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Sampson Regional Medical Center Introduces Convenient Care



Sampson Regional Medical Center (SampsonRMC) is proud to introduce Sampson Convenient Care, which will offer both primary care appointments and walk-in treatment. Beginning July 11, Clinton Urgent Care will become Sampson Convenient Care, located at 1004 Beaman Street, Clinton.

Provider and staffing shortages have challenged the hospital to maintain consistent operating hours at the urgent care facility. Meanwhile, the community remains in need of more primary care physicians. Sampson Convenient Care is a solution that

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Clinton City Hires New City Manager



During its meeting on June 21, the Clinton City Council took action to hire James (J.P.) Duncan as City Manager. Mr. Duncan succeeds Tom Hart who left the City earlier in 2022 to become Conover's City Manager and Scott Elliott who has served as Interim City Manager.

Mr. Duncan comes to Clinton from the Town of Robersonville where he currently serves as Town Manager. Mr. Duncan has a solid background in organizational administration, local government finance, planning and development, and public works operations. He previously served as Newport Planning and Inspections Director and Cumberland County, VA Planning Director.

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"We are extremely pleased that Mr. Duncan will be our next City Manager and are excited to welcome him to our wonderful community. We took time to ensure that our selection process was deliberate and thorough, we interviewed several highly qualified candidates, and, at the end of the day, feel Mr. Duncan is a great fit for our community," said Mayor Lew Starling.

Mr. Duncan stated, "I am excited for the opportunity to work with the Council, Mayor, and staff. Clinton is a wonderful city, and I am looking forward to being part of the community."

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A Prayer For America

Submitted by Martha M. Pierce



Almighty God,
In all history, there has been only one nation like America--
founded by pilgrims seeking freedom to worship,
established on a vast continent between two oceans,
dedicated to the proposition that we are created equal
and endowed by our Creator with certain unalienable rights:
One nation under God.

You have delivered us in war, prospered us in peace,
and raised up generations willing to offer the last full
measure of their devotion for the preservation of
liberty at home and abroad.
We have been a light for the world.
From our shores has gone the greatest missionary force in history.

But now, Lord, America has fallen into darkness, disobedience and indifference. We have sinned; and we, Your people, Lord, humble ourselves, and pray and seek
Your face,
and turn from our wicked ways.
Please forgive our sin and heal our land.
Give us leaders who understand the times and know what we should do.
May the torch of liberty burn brightly, inflamed by the goodness of Your people.
God, bless America.
In Jesus' name,
Amen
2 Chronicles 7:14

By Dr. David Jeremiah

WEATHER

Sat Scattered T-Storms 30%

Hi: 83° Lo: 71°

Sun PM T-Storms 81%

Hi: 91° Lo: 72°

Mon Scattered T-Storms 42%

Hi: 88° Lo: 71°

Tues Partly Cloudy 22%

Hi: 90° Lo: 73°

Wed PM T-Storms 51%

Hi: 92° Lo: 72°

Thurs Scattered T-Storms 52%

Hi: 89° Lo: 73°

WEEKLY VERSE

"And in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

Genesis 22:18

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LOCAL NEWS

From the Desk of Senator Brent Jackson



Dear Friend of Senate District 10,

As June comes to an end, it looks like the Short Session at the North Carolina General Assembly will also be coming to an end. Currently, in the short session, I have been able to work on many bills, from a local airport bill to the state budget. Although the 2022 short session was only two months, we were still able to achieve a lot for North Carolina. With the short session ending, newsletters will now be every other week.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office for any assistance.

LEGISLATIVE RECAP

This week has seen a whirlwind of legislative action with several key bills passing through the General Assembly. The Farm Act of 2022 made its way back from the House this week without the Senate's protections for hemp. Unfortunately, attempts to fix the bill in the House and restore our original intent failed at the last moment. However, the Senate was able to use a different bill that faced substantial opposition in the House to prevent hemp from being criminalized. We are very supportive of ALL North Carolina agriculture and are glad that our state's hemp farmers can rest a little easier now.

Next, we have been working diligently to get a new budget out in a timely manner. The new fiscal year begins on July 1st so we are hopeful that the Governor will have signed new pay raises for teachers and state employees as well as important supplemental funding for projects into law shortly if he has not already by the time you are reading this newsletter.

AGRICULTURE SPOTLIGHT

How FFA Prepares Students to Be Ag Leaders

The North Carolina Future Farmers of America (FFA) is made up of 338 chapters across the state. Within those chapters, there are more than 30,000 students ranging in age from middle school to high school.

These students come from a variety of backgrounds. However, what remains constant among the group is that each student has the opportunity to develop useful skills and knowledge that prepare them for success in the agricultural industry and beyond, while also having a lot of fun. The state officer team, which currently includes five NC State students, work hard year-round to ensure students have a great experience in FFA.

"FFA truly is for everybody because of the opportunities it has with career development and leadership skills, and gaining that agricultural knowledge is totally a plus," says Haylee Davis, a current vice president of NC FFA.

Building Agricultural Knowledge

Many members join FFA when taking an agricultural education course in middle or high school. These courses, which are taught with a hands-on approach, include topics like agricultural mechanics, animal science, biotechnology, horticulture and natural resources, among others. Students often say their agriculture education teachers are some of the main reasons they become so passionate about FFA and agriculture overall.

"My agricultural teachers invested in me just as much as I invested in their classes, and they really developed me as a person," says Davis, who is studying agricultural education at NC State after having such a great experience with her teachers growing up.

The background agricultural knowledge is also beneficial for students who don't plan to pursue careers in agriculture, like Sarah Landers, another vice president of NC FFA.

"I'm majoring in biological and agricultural engineering, but I'm also minoring in soil science. Having the background knowledge from FFA is really going to help me in my future classes."

An Opportunity to Compete

Students test their knowledge gained in the classroom in competitions at the regional, state and national levels through career development events (CDEs) and leadership development events (LDEs). There are over 40 CDEs and LDEs available for NC FFA members.

"Students get to learn different areas of the agricultural industry, and then in these competitions, they use everything they learned," says Elizabeth Espino, the current NC FFA president. "You're putting your skills to a test and competing with kids across the state." A student participating in an FFA event.

CDEs are team-based competitions on topics like horticulture, veterinary science, agriculture sales, dairy cattle judging, forestry and parliamentary procedures, among many others. For LDEs, members compete individually on topics like public speaking.



"The fact that it's a competition, you're really trying to win, and you're focused on learning the topics so you can win, but then you take a step back and you realize, 'Wow, I just learned all this about a future career that I could take later down the road,'" says Ray Lisenby, another current vice president of NC FFA.

Building Lasting Relationships

In addition to competitions, agriculture teachers set up opportunities for students to learn more about crops and processes by meeting farmers and NC State Extension specialists. These interactions also open the doors for future conversations.

"Whenever I have questions or can't answer something, I know who to call. I know I need to call my Extension office, or I need to call NC State staff, or I can call a farmer I visited a few years ago," says Espino.

NC FFA is also well-connected with top agricultural companies, including John Deere, BASF, Farm Credit and Syngenta, among others. The companies will sponsor events to teach students about the industry, providing opportunities that aren't available for students that aren't in FFA. These companies also attend NC FFA career fairs to hire students for internships and even jobs upon college graduation. "That's where industry leaders and business leaders can come together and set up a booth, network with students and give them that opportunity to get their foot in the door. It's such a great opportunity that students might not have outside of FFA," says Davis.

Skills Beyond Agriculture

In addition to becoming agricultural experts, students also gain soft skills. For example, the ability to work with a team is at the core of FFA. You learn with other students in the classroom and then also compete with them through the CDEs.

"Sometimes you'll be working with people that you don't necessarily want to be best friends with, but just learning how to work with those people is a really important skill to have," says Lisenby.

We're hoping students will reignite their love for agriculture and leadership as they go back to in-person events.

Students also learn how to effectively manage their time with schedules filled with school and extracurricular activities.

"Most of our students are also in sports or other clubs, as well as working on their schoolwork," says Samantha Ritch, another current NC FFA vice president. "They've got a lot of things to tackle through the year, especially if you're on multiple CDE teams. It's important for them to manage their time well."

Ritch also emphasizes the importance of public speaking in FFA: "Some way, somehow, if you are involved in FFA, you're going to have some sort of public speaking skills come out of it. That's just the nature of FFA."

