedding shower for this sweet couple last Sunday afternoon.

Last week Matilda Earl canned some apple jelly. We look forward to eating some on a hot biscuit with butter this winter.

We send sympathy to the family of Linda Kilgore in their time of sorrow.

Last week Dry Creek and Smith Fork Creeks filled with flooded waters spilling out into the roads and fields. Our family has always enjoyed living alongside Dry Creek, however; heavy rains and flooding makes one cautious of getting out.

It is good to hear Tony Thompson is getting better day by day, after his recent heart surgery. We

send him get well wishes.

We have not heard from our friend Marlene Prichard lately concerning the health of her husband Tommy. Please keep him on your prayer list.

Ernest Ray sent a nice card and note recently. Please keep the Ray family in your prayers.

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Sawyer Hendrix who celebrated with family and friends last Saturday at the home of his grandparents, Ricky and Kathy Hendrix.

Devote some of your time to the Lord. Make this time peaceful, not just a time to check off that you have done a devotion. Live in union with the Lord. You will find fulfillment and peace in His presence. Life is full of worry on every hand. We need God's love.

*The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, He will quiet with you with his love, He will rejoice over you with singing.*

**Zephaniah 3:17**



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