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Sampson County to Remember Memorial Day



The Sampson County Veterans Service Office and Veterans Council are getting ready to hold its Annual Memorial Day Celebration on May 30th, 2022 at the Sampson County Veterans Memorial Park located at 200 Northeast Blvd. in Clinton. The event starts at 10:00 AM.

Memorial Day is a special day set aside to commemorate the men and women who died while in the military service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle. In other words, the purpose of Me-

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Smithfield Foods Presents SCC Foundation with Funds for Annual Scholarship



Rhonda Campbell, Sustainability Manager at Smithfield Foods, Inc., presents Lisa Turlington of the SCC Foundation with a check to finance the 2022-2023 Smithfield Hog Production Scholarship Fund at SCC.

On May 4, 2022, Rhonda Campbell, Sustainability Manager at Smithfield Foods, Inc., visited Sampson Community College (SCC) to present the SCC Foundation with the annual monies needed to finance the 2022-2023 Smithfield Hog Production Scholarship Fund.

Established in 2013, the purpose of the Smithfield Hog Production Scholarship Fund is to assist local public high school seniors who plan to enroll in an Animal Science program or Agriculture related field at Sampson CC. For almost ten years, Smithfield has provided five deserving Sampson County students with scholarships that help fulfill unmet needs, making the dream of education a reality. Many students have been able to complete their degrees, transfer to four-year universities, and find various jobs within their local communities because of Smithfield's annual gift.

In a quote, Lisa Turlington, Dean of Advancement and Executive Director of the Foundation, graciously thanked Smithfield Foods, Inc. for the continuous support they have shown the College and its students over the years. Speaking on behalf of the SCC Foundation, Turlington voiced her appreciation towards Smithfield Hog Production for their generosity and noted that their financial gift will make a huge difference in the lives of future SCC students this year, just as it has in the past.

Turlington expressed, "Smithfield has a long history of supporting the college with scholarships and sponsorships. These awards to high school students planning to attend Sampson Community College with a goal of working locally in an agriculture related field can make a big difference in our labor market alignment. It also gives our students an introduction to one of our major industry partners. We appreciate their generous support."

On behalf of Smithfield, Rhonda Campbell voiced that the company is glad to sup-

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Hwy 24 (Sunset Ave) at Hwy 421 Bridge in Clinton to Close for Construction



The Clinton Police Dept. and the NC DOT have noted that due to bridge construction on Sunset Avenue, the road under the bridge for Hwy 421 will be closed on June 17th at 8pm until June 18th at 6am.

According to Andrew Barksdale, Public Relations Officer with NC DOT, "We plan

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WEATHER

Sat Scattered T-Storms 57%

Hi: 81° Lo: 63°

Sun Partly Cloudy 24%

Hi: 86° Lo: 65°

Mon Scattered T-Storms 33%

Hi: 90° Lo: 64°

Tues Mostly Sunny 21%

Hi: 85° Lo: 59°

Wed Mostly Sunny 8%

Hi: 88° Lo: 66°

Thurs Partly Cloudy 24%

Hi: 93° Lo: 68°

WEEKLY VERSE

"Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised."
Proverbs 31:30

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LOCAL NEWS

From the Desk of Senator Brent Jackson



Dear Friend of Senate District 10,
I hope the Month of May is treating you well!

The Senate Page Program is now OPEN! Senate Pages are essential to the operation of the General Assembly as they assist the members and staff of the Senate during the legislative session. They participate in daily sessions and committee meetings and perform other duties including, but not limited to, delivering messages and materials within the legislative complex, answering phones in senators' offices, and passing out documents or running errands in the Senate Chamber during daily sessions. To be a Senate Page, you must: Be in eleventh or twelfth grade, in good academic standing at school, and have prior approval by your school's principal if you are appointed to serve as a page during the school year. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office for any assistance

Legislative Recap

This week, we will be reviewing the procedures for the upcoming short session and what to expect from new legislation this year. Because of the brief nature of this session, there will be a focus on getting keystone legislation through the General Assembly at an efficient pace. A new supplemental budget will be worked on over the coming weeks to make changes to our existing two-year budget. We will also see, in all likelihood, a number of local bills that address the needs of particular communities in each member's district. Beyond that, the filing of bills is more or less restricted to those that are going to impact the appropriations process or primarily affect the retirement system.

