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Fallen Hero Committee Brings Forth Recommendation

** Possibly Could Lead to New Resolution of Support for Donald Ray Tucker Memorial Bridge*



At the June Clinton City Council meeting, a large group of Sampson County citizens were present in support of the naming of the bridge over the Faircloth Freeway (on US 421 over NC 24 in Clinton), the Donald Ray Tucker Memorial Bridge.

Officer Donald Ray Tucker is the only officer in Sampson County who was shot and

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Three Fatal Collisions on Sampson County Roads



Saturday Collision May 29th

A Fatal Collision occurred at 5:37pm on NC 24 west of Clinton on Saturday. Several teens in a vehicle at a high rate of speed ran off the road to the right and overturned through a fence. Back seat passenger was ejected and came to rest on the ground. 16 year old Tiffany Lynn Wright of Raymonds Lane, Clinton died as a result of her injuries.

The others seem to have minor injuries and were released Saturday night. The driver was a 17 year old and will be charged with reckless driving and misdemeanor death.

The deceased wasn't wearing a seatbelt. The driver and front seat

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New Emergency Services Director Brings Wealth of Experience to Position

Sampson County has selected Richard J. Sauer as their new Emergency Services Director, effective July 15, 2021. Sauer has served as Commissioner for Sullivan County (New York) Division of Public Safety since 2017, overseeing the fire service, emergency medical services, the 911 Communications Center, Probation and Emergency Management. Sauer currently leads a staff of 70 employees and manages a budget of \$5.1 million. He has also served as a member of the New York State Incident Management Team since 2012, deploying to several national events including Hurricane Harvey (Texas, 2017), Hurricane Maria (Puerto Rico, 2017), Dorian (Florida, 2019), as well as state events such as floods, wildfires and COVID response. In addition, Sauer has 32 years of law enforcement experience, including serving as a sergeant for New York State Police Emergency Management (1989-2017), as a City of Olean (New York) Police Officer (1986-1989), and as a public safety dispatcher (1984-1986). He has 34 years of experience in the fire service, including serving as a firefighter, chief, and instructor, as well as both volunteer and paid EMS service. Sauer holds a master's degree in Public Administration and a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.



The County was fortunate to have several quality candidates apply and undergo an extensive screening process conducted by Developmental Associates,

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WEATHER

Fri

Sunny
0%

Hi: 86° Lo: 71°

Sat

T-Storms
70%

Hi: 85° Lo: 66°

Sun

Cloudy
30%

Hi: 82° Lo: 67°

Mon

Partly Cloudy
10%

Hi: 84° Lo: 71°

Tues

Rain
50%

Hi: 86° Lo: 71°

Wed

Scattered T-Storms
50%

Hi: 85° Lo: 67°

WEEKLY VERSE

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. Matthew 7:7

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LOCAL NEWS

From the Desk of Senator Brent Jackson



Earlier this month, NC Commerce announced a new project in Duplin County. Project Ginny is a logistics company specializing in order fulfillment and transportation services for temperature-sensitive projects, such as refrigerated and frozen foods, pharmaceuticals, and cosmetics.

They have recently purchased a 63,100 square foot building in Wallace, NC. Address - 311 SE Railroad Street, Wallace, NC 28466 (former Nichols Food Storage building). They will invest over \$573k to upfit this existing building, creating over 40 high-paying jobs. They plan to make Wallace the home of their East Coast facility.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if I can assist you in any way possible.

Legislative Recap- Budget Update

Rather than discussing an upcoming bill, this week is a good opportunity to explain the ongoing budget process. The North Carolina General Assembly is tasked with creating and enacting a state budget every two years. Each biennium’s budget is instigated by one chamber or the other and alternates each session. For the 2021-22 biennium, the Senate has the lead and is working presently to put together a package that addresses all aspects of government spending from revenues to ongoing expenditure to taxation.

However, this year has presented a new challenge. The Federal Government has allocated several billion dollars to our state and provided a timeline in which some of those funds must be appropriated or used. Having multiple, and somewhat unpredictable, pots of money presents a unique challenge that members have not faced prior to this year. We are also fresh off the heels of a global pandemic that is still having an impact on North Carolina and the rest of the country. It is our responsibility now to use all that we have learned from the COVID-19 emergency, as well as past budgetary processes, to spend wisely and with a clear purpose. For the good of all citizens of our state, we must be good stewards and take care of the people first and foremost.

From the District- Sampson County Sampson County Schools Honorees



Sampson County Schools staff and teachers were recognized at the last board meeting for furthering their education.

At Hobbton Middle School Karen Fay earned a bachelor’s of Science in Elementary Education from Grand Canyon University.

At Lakewood High School Jay Faircloth earned his master’s degree in secondary education from Liberty University and Brandon Powell earned his Master’s Degree in business education from NC A&T.

At Midway Elementary School Crystal Wilson earned her Associate’s Degree in Early Childhood Applied Science.

At Midway High School Cheri Polluck earned her Master’s in administration from Campbell University.

Angela Burley earned her Bachelor’s Degree in December at Salemburg Elementary and Gleana “Sandy” Blanks earned her Bachelor’s Degree in December as well.

Donna Thomas, from the Sampson Early College High School, received her doctorate in educational leadership from UNC-Wilmington.

At Union Elementary School Linda Faison earned her Bachelor’s Degree, Jayre Samantha Flores earned her second Associate’s Degree, Kiara Beatty Williamson earned her Bachelor’s Degree, Ambar Banos earned her Bachelor’s Degree and Lauren Saege earned her Doctorate of Musical Arts.

Dan Chabot earned his Master’s in administration from Liberty University at Union High School.

Union Middle School’s Wendy Santivanez, earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice from Fayetteville State University.

And in the county office, County Office Maria Faulkner earned Bachelor’s Degree for birth-kindergarten and Alma Cardoso earned an Associate’s Degree.

District Spotlight- Dr. Melenas Honored as POY



After just six years at the helm for Union Middle Dr. Theresa Melenas was named the Sampson County Schools 2021-22 Principal of the Year.

Melenas has done a lot since coming to Union Middle. One of the biggest accomplishments being improving the overall student’s performance level. When she arrived they were a low-performing school with a D, now they’ve already improved to C in this short time span. No small feat especially among the hardships of the pandemic.

The students are not the only focus for this principal, she’s putting just as much care and attention into her staff, noting that they’ve faced hardships as well during the COVID crisis. Just another of the many reasons she earned her award.

She also stressed that being flexible was a key factor in helping everyone this year including staff, kids and parents. She’s been a stout cheerleader of students and staff highlighting each of their successes. Just further proof why she was acknowledged by her peers.

This rains true being she’s from a military family, going to school in Germany before coming back to the states and living in Arizona. Spending most of her life there before eventually landing in North Carolina after her marriage to a military husband which brought her here.

When it comes to why Dr. Melenas was named SCS 2021-22 POY it’s no surprise.

Did You Know? - NC History and Fun Fact

Defender of the Alamo, Micajah Autry | NC DNCR

Did you know that a Former Sampson County Resident Fought with Davy Crockett and Died Defending the Alamo?



Micajah Autry, a western pioneer, and a soldier was born in Sampson County, the son of Theophilus and Elizabeth Crumpler Autry. When he was six years old, his family moved to Cumberland County, where his parents lived until their death.

Young Micajah showed an early interest both in books and in warfare. Volunteering when eighteen or nineteen for military duty during the War of 1812, he served as a private in Captain William Lord’s company, which marched to the defense of Wilmington when it was threatened by the British. He served for the duration of the war.

According to family tradition, Autry returned home stricken with chills and fever. Unable to farm, he prepared himself as a teacher. By 1823, however, he was drawn westward to begin his career as one of the frontier adventurers who went to Texas to aid in the struggle for separation from Mexico.

First settling in Hayesboro in middle Tennessee, he taught and studied law there. In 1824 he married Mrs. Martha Wyche Putney Wilkinson, the prosperous widow of a doctor. According to his daughter, Micajah Autry was an intelligent and sensitive individual who liked to sing, especially the song of the “Good Old North State.” He also enjoyed playing the violin, painting, and writing poetry, although he apparently did not pursue any of these interests seriously.

In late 1835, Autry set out for Texas, stopping first at Memphis, Tenn., and then at Natchitoches, La., sending letters of his travels to his wife from both places. He traveled from Memphis down the Mississippi and up the Red River to Natchitoches on the steamboat Pacific. Unsure of the conditions that existed in Texas, he and a companion made a side trip from Natchitoches to New Orleans to inquire about events in Texas and to check on the best route. Autry then walked the 115 miles from Natchitoches, La., to Nacogdoches, Tex., where the Texas frontier apparently captured his enthusiasm.

The trip to Nacogdoches proved fateful for Autry. At San Augustine, he joined a company led by Captain H. S. Kimble from Clarksville, Tenn. After arriving in Nacogdoches, Autry was sworn in as a member of the Volunteer Auxiliary Corps for six months. Although his name was misspelled on the muster roll (M. Authey), his heirs were granted land donations partly on the basis of that list.

Autry indicated that he planned to proceed with the company to Washington-on-the-Brazos. Whether he did so is unknown; the next news of him was of his death at the Alamo. A postscript to his last letter from Nacogdoches reads, “Col. Crockett has joined our company.” Autry apparently was pleased, and tradition has it that Autry served with Crockett’s brigade at the Alamo. Given his prior acquaintance with Crockett and his association with other Tennesseans in the trek to Texas, he probably was indeed part of Crockett’s defense of the south wall of the Alamo. If so, he was among the first to die when the Mexicans swarmed over that wall of the mission-fortress on 6 Mar. 1836. His name stands fourth in the alphabetical listing on the monument to those who died in defense of the Alamo. He is among those whom Texans honor today in celebrating the Texas revolution.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your representative in the North Carolina Senate. I read every email that comes to my legislative account and I encourage you to reach out to me with your thoughts and concerns. If you would like to stay informed of my actions in the legislature, I encourage you to friend me on Facebook and/or follow me on Twitter.

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TUCKER, cont. from P. 1 killed in the line of duty on November 14th, 1991.

At the October 2020 City Council meeting, Councilman Daniel Ruggles brought before the council a motion to name the bridge after the only fallen law enforcement officer that had lost their life in the line of duty in Sampson County, Officer Donald Ray Tucker. DOT required a unanimous council vote before the naming could officially be done. The motion failed by a 3 in favor (Councilmen Ruggles, Becton, Bryant) and 2 against (Councilmen Strickland and Dubose).