The State Convention

Each year, NC FFA holds its State Convention. This year, it will be held June 21 through June 23 in downtown Raleigh. The State Convention has been held virtually for the past two years, so the state officers are excited to have everyone in person again with this year's theme being "reignite."

"We're hoping students will reignite their love for agriculture and leadership as they go back to in-person events," says Davis.

The convention will be filled with workshops, presentations, social events and even a career expo, providing members the chance to network with other students and industry professionals, learn more about agriculture and just have fun.

"State convention is the one event that all our members are so excited about because we finally get to recognize everyone for their hard work, and we just get to celebrate," says Espino.

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will provide flexible treatment through both scheduled appointments and walk-in availability on weekdays and will on occasion continue offering extended evening and weekend hours.

Sampson Convenient Care will offer full-spectrum primary care for the entire family, newborns to adults. Primary care services include but are not limited to routine check-ups, physicals, immunizations, chronic disease screenings and management, and acute medical care.

Convenient Care + Walk-In services include but are not limited to fever, upset stomach (vomiting, nausea, diarrhea), flu-like symptoms, earache, bronchitis, upper respiratory infection, minor lacerations and stitches, sprains, minor fractures, mild to moderate burns, rashes, minor allergic reactions, painful or burning urination.

The hospital will smoothly transition with no gap in operations as Clinton Urgent Care becomes Sampson Convenient Care on July 11, 2022. To schedule an appointment to be seen on or after July 11, please call (910) 592-9113.

SampsonRMC is pleased to serve its community with quality health care. For more information about providers and medical services, visit www.SampsonRMC.org.
About Sampson Regional Medical Center

Located in Clinton, NC, Sampson Regional Medical Center (SampsonRMC) has served its community since 1950 and is now one of only a handful of independent, community-based hospitals remaining in North Carolina. The healthcare facility serves as an academic training center for medical students, interns, and residents. Accredited by The Joint Commission, the system offers a range of medical services including acute care, outpatient surgery, emergency and critical care, and women's health and children's services. Specialties include general surgery, orthopaedics, obstetrics & gynecology, and urology. The system provides valuable outpatient services such as

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LOCAL

MANAGER, cont from Pg 1

Mr. Duncan holds a Master of Public Administration from NC State University, a Master of Science in Sustainable Tourism from East Carolina University, and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Finance from East Carolina University. He will begin work with the City on July 25.

Daughtry Receives NC Pork Scholarship for 2022



The North Carolina Pork Council Scholarship Committee, chaired by Denise Mason, has selected six students to receive \$1,000 scholarships this year.

The scholarship committee and the North Carolina Pork Council as a whole, take great pride in supporting students actively engaged in bettering the pork industry and their communities. Each of the 2022 scholarship recipients have done just that by succeeding in the classroom, immersing themselves within the industry and investing time to improve their communities.

The scholarships were awarded to Jensen Barwick of Seven Springs, Taylor Dail of Wallace, Preston Daughtry of Clinton, Molly Jones of Matthews, Zachery Keeter of Enfield and Ethan Parker of Clayton.

Jensen Barwick is currently a rising senior at North Carolina State University majoring in Agribusiness Management with a minor in Crop Science, but he began his collegiate career playing baseball at Barton College.

"I always knew that agriculture was where my heart was. Even as a little boy my dream was to carry on the legacy of our family farm and that has never changed," Barwick said. "Once I have completed my college education, I plan to return to our farm and operate it as the fifth generation."

Barwick also received his Eagle Scout badge and American FFA Degree.

Taylor Dail is entering her second year at NC State University, majoring in Agricultural Business Management with a concentration in Animal Science. Dail comes from a fifth generation family farm where she and her family raise cattle, hogs and broilers.

"Growing up on the family farm, I saw the financial hardships my father had to face daily," said Dail. "Seeing him under pressure made me disheartened and pushed [me] to be involved in the financial side of agriculture. My biggest goal is to help those who feed families worldwide in their financial endeavors." Dail hopes to accomplish this goal through a role with Cape Fear Farm Credit and return to her family farm upon graduation.

Dail will also be receiving her American FFA Degree this fall at National Convention.

Preston Daughtry is a rising junior at NC State University where he is currently pursuing a degree in Agricultural Business with a double-minor in Entrepreneurship and Environmental Science.

"I look forward to using the knowledge I've gained during my time at NC State to help build and shape the pork industry and be a part of feeding the world through pork production," Daughtry said.

Daughtry has also earned his Eagle Scout badge, received his NC FFA State Degree and regularly spends his free time volunteering back home. This is his second time earning the NCPC Scholarship.

Molly Jones wasn't born into the pork industry, but she quickly fell in love with it upon arriving to NC State University in the fall of 2019. Majoring in Animal Science with a double-minor in Food Science and Nutrition, Jones hopes to use her knowledge and passion within the industry by attending veterinary school.

By working as a student employee at the Swine Educational Unit and completing two pork industry internships, she has really discovered her niche. "I have found that I love interacting with producers and problem solving while also helping provide safe and healthy pork to consumers," said Jones.

Jones is also involved in the Animal Science Club at NCSU and will serve as the President this fall.

Zachery Keeter is a junior at NC State University where he is double majoring in Poultry Science and Agricultural Business Management. Keeter also has a double-minor in Animal Science and Extension Education.

Based on his educational experiences, background within the industry and passion for helping others, Keeter hopes to have a career that involves both animal and public health.

"Regardless of where I may end up career-wise, I will always work to advocate for the agricultural industry and improve public perception," said Keeter. This is his third time earning the NCPC Scholarship.

Ethan Parker is a rising freshman at NC State University where he will be majoring in Poultry Science and minoring in Feed Mill Management.

Through his experiences with the FFA, Livestock Science Camp, the Institute for Future Agriculture Leaders and leadership of his father, Parker has developed a passion for agriculture with a keen interest in the milling side of the industry.

"From the research of others as well as my own, I have found that feed mill managers are needed in today's world," said Parker. "This makes me even more driven to accomplish [my goal] of becoming a feed mill manager and be able to help the agriculture industry continue to thrive."

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ARREST REPORTS

06-08 Jymir Brunson, 18, Clinton. Carrying Concealed Gun, Possess Marijuana, OFA Robbery With Dangerous Weapon, OFA Second Degree Kidnapping, OFA Possess Stolen Goods, OFA Speeding. Bond \$101000. Trial Date 07-11-22

06-10 William Michael Conklin, 38, Tar Heel. Obtain Property False Pretense (OFA). Bond \$7000. Trial Date 07-29-22

06-10 Anthony Lee Rowe, 56, Clinton. Fail to Comply (OFA), DWLR Not Impaired (OFA), Expired Registration Card/Tag. Bond \$768. Trial Date 07-07-22

06-13 Edgar Baudillo Quiej Ajanel, 44, Clinton. DWI, Drive Left of Center. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 08-19-22

06-13 John Fletcher Butler, 23, Clinton. DWI, Possess Schedule VI, Failure to Burn Headlamps. Bond \$750. Trial Date 08-19-22

06-13 Elvin Garardo Galindo, 46, Clinton. MO No Operators License, MO Operate Vehicle No Insurance. Bond \$500. Trial Date 07-25-22

06-13 Luis Irias, 21, Clinton. OFA Simple Possess Sch VI CS, OFA Possess Marijuana Paraphernalia. Bond \$500. Trial Date 07-18-22

06-13 Des-tinee Lynette Carroll, 23, Clinton. Shoplifting. Trial Date 08-08-22

06-13 Roman Cruz, 39, Clinton. Fail to Comply. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 07-18-22

06-13 Macie Sherill Brewington, 43, Clinton. MO DWLR Not Impaired Rev, MO No Liability Insurance, MO Fict/Alt Title/Reg Card/Tag. Bond \$500. Trial Date 07-25-22

06-14 Steven Owens, 36, Fayetteville. WFA Assault on a Female. Trial Date 06-16-22

06-15 Justin Travis Crawford, 46, Clinton. Possess of Marijuana up to 1/2 oz. Trial Date 07-12-22

06-16 Eric Lee Bolton, 34, Clinton. Possess Drug Paraphernalia, RDO, Misdemeanor Larceny, Resisting Public Officer. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 07-22-22

06-16 Cassie Monique Fletcher, 31, Fayetteville. Hit and Run, DWLR, Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$500. Trial Date 07-13-22