As we move forward, we will do our best to update you on where bills, such as the 2022-23 budget, are in the process. If all goes well, we will have passed several important new laws over the coming weeks and then recess until the next long session which would begin in January of 2023.

N.C. Department of Agriculture Names New Marketing Director



North Carolina Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler named Peter Thornton as the new director of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Marketing Division. Thornton replaces Joe Sanderson, who retired in March after 34 years with the department.

"Peter has successfully led our International Section and efforts to market North Carolina agricultural commodities around the world. In his new role, I expect he will bring the same level of experience and enthusiasm to our overall marketing efforts including domestic and retail

establishments and restaurants," said Troxler. "Interest in locally grown products has continued to increase and we want to seize that momentum and expand opportunities for producers and agribusiness owners. I want everyone in North Carolina to know when you want the very best, it's Got to Be NC Agriculture and we want to increase that brand awareness with consumers."

Thornton has previously served as the assistant director of international marketing for NCDA&CS. Prior to joining the department he was the vice president of international marketing for the American Peanut Council in Alexandria, VA. Before that, he worked in various positions in the Asia Division of the American Soybean Association in St. Louis.

Thornton is a member of the U.S. Trade Representatives and USDA Agriculture Trade Advisory Committee, the U.S. Department of Commerce Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee State and Federal Export Promotion Working Group, and a member of the N.C. District Export Council. He was honored with the Small Business and Technology Development Center's Extension, Engagement and Economic Award of Excellence. He is a Certified Public Manager and a Kentucky Colonel.

Thornton earned his bachelor's degree in economics from American University and his master's degree in international relations from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. He and his wife, Kim McCombs-Thornton, have three children: Matthew, Andrew and Tad.

Did you know that the town of Rose Hill has the World's Largest Frying Pan?



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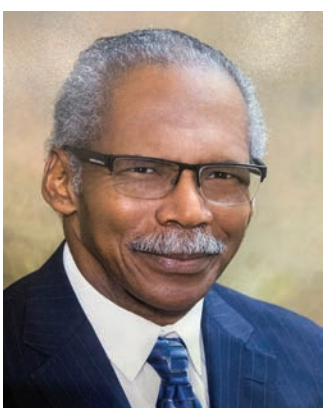
Memorial Day is to memorialize the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. We spend time remembering those who lost their lives and could not come home, reflecting on their service and why we have the luxury and freedom that we enjoy today.

According to the US Dept of Veterans Affairs, three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, the head of an organization of Union veterans - the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) - established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. Maj. Gen. John A. Logan declared it should be May 30. It is believed the date was chosen because flowers would be in bloom all over the country. The first large observance was held that year at Arlington National Cemetery, across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C. The ceremonies centered around the mourning-draped veranda of the Arlington mansion, once the home of Gen. Robert E. Lee. Various Washington officials, including Gen. and Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant, presided over the ceremonies. After speeches, children from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home and members of the GAR made their way through the cemetery, strewing flowers on both Union and Confederate graves, reciting prayers and singing hymns."

At this year's Sampson County Memorial Day event, we will be honoring those men and women too.

Itinerary of the event on May 30th, 2022 at 10am: Special Prayer will be done by Daryl Price, Chaplain of the Sampson County Veterans Council. Posting of Colors will be presented by the VFW Post 7547 Color Guard which includes Alvin Herring, Andrea Goodman, Marshall Thornton, Walter Raynor and Avon Jones. Service Flag Bearers include Willie Mitchell- Army; Kenny Williams-Navy; Dennis Jones- Air Force; Darryl Price- Marines and Jerome Warren- Coast Guard. Dean Wilson- United States Space Force. The Pledge of Allegiance will be led by William Deaver, President of the Sampson County Veterans Council. The National Anthem will be sung by Ms. Deondra Peterson.

According to Ann Knowles, Veterans Service Officer, the keynote speaker at this year's event will be Rev Dr. Theodore B. Thomas III.



Thomas and his family moved to Sampson County in 1983, and he says that he immediately began getting involved in the community, recognizing the importance of community involvement early on.