After the defeat, Mayor Lew Starling formed a fallen Heroes Ad Hoc committee that was charged with the task of reviewing and establishing policies and procedures of how to honor our fallen heroes.

At this month’s meeting, the committee reported its findings and conclusion in a letter to the city council from Bryan Smith- Chairman of the Fallen Heroes Ad-Hoc Special Committee.

It read as follows:
Mayor Starling & Members of City Council,

As you are aware, the Fallen Heroes Ad-Hoc Special Committee was formed on October 9, 2020. The committee was formed as a result of the recent request to name the Faircloth Freeway Bridge after fallen Clinton Police Officer Donald Tucker. The City Council charged this committee with the task of reviewing and establishing policies and procedures of how to honor fallen heroes and weigh in on the bridge in question.

Our committee met on April 13 and May 11. Present at our meetings we had a news reporter, members of Donald Tucker’s family, and concerned citizens. These people in attendance help bring transparency to the overall process and realized the important work tasked to the committee. Our ten-member committee has a variety of members including current law enforcement, other first responder professionals and citizens from the community. We diligently researched and discussed the issues at hand and unanimously made the recommendations listed below.

1. The City should adopt the definitions for a “first responder and the criteria for “line of duty death” found in federal law. Specifically, the Public Safety Officer Benefit (PSOB Program maintains clear eligibility distinctions). Using the definitions maintained as part of this federal program will prevent the City from having to revise definitions or requirements in the future.

2. Both the Clinton Police Department and Clinton Fire Department should maintain permanent monuments in a prominent location on the grounds of each department. The Committee understands the Clinton Police Department already has such a monument. While fire service traditions are more varied, the Committee recommends the Clinton Fire Department work to establish a similar monument program. These monuments should be reserved for members who die in the line of duty. Honors for tragic but non-work-related deaths should be handled separately.

3. The City Council should support any bridge naming resolution brought by the surviving family of any first responders employed by the City who dies in the line of duty that meet the criteria to qualify for the Federal Public Safety Officers’ Benefit Program and meets the bridge naming criteria established by NCDOT. It is understood that ultimately NCDOT controls the naming process, however they require a local resolution supporting any application to name a bridge or roadway which we recommend the City Council should support such request.

4. The Committee recommends that the City should not seek to generically name a bridge in honor of all fallen first responders, in lieu of individually naming a bridge for fallen first responders. If the City wishes to and initiates actions to have a generically named bridge in honor of a group or all first responders (i.e ... Clinton Heroes Bridge” or “Public Safety Officers’ Memorial Bridge.) such action should not conflict with the previous recommendations that the City honor any surviving family requests for individually named bridges.

Please allow me to express my sincere gratitude on behalf of the entire Fallen Heroes Ad-Hoc Special Committee to the Mayor and City Council for entrusting us with the responsibility of advising the City Council and making recommendations on such an important Community issue.

The recommendation of the committee could possibly pave the way for another resolution to be brought forth before the council at the July meeting for the naming of the bridge, the Donald Ray Tucker Memorial Bridge. It would, however, again require a unanimous decision for the naming process to move forward by NC DOT.

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passenger were wearing seatbelts. Trooper Bautista is the primary and assisted by Trooper Bonhomme and Naylor. No alcohol is believed to be involved.

Tuesday Collision June 1st

On Tuesday 1 June, 2021 at 10:33am Trooper C.C. Hall responded to a two vehicle, single person fatality on US13 at the intersection with SR1701 (Alex Benton Road). Trooper Hall’s investigation found that vehicle 1 (a 2020 International, 2 axel-6 tire, Lowes Home Improvement truck) was traveling south on SR1701 (Alex Benton Road). Vehicle 2, a 2008 Lincoln Town Car, was traveling east on US13. Vehicle 1 failed to stop at the stop sign and struck vehicle 2 in the left side at the intersection. After impact, vehicle 2 was forced off of the road to the right where it came to rest on private property. Vehicle 1 overturned after impact and came to rest on SR1701 on its right side, facing east. The driver of vehicle 2 was killed instantly. He was the sole occupant, restrained, and severely pinned in the wreckage. The deceased was identified as Norman Lee Dunn of Four Oaks, NC. The driver of vehicle 1 was identified as Kelvin Keon Estes of Wake Forest, NC. Vehicle 1 also had a passenger, identified as Patrick Ernest Gray, Jr of Clayton, NC. Both occupants of vehicle 1 were unrestrained and alcohol is not believed to be a factor in this collision. Passenger of vehicle 1 was taken POV to the hospital, by family members on the scene. The driver of vehicle 1 was charged with misdemeanor death and failure to stop at stop sign. The driver voluntarily submitted to a blood draw and is being processed per implied consent testing.

Friday Collision June 4th

At 10:47am today, Trooper W.A. Davis responded to a head-on fatal collision on US421 near the intersection of SR1842 (Browns Church Road) approximately 1.40 miles north of Clinton. The investigation revealed that vehicle 1 (a 2019 Kenworth tractor-trailer loaded with feeder pigs) was traveling north on US421. Vehicle2, (a 2017 Chevrolet Traverse) was traveling south on US421. Vehicle 2 crossed the centerline and struck vehicle 1 head-on, in the northbound lane of US421. After impact, vehicle 1 ran off of the road to the right and struck the ditch where it came to rest. Vehicle 2 was forced off of the road to the left after impact and came to rest in a private drive. The driver of vehicle 2 was killed instantly and has been identified as Ashley Nicole Lane of Clinton. She was restrained and airbags were deployed in her vehicle. The driver of vehicle 1 was identified as Joseph Gregory Fisher Jr.) of Roseboro. He was restrained and not injured. The investigation is still on-going to determine why Lane traveled left of center

Lane was a recent graduate of Sampson Early College High School. This is the third fatality on Sampson County roads in the last week.

Memorial Day starts the 100 deadliest days of the year for teenage drivers. In other words, more teenagers are killed in automobile crashes between Memorial Day and Labor Day than at any other 100-day period during the year.

The N.C. Department of Transportation is urging teens to slow down, avoid distractions when driving, and buckle up because this is the deadliest time of year for teen drivers.

EMS, cont. from P. 1 LLC that included an EQ-i assessment, structured interviews, a written assessment, and simulation exercises. While delivering his budget message last week, County Manager Ed Causey noted that the County had committed a great deal of resources to the development of the County’s new emergency services facilities but that it was equally as important to develop the human infrastructure commensurate with the facilities being constructed. “Our assessment and interview process for department heads is purposely rigorous,” stated Causey. “Throughout the process, Mr. Sauer not only demonstrated the knowledge and technical skills required for this key position, but also the leadership competencies that are essential to our structuring the highest quality emergency services for the future.”

Sauer expressed his excitement about being part of the future for Sampson County’s critical emergency services operations, stating, “I am honored to have been selected as the next Sampson County Emergency Services Director. Having worked in a county of similar size and makeup of Sampson County, I understand the importance of emergency services and building relationships with career and volunteer providers in the community. I will work with all the internal and external stakeholders to continue to build on the foundation that has been established to provide emergency services to the residents and visitors of Sampson County.”

Sauer is married, with three adult children, one of whom resides in North Carolina. He also has additional extended family members living in North Carolina.

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LOCAL

CRIME REPORTS

ARREST REPORTS

05-21 Eric Cukrowicz, 48, Salemburg. Forgery of Endorsement, Uttering Forged Instrument. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 05-28-21

05-21 Louis Rashawn Highsmith, 29, Rose Hill. Order for Arrest FTC Child Support. Bond \$500. Trial Date 06-01-21

05-21 James Scott Richmond, 27, Roseboro. Breaking & Entering. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 06-14-21

05-21 James Sylvester Herring, 46, Clinton. WFA Domestic AOF. Trial Date 06-29-21

05-21 Roland Jones, 35, Garland. Order for Arrest. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 06-17-21

05-21 Johnny Edward Lucas, 29, Clinton. OFA Release Order. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 06-14-21

05-21 Anthony Perkins, 31, Dunn. Possession of Heroin, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, DWLR. Bond \$25000. Trial Date 05-28-21

05-21 Angel Jimenez, 31, Clinton. Possess CS in prison/Jail Premises. Bond \$15000. Trial Date 05-28-21

05-22 Pamela Michelle Bishop, 42, Clinton. Possess Meth, Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$120000. Trial Date 06-11-21

05-22 James Earl Joyner, 48, Clinton. Possess Firearm by Felon, Possess Stolen Firearm, Possess Marijuana, Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$30000. Trial Date 05-28-21

05-22 Bradley Justin Watts, 39, Clinton. OFA Release Order. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 06-02-21

05-22 David Robert Stanley, 34, Turkey. Felony Conspiracy, Larceny of Motor Vehicle. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 06-07-21

05-22 Jeffrey Victor Hunter, 41, Clinton. OFA Release Order. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 06-08-21

05-22 Jamie Lee Hood, 37, Clinton. Violation of Court Order, OFA Release Order. Bond \$85000. Trial Date 06-09-21

05-22 Najamon Jyikeen Blue, 26, Clinton. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 06-02-21

05-22 Dashawn Oneil Wilson, 24, Salemburg. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 06-14-21

05-22 Martin Garcia Hernandez, 31, Dunn. Possess Meth, Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 06-11-21

05-23 Patrick Leon Rich, 26, Salemburg. Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Assault on a Female. Trial Date 06-30-21

05-23 David Russell Randolph, 36, Fayetteville. Speeding 104/55, Flee to Elude, Reckless Driving to Endanger, No Operators License. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 08-04-21

05-23 Oliver Terrell Owens, 42, Rose Hill. Order for Arrest. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 05-26-21

05-24 Jack Lee Jones, 29, Clinton. Burglary/Breaking & Entering, Larceny after Break/Enter, Poss Stolen Goods/Property. Bond \$20000. Trial Date 05-28-21

05-24 Tyrek Melvin, 26, Clinton. OFA-FTC Child Support. Bond \$500. Trial Date 06-08-21

05-24 Cross Dominic Matthews, 21, Clinton. Assault on a Female, Communicating Threats. Trial Date 06-15-21

05-24 Hector Joel Garcia Zelaya, 18, Magnolia. Order for Arrest. Bond \$700. Trial Date 06-28-21

05-25 Brian Keith Sessoms, 39, Clinton. Break or Enter a Motor Vehicle. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 06-15-21

05-25 Christopher Ray Johnson, 42, Autryville. Order for Arrest. Bond \$25000. Trial Date 06-07-21

05-25 Richard Ryan Simmons, 34, Fayetteville. Order for Arrest. Bond \$250. Trial Date 06-11-21

05-25 Donald Trenton Mitchell, 42, Clinton. Stalking, Harassing Phone Calls. Trial Date 07-16-21

05-26 Aaron Owens, 31, Clinton. Court Order Violation, Felony Flee/Elude Arrest W M/V. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 05-28-21

05-26 Dylan Eugene Ross, 21, Bladenboro. Assault Cause Injury to LEO, Resisting Public Officer, Fictitious Info to Officer, Breaking and Entering, Larceny, Assault on a Female, Injury to Personal property, OFA Probation Violation, Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle. Bond \$34000. Trial Date 06-18-21

05-26 Weldon Lee Devonte Royster, 28, Newton Grove. Possession Marijuana up to 1/2oz. Trial Date 08-19-21

05-26 Julian Wayne Bradsher, 46, Clinton. Assault on a Female, FTA Assault on a Female. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 06-08-21

05-26 Deandre Quartez Giddens, 36, Godwin. Order for Arrest Fail to Comply. Bond \$500. Trial Date 06-16-21

05-26 Anthony Dean Redick, 32, Lillington. Obtain Property False Pretense. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 06-01-21

05-27 Kameron Shaquille Marable, 30, Clinton. OFA FTC Child Support. Bond \$100.