06-17 Sheniqua Necole Smith, 32, Clinton. Warrant Service for Offenses Committed in Another Jurisdiction. Trial Date 07-19-22

06-17 Shalita De'She White, 18, Clinton. Carrying Concealed Gun. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 07-19-22

06-17 Enrique JeVane Deaver, 22, Clinton. Trespass, Communicate Threats. Trial Date 07-19-22

06-17 Charlie Ray Lassister Jr, 41, Clinton. WFA Communicating Threats, WFA Second Degree Trespass, MO Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 07-20-22

06-17 Alexis Antonio Martinez, 22, Clinton. OFA FTA DWLR Impaired Rev. Bond \$500. Trial Date 07-22-22

06-18 Alonso Lopez Hernandez, 37, Clinton. Driving Under the Influence. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 07-11-22

06-18 Louciano Alexander Ramos, 23, Clinton. Carry Concealed Weapon, Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Trial Date 08-23-22

06-18 Genaro Sanchez Vasquez, 44, Autryville. Communicating Threats, Domestic Criminal Trespass, Domestic Violence Protection Order Violation. Trial Date 06-29-22

06-18 Daniel Pichataro, 34, Newton Grove. FTA Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 07-11-22

06-18 Tiara Ranette Whitted, 34, Clinton. Failure to Appear Release Order. Bond \$3950. Trial Date 07-19-22

06-18 Michelle Keri Melvin, 29, Roseboro. Failure to Comply with Monies. Bond \$628. Trial Date 07-25-22

06-18 John Vaston Pope, 37, Clinton. Communicating Threats, Domestic Criminal Trespass, Breaking & Entering. Trial Date 07-19-22

06-18 Briana Lillian Nicole Crumpler, 23, Harrells. FTA Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 07-12-22

06-18 Barbara Augustina Boykin, 48, Clinton. Simple Assault. Trial Date 07-13-22

06-18 Billy Wayne Brooks, 47, Sa-

lemburg. Failure to Appear Release Order. Bond \$11000. Trial Date 07-19-22

06-18 Kevin Terelle Owens, 24, Autryville. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 07-12-22

06-18 Victor Alcides Chacon, 31, Garland. Failure to Appear Release Order, Warrant Service for Other Agency. Bond \$5500. Trial Date 07-19-22

06-18 Roger OBryan Wells, 50, Clinton. Failure to Comply with Monies. Bond \$633. Trial Date 07-25-22

06-18 Kongyu Lin, 39, Raleigh. Misd Flee to Elude. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 08-11-22

06-20 Antonio Giron Lopez, 28, Clinton. Assault by Strangulation, Assault on a Female. Trial Date 07-08-22

06-19 Shaquana Unique Mellette, 31, Fayetteville. Driving While Impaired, Driving While License Revoked. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 07-21-22

06-19 Santiago Alamazan Rojas, 30, North Charleston SC. DWI. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 07-11-22

06-19 Portea Thorpe Jr, 27, Clinton. Possess Marijuana. Trial Date 07-11-22

06-19 Alonza Williams Jr, 53, Clinton. Possess Meth. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 07-01-22

06-19 Raevyn Lin Tanner, 25, Roseboro. DWLR Not Impaired Rev, Expired Registration Card/Tag, Expired Inspection Sticker. Bond \$500. Trial Date 07-12-22

06-20 Travis Jamez Haynes, 34, Roseboro. OFA FTC Child Support. Bond \$324.

06-19 Kristie Boykin, 41, Clinton. Simple Assault. Trial Date 07-13-22

06-19 Johnny Brandon Pope, 39, Roseboro. Fail to Comply with Monies. Bond \$368. Trial Date 07-14-22

06-19 Bradnon Wayne Bryant, 37, Fayetteville. Assault on a Female, Assault on a Government Official/Employee, Break/Enter Terrorize/Injure, Resisting Public Officer, Domestic Violence Protection Order Violation. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 07-22-22

06-20 Ray Sessoms, 38, Salemburg. AWDW Serious Injury. Bond \$150000. Trial Date 06-21-22

06-20 Carmindo Carcamo Hernandez, 51, Clinton. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 07-12-22

06-20 Gina Marie Rose, 35, Roseboro. Communicating Threats. Trial Date 07-19-22

06-20 Ronnie Edward Copeland, 58, Clinton. Second Degree Trespass. Trial Date 06-28-22

06-20 Christopher Ray Johnson, 43, Autryville. Possess Drug Paraphernalia, Resisting Public Officer, Impede Traffic. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 08-15-22

06-20 Aireana Burgess, 23, Dunn. Harassing Phone Calls. Trial Date 07-15-22

06-21 Labria Williams, 22, Clinton. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 07-06-22

06-21 Tobias Jujan Stuart, 21, Clinton. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 07-11-22

06-21 Joe Ravone Alford, 42, Dunn. Order for Arrest-FTA Child Support. Bond \$157.21

06-21 Flora Lanza, 48, Faison. Order for Arrest. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 07-07-22

06-21 Charles Anthony Brock, 31, Garland. Fail to Work After Being Paid. Trial Date 06-28-22

06-21 Agnes Mabell Chevallier, 61, Clinton. Communicating Threats. Trial Date 07-16-22

06-21 Dominic Lamar Rayner, 20, Clinton. Possess Marijuana, Possess Marijuana Paraphernalia. Bond \$15000. Trial Date 07-22-22

06-21 Genesis Killeth Bradshaw, 20, Clinton. Possess Marijuana. Trial Date 08-19-22

06-22 Tashiana Nichelle Morrissey, 32, Clinton. OFA DWLR Not Impaired Revoked, OFA Cancel/Revoke/Susp Certif/Tag. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 06-30-22

06-22 McKenzie Keyell Miller, 36, Warsaw. Possess Drug Paraphernalia, Sell Sch II CS, PWIMSD Sch II CS, Manufacture Sch II CS, PWISD Cocaine, Possess Drug Paraphernalia, Deliver Sch II CS, Trafficking Meth. Bond \$225000. Trial Date 06-27-22

06-22 David Alan Mesimer, 32, Clin-

ton. Simple Possession Sch IV (CS)M, Fail to Wear Seat Belt/Driver, Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 07-11-22

06-22 Justina Skye Phillips, 30, Clinton. OFA Release Order. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 07-07-22

06-22 Taylor Gabrielle Heath, 27, Garland. OFA Release Order. Bond \$500. Trial Date 07-12-22

06-22 Donald Keene, 49, Roseboro. Warrant Service for Other Agency. Trial Date 07-27-22

06-23 Tony Ray Bass, 56, Dunn. OFA Probation Violation. Bond \$50000. Trial Date 08-10-22

06-23 Brittany Tiquisha Kenon, 32, Salemburg. OFA Speeding, OFA DWLR Not Impaired Revoked. Bond \$500. Trial Date 07-25-22

06-23 Latesha Michelle Coxum, 35, Clinton. MO Simple Possession of Marijuana, MO DWLR Not Impaired Rev. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 07-25-22

06-23 Zanayvia Tucker, 19, Salemburg. Larceny by Employee. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 07-08-22

06-23 Victor Manuel Huitron Castro, 24, Faison. Order for Arrest. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 07-18-22

06-23 Karen Luther Pickering, 42, Coats. Financial Card Fraud, Obtain Property False Pretense. Bond \$5093

06-23 Sonya Bizzell Nichols, 53, Fayetteville. Warrant Service for Other Agency. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 07-21-22

06-23 Jose Henry Sanchez, 24, Rose Hill. Resist Public Officer. Trial Date 08-12-22

06-23 Jessica Denise Byrd, 23, Newton Grove. Possess Paraphernalia, Possess Marijuana, PWISD Meth. Bond \$25000. Trial Date 07-08-22

06-24 Antonio Morales Mendez, 34, Garland. Assault on a Female, Order for Arrest. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 07-25-22

06-24 Daniel Martin Tatum, 24, Drive Left of Center, DWLR Not Impaired. Bond \$500. Trial Date 07-22-22

06-26 Jimmy Darrell Hall, 36, Roseboro. Simple Assault. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 06-29-22

06-27 Brian Ramon Johnson, 51, Garland. FTA Order for Arrest. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 07-14-22

06-27 George Edward Fuller, 58, Dunn. Warrant Service for Other Agency, Failure to Appear- Citation. Bond \$500. Trial Date 07-15-22

06-25 Thomas Richard Brown, 41, Garland. Order for Arrest. Bond \$253. Trial Date 07-27-22