Dr. Thomas ran a successful dental practice in Clinton for over 35 years, retiring just before he joined the Board of Trustees. Thomas has also served as pastor of First Missionary Baptist Church in Warsaw for 12 years. His commitment to community reaches far and wide - even extending to service with the state. Dr. Thomas was recently nominated and elected to the

Executive Committee of the North Carolina Community College Association, which now allows Sampson Community College to more directly influence state legislation affecting community colleges.

The "Laying of the Wreath" and "Calling of the Names" will be presented by William Deaver, President of the Sampson County Veterans Council and Andrea Goodman, Vice President of the Sampson County Veterans Council along with assistance from the Boy Scout Pack 133 members led by Willie Mitchell.

Closing Prayer will be presented by Pastor Dr. Thaddeus L. Godwin Sr.

The Firing Squad will consist of Kenny Williams, Darryl Price, Jerome Warren, Willie

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to close the highway (24) in both directions overnight Friday, June 17 from 8 p.m. until the next morning at 6 a.m. (June 18) The ramps will be open to traffic. Law enforcement will be out with their flashing lights to help control traffic and detour it. Until yesterday, we were planning to close this highway this coming weekend in order to place more girders on the new US 70-421 bridge that you no doubt are aware is under construction. Yesterday our contractor said they couldn't do the work this coming weekend and needed to reschedule."

The marked area (in red) will be closed due to the installation of the bridge. Ramps will be OPEN to traffic.

The Clinton Police Department reminds citizens please use caution while driving in this area.

For more traffic information go to <https://drivenc.gov/?type=incident&id=630322>.

Mitchell, Danny Jackson, Robert Marshall, and Brian Jackson. The Closing of "Taps" will be performed by Avon Jones, Veterans Foreign Wars Post 7547. Closing remarks by Ann G. Knowles, Sampson County Veterans Service Officer. Mrs. Knowles noted, "We will lay a carnation for each name that is called that gave their life for their country. It is a time that our family and friends can visit in the park and remember their soldier or loved one."

Ms. Knowles also noted that this is the first year and the official unveiling of the new arm of service, the United States Space Force. "We are excited about this new branch of the military."

"We have had a Memorial Day celebration in Clinton since 1977, except for 2020 and 2021 due to COVID," stated Knowles. "We have not always had the event we have now. Sometimes it was just a wreath laying at the county courthouse monuments or at a cemetery or the community college. But we always remember those who did not come back and gave their all."

"We usually have a good turnout, anywhere from as many as 200 to as few as 75. But they are there to give honor. No matter how big or small, the program is always great. This is a way that Sampson County citizens can show their respect to the ones who lost their lives for their County and Country. It tells all who live here, that our Soldiers and Veterans are important to us. We stop on Memorial Day to remember the sacrifice they made, so we can go about our lives each and every day as free people; with the right to worship in our churches and not be afraid of being taken prisoner. Even to the ones who protest our service, spit on our flag or burn our Bibles, the soldier fought to give them the right to express themselves. On Memorial Day, the citizens of our county know that there is going to be a memorial service to honor our soldiers that gave their lives. They know that this is their service and they are welcome. We want the families of our soldiers who lost their lives to know we mourn with them and care for the family left behind."

Mrs. Knowles explained why this day is so important to her, "Memorial Day to me is a day to stop and remember the service member who lost their life from the Civil War to the present War. It is a day to remember their mother, father, spouse, children, sister, and brother that does not have their loved one home with them to celebrate a holiday, to go swimming, fishing or shopping or to just have a family day. It is a day that we tell these families we are sorry for their loss. It should not be one day a year but every day. It is a day that I think about the wars that have called our men and women to go to a foreign land to fight, and the hardship and suffering that they endured. I think about the veterans today who still morn for their brothers or sisters that lost their life in service and who carry the images with them daily and how it affects their life. I think of our leaders of this great nation who get so wrapped up in power that they forget it was the soldier that fought to keep our country the home of the free and the brave. I think we forget that our freedom is not free but is paid for by the price of blood from our soldiers. They forget that we have an obligation to our servicemen and women who died for our freedom to continue the fight. We have an obligation to maintain our freedom for our children and the future generations. To me, it is a day for me to bow my head and pray for those lost and their families. And May God Bless the Widows and Orphans. We will never forget the sacrifice that your loved one made to keep us free."

