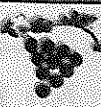


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## Wallace youth tumbles from fishing boat, drowns

By Michael Staton  
Staff Writer

A Wallace teenager drowned last weekend when he fell out of a boat while fishing.

Perry D. Bennett, 15, of Wallace, and a 19-year-old friend were fishing in the Black River near Harrells in Sampson County when the younger youth reportedly suffered a seizure around 10:30 a.m. Sat-

urday and fell overboard, according to the Sampson County Sheriff's Office.

A sheriff's spokesman said Bennett suffered from a medical condition that apparently triggered the seizure.

The older teenager jumped into the water to try to rescue Bennett, but his efforts proved futile.

Within a short time, Harrells Fire and Rescue per-

sonnel were on the scene. Others who responded included Sampson County Sheriff's deputies, Sampson County EMS, a county dive team and officers with N.C. Wildlife Resources. Their task became a recovery mission.

Personnel recovered the body just before 5 p.m. Saturday about 40 yards from where the teenager fell into the river.

The mishap occurred in the deepest part of the river, according to the sheriff's office. Most of the Black River is shallow, but the teenagers were fishing in a bend where water is 15 feet deep.

The youth reportedly was not wearing a life jacket, the sheriff's spokesman said.

Bennett's funeral service was held Tuesday

evening followed by visitation at The Church of Pin Hook. Graveside services took place Wednesday morning at the Dail Family Cemetery in Pin Hook.

He was preceded in death by his father, Perry Wayne Bennett; grandfather, Bud Bennett, and great-grandparents, Rifton Bradshaw and Adell and Lillie Henderson.

Survivors include his

mother, Monica Bradshaw; special family friend, Trent Smith; a sister, Melanie Bennett Ford; aunts and uncles, Battle and Brook Holley and Brandon and Brooke Bradshaw; grandparents, Stanley and Barbara James, Mickey and Kay Bradshaw and Carolyn Howard, and great-grandmother, Louise Bradshaw Brinson.

## Couponing explodes in popularity as economy struggles

By Michael Staton  
Staff Writer

With the economy in the doldrums since 2007, folks are looking at ways to make the paycheck last longer. Couponing has been a popular way



## Bulldog Coach Price speaks glowingly of fans' passion

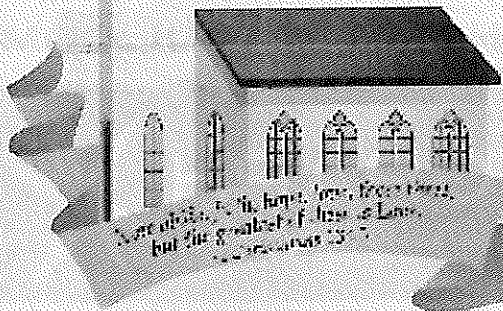
By Michael Staton  
Staff Writer

Wallace-Rose Hill Coach Joey Price entertained the crowd Tuesday at the BB&T Jamboree's luncheon at the Elks Club in Wilmington.

During the question-and-answer session, Price described the

of the communities' love for Bulldog football. He described how fire trucks led a parade around the towns to welcome back the team after winning the 2010 1-A state championship 22-21 over Murphy in December.

"It was like a pep rally," Price said.



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There are many types of love and many different ways to classify the different types of love. One fairly standard way is by the Greek notions of eros, philia, and agape, corresponding roughly of the English notions of romantic love, brotherly love, and love of God. While this classification captures most manifestations of love, it doesn't seem to capture all of them. For instance, the love of a mother for her children is arguably different than brotherly love. In any case, I want to suggest that we should not wait for love to come our way before we love in return. The true lover is one who gives their love freely and without conditions, and though they may hope and trust that it will be returned, doesn't make it a precondition of loving. Love cannot have preconditions or stipulations. If you want to be loved, then love first and love deeply, and love without qualifications or conditions. By extending your hand in love and friendship, you create the conditions for a mutual friendship. Waiting to see if the other person will extend their friendship first will lead to suspicions about your feelings and mutual distrust. Perhaps here we should consider the example of a mother's love: She does not wait to see what kind of child her newborn will become before giving her love but rather extends it immediately, unconditionally, and wholeheartedly. We should do likewise to all of God's creation.

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