06-25 Jesus Hermelindo Rodriguez, 50, Clinton. Assault on a Female, Communicating Threats. Trial Date 07-19-22

06-25 Jeremiah Mc Neil Bradsher, 42, Clinton. Order for Arrest. Bond \$3000. Trial Date 07-06-22

06-25 Larry Dale McNeill, 48, Clinton. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 06-25-22

06-25 Charity Lane Cagle, 36, Dunn. Possession f Drug Paraphernalia. Trial Date 08-16-22

06-26 Brennan Taylor Madis Cerceo, 25, Mount Olive. DR/Allow Reg Plate Not Displayed, DWLR Impaired, Operate Vehicle No Insurance. Bond \$500. Trial Date 08-02-22

06-26 Valdemar Vera Rodriguez, 18, Garland. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 07-20-22

06-26 Latoya Moore Bratten, 37, Clinton. Assault and Battery. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 08-10-22

06-28 Katiana Irizarry, 32, Clinton. Possess Marijuana Paraphernalia. Trial Date 08-10-22

06-28 Danny Robert Aycock, 38, Clinton. Possess Cocaine. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 07-08-22

06-28 Harry Nelson Parker, 29, Clinton. DWI, Assault on a Female, Assault by Strangulation, OFA/FTA DWLR. Trial Date 08-10-22

06-28 Khadijah Alisia Russchelle Newton, 28, Harrells. Aid & Abet DWI. Trial Date 08-10-22

06-29 Cristian Vasquez Flores, 19, Clinton. Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Simple Possession Sch VI CS. Trial Date 08-02-22

speaker \$25.47.

06-13 Jannette Rosas reported Wire Fraud- money \$5000.

06-13 Walmart reported Shoplifting-beer \$26.

06-15 Ishmael Williams reported Larceny- firearm \$700.

06-15 Richard Garcia reported Theft from Motor Vehicle- handgun \$300.

06-16 State of North Carolina reported a Hit and Run- damage to automobile.

06-17 Tiaania Melvin reported Trespassing

06-17 Michael Owens reported Theft from Motor Vehicle- firearm \$269.99, other \$19.99.

06-17 Walmart reported Shoplifting-alcohol \$16.73.

06-17 Walmart reported Shoplifting-lawn/yard/garden equipment \$289.

06-17 Adell Wright reported Larceny of US Currency- \$700.

06-18 Rose Mini Storage reported Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property.

06-18 A&G Residential reported Larceny of copper wire.

06-19 S&C Construction LLC reported Larceny of Tools.

06-19 City of Clinton reported Damage to Patrol Car- \$1000.

06-22 Earl Butler reported Larceny-firearm \$200.

06-22 Dora Blue reported Larceny-television \$700, television \$400.

06-23 Charles Lockamy reported a Larceny- lawn mower \$12600, trailer \$1400.

06-23 Cortney Carroll reported Larceny of dogs- \$1500.

06-23 Juvenile reported Motor Vehicle Theft- Gray 202 Baodiao Moped \$4000.

06-23 Walmart reported a Larceny by Employee- money \$450.

06-24 Cynthia Williams reported Damage to Property- damage to property \$3000.

06-25 Daryl West and Coca-Cola reported a Breaking and Entering, Damage to Personal Property- NC Lottery Tickets \$4000, vending machine \$200, front door damage \$800.

06-25 Matthew Moore reported Damage to Personal Property- fence \$400.

06-25 Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church reported All Other Larceny-water hose \$100, water hose \$50, plant stands \$50.

06-27 SUNOCO reported a Breaking and Entering Business- money \$250, cigarettes \$140.

06-28 Kenneth Harrell reported Larceny- 357 Magnum \$350, wallet \$50.

06-28 Brenda Ebron reported Larceny of pet- \$500.

06-28 Jamal Alsaiddi reported Larceny of license plate \$38.75

06-28 Guelnave Leon reported Larceny of a Cell Phone- iPhone \$1200.

06-28 Donald Dixon reported Larceny of Paper Registration- \$20.

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INCIDENT REPORTS

06-10 Natasha Robinson reported Theft from Motor Vehicle- wallet \$35, money \$25, ID.

06-12 Walmart reported Shoplifting-

AGRICULTURE

From the Vine – VINES



*By Brad Hardison
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NC Cooperative Extension - Sampson County Center*

Vining plants are excellent additions to ornamental landscapes. They grow in ways that add depth, height, and perspective to the landscape. They spread by climbing, attaching, or twining their way up vertical surfaces or over the ground, and fill in spaces where other plants just can't grow. Some recommended vines for the home landscape include clematis, passionflower, climbing hydrangea, lady banks rose, and Carolina jessamine. All of these vines offer differences in texture, colors, odors, and will thrive in our area.

But what can we do about unwanted vines? Many vines can take over the landscape and are difficult to manage. English ivy, kudzu, Japanese honeysuckle, wisteria, and Oriental bittersweet are invasive vines that can grow out of control and destroy landscapes, vinyl siding, and forests. Virginia creeper is another vine that causes problems in the landscape, but is not listed as invasive.

We normally get a dozen calls this time of year, wanting to know how to get rid of unwanted vines growing in shrubbery. The first step is to tackle the problem as soon as you see it. Don't wait for shrubs to get taken over by vines before you implement a management strategy. Many of these vines can grow 30-50 feet in the spring, so nip it in the bud before it is out of control. Depending on the severity of the infestation, this could take a weekend, or several seasons to remove all the vines. Just pulling the vines out of the shrubs could damage the plants you want in your landscape, plus it leaves roots, and rhizomes in the ground to resprout. Using herbicides could damage nearby plants due to off target application.

For best results, you are going to have to get to the 'root' of the problem. Trace the



vines to the root and cut the vines 4-6 inches above the ground. Carefully untangle the vine from the shrubs and avoid damaging wanted shrubs. Paint the remaining stems that are left in the ground with a glyphosate (Roundup) or triclopyr (Stump and Vine Killer) product. You can also use a spray shield on a hand sprayer to spray the vine stems while preventing the herbicides from damaging nearby plants. For more information, see the video from LSU on stopping vines from taking over at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NAXCpz62qBU>

Are Your Chickens Cool Enough to Beat the Heat?

By Jonas Asbill- North Central Specialized Poultry Agent



Summer heat and humidity is upon us and we're all looking for ways to cool off. Your backyard feathered friends are no exception. This article outlines a few signs that your poultry could be experiencing heat stress and what you can do about it. Let's dive on in!

An experienced chicken keeper knows their flock, their personalities and habits. This type of relationship provides you quick insight into changes in flock disposition that can be an early sign that something is a little off. This can be a result of disease or other stressors that can decrease production, cause unnecessary stress and fatigue, or even mortality. Although all flocks and flock mem-

bers will behave a little differently under normal circumstances, there are some obvious signs that your birds could be experiencing heat stress.

- panting / labored breathing
- holding wings out and away from the body
- pale combs and wattles
- decrease in egg production
- decrease in normal activity, energy, or enthusiasm
- loose fecal droppings

If your birds are exhibiting these symptoms, it's important to take immediate action. And even if they're not, the following are good precautionary measures to prevent heat stress in your flock.

Keep your birds hydrated! Be sure that fresh clean water is readily available and kept in a cool shady area. If water consumption is decreased, adding electrolytes can be a good way to boost water intake and reduce dehydration. Electrolytes can be purchased in various forms, but are most often found in water soluble powders that tend to mix easily with your water source. Be sure to follow the product's label when mixing as a highly diluted solution will not provide necessary intake and an over concentrated solution may actually cause birds to drink less.

Additionally, be sure to minimize the effects of radiant heat. If your coop is mobile, relocate it to shady area with good ventilation. If your coop is stationary, look for ways to encourage air movement by opening any and all vents in the structure. If you have an electrical supply nearby, adding a fan can be a nice touch. We all know the value of a good breeze on a hot summer day.

If your birds free range or your coop has an outside run, be sure they have access to shady areas. Placing feeders and drinkers in those areas can encourage them to spend more time out of direct sunlight. You can also place temporary roosts or other forms of enrichment in these areas. If there isn't any natural shade in your run, consider providing some temporarily until the fall when cooler weather returns. Think pop up tent, tarps, shade cloth, etc.

Summertime can also be a good opportunity to change out older deep bedding that may be acting as compost and a heat source. New bedding will be less compacted and facilitate the escape of excess body heat. Selecting a bedding that is a little more coarse in nature for summer months, shavings instead of sawdust for example, will also allow for more air space and facilitate natural air flow.