Refreshments will be provided by Ladies Auxiliary, American Legion Post AL 22 and AL 133 for all that attend, and the organizers urge, "Please spend a few minutes with us in the park to remember those who gave their lives to make this country free. We share your sorrow in the loss of your loved one and share your pride in their service to our country."

The Red, White and Blue Wreath that is placed at the front of the Veterans Park in honor of all who gave their life was donated by The Atrium Florist.

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LOCAL

SMITHFIELD, cont from Pg 1

port Sampson CC and its students every year through financial support, such as the Smithfield Hog Production Scholarship Fund. Smithfield Foods recognizes the impact community colleges have on rural and agricultural communities and is happy to aid the students of Sampson County in obtaining a higher education and preparing for the workforce.

Campbell stated, "Smithfield is happy to continue to support graduating seniors in Sampson County who are planning to attend Sampson Community College and pursue a career in an agriculture-related field. The scholarship was established in 2013, but Smithfield has been a long-time partner with the college through scholarships, sponsorships, and capital support. We recognized the value of community colleges in rural communities and are happy to help support the training needed for our local workforce."

Sampson CC expresses its vast gratitude towards Smithfield for continuing to support local high school students through scholarships. We believe that many students will be able to succeed in their agricultural pursuits because of Smithfield's generosity and dedication to student need. SCC looks forward to partnering with Smithfield Foods, Inc. for many years to come.

About Sampson Community College: Sampson Community College is a member of the North Carolina Community College System, located in Clinton, NC in Sampson County. The college offers many programs to include two-year degrees, college transfer, continuing education and workforce development options and early college education.

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June 4th Proclaimed Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day



At the May Clinton City Council meeting, the council unanimously approved the proclamation to make June 4th Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day. Pictured: Mayor Lew Starling, Jean-Paul Wyatt Lanier and Councilman Marcus Bection

At the May Clinton City Council meeting, the mayor and council unanimously passed a proclamation making June 4th Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day.

According to Paula Brinkley, mother and grandmother of someone with Tourette's Syndrome, "By proclaiming June 4, 2022 as Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day, you will help those of us with TS get one step closer to the only "cure" available-awareness. My eldest daughter, Victoria, a nurse and her son, my eldest grandson, Wyatt both have Tourette's Syndrome. While they both persevere daily, the struggle is real. From communication to merely walking, they face this disability with grace and dignity. By educating and informing, we hope that the stigma is lessened one person at a time."

Brinkley went on to say, "Wyatt has received training for presenting information on TS to spread awareness and educate the public in general as TS is most often misunderstood, mis/undiagnosed and currently has no known cure. During Wyatt's training he lobbied on Capitol Hill North Carolina's Senator Burr and Senator Tillis as well as House of Representative Rouzer's office for procurement of a variety of bills that will help support research as well as healthcare plans that will cover treatment and medicines."

Brinkley's grandson, Wyatt, will be presenting at all two levels of school at Mintz Christian Academy where he is a sophomore and a member of the National Honor Society with a GPA of 3.8. "He receives piano lessons from Newton Grove's own Michael Daughtry and is an avid archer," said the proud grandmother. "Prior to this he was a student in the Hobpton School district. MCA welcomed Wyatt and his disability openly and wholeheartedly as they see past his tics and appreciate not only his academics but his whole being as TS is a part of him not what defines him."

Jean-Paul Wyatt Lanier said, "I have Tourette's Syndrome (TS). I am a third generation diagnosed. My mom and her father also are diagnosed with TS. I was diagnosed at the age of 7 after many assessments by a variety of doctors and referrals as the rural county where I reside just didn't know what was going on. I saw behavior psychologist, yet I never had a behavior issue and am considered above average for my age academically. I have been prescribed a variety of medicines that are somewhat adequate in managing by TS symptoms, however, these are short-lived and another one is added while one is removed. This is medical professionals attempt to aid me in living a "uniquely normal" life.