05-27 Ray Leslie McClenny, 59, Roseboro. Order for Arrest. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 07-21-21

05-27 David Alan Mesimer, 31, Albemarle. Break and Enter MV, Larceny, Larceny of Firearm. Bond \$50000. Trial Date 06-01-21

05-27 Christina Renee Edge, 32, Turkey. Order for Arrest. Bond \$100. Trial Date 08-04-21

05-27 Louis Rashawn Highsmith, 29, Rose Hill. Injury to Real Property. Trial Date 06-28-21

05-27 Jekaille Chane Phillips, 22, Greensboro. Larceny of MV. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 06-02-21

05-27 Jessica Renae Nicholson, 36, Spring Lake. Forgery of Instrument, Uttering Forged Instrument. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 06-07-21

05-27 Khorie Fennell, 24, Clinton. Assault Individual with Disability, Interfere with Emergency Communications, Assault Physical Injury Law Enforcement, Resisting Public Officer, Malicious Conduct by Prisoner. Bond \$252500. Trial Date 06-11-21

05-28 Christina Shata`La Patrick, 36, Clinton. Order for Arrest. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 06-28-21

05-28 Tamia Rich, 21, Clinton. Cyberstalking. Trial Date 07-19-21

05-28 Dominique Devonn Williams, 32, Godwin. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 07-19-21

05-28 William Parker Baggett, 43, Newton Grove. Order for Arrest FTA Child Support. Bond \$350.

05-28 Hayle Breedlove, 21, Godwin. Fail to Return Rental Property. Trial Date 07-15-21

05-28 Sonia Jennette Smith, 28, Fayetteville. Trespass. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 07-12-21

05-28 Lazoirre Staccato Woods, 50, Goldsboro. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 07-22-21

05-28 Shayna Lasha Gause, 34, Whiteville. OFA Speeding, OFA Fail to Return Rental Property, Criminal Summons Fail to Return Rental Property. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 07-13-21

05-28 Molly Harriet Duffy, 38, Clinton. Larceny. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 06-03-21

05-28 Kullen Mason Bell, 27, Clinton. Sell Alcohol to Person Under 21 YOA. Trial Date 07-06-21

05-28 George Kevin Faison, 46, Clinton. Simple Assault. Bond \$500. Trial Date 06-11-21

05-28 Lennon Owens Jr, 53, Clinton. Warrant Service for Offenses Committed in another Jurisdiction, DWLR. Bond \$500. Trial Date 08-18-21

05-28 Leonel De La Piedra Vazquez, 23, Clinton. Driving Under the Influence. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 08-12-21

05-28 Dennez A Gutierrez, 34, Clinton. DWI. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 08-12-21

05-29 Kenyatta Luvertia Thompson, 37, Clinton. Sell Alcohol to Person Under 21 YOA. Trial Date 07-06-21

05-29 Donna Jean Smith, 41, Clinton. Assault and Battery, DWLR. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 06-28-21

05-29 Patrick Shamond Newton, 20, Clinton. Possess Marijuana. Trial Date 09-27-21

05-29 Danielle Clark Maldonado, 28, Garland. Larceny. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 07-26-21

05-29 Alesia Maranda Scott, 27, Mount Olive. First Degree Trespass. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 06-30-21

05-29 Oliver Terrell Owens, 42, Clinton. Misuse of 911 System. Bond \$500. Trial Date 08-03-21

05-29 Bobby Ray Gilbert, 19, Dunn. Order for Arrest. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 06-30-21

05-30 Justin Andrew Rich, 33, Clinton. Simple Assault. Trial Date 07-20-21

05-30 Anita Phillips, 38, Clinton. Possess Stolen Goods/Property, Larceny, Simple Assault. Bond \$500. Trial Date 06-15-21

05-30 Joseph Beatty Sr, 46, Roseboro. Simple Assault. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 06-15-21

05-30 Sulinda Tonita Phillips, 46, Garland. Assault by Pointing a Gun. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 06-15-21

05-31 Travis Williams, 45, Godwin. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 07-19-21

05-31 Jeremiah McNeil Bradsher, 41, Turkey. Failure to Appear Criminal Summons. Bond \$500. Trial Date 06-28-21

05-31 Devin Thomas Splawn, 25, Turkey. OFA Release Order. Bond \$500. Trial Date 06-30-21

05-31 Antoinette Crenshaw, 33, Harrells. Assault on a Female. Trial Date 06-30-21

05-31 Jonathan Ronnell Chestnutt, 43, Clinton. Failure to Appear Citation. Bond \$500. Trial Date 06-28-21

05-31 Justin Nobles, 30, Autryville. Communicating Threats, Larceny. Trial Date 06-09-21

05-31 Talmadge Joseph Spell, 49, Roseboro. Communicating Threats, Injury to Real Property. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 06-29-21

06-01 Ashley Byrd Hicks, 31, Dunn. Assault on Gov Official, Resisting Public Officer, Order for Arrest. Bond \$6000. Trial Date 07-08-21

06-01 Michael Dale McClenny, 41, Clinton. Failure to Appear Citation. Bond \$500. Trial Date

06-07-21

06-01 Martin Bryant Boyette, 47, Clinton. Failure to Appear Citation. Bond \$500. Trial Date 07-23-21

06-01 Norma Welch, 27, Clinton. Failure to Appear Citation. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 06-17-21

06-01 Waleska Lagares Maldonado, 47, Newton Grove. OFA Release Order, Criminal Summons. Bond \$500. Trial Date 07-07-21

06-01 Joseph George Hood, 42, Clinton. Failure to Appear Release Order, Failure to Appear Citation. Bond \$7900. Trial Date 08-20-21

06-01 Sergio Liriano, 32, Clinton. Fail to Comply with Monies. Bond \$773. Trial Date 06-01-21

06-01 Joe Efrain Medina, 33, Clinton. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 06-28-21

06-01 James Clifton Owens, 53, Clinton. OFA Break and Enter a Motor Vehicle, OFA Misdemeanor Larceny. Bond \$8000. Trial Date 06-28-21

06-01 Waylon Harold Strickland, 51, Clinton. Assault on a Female. Trial Date 08-24-21

06-02 Ayana Michelle Simpson, 26, Garland. Shooting into an Occupied Dwelling, Assault with a Deadly Weapon. Trial Date 06-11-21

06-02 Raymond Otoole Jackson, 26, Fayetteville. Order for Arrest. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 06-30-21

06-02 Terry Lynette Melvin, 56, Garland. Littering 15-500lbs, Communicating Threats, Resisting Public Officer, Reckless Driving to Endanger. Bond \$4000. Trial Date 07-12-21

06-02 James O'Bryan Ammons, 45, Clinton. OFA FTC Child Support. Bond \$600.

06-02 Faizon Correase Morrisey, 22, Fayetteville. CCW. Trial Date 08-12-21

06-02 Billie Jo Hall, 39, Clinton. OFA FTA Simple Assault. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 07-06-21

06-03 Shawn Lemel King, 31, Clinton. Third Degree Sex Exploit Minor. Bond \$1005000. Trial Date 06-11-21

06-03 Genia Ellen Tanner, 50, Roseboro. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 06-29-21

06-03 Jemille Bryant, 24, Clinton. Communicating Threats, Injury to Real Property, Cyberstalking. Trial Date 07-06-21

06-03 Joseph Cornelius Smith, 59, Clinton. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 06-28-21

06-03 Nicholas Ryan Burgess, 30, Dunn. Possess Heroin, Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 06-11-21

06-03 Brandon Clayton Wells, 29, Dunn. Possess Heroin, Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 06-11-21

INCIDENT REPORTS

05-14 John Brock reported All Other Larceny- 10 ft Aluminum double wall \$750.

05-14 Isiah Melvin reported Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property- automobile \$2000.

05-14 Walmart reported Shoplifting- tools \$199.

05-14 Kelly Smith reported Damage to Property- vehicle \$750.

05-15 Erwin Collins reported Wire Fraud- \$587.20.

05-15 Victoria Bogan reported a Breaking and Entering Residence- television/radio/VCR- \$300.

05-16 Antwain Harrison reported Damage to Property- automobile \$1000.

05-16 Patrice Cowan reported Damage to Property- automobile \$800.

05-16 Jerry Johnson reported Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts- catalytic converter \$600.

05-17 Henry Faison reported Wire Fraud \$2339.21.

05-17 Gary Owens reported a Breaking and Entering, Damage to Property- window unit \$130, television \$130, generators \$1400, tote \$80, wheat pennies \$10, window \$200, safe \$200.

05-18 Tonya Brandon reported Damage to Property- auto window \$200.

05-18 Carter Funeral Home reported Larceny of Gasoline, Damage to Property- gas line \$50, gasoline \$28.

05-18 Jackson Grove Bible Church of God reported All Other Larceny- water pump \$500.

05-18 Jesse Lee reported Larceny- camping trailer \$13500, 05-18 Kirsten Jamerson reported All Other Larceny- clothes \$80, natural oils and medicine \$200, glasses \$320.

05-18 Diondris Butler reported Missing Firearm- automatic handgun \$500.

05-19 Sandra Clifton reported Motor Vehicle Theft- truck \$4000.

05-19 Carlie C's reported Shoplifting of alcohol \$70.

05-19 Popeyes Chicken reported Obtaining Property by False Pretense- money \$15.73.