If you have exhausted all of the above, and your birds are still exhibiting signs of heat stress, moisture can do the trick. You can add misters in areas that the birds frequent or lightly dampen the ground with a water hose in common areas to encourage evaporative cooling. Some producers may even find it beneficial to add small wading pools with shallow water for the birds to access, but not all feathered friends will be a fan of this feature.

Now that you know the signs of heat stress and what you can do about it, make sure you take the necessary steps to ensure the health and welfare of your feathered friends. If you need additional help with any of your poultry needs, please don't hesitate to reach out to your local Poultry ASA.

Safety on the Farm: Pesticides

*By Hunter Rhodes, Extension Agent-Agriculture
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Agriculture has been said to have begun 7 to 10 thousand years ago in an area of Western Asia known today as the "Fertile Crescent". Since then, agriculture has continuously evolved into the efficient and diverse production we know today, providing a robust industry that remains a vital aspect of the world economy.

Throughout this evolution, the entire world has evolved alongside agriculture. Insects, undesirable plant species, fungi, and other organisms have adapted through thousands of years to use crops as a host for their entire lifespan. While some of these organisms can be beneficial to the growth of the plant, many of them have a parasitic relationship with the crops we depend on every day. Farmers must combat these parasitic organisms to ensure their farm remains profitable and that we have a steady supply of food, clothing, and other materials for our day to day lives.

Modern science has allowed growers to stay ahead of most of the pests that cause issues in their crops by using formulations that are effective and safe for the consumer. However, these chemicals often pose risks at initial application, putting the applicator at risk of serious injury due to exposure. Therefore, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (NCDA&CS) along with North Carolina Cooperative Extension (NCCE) provide training and support for pesticide applicators to make sure they remain safe and apply chemicals the correct way. Growers must first pass an exam that is based around reading and following the label for each pesticide used, Personal Protective Equipment, and emergency management. Once this exam is

passed, growers may purchase and apply restricted use pesticides, however they must complete four hours of coursework to renew their license every three years. These exams and classes are offered in conjunction by NCDA&CS and NCCE. For many applicators that will be applying pesticides elsewhere besides their own farm, they must pass much more strenuous tests and complete more coursework. The license and requirements are specific to each type of pesticide application the applicator plans to make. Farmers, commercial farm service companies, and all other applicators continuously train themselves and spend time reading labels to understand how specific chemicals must be handled. This not only benefits the applicators safety while using the chemical, it also protects the consumer, ensuring that the chemical is not present in the end product. NCCE provides constant support to farmers and other applicators who may have pesticide questions. This support allows all applicators to make informed, science-based decisions that incorporate environmental, economical, and safety when applying.

Modern pest management strategies are critical for growers to provide quality end products that we depend on in our everyday lives. Consumers can be confident that producers throughout the country have been trained to properly handle the products they use to protect themselves, the environment, and everyone who consumes agricultural products.

For more information, please contact your local extension office at 910-592-7161.

Yes, We All Need Help

“Be kind whenever possible, and it is always possible.”

It's rare to know
how much someone else
is hurting.
We could be standing
next to someone
who is feeling completely broken
and we'd never know.
So - be kind. Always.
With yourself and others.



The following story is by an unknown author, and it speaks to all of us, this message is for all of God's creation.

“I was parked in front of the mall wiping off my car. Coming my way from across the parking lot was what society would consider a bum. From the looks of him, he had no car, no home, no clean clothes and no money.

There are times when you feel generous, and then there are other times that you just don't want to be bothered. This was one of those, 'don't want to be bothered' times. “I hope he doesn't ask me for any money,” I thought to myself. He didn't.

He just came and sat on the curb in front of the bus stop, but he didn't look like he could have enough money to even ride the bus. After a few minutes he spoke. “That's a very pretty car,” he said. He was ragged, but had an air of dignity around him.

I said, “Thanks,” and continued wiping off my car. He sat there quietly as I worked. The expected plea for money never came. As the silence between us widened, something inside me said, “Ask him if he needs any help?” I was sure he would say “Yes”.

“Do you need any help?” I asked. He answered in three simple words that I shall never forget. We often look for wisdom in great men and women. We expect it from those of higher learning and accomplishments. I expected nothing from this man but an outstretched grimy hand. His answer took me completely by surprise. **“Don't we all?”** he said.

I was feeling high and mighty, successful and important, above a bum in the street until those three words shook me to the core. “Don't we all?”

I needed help. Maybe not for bus fare or a place to sleep, but I needed help. I reached in my wallet and gave him not only enough for bus fare but enough to get a warm meal and shelter for the day. Those three little words continued to resonate in my heart.

Maybe that man was just a homeless stranger, or maybe he was more than that. Maybe he was an angel, a messenger sent by God to minister to me – a soul who was too comfortable in himself.”

Catherine Register, a long-time friend of mine from Rose Hill sent the above article to me, and in her words gave it the perfect wrap-up: “Yes, we all need help. We all can benefit from encouragement and a smile. Remember this as you meet people on the street, at the restaurant, at a funeral, at church, or anywhere else. Perhaps they, too, need help or a kind word or a pat on the back. Pray for God to open your eyes to see how you might help and encourage others.”

In words of Christ: **“Assuredly I say unto you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these, My brethren, you did it to Me.”** Matthew 25:40

Thank you, Catherine for sharing that with me. I am reminded of an old maxim that I use often, in fact it occurs to me wherever I go: **“A Stranger is only a Friend you have never met.”** I encourage you to ponder that for a time...and then try it!!

I have no idea who introduced me to life from this perspective, but I firmly believe that as we go about the 'everyday' of our lives, every person we encounter wears an invisible sign near their heart that says: “Make Me Feel Loved.” Perhaps the sign cries “Make Me Feel Special,” maybe it could read “Make Me Feel Worthy.” Isn't that the way Jesus lived out his short time on this earth? Actually, that is what Christ's life on this earth was all about, my friends. He loved you so much that he had rather come in human flesh, die on the cruel cross, and go through hell for you, than spend eternity in Heaven without you! Remember, Jesus suffered, died, and rose from the grave for YOU! And....He would have done it all if you had been the only person who ever lived! Now that should really make you feel special, that should remove any doubt of your worth and certainly should make you feel LOVED beyond measure! The good news of Christianity is that the immeasurable LOVE of Jesus Christ is ours simply for the acceptance.



Martha M. Pierce

Yes, we all need help!

What Makes You Happy?



Psalm 1:1-2, “Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night.”

I can recall growing up hearing adults say, “If you lie down with dogs, you get up with fleas.” As a kid I wondered what exactly they meant by that statement. Little did I know that statement came from John Webster in his 1612 play “The White Devil.” Act five, scene one, line 170: “For they that sleep with dogs, shall rise with fleas.” This quote has a large almost universally agreed meaning of “You should be cautious of the company you keep. Associating with those of low reputation may not only lower your own, but also lead you astray by the faulty assumptions, premises and data of the unscrupulous.” However, when you read the first recorded Psalm you discover this idea was present long before 1612.

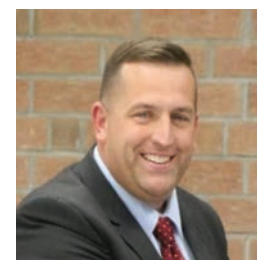
The psalmist shows the slow decline of a person's spiritual condition based on those they associate with. He stated that we can be happy if we are not walking in the counsel of the ungodly. Who do you turn to when you need advice? Is it a parent, friend or coworker that you call upon when you desire guidance? Believe it or not there are some folks that don't have your best in-

terest in mind. They enjoy telling others about your pains, problems and phobias. **Proverbs 13:20** states, “Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.” Ungodly advice can destroy families and friendships overnight.

The psalmist also says we will be happy if we are not standing in the path of sinners. A path speaks of a way or direction one chooses to travel. The righteous individual is not traveling in the same direction as sinners. **Psalm 16:11**, “You reveal the path of life to me; in your presence is abundant joy; in your right hand are eternal pleasures.” True happiness comes from knowing that we are on the path that leads to eternal joy in Heaven. The great news of the gospel is that if we find ourselves on the path of sinners we have a detour called Jesus Christ. Anyone can exit from the path of sin, but only Jesus can bring us to God the Father.