"As there is NO CURE," stated Wyatt, "I even had genetic testing completed to determine which medicines would be beneficial to me, yet that doesn't take into account an individual's metabolism rate which can cause the need for a larger dose or even a long-acting medicine's effectiveness can be altered. There are a few "old-school" medicines that are still used since their effectiveness was positive at some point in time, however, most are only effective for a short-lived period of time as the body becomes used to it but the use at a larger dose is unknown as research is hindered by monetary constraints. I was actually hospitalized due to this issue. A combination of two of my prescribed medications had contraindications when used together that my pediatric neurologist happened to over in an attempt to bring my body some relief from my motor and vocal tics, yet it sent me into a serotonin spiral causing extreme seizures. Having access to qualified physicians, and therapists as well as medications that are covered by insurance is a large problem in our rural area. The drive to my neurologist is over two hours which means that I have to miss a complete day of school. Since Covid-19, the telehealth has been quite beneficial in dealing with this."

"My tics are both motor and vocal, sometimes either and a lot of the time both which not only hinder me from adequate learning but add in my comorbidities of ADHD, OCD and anxiety and trying to keep focused on a task while handling my tics is quite exhausting. They can be totally debilitating one minute to being functional the next. TS is not a one-size-fits-all kind of disability. It is different for each person."

In closing Wyatt noted, "Continuing research and awareness is our hope for a better tomorrow. Tourette's Association of America supports our triumphs and spreads awareness where there isn't any. They continue to fight for our rights and walk with us on our journey-many would not have an advocate without this organization and their continued support for research, education and awareness. The lack of qualified doctors and therapists as well as education and awareness is real. TS is no joke."

Tourette Syndrome is an inherited neurological disorder that is characterized by involuntary physical and vocal tics that occur many times a day. It is often accompanied by other mental health disorders such as attention deficit and obsessive-compulsive disorder, learning disabilities, and anxiety. Tourette Syndrome and tic disorders affect 1 in 100 children. More than 23,000 school age children in the State of North Carolina alone are dealing with Tourette Syndrome and although some of these cases are aided by medication, there is no standard treatment or known cure for the disorder. There is an important need for more professional help with interest and expertise to identify, counsel, and treat people with Tourette Syndrome, a disorder that is often misdiagnosed and misunderstood.

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ARREST REPORTS

04-28 Willie Idell Howard, 56, Clinton. 24 Hour Hold.

04-28 David Hammonds, 29, Fayetteville. Possess Firearm by Felon, Carrying Concealed Weapon, DWLR, Possess Marijuana, Possess Drug Paraphernalia, Speeding, OFA Carrying Concealed Gun, OFA Possess Marijuana, OFA Speeding, OFA DWLR. Bond \$53000. Trial Date 05-13-22

04-28 Jonathan Blake Robinson, 38, Clinton. OFA Misdemeanor Larceny, OFA DWLR Not Impaired Rev, OFA Felony Probation Violation, OFA Probation Violation. Bond \$41000. Trial Date 05-12-22

04-28 James Capers Owens, 50, Clinton. OFA Driving While Impaired. Bond \$3000. Trial Date 05-10-22

04-28 Toya Murphy, 34, Clinton. OFA Expired registration Card/Tag, OFA DWLR Not Impaired Rev. Bond \$500. Trial Date 06-01-22

04-28 Anna Belle Rogers, 26, Newton Grove. Resisting Public Officer, Possess Meth. Bond \$17500. Trial Date 05-17-22

04-29 Arneka Rebecca Holden, 28, Fayetteville. Fail to Return Rented Our Opt. Bond \$500. Trial Date 05-17-22

04-30 Albert James Leach Jr, 65, Burgaw. DWLR Not Impaired Rev, Fictitious Info to Officer, Speeding. Bond \$600.

05-01 Jason Lamont Matthews, 46, Clinton. Failure to Maintain Lane Control, Driving Under the Influence. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 06-02-22

05-01 April Feleisha Cunningham, 38, Clinton. OFA Simple Poss Schedule VI, OFA Poss Marijuana Paraphernalia. Bond \$500. Trial Date 05-12-22

05-01 Thomas Tyrell Blue, 28, Clinton. Felony Possession Schedule VI. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 05-27-22

05-01 Larry Donnel West, 63, Faison. Assault on a Female. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 05-31-22

05-01 Gilmore William Allen, 61, Clinton. Misdemeanor Larceny, Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property. Bond \$500. Trial Date 05-12-22

05-01 Byron Imes, 24, Ivanhoe. Trespass.