05-20 Alice McDoe reported Damage to Property Nissan \$1000.

05-20 JKS Mini Storage reported Breaking & Entering Other Building- office equipment \$59, bicycles \$75, television \$100, handbags \$100.

05-20 Steven Strickland reported Theft from Motor Vehicle- drill \$350.

05-20 James Melvin reported Damage to Property- truck \$5000.

05-21 Robert Bradshaw reported Motor Vehicle Theft- automobile \$6000, truck \$6000.

05-21 Henry Jackson reported Larceny of Firearm- firearm \$299.

05-21 Maria Huerta reported a Breaking & Entering,

Larceny- stolen floor tiles \$4000, bathroom vanity \$400.

05-22 Guillermo Lopez reported Damage to Personal Property0 window \$400.

05-23 Keith Spell reported Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts- automobile \$500, catalytic converter \$5000.

05-23 Patty Cherry reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering- jewelry \$1000, clothing \$2000, household goods \$1200, antique hutch \$2000, flower vase \$140.

05-23 Eastern Carolina Regional Housing Authority- Damage to Property \$150.

05-23 Hector Martinez reported Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts- hitch \$30, bolt lock \$40.

05-24 Becky Hall reported a Burglary/Breaking and Entering, Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property, Larceny- skill saw \$50, chainsaw \$300.

05-24 Archie Smith reported a Breaking & Entering- trolling motor \$400, DVD player \$250, trolling motor \$99 and \$99.

05-24 Alber Lopez reported Theft from Motor Vehicle- ratchet set \$100.

05-24 Cornelius Webb reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering- shoes \$375, clothing \$400.

05-25 Glendi Alvarenga reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering, Damage to Property- cash \$1500, damage to window \$150.

05-25 Shyquan Brunson reported Theft from Motor Vehicle- rifle \$900.

05-25 Tiffany Wilson reported Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts- license plate \$100.

05-25 Trevon Davis reported Theft from Motor Vehicle, Damage to Property- automobile damage \$250, firearm \$500, cell phone \$1000.

05-25 Jesus Rodriguez reported Damage to Property- damage to Mustang \$400.

05-26 Walmart of Clinton reported trespassing.

05-26 Mickayla Canady reported Larceny- Apple iPhone 12 \$1200.

05-26 Judy Stambaugh reported Motor Vehicle Theft- automobile \$7000.

05-26 Brigitte Harrell reported All Other Larceny- utility trailer \$1400.

05-26 Mount Zion Church reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering- picnic tables \$200.

05-26 Kimberly Byrd reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering, Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property- drill \$50, flashlight \$50, skill saw \$110, wheelchair \$3000, television \$250, food \$250, damage to dwelling \$150.

05-27 Strickland Pallets reported All Other Larceny- roundup \$150, hub caps \$100, wash brush \$35, stack of pallets, car battery \$140.

05-28 Kristin Horrell reported Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property- vehicle parts \$200.

05-28 Wilfred Hollingsworth reported Motor Vehicle Theft- automobile \$1000.

05-28 Studie Elmore reported Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property- window \$750.

05-29 Crystal Lane reported Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property- vehicle \$800.

05-29 William Moored reported Larceny- pressure washer \$200.

05-29 Emma Kornegay reported Fraud- money \$1500.

05-30 Michael Underwood reported Theft from Motor Vehicle- semi automatic weapon \$200.

05-31 Tommy Thomas reported a Robbery- asst jewelry \$3000.

05-31 Nydia Parker reported Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property- automobile \$5000.

05-31 Keith Warrick reported Misdemeanor Larceny- television \$600.

06-01 Sampson County Parks and Recreation reported Damage to Personal Property- fence \$1500, light fixture \$1000.

06-01 Shauncey Thompson reported Theft from Motor Vehicle- computer \$500.

06-01 Brandon Vann reported Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property- window \$300.

06-01 Thomas Burke reported All Other Larceny- collectable coins \$4000, ring \$150, drill \$600, floor jack \$105.

06-03 Desmon Williams reported Larceny- speakers \$300.

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HE will start...America needs a cleansing from within - from sea to shining sea - God is seeking - scanning - searching the USA for faithful soldiers of the cross to stand up for THEE...what will our answer be? Now is the time for all His children in our land to be a spark that gets fires of revival, renewal, rededicating our lives, and RISING UP to honor HE - the TRINITY. By God's grace it can happen...can God count on you and me?

By God's grace, I write what is wrong, grammatically, from beginning to end; yet, the message is timely and can turn our eyes upon HIM!

The above writing is all wrong when graded for punctuation and what we deem right for us to read; yet, the message is one, long sentence that can get God's attention if we our hearts are pleasing in His sight and bring healing to our land when we love Him first, love our neighbors as ourselves, live by His Word (eat It) and finally understand... HE LOVES ALL HIS CHILDREN, desires a close relationship with us, longs to be loved and reverently feared, despises sinful, deceptive living, delights in humble worship and giving... so, what is our answer to HIM?... as He waits and watches for us to change our ways and revival to begin - while divine signs shout ..."we're closer to the end - we're closer to the end... BY GOD'S GRACE... let us be prepared with eyes focused on HIM, for when His Word is fulfilled and it all ends...GOD WINS!

In His love, Becky

FAITH

The Tree That We All Have



This Christmas we bought our children a tree swing. The tree swing is a circular mat attached to ropes with metal carabiner clips and Velcro straps to hold them into place. The easy part was buying the swing, the hardest part was waiting to spring to take it out of the box and assemble it.

The large Bradford Pear tree in our backyard blooms every spring with beautiful white petals. My wife likes to make sure we get a family photo in front of it each year. While the smell isn't always pleasant, the photo op surely creates memories. This Bradford Pear is unusually great for climbing, with long, sturdy branches that are low enough for our kids to step up on to. Last spring, I cut the tree back in a few spots as it started to drape our little playset and merge with our neighbor's tree. It was the height of one of these cut branches that made the pristine spot for our new tree swing.

After attaching the string, I thought I had made a mistake. The cut branch was small and not very big around. The way the swing hung from the branch was perfect, so I decided to risk it by using myself as a test dummy. Knowing the weight capacity of the swing should hold me without problem, the tree branch was another story. My experiment worked. I sat in the swing, rocked back and forth, and the branch of the strong tree held. Now my kids have a tree swing that gets used nearly every day.

We all have a tree. Some other stronger than others. No, I am not talking about the gift of nature that sits in your backyard, providing birds a home and shade for those working out in the yard. Instead, we all have a worldview: a profound way in which we see the world. It is from this perspective in which you understand reality; or "Your view of the world." Some trees are stronger than others, but each tree has its own unique features. What each tree has in common is that it has a system. A worldview can be likened to a tree because a tree extends from the roots to the fruits.

Consider the roots of the tree. A tree's roots provides nutrition to the tree. In a worldview, our presuppositions are our roots. These presuppositions are assumptions about life that are nonnegotiable. They provide a lens through which we judge all situations. No matter what you believe (or disbelieve) about what, your beliefs flow from these presuppositions, and unless you go through a huge shift in perspective, they are rooted deeply.

Let me use a sports analogy. In the 2020 National League Division Series, the Los Angeles Dodgers defeated the Atlanta Braves in seven games to win and advance to the World Series. In the sixth game, the Dodgers won by one run. Braves leftfielder Marcell Ozuna made a mental error by tagging from third base to score on a fly ball too early. The Dodgers were able to throw to third and get Ozuna out simply by touching the base. At that point, the Atlanta Braves were winning the game and the potential run would have put them up by two. But because Ozuna left the base before the ball was caught and called out, the Dodgers would go on to score two runs and eventually win the game. Sports commentators and fans will explain the fate of the game by either blaming Ozuna for the Braves loss (as I just did) because of his mental mistake, or the aptitude of the Dodgers players to capitalize on the play and provide just enough offense to win the game. In each case, the "evidence" is the same: the Dodgers defeated the Braves by one run. But the facts, the evidence, do not "speak" in the same way to fans of each team. Worldviews, then, are not simply rooted in facts, but rather the way in which we process the facts with a specific set of presuppositions. Therefore, either the Dodgers beat the Braves, or the Braves beat themselves.

Second, consider the trunk of the tree. Based off the roots, or the presuppositions we hold, we understand how the world really is through a story. The trunk is that story, because just as a trunk carries the nutrition of the soil through the roots to the fruit, the presuppositions help us understand stories in the world. Worldview flows from a story because humanity shares the image of God. In other words, God created humanity in such a way that we share a common experience and condition, and we are hardwired to find life's significance in story form. We make sense of our experiences in life, as a story, and because of that common factor, we pay theaters to show us plays and movies about life. We read books that expression the human experience. We stream shows on Netflix and Disney + that tell us the stories of other people's lives. Movies, shows, songs, magazine articles, books, video games, and blogs all serve to feed our imagination with stories, and it seems that we cannot get enough of it.

Finally consider the fruit. The fruit is our ethics; our presuppositions applied in our lives. In this way, all people are religious, because our presuppositions are our faith commitments worked out. For instance, if God really does exist (this is a presupposition found in Genesis 1), then right and wrong must also really exist and what we see in the world today is a lot of brokenness (Romans 1:18-23). Just as a tree with shallow roots may not produce much fruit, a worldview with shallow roots will produce bad fruit. In the real world, we see problems abound in areas of race, media, family, church, sex, money, power, reputation, etc. Some of the most pervasive beliefs we see in the media today center around race, politics, gender identity, and family dynamics. And the reason we are so split over these issues is because we have different presuppositions and our view of the world has created, in many cases, rotten fruit.

How does this affect the church? God has called us to be lumberjacks. We are called to cut down worldview trees that bear rotten fruit and replant them in places where there roots can grow deeper and stronger. The gospel is the soil for our new roots, because in Christ, all things are created new (2 Cor 5:17). Every person experiences a tension between what he says he believes and how he actually lives. Even Christians experience this tension; and sometimes live in ways that make absolutely no sense given their particular worldview (Rom 7:15-20). But in the gospel, we find a story of forgiveness and renewal; the hope that we will be conformed to the image of Christ through sanctification (Rom 8:29)



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Revelation 2:26, "And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations."

Walking with God is the grandest of all privileges, something you hope will never end. Working for God is also the greatest of earthly privileges. However, it is not a part-time job that you tend to at your convenience or only when you feel spiritual. The Lord has commissioned us and crowned us with His loving statutes; therefore, we should never seek to lay aside such an ornament, even temporarily.