The psalmist then states happiness comes if we avoid sitting in the seat of scoffers. The scoffer loves to sit and criticize the people of God and the things of God. We will never be happy by sitting on the sidelines and listening to the voices of the scoffers. **2 Peter 3:3**, “Knowing this first of all that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires.” Scoffers never have a real solution to the problems of our world only sarcastic remarks to those that will listen. The more we are around scoffers we slowly adapt to be more like them. The apostle Paul said in **1 Corinthians 15:33**, “Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.” Our friends can influence the way we think, our decisions and even sometimes what we do. One of the best ways to break free from friends that cause us to compromise is to spend more time with God and less with scoffers.

We all want to be happy, but true happiness will only come from knowing and obeying God's Word. This week I encourage you to examine your spiritual walk, standing and sitting because it does make a difference to your joy. There might be people that you need to subtract from your life because they are destroying your chance for true happiness. I guess the best way to avoid getting fleas is to elude lying down with dogs that have them.



Rev. Ken Smith
Atkinson Baptist
Church

Sunny Summertime Safety



FAMILY FEATURES

A bright, sunny day offers opportunities for warm-weather fun. To make the most of your summer, you'll need to take a few steps to enhance the experience and ensure you're ready for whatever the day may bring.

When it's time to head outside, consider these tips from the experts at CURAD® to protect your body (and skin) from the elements this summer:

Protect Skin from UV Rays

Any time you'll be outdoors for more than 15 minutes, you should wear protective sunscreen with an SPF of at least 30, even if it's partly cloudy or overcast. One mistake many people make is applying sunscreen before they leave the house then not reapplying throughout the day. To help protect your skin from the sun's harmful rays, reapply sunscreen at least every two hours and more frequently if you're swimming or sweating.

Also be sure to cover all exposed areas, including often overlooked spots like the tops of your ears, neck and tops of your feet, if they're exposed by sandals or other open shoes.

Stay Hydrated

One of the most important ways to protect your health when you're spending the day outdoors is staying hydrated, especially on warm days when you're losing your body's water reserves to sweat. Drinking plenty of fluids, especially water, throughout the day can help replenish what you lose so you don't get dehydrated, and you'll also have an easier time regulating your body's temperature.

Be Prepared for Cuts and Scrapes

Summer cuts and scrapes are to be expected, but the faster you can take care of them, the faster you can get back to having fun. An option like CURAD Kendra Dandy Adhesive Bandages can help you heal in style with a four-sided seal that keeps dirt and germs out and a nonstick pad that's extra absorbent. Designed by Dandy, a renowned artist and illustrator, these fashion-forward bandages are made with a comfortable, stretchy material that conforms to your body for maximum protection. Available in a 30-count standard-sized strip and a 50-count variety pack, these eye-catching bandages feature trendy, one-of-a-kind pineapple, papaya, banana and dragon fruit designs that can add a little fun and flair to your summer wardrobe.

"We created our Kendra Dandy designer bandage line to add a splash of fun, color and flair to our classic adhesive bandages, offering consumers thought-provoking styles that add a great feeling to empowered healing," said Kim Washington, Medline vice president of marketing.

Repel Bugs

Aggressive insects can put a damper on outdoor fun. Bug spray or roll-on products should go on top of your sunscreen, but never under your clothes. Apply a sparing coat to all exposed skin and clothing, paying special attention to your waistband, pant and sleeve cuffs, collar and socks. Rather than applying spray directly to your face, spray the palms of your hands then rub the repellent onto your face. Be sure to wash your hands afterward to avoid accidentally transferring spray to your mouth or eyes.

If you have sensitive skin or prefer not to use spray or roll-on for other reasons, products like repellent fans or wearable repellent bracelets may be good alternatives. Some essential oils are also natural bug repellents.

Don't Forget Your Lips

While faces, necks, arms and legs are often top of mind to protect from the sun's rays, lips can be easy to forget. However, using a lip balm that is rich in oils, beeswax and petroleum can help seal in moisture. Similar to sunscreen, lip balms featuring SPF should be reapplied every two hours when outdoors and often offer added moisturizing benefits. Available in a variety of flavors, some even taste good enough to leave you wanting to apply them over and over again regardless of if you're venturing outside or not.

Wear Light Clothing

When it's hot outside and you're engaged in physical activity, you're at a greater risk of overheating. Dressing for the climate, while also protecting yourself from the elements, should be a top priority. If the temperature will vary throughout the day, consider layering so you can warm up or cool down as needed. Lighter clothes that don't add weight are a good idea, and it's important to be conscious of the fit. Ideally, clothes should be loose enough to allow for easy, comfortable movement, but not so baggy they get in the way or pose a snagging or tripping hazard. Don't forget accessories like a hat and sunglasses, which can protect your head and eyes.

Support Summertime Injuries

Twisted ankles are one of the more common summertime injuries, especially for hikers or runners who may stumble over rocks or curbs, and even weekend warriors playing pick-up basketball or softball games. Keeping an ankle support on-hand can help stabilize a sprain or provide extra support during recovery. If you do experience a mild injury, it's important to choose a high-quality product, like CURAD Performance Series IRONMAN ankle supports and braces. With options available to support both mild and moderate ankle injuries, they offer a rugged yet comfortable design to wear on the field, in the gym, at work or out on the town.

Find more tips and resources to take care of your body this summer and beyond at CURAD.com.

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Tips for enjoying the great outdoors



FAMILY FEATURES

There's no time like a hot summer picnic to let your patriotic spirit show. These all-American snacks featuring a classic favorite fruit – watermelon – are the perfect solution for nearly any summertime celebration.

Watermelon is a patriotic picnic staple for countless reasons, not the least of which is that it's a beloved treat that many people associate with memories from childhood. However, nostalgia isn't the only reason adults are just as likely to gravitate toward watermelon at a summer event. Its sweet, cool and refreshing flavor also makes it a favorite for all ages.

From a practical standpoint, watermelon is also quite portable, versatile and easy to serve, and with a composition of 92% water, it's a simple way to sneak in some extra hydration on a hot day. Another benefit is its value; watermelon is one of the best values in the produce section among fruit, and just one watermelon can feed up to three dozen people.

Serving watermelon at a party can be as simple as slicing wedges, or you can prepare a dish such as:

- A fruit basket, with the rind serving as a colorful bowl to hold the watermelon and other fresh fruits.
- A charcuterie board with a selection of fruit, cheese and protein for simple snacking.
- Creamy parfaits, perfect for a summery brunch or alternative to more traditional desserts.
- A creatively colorful and patriotic “cake” that makes for a tasty centerpiece on the dessert table.

Find more ideas for incorporating watermelon into your summer festivities at watermelon.org.



Red, White and Blue Watermelon Parfait

Red, White and Blue Watermelon Parfait

- 1 cup blueberries
- 1 container (6 ounces) Greek yogurt (vanilla, lemon or coconut)
- 1 cup watermelon, plus three pieces diced watermelon whipped cream, for serving

In pint canning jar, layer blueberries, yogurt and 1 cup watermelon. Top with whipped cream and garnish with three diced watermelon pieces.

Note: To make ahead or make thicker, drain Greek yogurt on paper towels to absorb some liquid.

Sweet, Refreshing Summer Snacks

Patriotic Fruit Salad

- 1 watermelon honeydew blueberries

Slice 1/4 inch off bottom of watermelon, lengthwise, to create stable base.

Use pencil to draw zig-zag lines for basket opening. Using paring knife, make cuts through rind.

Carefully remove top section, pull out large chunks of flesh and cut them into 3-by-3-inch squares.

Trim 3/4-inch thick slices off squares to use for cutting out stars with 1 1/2-3-inch, star-shaped cookie cutters.

Use ice cream scoop to remove flesh from inside basket and cut scoops into quarters for fruit salad. Place in bottom of basket. Add honeydew and blueberries; stir to combine. Cut out white stripes from honeydew.

Garnish top of fruit salad with watermelon stars, honeydew stripes and blueberries.



Patriotic Fruit Salad

Patriotic Charcuterie Board

- 1/2 medium seedless watermelon, cut into wedges
- 1/2 cup fresh raspberries
- 1 1/2 cups fresh blueberries
- 10 strawberries (dipped in white chocolate, if desired)
- 5 ounces fresh goat cheese
- 1/2 cup toasted, salted cashews
- 2 ounces cured meats like prosciutto, pancetta, coppa, salami, soppressata, sausage or pepperoni
- 1 Honeycrisp apple, cored and sliced
- lemon juice
- fresh basil leaves

On large board or platter, arrange watermelon, raspberries, blueberries, strawberries, cheese, cashews, meat and apples. Drizzle fruit with lemon juice. Garnish with basil leaves before serving.