05-01 Zannah Marie Gautier, 19, Clinton. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 06-27-22

05-01 Elijah Trey Dailey, 21, Clinton. Warrant Service for Other Agency. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 06-01-22

05-02 Anthony Joseph Avery, 22, Charlotte. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 06-10-22

05-01 Phillip Avery White, 37, Dunn. Order for Arrest, Warrant Service for Other Agency. Bond \$17500. Trial Date 06-01-22

04-27 Amy Michelle Martin, 33, Autryville. Possess Drug Paraphernalia, Possess Meth. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 04-29-22

04-28 Ashley Barefoot, 46, Newton Grove. Simple Assault. Trial Date 06-16-22

04-29 Brendan Jamal Brunson, 26, Roseboro. Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle. Trial Date 05-16-22

05-02 Kaya Shanease Foster, 19, Clinton. FTA Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 05-19-22

05-02 Kenneth Lamont Rush, 48, Rockingham. Warrant Service for Other Agency. Trial Date 05-09-22

04-27 Celina Gonzalez-Calleja, 52, Dunn. Defrauding Innkeeper, Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 05-31-22

04-27 Angel Dawn Kirkland, 31, Salemburg. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 05-12-22

04-27 Courtney Aaron Teachey, 38, Newton Grove. Failure to Appear Release Order. Bond \$100000. Trial Date 04-29-22

04-27 Martha Alice Keene, 40, Roseboro. Warrant Service for Other Agency. Bond \$5000. Trial Ate 05-09-22

04-28 Alfonso Bautista Santiago, 60, Faison. Cyberstalking, Second Degree Trespass. Trial Date 05-26-22

04-28 Emma Hudson, 18, Dunn. Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle. Trial Date 06-14-22

04-27 Justin Matthew Moore, 28, Garland. Communicating Threats. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 05-24-22

04-29 Donnie Ray Lewis, 47, Autryville. Failure to Appear Release Order. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 05-16-22

04-28 Eric Lamar Cherry, 30, Fayetteville. Order for Arrest. Trial Date 07-27-22

04-29 Arthur Dejuan Hairr, 51, Autryville. FTA Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 05-11-22

04-27 Johnathan Mitchell Naylor. Possess Drug Paraphernalia, Possess Meth. Bond \$15000. Trial Date 04-29-22

04-29 Samantha Marie Bass, 29, Autryville. Fail to Appear. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 05-26-22

04-29 Tymir Dondre Leach, 24, Mount Olive. Failure to Appear Citation. Bond \$500. Trial Date 05-24-22

04-30 Eric Lewis Daw, 18, Fayetteville. Possess Open Container. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 06-01-22

04-29 William Kirkland Jackson, 46, Turkey. Driving Under the Influence. Bond \$500. Trial Date 06-01-22

04-30 Brittany Shaqualla Bennett, 23, Roseboro. Failure to Appear Citation. Bond \$100. Trial Date 05-03-22

04-29 Devonte Benjamin Boykin, 26, Clinton. Fail to Comply. Bond \$498. Trial Date 05-19-22

04-29 Charlton Lemar Eldridge, 42, Harrells. Order for Arrest.

04-30 Charles Bowe, 50, Clinton. Order for Arrest. Bond \$3000. Trial Date 05-27-22

04-30 Maryssa Kaelin Long, 26, Clinton. Order for Arrest. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 05-18-22

04-30 Carrington Joseph Statler, 24, Newton Grove. Communicating Threats. Trial Date 05-27-22

05-02 David Antwaun Taylor, 40, Rose Hill. CD Second Degree Trespass. Trial Date 05-18-22

05-02 Beyonce Kadejah Kisto, 20, Clinton. Assault Inflict Serious Injury. Trial Date 06-20-22

05-02 Adolfo Rodriguez, 22, Clinton. False Imprisonment. Trial Date 06-20-22

05-02 Rex McLain, 33, Hope Mills. Operate Vehicle No Insurance, Drive Motor Vehicle No Registration, Misdemeanor Possession of Stolen Goods, Possess Drug Paraphernalia, Resisting Public Officer, WFA- Obtain Property False Pretense, Felony Conspiracy, WFA Misdemeanor Larceny, WFA Possess Stolen Goods, OFA DWI. Bond \$8000. Trial Date 05-16-22