Sometimes difficult circumstances can bring you to your wits end. You can be tempted to lose heart and give up. *Fox's Book of Martyrs* records the testimonies of many rock-solid believers who refused to quit on God, even when tied to the stake. Some were so anointed that they proclaimed the greatness and love of God while in the early stages of being burned alive. Yet the faith and keeping Jesus' commands aren't just to be carried out when winds are favorable. The believer must prepare to set sail every single day, even when the dark clouds loom love and the winds blow at the gale force. The believer should also set sail even if there is no wind at all, for God is able to breathe

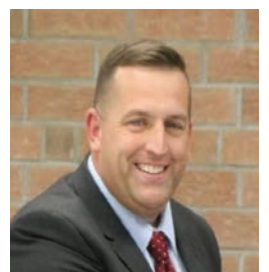
upon lifeless skies.

We need to overcome our desires for mediocrity. What we do daily for Jesus should flow from an overwhelming love for Him. He overwhelmingly loved us all the way to the cross. **John 13:1, "Before the Passover Festival, Jesus knew that His hour had come to depart from this world to the Father. Having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end."**

How is that for overcoming unto the end? The persecuted church overcomes on a daily basis. The Apostle John writes in **Revelation 12:12, "Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."** The moment Satan sees true devotion in us, a desire to be set free from sin, a determination to put off all foolishness and put on Christ, then he knows his time is short. Satan knows there will be only a brief period before we're out of his clutches and walking in glory, operating by faith, living in true everlasting victory.

I encourage you today to determine to follow Jesus all the way to the end no matter what and no matter where. As Christians, we are tasked to live as Jesus Christ did. Our daily lifestyle should be one that reflects the Son of God. How can we expect them to accept God as their Lord savior if what we do six days out of seven is of everything but God? Dr. Billy Graham once proclaimed, "Make certain of your commitment to Jesus Christ. Then when temptations come, remember how much He loves you, and what it cost Him to make your salvation possible." Search out your life and the spiritual fruit you are producing. **Galatians 5:22, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."**

Just as a car is unable to run without fuel, we also are unable to be overcomers in this world without the filling of the Holy Spirit.



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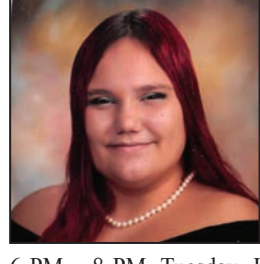
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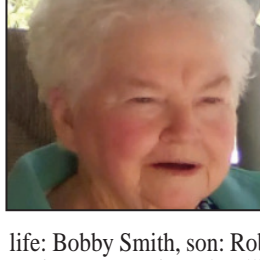
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OBITUARIES



CLINTON

Ashley Nicole Lane, 17, of 2889 Roanoke Road, passed away Friday, June 4, 2021. Funeral will be held at 2 PM, Wednesday, June 9th at Hopewell United Methodist Church with the Rev. Gregg Presnal officiating. Interment will be in the Hillcrest Cemetery in Newton Grove. The family will receive friends from 6 PM – 8 PM, Tuesday, June 8th at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home and at other times at the home of Kathy Bass Lane at 3217 Roanoke Road, Clinton. Ashley, born June 29, 2003 in Sampson County, was the daughter of Adam Lane and Shirley Price Lane. She graduated from Sampson Early College and was a member of Hopewell United Methodist Church and worked at Foodlion as a go clerk. She was preceded in death by grandfather Bill Price, grandfather, Braxton Lane, great-grandfather Bobby Bass and great-grandmother Shirley Bass and great-grandmother Shirley Cornell. Survivors include: mother, Shirley Ruth Price Lane; father, Adam Christopher Lane; grandmothers, Vickie Price and Kathy Bass Lane; and aunts and uncles, Billy Price (Sandy), Jenny Price, Robert Price, Katherine McKenzie (Randall) and Michael Price (Elizabeth). Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Sampson Community Theater, PO Box 1396, Clinton, NC 28328.



GARLAND

Mrs. Betty Jane Smith, 81, of 201 Piney Grove Ave, Garland passed away Sunday, May 30, 2021 at her residence. Betty was born January 28, 1941 in Sampson County to the late Sanford Walter Smith and Mary Lee Bordeaux. She worked in the Furniture Industry for many years. She is preceded in death by her husband the love of her life: Bobby Smith, son: Robert Smith Jr., three sisters: Sadie Tedder, Essie Mae Norris and Sallie Tolar. A graveside service was held at 1:00 PM Thursday, June 03, 2021 at Garland Cemetery. Reverend Matthew Young officiated the service. Betty leaves to cherish her memory her daughter: Pamela S. Lewallen of Garland, son: Tim Smith and wife Teresa of Autryville, sister: Ellen Strickland of Garland, three brothers: Sanford W. “S.J.” Smith of Garland, Gary Smith and wife Marsha of Ocean Isle, Herman Smith and wife Beth of Garland, seven grandchildren: Joshua Smith of Albemarle, Jeremy Smith of Albemarle, Chloe Whaley of Autryville, Madison Smith of Wilmington, Jennifer Kintner of Winston Salem, Jimmy L. Grant of Thomasville, Justin Jarrell Grant of Trinity, 6 great-grandchildren, beloved fur baby the 2nd love of her life: Louie and a host of nieces and nephews. A viewing was held on Wednesday, June 02, 2021 from 6:00-8:00 PM at Carter Funeral Home in Garland. Services provided by Carter Funeral Home, Garland. www.carterfh.com.



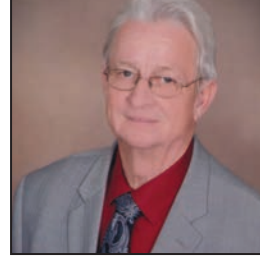
ROSEBORO

Mrs. Carol Horne Smith, 75 of Roseboro passed away at her home on Friday, May 28, 2021. The funeral service was held at 2:00 PM Friday, June 4 at Beaver Dam Baptist Church with Rev. Tim McQueen and Rev. Richard Smith officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. The family received friends from 1:00 PM - 1:50 PM at the church prior to the service. Mrs. Smith was a native of Cumberland County, the daughter of Hersey Pittman and Mary Lee Grice Horne. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ronald Allen Smith; brothers, Theodore “George” Horne and Harold Horne; sisters, Clementine H. Bullard and Sally H. Smith. She was a retired teacher’s aide with the Cumberland County Schools. She is survived by two daughters, Mary Edwards and husband, Avery of Beulaville and Sharon Frost and husband, Jimmie of Autryville; sister, Barbara Jean H. Mauro and husband, Ted of Stockton, NJ; six grandchildren, Brandy Hanson, Jessica Frost, Kristen Frost, Elizabeth Edwards, William Edwards and Chester Hanson; three great grandchildren, Charlie Hanson, Jonathan O’Boyle and Ronald Hanson. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Butler Funeral Home, P. O. Box 638, Roseboro, NC 28382 to help the family with funeral expenses. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.

ROSEBORO



Cleo (McLean) Smith, Age 91- of 400 Southwest St., Roseboro, NC died Thursday, May 27, 2021 at Sampson Regional Medical Center. Graveside Service: Saturday, June 5, 2021 at 1:00 pm at Roseboro Cemetery, Marion Amos Rd., Roseboro, NC. Public Walkthrough: Saturday, June 5, 2021 11:30 am to 12:30 pm at Butler & Son Funeral Home, Roseboro, NC. Masks are required to attend graveside and walkthrough. Service will be live-streamed through Butler & Son Funeral Home Facebook Page. Butler & Son Funeral Home, Inc. Roseboro, NC.



FOUR OAKS

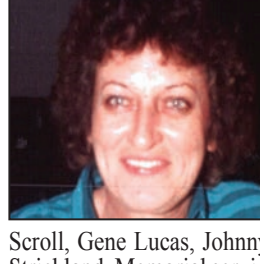
Norman Lee Dunn, of Four Oaks, died unexpectedly on Tuesday, June 1, 2021. He was born on February 10, 1950 to George Daniel and Vera Lee Dunn. He married Bonnie Tart in 1969 and they celebrated 52 years of marriage May 25th of this year. Five children were born to their union; 3 of which preceded him in death; Kerry Joe, Laura Beth and Zeb Lee. He is survived by two daughters, Shanda Lynne Dunn and Leigh Dunn Ross as well as his wife, Bonnie Tart Dunn. One of his greatest blessings in life were his 3 grandchildren, Madilynn and Riley Snead and Dylan Ross. Norman was blessed with a very large family including his siblings; Scarlett Lee (Dennis), Robert Dunn (Lavon), Wayne Dunn (Marlene) William Dunn, JB Dunn (Linda), Larry Lee (Brenda). Preceding Norman in death were four siblings, Jeanette Dunn Temple, James Linwood Lee, Carroll Lee and Horace Lee. His own personal experience with grief is what led him to his occupation as Funeral Director for 41 years. He obtained a degree in Mortuary Science from Fayetteville Technical Community College. In addition to this degree, he served as Johnston County Coroner for 12 years. Norman has served his community in this field, not only as an occupation but as a form of ministry for God and service to others. He was owner and operator of 3 funeral homes; West and Dunn, of Benson, Newton Grove and Erwin. He was a lifelong member of Lees Chapel Advent Christian Church and held numerous positions, including Elder, Deacon, Sunday School teacher, Choir member and others. Norman’s involvement with the Advent Christian denomination began in his pre-teen days at Camp Dixie and continued with various roles such as ENC Board Member, short term missionary to Honduras and Home Missions. The State Singing Convention was blessed to have him serve as a Board Member since 1997. In 2001, he became Vice President of this organization. He enjoyed every June when the time came for the Annual Singing Convention to be held in Benson, NC. His civic organizations he participated in were Four Oaks EMS and the Benson Kiwanis Club. Norman enjoyed farming for many years, planting, sowing and raising cows and hogs. He considered it a blessing to be able to spend time on a tractor or lawn mower when he was not needed doing funeral work. He grew, what he called “a community garden,” and often gave the fruits of his labor to many. He bestowed upon others gifts of his generosity. Register books are available at all 3 funeral homes if anyone would like to sign. Online condolences may be made at: www.westanddunn.com. Memorials may be made

to Lees Chapel Advent Christian Church at 4154 NC Hwy 96 S. Four Oaks, NC 27524 or Benson Singing Board c/o Ethelene Hughes 9798 Strickland’s Crossroads Rd. Benson, NC 27504.