Patriotic Charcuterie Board

Flag Kebab Cake

- 1 pint fresh, washed blackberries
- 12 wooden skewers
- 1 seedless watermelon, flesh cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1 angel food cake, cut into 1-inch cubes (white part only)
- dips, such as yogurt, chocolate, caramel or marshmallow (optional)

Thread five blackberries on each of five skewers, followed by alternating watermelon and cake cubes.

On remaining skewers, alternate watermelon and cake so first and last cubes are watermelon. Place skewers on platter; fruit and cake will create stars and stripes when lined properly. Serve with dips, if desired.



Flag Kebab Cake

Easy Summer Thirst Quencher

A simple fruit-infused water can give your summer event an instant upgrade in no time at all. Add extra dimension and complexity to the flavor by adding some of your favorite herbs like basil and mint.

Watermelon-Infused Water

- 2 cups watermelon balls or cubes
- 1 cup other fruit, such as berries
- herbs, such as basil or mint

Place watermelon, fruit and herbs in pitcher and cover with water. For best flavor, allow to chill in refrigerator at least 30 minutes before serving.



EDUCATION

Viking Spotlight: Wyatt Holland Relied on His Faith Throughout CCP Program



Wyatt Holland, a recent graduate of Midway High School (MHS) and Sampson Community College (SCC), was a student in SCC's Career & College Promise (CCP) program who managed to graduate with high honors and three credentials in June 2022: his high school diploma, Associate of Arts, and Associate of Science degrees. Because of Holland's achievements throughout his time at SCC, he was also awarded an Outstanding Student Award for his excellence in the CCP A.A. program—being chosen out of 47 graduating CCP students this year.

Holland was first introduced to the CCP program at SCC by his high school guidance office and Carlie McPhail, MHS Career Coach. He loved the fact that he could save both time and money through the CCP program, while also challenging himself academically with college courses during high school. Holland plans to attend the University of North Carolina Wilmington (UNCW) to major in biology, and possibly minor in exercise science. While he hasn't completely decided on what he wants to do career-wise, Holland knows that he wants to work in the healthcare field—so he can help others recover from setbacks like injuries or illnesses.

On top of completing both high school and college classes, Holland also participated in multiple activities such as sports, church events, and volunteer work during his time at SCC and MHS. He stated that at times, because of his busy schedule, it was challenging to balance his course load: AP, Honors, and CCP classes, plus extracurriculars and community service activities. However, amidst his full plate, Holland managed to absolutely soar during his time in the CCP program, maintaining a perfect 4.0 GPA at Sampson CC.

He spoke about his time in CCP, "At first, I was nervous because I didn't know how to navigate online schoolwork, but I got a feel for it quickly. I enjoyed challenging myself with new classes that you can't take in high school and with harder college classes that expanded my knowledge. During those four semesters I had very rigorous schedules, so I had to adapt, and it forced me to learn and develop time management skills. CCP also taught me perseverance because there were lots of times I didn't know if I could handle the workload, but I had to push through and in the end, I became stronger because of it."

Upon receiving word that he had been nominated for the CCP A.A. Outstanding Student Award out of almost 50 graduating CCP students at Sampson CC, Holland stated that he was quite surprised and very humbled to have been chosen for such a thing. He simply strives to do his best in all he does, no matter if an award is up for grabs.

Holland expressed, "It was very humbling to realize that other people thought my work ethic and academic standing was deserving of this award. I never thought I would be nominated for this award because every day I just tried my best to get the best grade possible in order to glorify God. I am very grateful I was nominated."

Emily Brown, Director of Secondary Partnerships and Student Success at SCC, remarked that Holland had been a model CCP student throughout his four semesters at Sampson CC. She is quite proud of his achievements and determination throughout the program, and overall, believes he has a very bright future ahead of him.

Brown voiced, "Wyatt truly was an exemplary CCP student. He is well-rounded and earned

top grades throughout rigorous coursework. Not only did he balance a full-time college course load in addition to a competitive high school schedule, but he's also a very involved member of his community. We are very proud of Wyatt's accomplishments and are excited to see where his bright future takes him."

Similarly, Carlie McPhail, who advised Holland throughout his education at both MHS and SCC since the beginning, expressed that it was a joy to work with Holland during his time in the CCP program. She, like Brown, believes that Holland is an all-around outstanding student and individual, one who will surely accomplish many great things in the years to come.

McPhail explained, "Wyatt went above and beyond to accomplish two associate degrees with high honors on top of his high school course load. He is truly an all-around remarkable student and individual. I have no doubt that Wyatt will go far in life and will accomplish anything he sets his mind to. It was a pleasure knowing Wyatt during his time in the CCP program, and we wish him the best with all to come."

When asked who encouraged him to complete two degrees through SCC's CCP program, Holland voiced that both Carlie McPhail and his parents helped him succeed in a variety of ways. He stated that his parents were always there for him during his time at SCC, loving him and pushing him to do his best every step of the way. Likewise, McPhail assisted him academically, by helping him manage with manage timely degree completion and choose courses that would transfer to UNCW. Because of their support, Holland voiced that he strived to do his best in his classes, so nothing they did for him would go to waste.

First and foremost, however, Holland adamantly wanted to thank God for all He did for him during his educational journey. For without God, Holland stated, none of his accomplishments would have been possible—He deserves all the credit. During his time at MHS and SCC, Holland explained that he always referred to Philippians 4:6-7 when things got tough. In Holland's eyes, his faith is what kept him going during his high school and college classes, what helped him succeed, and what continues to drive him today.

Holland elaborated, "I want to give God all the glory and credit because He has blessed me with all I have, and I try my best in everything I do to bring Him glory. The most important thing to me in life is my relationship with Jesus Christ. I think that it is essential for others to know that about me. My faith in Jesus Christ is really what drives me because I want to be a good steward of all He blesses me with and do everything to the best of my ability to bring him glory. God has allowed me to complete all these things and I am so grateful He has blessed me with the abilities to be in the position that I can have two associates and a high school diploma at eighteen"

Overall, Holland voiced that the CCP program has been a great experience and a wonderful way to challenge himself and achieve the high goals he sets. Altogether, he encourages other students to enroll in the CCP program during high school because of all its benefits. To Holland, CCP has shown him how future college classes will function, it has saved him time and money, and has generally helped him grow personally and academically in so many ways.

Holland concluded, "SCC's CCP program has been a great experience that has taught me a lot of things, including time management and perseverance. It has also allowed me to tremendously reduce the amount of time I have to go to college, which will definitely be worth it when I have to start paying for school. Another reason CCP has been so great is because of how it has forced me to go outside my comfort zone and grow as a person. In the end, I fully believe that SCC has been and will be worth it."

Sampson CC is immensely proud of Wyatt. The College admires his determination and dedication during his time in the CCP program and was honored to present him with an Outstanding Student Award for 2022. SCC believes his future educational journey will take him far.

For more information about the CCP program or how to apply, visit www.sampson-cc.edu/ccp.