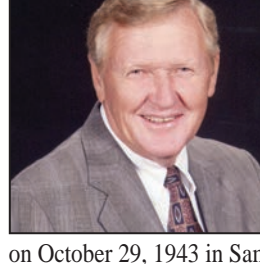
CLINTON

On Monday, May 31, 2021, **Frances Jones Edwards**, loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother gained her angel wings at the age of 86. Frances was born on February 2, 1935 in Clinton, NC to Jada and Mary Parker Jones. She graduated from Herring School and later attended a 2 year business college in Greensboro. She worked for several businesses around the area including, Johnson Cotton and House Autry Mill. She found her true career when she began substitute teaching at Mingo School and then later became a teacher assistant there and then moved to Midway Elementary where she enjoyed over 30 years of teaching and inspiring students. She married the love of her life, MB Edwards, on January 3, 1958. They raised one son, Mark Wilson Edwards. Frances was an active member of the Westbrook Grange, Herring Jewels, Vann Crossroads Ladies Auxiliary, and Roanoke Chapel where she held many positions including secretary and treasurer for the Roanoke Chapel Church. Mrs. Edwards took pride in giving out “Sunshine Bags” to members of the community, along with sending out cards for special occasions. Frances was preceded in death by her parents Jada and Mary, son Mark, and 3 brothers, Bill, Jack, and Chester. Left to cherish her memory is her husband MB, daughter-in-law Phyllis, grandchildren Crystal, Chris, Matthew and Haley, and great-granddaughter Gracie, along with numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Roanoke Chapel Ladies Circle c/o Phyllis Edwards, 3560 Church Rd. Clinton, NC 28328 The family of Mrs. Frances Edwards would like to extend heartfelt gratitude to the staff of Rolling Ridge Senior Living, Southwood Nursing, and Liberty Healthcare for the remarkable love and care provided to Mrs. Edwards.



ROSEBORO

Karen Faircloth, 71 of 1479 Butler Island Road passed on Wednesday, June 2, 2021, at her home. Born in Sampson County, NC to Donald Edward and Lola Owens Lucas. Karen was self-employed, she owned and operated a flower shop. In addition to her parents Karen is also preceded in death by Son: Jeff Yarborough, Siblings: Linda K. Scroll, Gene Lucas, Johnny Lucas and Kim Allen, Grandson: Cody Strickland. Memorial services will be held at 4:00 pm on Friday, June 11, 2021 at the home at 1479 Butler Island Road, Roseboro with Pastor Larry Hayes officiating. Karen leaves to cherish her memories: Children: Donna Davis and husband Doug of Roseboro, Renee Evans and husband Trent of Ash, NC and Greg Yarborough (Christine Young) of Roseboro, Siblings: Anita Rawlings of South Carolina, Kevin Lucas of Roseboro, Sherri Godwin of Roseboro and Patricia Lucas also of Roseboro, 11 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild and a four-legged child Milly.



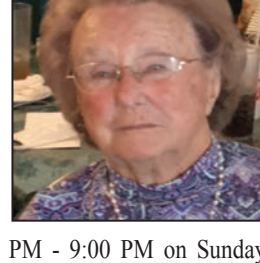
ROSEBORO

Mr. Graham Dixon Fann, Jr., 77 of Roseboro, passed away on Thursday, June 3, 2021 at his home. The funeral service will be held at 11:00am on Monday, June 7, 2021 at Union Grove Baptist Church, 395 Vander Road, Salemburg, with Reverend Larry McCarty and Reverend Marc Walters officiating. Burial will follow in the Church Cemetery. Mr. Fann was born on October 29, 1943 in Sampson County and was the son of Graham Dixon Fann, Sr. and Ina Tew Fann. He was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Earl Cranford Fann, Roy Durwood Fann. He was the owner and operator of Fann’s Tire Service. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Livingston Fann of the home; two sisters, Lina Fann Honeycutt of Godwin, Dixie Fann Tew and husband Elwood of Autryville; numerous nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00pm on Sunday at Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Union Grove Baptist Church, 395 Vander Road, Salemburg, NC 28385, Attn: June Mission Project: Samaritan’s Purse. Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro is serving the family.



WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

On Tuesday, May 25, 2021, **Dr. Terry Patrick Ginthner** passed away at the age of 68 at his home in Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina. Dr. Terry was born on July 14, 1952 in Onawa, Iowa to Jerry and Lorraine Ginthner. He received his medical degree from the Indiana University School Of Medicine in 1978. On February 4th, 1978, he married Diane Lynn Nelson and they were married for 43 years. His medical practice took them around the world, including to England, South Africa, South Carolina, Louisiana and Clinton, NC. He served as Chief of Radiology for numerous terms throughout his medical staff appointment and was a member of the Active Medical Staff with Radiology Privileges at Sampson Regional Medical Center from 1988 until his retirement in July 2018. They raised two sons, Matthew and Kyle. Together, the family enjoyed traveling, boating, and entertaining friends. Terry was an amazing son, brother, husband, father, mentor, and friend, loved for his selflessness, humor, wit, trivia expertise, and advice on all subjects. Dr. Terry was preceded in death by his father, Jerry Ginthner, and his sister, Tamara Ginthner. He is survived by his wife Diane, his two children, Matthew and Kyle, his mother Lorraine, his sister Tracy, and nephews Austin and Colin. A memorial service for family and friends will be held on Saturday, June 5th at 11am at Rowan Baptist Church located at 701 Rowan Rd, Clinton, NC. with the Reverend Matthew Creech officiating. Please email any photos, stories, and favorite memories to GinthnerFamily@gmail.com. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Juvenile Diabetes Research, Foundation or the Sampson Regional Medical Center Tree of Love.



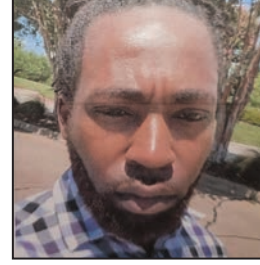
ROSEBORO

Mrs. Lonnie Jane Fisher Hales, 88 passed away on Thursday, June 4, 2021 at Sampson Regional Medical Center. A funeral service will be held at 3:00 PM on Monday, June 7, 2021 at Butler Funeral Home in Roseboro with the Reverend Steve Reeves officiating. The burial will follow at William and Lonnie Fisher Hales Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM on Sunday, June 6, 2021 at Butler Funeral Home in Roseboro. Mrs. Hales was a native of Cumberland County, the daughter of Ronnie and Clara Bell Davis Fisher. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, William Hales; daughter, Becky Hales Lucas; granddaughter, Regina Pratt; grandson, Richard Lucas; brother, James Fisher; and two sisters, Allean Tanner and Nellie Bass. She was a faithful member of Roseboro PFWB Church and taught Sunday school for over thirty years. She is survived by her daughter, Sandy Hales Thompson and husband, Shawn of the home; great grandson, Justin Pratt; two great granddaughters, Heather Lucas and fiancée, Tyler Williams of Salemburg; and Hannah Lucas and fiancée, Arron Wilkinson of Roseboro; two great great granddaughters, Paityn Shaw and Riley Wilkinson; beloved dog, Izzy; brother, Robert Fisher of Roseboro; four sisters, Clara Ann Nichlos of Jacksonville; Pearl Honeycutt of Dunn; Elsie Ennis of Dunn; and Doris Jackson of Jacksonville; and several nieces and nephews. Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro is serving the family.



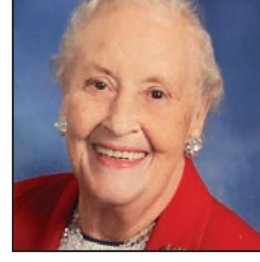
AUTRYVILLE

Mr. Hubert Hall, 83 of Autryville passed away on Monday, June 1, 2021 at the Kitty Askins Hospice Facility in Goldsboro. A graveside services was held at 11:00 AM Friday, June 4 at Sunrise Memorial Gardens in Salemburg with Rev. Donald Keith Carter officiating. There was a walk-through viewing on Thursday, June 3 from 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM at Butler Funeral Home in Stedman. Hubert was born in 1938 to Jesse James Hall and Lucile Jane Hall. He was preceded in death by his parents. He was a member of Piney Green Baptist Church and served in several positions as well as a deacon emeritus. He grew up in Long Branch Baptist Church, where he served in numerous positions. He was retired from Fayetteville Technical Community College as Director of the evening office. He was a veteran of the U. S. Air Force and was Past Master of Roseboro Masonic Lodge # 585. He is survived by his wife of fifty-six years, Bonnie Hall of the home; daughter, Din H. Adams and husband, Michael of Benson; grandchild, Halle Lynn Adams; and also siblings, Floyd Hall, Marie Page and W. J. Hall and wife, Lana; nephews, Wesley, Matthew, Steve, Mark and Jason. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Piney Green Baptist Church, 6040 High House Road, Salemburg, NC 28385. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 6535 Clinton Road, Stedman, NC.



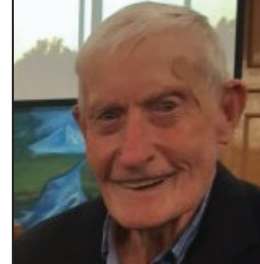
RAEFORD

Ulzana (Zahn/Manny) was called to eternal rest Monday, May 31, 2021 at his home in Raeford, North Carolina. Ulzana (Zahn/Manny) Manuelito Kannon was the son of Mary Kannon Powell and Willie T. Walley. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents; Eugene and Albirtha West and uncle Monzell West. He first attended Hargrove Elementary School then moved to Goldsboro, NC where he attended Goldsboro Middle School now Greenwood Middle School, Dillard Elementary, Carver Elementary and Goldsboro Middle School. Ulzana also attended Hobpton High School followed by Clinton High School where he graduated. After high school Manny joined the US Army in March 2002. A Memorial service will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, June 12, 2021 at Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Service., 1246 Hobpton Hwy. Clinton.



CLINTON

Evelyn Kornegay passed away on May 28, 2021 with family at her side, at Kitty Askins Hospice in Goldsboro, NC after a long struggle with lung (nonsmoking) and heart disease. Our straight talking and frugal mother was born during the Great Depression in the Cumberland Gap area of Tennessee. She married Everette and they moved with his US Coast Guard assignments all over the northern parts of the US where their sons, Tim, Mike, and Jeff were born. After Dad’s retirement from the US Coast Guard we moved to Clinton, North Carolina. Mom worked extremely hard in several roles (including healthcare taking care of others) throughout her life and tirelessly at home to take care of her family. A selfless person, our Mom was known to be one of the hardest working people around and did so until the last few years when her health frustratingly prevented her from doing so. In her mind, to do less would have been “shameful”. She was exceptionally feisty in her ways and loved working in her yard, cooking, cleaning, and worrying about her family. Mom was a faithful member of Grace United Methodist Church for over 45 years and missed being able to attend church services in the last few years. Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents, husband (Everette), and her brothers and sisters. She is survived by her sons, Tim (Judy) of Greensboro, Mike of Clinton, and Jeff (Wendy) of Charlotte (their kids/grandkids) and several cousins, nieces, and nephews. Services will be private. Arrangements are by Crumpler Honeycutt Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to U Care, Inc. in Clinton, NC or to Grace United Methodist Church in Clinton, NC. Special thanks to the caring staff at Rex Hospital and Kitty Askins Hospice.



STEDMAN

Elton B. Lambert, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at his home surrounded by his family. A memorial was held at 3:00 PM Sunday, May 30, 2021 at Clement Baptist Church. Burial followed at Maxwell Cemetery. The family received friends from 2:00 PM to 2:50 PM Sunday at the church prior to the service. He is preceded in death by his parents, William Henry Lambert and Estella Pope Lambert; wife, Hilda Wrench Lambert; and his brothers, Joel, Waitus, Henry and Carnice Lambert; and sister, Dorothy Ennis. He is survived by his children, Tami Bullock & husband, Wayne “Buck” of Stedman, Tony Lambert & wife, Robin of Eastover, Lisa Starling & husband, Keith of Autryville and Kimberly Barnes & husband, Billy of Kenly; grandchildren and great grandchildren, Andy (Kim), Tim (Shelby), Tina (Jason), Ashley (Jimmy), Ryan (Laura), Victoria (Matt), Raymond (Marissa), Evan, Dustin, Ciara, Riley, Haley, Jamie, Callie, Brianna, Madelyn, Isabella, Chad, Lawson, Lael, Nicholas, Allison and Nathan; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Clement Baptist Church, 6020 Maxwell Road, Autryville, NC 28318. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 6535 Clinton Road, Stedman, NC 28391.



CLINTON

Mr. James Artis Oates, 70, of Clinton, NC passed away Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at Duke Medical Center, Durham, NC. The funeral service will be held at 1:30pm, Saturday, June 5, 2021 at Worley Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Dr. Sedrick E. Bryant officiating. Burial will be in Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery at 1pm, Monday, June 7, 2021 with military honors. Mr. Oates is survived by SON-Antonio Oates of Clinton, NC; SISTERS-Joyce Jones, Pernella Peterson and Glenda Presley all of Clinton, NC; BROTHERS-Robert Oates and Jesse Oates both of Clinton, NC; 1 grandchild. The live-stream will be available AT THE SERVICE TIME. Quality of video depends on location of service. NOTE: To access the service via Facebook, log on to your Facebook account and type in Worley Funeral Home. Viewing at Worley Funeral Home (Masks Required) Friday, June 4, 2021 1pm - 6pm / Family present from 5pm - 6pm.

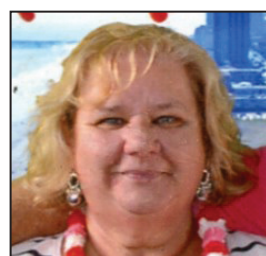


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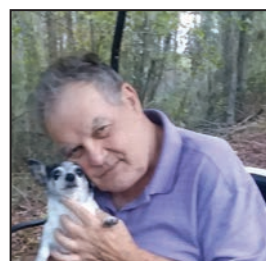
Mr. Gerard A. Parker, age 51 of 415 Sleepy Hollow Lane, Garland, NC departed this life on May 28, 2021. Funeral Services are scheduled for Saturday, June 5, 2021. Location to be announced. Burial will take place at Smith Chapel Church Cemetery in Parkersburg, NC. Mr. Parker is survived by: children, Andrekia Parker, Gerard A. Parker, II, Jewaun Jessup, Amaya Jackson

OBITUARIES

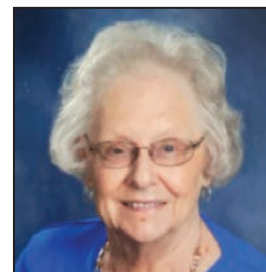
Kobe Jackson and Yasmine Jessup; brother, Eddie Boykin; three grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.



STEDMAN
Mrs. Bettie Jean (Cannon) Seals, 62 passed away on Saturday, May 29, 2021 at her home surrounded by her family. A graveside service was held at 11:00 AM Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at Hillcrest Cemetery in Newton Grove, officiated will be Rev. Travis Hoke. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM Tuesday, June 1, 2021. She was born in Sampson County to the late, Roland Cannon and Ruth Pearl Jackson Cannon. She leaves to cherish her memory her husband, Richard Todd Seals of Stedman; children, Kent Brock & wife, Tonya and Ashle Brock all of Stedman; step-children, Joshua Todd Seals of Fayetteville and Richard Allen Seals (Kayle) of Wagram; 3 grandchildren; brother, Glenn Cannon & wife, Treba of Selma; niece, Christy Kinlaw of Elizabethtown; and special family friends, Tremaine Billinger & wife, Shanda of Wagram. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family to help with funeral expenses. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 6535 Clinton Road, Stedman, NC 28391.



ROSEBORO
Mr. William J Tippet, 69 of Roseboro passed away on Tuesday, June 2, 2021 at his home. A graveside service will be held at 4:00 PM Sunday, June 6 at the Simpson Family Cemetery with Rev. Tim McQueen officiating. William was a native of Sampson County, the son of Charles Howard and Frances Lockamy Tippet. He was preceded in death by his parents. He was a retired employee of the Goodyear Tire Company. He is survived by his wife, Margaret “Teddy” Tippet of the home; son, William Christopher Tippet and wife, Amy Nichole of Autryville; three grandchildren, Alaina Tippet, Caleb Tippet and Addison Tippet; two sisters, Joyce Kelly and husband Thomas of Burlington and Dorothy Sasser and husband, Shaffter of Hallsboro; brother, Charles Tippet and wife, Shirley of Burlington. The family will receive friends at the home of Chris and Amy Tippet, 8414 Beaver Dam Road, Autryville, NC. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.

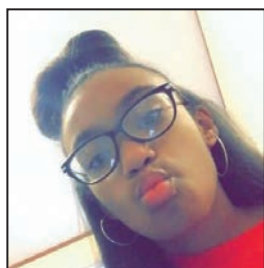


CLINTON
Shirley Ann Hope Tyner, of Pine Ridge Rd, passed away at her home on the evening of her 78th birthday, May 31, 2021. Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, June 5th at 2:00 pm at Mount Vernon Baptist Church with Rev. E.C. Mattocks officiating. Visitation will be held prior to the service at the church, beginning at

1:00 pm. Burial will follow at Grandview Memorial Park Cemetery.



CLINTON
Our beloved Melvin Whitener name was called and entered into eternal rest Monday, May 31, 2021. Melvin made a peaceful transition at home. He was born on December 12, 1938 at home in Beacon, NY. He was the son of the late Henry and Mazzie Whitener. He was the first born of four children with three sisters. His wife, Angela Whitener preceeded him in death. Melvin received his education at Beacon High School in Beacon, NY where he participated in football in which he inducted into the Beacon Hall of Fame where his aware is hanging on the hall at Beacon High School. This was a very proud moment for Melvin. His football team went two years undefeated. After high school, Melvin enlisted into the Army. After his honorable discharge, Melvin returned home to Beacon, NY. Melvin married Angela Whitener on April 30, 1960 at the Reform church of Beacon, NY. With this union they were blessed with two children, Andre C. Whitener and Sherry Dyer. Melvin worker at Ford Motor Company in Mahwah, NJ which he took an early retirement. He then began to work as an armed security guard at Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant located in Buchanan, NY. After full retirement, Melvin and Angela moved back to Angela’s hometown of Clinton, NC. Melvin was an avid sports fan and participated in many. He played VFW Softball on the Miro’s baseball team. He was a player/catcher and also manager of the team. He also loved to bowl and fish. The memory, inspiration, love, and strength as well as laughter will always be engraved in the hearts of the ones who loved him. Melvin leaves to cherish his precious memories of him; his son: Andre C. Whitener of Beacon, NY and his daughter: Sherry Dyer of Clinton. Granddaughters: Shyeda Whitener of Mobile, Alabama, Tania Whitener of Beacon, NY. Grandson: Gerald (Mookie) Dyer of Pittsfield, MA. Two Great Grandchildren: Davione Whitener of Mobile, Alabama and Atiyana Whitfield of Beacon, NY. Three loving Sisters: Joyce McCollum (Ted) of Hampton, Georgia, Connie Perdreau of Wappingers Falls, New York, and Pemal Dawkin which was more like a daughter than a sister of Newburgh, New York. A host of nieces and nephew which he loved as his own. A devoted and loving best friend more than a sister, his sister-in-law Mildred Baylor of Clinton, NC. Melvin Whitener (Heavy Juice) will be truly missed by many. Public Visitation: Monday, June 7, 2021 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at Butler & Son Funeral Services, Clinton, NC. Butler & Son Funeral Services, Clinton, NC. Butler & Son Funeral Services Clinton, NC.



CLINTON
Miss Tiffany Lynn Wright, 16 of 254 Raymond Lane, Clinton, NC passed on Saturday, May 29, 2021 in Clinton, NC. The funeral service will be held at 3pm, Sunday, June 6, 2021 at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Clinton, NC with Bishop Varnie Fullwood officiating. Burial to follow in Church Cemetery.

Miss Wright is survived by her PARENTS- Heather and Warren Anthony Wright, Jr. of the home; BROTHER-Travon Miller of the home; MATERNAL GRANDPARENTS-Debra and Resugio Baltazar of Roseboro, NC. Viewing at Worley Funeral Home on Saturday, June 5, 2021 3pm - 6pm.