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Previous solution - Easy

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No. 382 Very Hard

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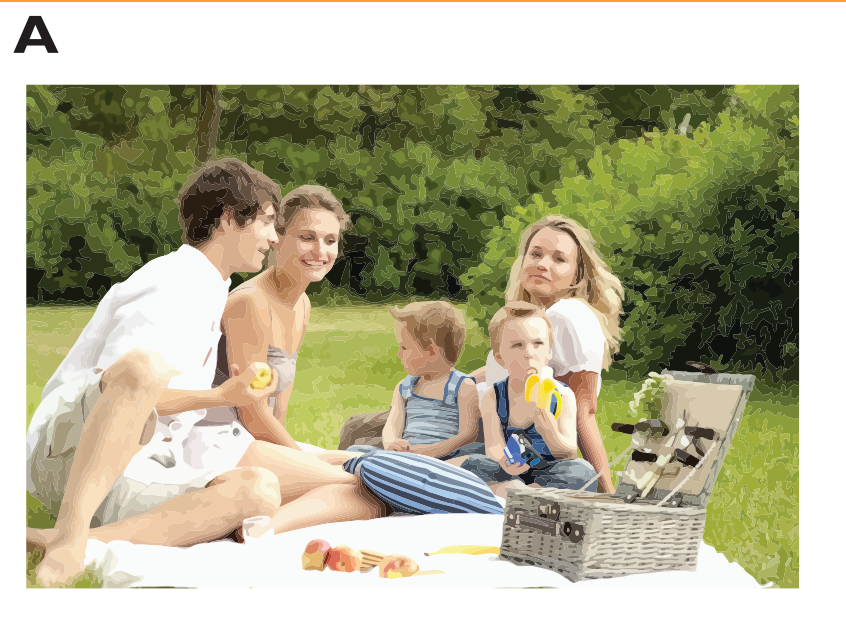
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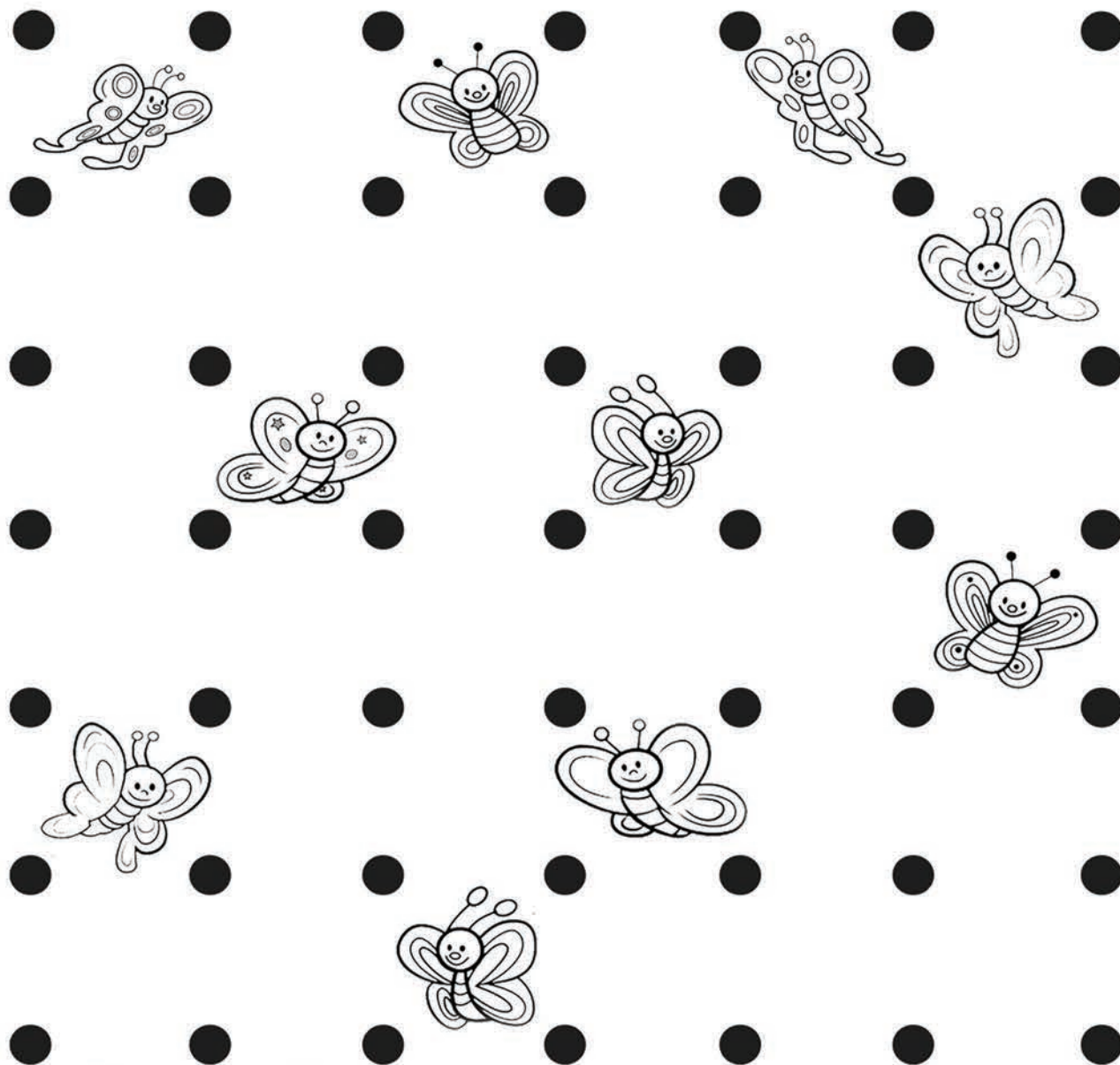
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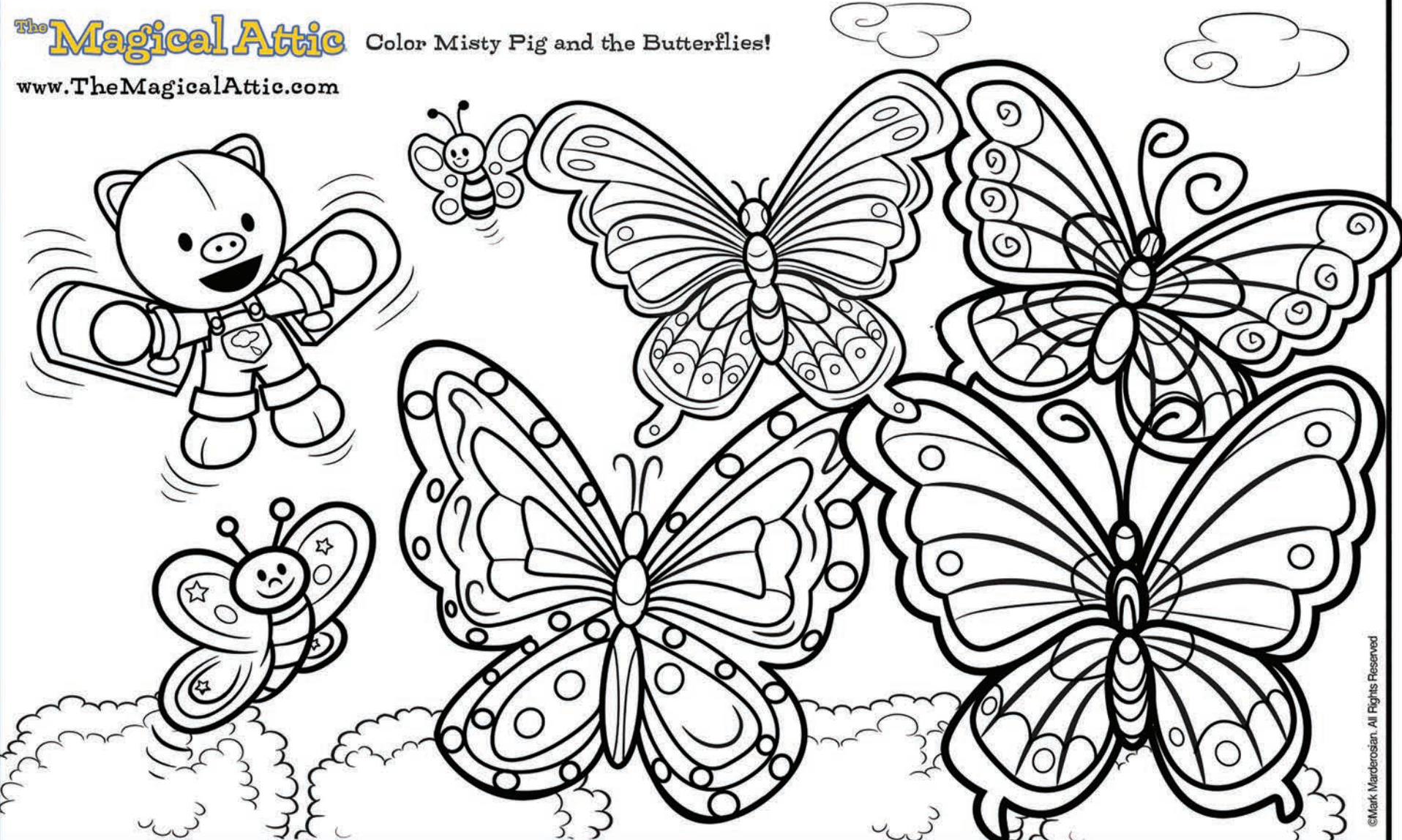
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