SALEMBURG
Rurik (Richard) van Schoonhoven van Beurden, 77, of 225 Needam Lane, died at Wayne Memorial Hospital in Goldsboro, NC on May 22, 2021. Rurik was born March 15, 1944 in Rotterdam, Holland to Mimosa Smorenberg and Bram van Schoonhoven van Beurden. His parents and grandparents were very well-known artists in Holland. He was a proud member of the Dutch Military Airborne Division, having served four tours in Vietnam in 1962 and 1964. Later he worked with NATO, where he helped train American Special Forces and also the 82nd Airborne troops, becoming an honorary member of the Special Forces Club out of Fort Bragg, NC. After retiring, Rurik earned his doctorate degree in Economics, working at BMW in Germany, and later with Porsche in Germany. He sold the very first Porsche in America to the owner of Circus Circus Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada and it was actually put on display there for many years. He lived in England a few years, then moved to the United States in 1985. He was the Owner-Operator of Quality Car Detailers and the Jeep King Import/Export. He exported many Jeeps, classic cars, and other vehicles to Holland, Germany and England. He then got his CDL at Cape Fear Community College and actually the oldest student in his class, finishing the top of his class and on the Dean’s List. He then began his over the road, coast to coast driving career. He later started his own business, The Flying Dutchman, and later went into heavy hauling only. Richard had to retire from trucking after twelve years, due to health issues. He then became a handyman and was proud of his work and always stood behind his work. He always said “if he was going to do a job, he was going to do a quality job, no matter the job – large or small, because that’s what the customers who hired him deserved.” He was definitely a man of many talents, had integrity, was hard working and dependable and will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. Left to cherish his memory are – his wife of twenty-six years, Janice Coleman van Beurden; sons: Nick van Schoonhoven van Beurden (Diana) Holland; Bram Raine (Debs) of Manchester, England; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; brothers: Gijs in Germany; Harpert and Robert, in Holland; brother-in-law, Scott Coleman (Suzanne), sister-in-law, Valerie Coleman Bartell (Gary) and many nieces and nephews, whom he also adored. Janice would like to recognize Sampson Home Health for their many visits and home health care and physical therapy and their care and assistance they provided to him; and also to Tim’s Gift, Inc. of Clinton, NC and Boy Scout Troop 27 of Graves Memorial Presbyterian. Memorial Services to celebrate Rurik’s life, will be held in North Carolina and in Kentucky at later dates and will be announced by the family. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be sent to the funeral home to help cover funeral expenses. This may be done on Rurik’s obit page on the funeral home’s website, or by mailing to Royal-Hall Funeral Home, PO Box 815, Clinton, NC 28329. Any amount will be greatly appreciated. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the family.



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FLASH IN THE PAN

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Mom’s love – and celery – come unfettered

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Once, when Mom was out for a visit, she made egg salad sandwiches. The kids wolfed them down before I had a chance to nab a sample. Their mouths were still full when they asked for another round. I paid close attention as she prepared another batch, and watched her pull a move I didn’t even know existed. She snapped a piece of celery in half, leaving the two pieces connected by the fibers that run down the ridge of a celery stalk. She pulled the two pieces apart, yanking the strings from both pieces at once. Then she hunted for more, digging and tugging out the fibers with the tip of a knife. The de-stringed celery had a glowing, freshly scrubbed look, while the strings sat in a tangled pile like a green hairball. The resulting egg salad, which I managed to taste, was crunchy and soft, chunky yet smooth. Next time you want to give someone the royal treatment, peel their celery. With Mother’s Day coming up, now is your chance. String-free celery is a luxury on par with breakfast in bed, minus the mess. Until then, I had been



under the impression that chewing a cud of twine was just the way celery eating went. The new way, crunchy and juicy but not chewy, ushered in a brand new celery honeymoon. Pulling those strings will make any celery snack more palatable, and won’t leave your heart deprived of fiber, because there will be plenty left in that string-free stalk. If you could somehow remove all the fiber from celery there would barely be anything left but a green column of water. Mom lives alone, and spent most of her 91st year in near isolation thanks to COVID-19. In January she came out to stay with us for a while. Now

we are on the cusp of our first Mother’s Day under the same roof in decades. The problem with Mother’s Day is that if we choose one specific, extraordinary day a year to pamper, remember or otherwise celebrate the moms in our lives, we simultaneously create 364 days of ordinary treatment. Nobody’s mom is getting any younger, and those who’ve already lost their mother, or never experienced what it’s like to have a mom, might advise you to treat every day like it’s the last Mother’s Day on Earth. And while of course we should pamper mom, let’s remember to learn and absorb as much as

we can from her, too. These days when mom makes egg salad, I do the heavy lifting and fiber pulling, and she leans against the counter, watching and tasting progress. The salt has to be just right. And you can’t overwork it. Little things. But if you don’t do the little things, the kids will complain. As for mom, she won’t complain, even if you leave the string in. She never complains. It’s a lesson I hope to learn some day myself. In the meantime, I’m going to keep doing the little things for her that she used to do for me. In life, as in egg salad, the little things add up.

Mom’s Egg Salad Recipe

“Boil the eggs for nine minutes. Mix them with onion and celery. Salt and very little pepper. Add the mayonnaise. Carefully.”

Serves 2

- 3 large eggs
- 1 stick celery
- 50g onion (about ¼ of a medium sized onion)
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 dash pepper
- 2 tablespoons mayo

Heat enough water to cover two eggs by at least an inch. When it reaches the boil, carefully lower the eggs into the water with a spoon. Boil for nine minutes. Remove the eggs and place them in cold water. When they are cool enough to work with, peel them.

Break the celery stick in half. If the two halves remain connected by threads, gently pull the two pieces away from each other such that the strings pull out. Once they are separated, remove any more strings you can by digging them out with the tip of a knife and pulling. You don’t need to fuss about trying to remove every single fiber. But every bit that you do remove will make the salad a little easier to chew.

Mince the celery and onion together. Chop the eggs as finely as possible without turning them into a paste, and add them to a bowl. Add the minced celery and onions, salt and pepper. Gently mix with a scooping motion to avoid crushing the eggs. Taste to check seasonings. Gently fold in the mayo.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

TIP OF THE WEEK
Make restaurant-quality salads at home

Throwing some leafy greens into a bowl with some dressing is technically considered a salad, but there are numerous ways you can jazz up any salad. According to a study conducted by the UCLA School of Public Health, those who eat salads and raw vegetables with salad dressing have considerably higher levels of vitamins C, E and folic acid, which are key nutrients in promoting a healthy immune system. Here are a few tips for making restaurant-quality salads at home, according to Thekitchn.com:

1. Make the salad dressing: The classic ratio for basic homemade vinaigrette is three parts oil to one part vinegar. However, you can skew it more towards two to one if you like your dressings on the acidic side. Once you know the ratio, you can mix and match with lots of ingredients. Whisk in mustard or honey to keep it emulsified, or add flavor with chili flakes, shallots and herbs.

2. Season your greens: Chefs make a point of seasoning the greens, not just the dressing, with a touch of salt and pepper. Fresh produce shines with a little salt and pepper mixed in, too.

3. Use a mix of greens: Romaine and iceberg have more of a crunch

than spinach or arugula. And watercress and arugula will add a peppery bite compared to mild Bibb lettuce or simple green leaf lettuce.

4. Mix in fresh herbs: Salads are the perfect place to use up whatever herbs you have in your refrigerator, but you can also lean all the way in and use leafier herbs like cilantro or parsley as a green in their own right.

5. Don’t fear the fat: A few easy ways to bring fat to your salad is with the dressing, or ingredients like avocado, toasted nuts, bacon, smoked salmon or cheese.

6. Dress it before you plate it: Wait until just before you eat to add the dressing so the salad won’t turn soggy. Start adding a little at a time; you can always add more.

DRINK
Children and coffee

According to a 2017 study conducted by the National Coffee Association, 37% of children ages 13-18 drink coffee every day, which is an increase from 23% in 2014 and 31% in 2016.

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Enjoy the perfect pastrami sandwich



Laura Tolbert

I purchased a corned beef and had planned on Reuben sandwiches for days. Sweet Harold recently purchased a new smoker, and I decided to christen the new smoker by smoking the corned beef. So instead of having Reuben sandwiches, pastrami and Swiss on rye will be on the menu here at Chez Lolly. When purchasing a corned beef, choose one with a consistent thickness, and that is as square as possible in shape. This will help you have an even surface to smoke. Trim off any excess fat and any loose pieces. Cover the corned beef with cool water and soak for 4 to 6 hours in the refrigerator. Most of the salt will be removed, but there will be enough remaining to flavor your pastrami. After soaking, drain the water and pat the corned beef dry using paper towels. Now it’s time to add the seasonings. If you want a milder flavor, start out simple and only use freshly ground black pepper and ground coriander. But to add extra flavor, I used a combination of the following:



Pastrami and Swiss on Rye.
[LAURA TOLBERT]

- 2 tablespoons ground coriander
- 2 tablespoons dry yellow mustard
- 2 tablespoons light brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon granulated garlic
- ½ teaspoon ground cloves
- 2 tablespoons coarsely ground black pepper

To create the signature crust on the surface of the pastrami, apply the rub liberally to thoroughly coat the corned beef. Because of the intense flavors of the rub, use a mild wood for smoking. For best results, aim to keep the smoker’s temperature as close to 225 degrees as possible. A good rule of thumb is to smoke about 1 hour per pound of corned beef. The pastrami is done when the internal temperature reaches 165 degrees. The meat’s exterior will be almost black.

If you’re starving, by all means, dig in and start making sandwiches. However, if you begin slicing the

hot pastrami, you will likely not have evenly thin slices. I allowed the pastrami to cool for about 45 minutes, then wrapped it tightly in foil. After 24 hours in the refrigerator, I was ready to begin slicing.

For the best pastrami, go for eighth-inch-thick slices. Remember to cut against the grain of the meat. I have a meat slicer and had a few trial-and-error slices until I found the perfect thickness. If you don’t have a slicer, use your sharpest knife.

After the pastrami is sliced, it’s time to reheat. I found that the best way to do that is by steaming. Place a steamer basket into a saucepan and add water to just under the basket. Cover the pan and bring the water to a gentle simmer. Add however much of the pastrami you’re reheating to the steamer basket, and recover. Four or five minutes later, the pastrami slices will be heated and tender.

Now it’s finally time to make your own Dagwood Bumstead Pastrami and Swiss on Rye! Slice a loaf of rye bread into half-inch-thick slices and add a generous layer of spicy brown mustard to the bread.

Next, pile on the pastrami to the bottom slice of bread. Don’t forget to top with slices of Swiss cheese. Add the top piece of bread, and you’re looking at a sandwich masterpiece! Don’t forget the obligatory dill pickle spears and side of coleslaw.



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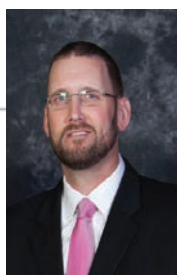
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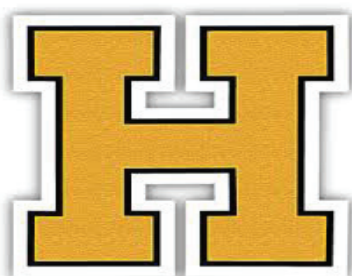
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