05-02 Macie Ann Evers, 34, Hope Mills. Identity Theft, Larceny, Possess Drug Paraphernalia, Possess Meth, Obtain Property by False Pretense, Larceny, Conspiracy, Possess Stolen Goods. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 05-13-22

05-03 Chrystal Yvette McLamb, 28, Turkey. OFA DWLR Not Impaired Rev, OFA Window Tint Violation. Bond \$500. Trial Date 05-31-22

05-03 Robert Luis Register Jr, 30, Clinton. Misuse of 911 System. Bond \$500. Trial Date 05-16-22

05-04 Mildred Michelle Suggs, 40, Clinton. DWLR Not Impaired Rev, Drive Left of Center. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 06-13-22

05-04 Christopher Graham Herring, 43, Wallace. Failure to Secure Load, Unintentional Littering. Trial Date 06-06-22

05-04 Prince Vidal Parker, 29, Clinton. No Operators License. Bond \$500. Trial Date 06-10-22

05-05 Amanda Pudder, 34, Clinton. OFA DWLR Not Impaired Rev, OFA Expired Registration, OFA Drive Left of Center, OFA Litter Not More than 15 lbs 2nd Sub. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 05-25-22

05-06 Lukas Andres Jerez-Chandia, 21, Clinton. DWI. Bond \$750. Trial Date 06-07-22

05-06 Tyler Weldon McNeill, 26, Clinton. Carry Concealed Weapon. Trial Date 06-27-22

05-06 Erik Manuel Chirinospaz, 19, Clinton. Possess Marijuana, Drug Paraphernalia, NOL. Trial Date 06-28-22

05-06 Joseph Franklin West, 33, Newton Grove. Order for Arrest- FTC Child Support. Bond \$1500.

05-07 Timothy Lee Smith, 50, Salemburg. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 06-15-22

05-07 David Edward Bryant, 51, Roseboro. Order for Arrest. Bond \$20000. Trial Date 05-17-22

05-07 Maricio Peralta Carmono, 37, Clinton. Order for Arrest FTA. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 06-08-22

05-07 Eddie Shane Wilson, 45, Godwin. Criminal Summons Fail to Return Rental Property. Trial Date 06-09-22

05-07 Donald Carlton Baird, 50, Clinton. Criminal Summons Damage to Property. Trial Date 05-23-22

05-07 Pedro Modesto Billarreal, 45, Clinton. 24 Hour Hold.

05-07 Noel Manual Perez, 55, Clinton. Domestic Assault. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 06-13-22

05-08 Jorge Yobany Rivera, 39, Turkey. MO DWI. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 07-25-22

05-08 Lamonta Devonta Wallace, 29, Warsaw. WFA Communicating Threats, WFA Injury to personal Property, WFA Misdemeanor Larceny, OFA Assault with Deadly Weapon, OFA Injury to Personal Property, OFA Child

Not in Rear Seat, OFA No Operators License. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 06-01-22

05-08 Robert Nicholas Harris, 34, Fayetteville. MO DWLR Not Impaired Rev. Trial Date 06-27-22

05-08 Luis Daniel Castillo, 25, Faison. Assault and Battery. Bond \$3500. Trial Date 05-31-22

05-08 Willie Idell, 56, Garland. Communicating Threats, Assault on a Female, Simple Assault, Trespassing. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 05-23-22

05-08 Derly Roblero Rivera, 24, Clinton. FTA Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 06-10-22

05-09 Elmer Lopez Carbajal, 44, Clinton. Failure to Appear Citation. Bond \$500. Trial Date 05-17-22

05-09 Amber Danielle Clegg, 34, Dunn. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 06-13-22

05-09 Cynthia Joyner, 27, Clinton. FTC Child Support. Bond \$100.

05-09 Frederick Maurice Dixon, 44, Roseboro. Drive Left of Center, Reckless Driving to Endanger, Driving While Impaired, No Operators License, Fail to Wear Seat Belt Driver. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 05-09-22

05-09 Sherik Renna McNeill, 36, Roseboro. Cyberstalking. Bond \$500. Trial Date 06-01-22

05-09 Joshua Lentrel Pigford, 29, Willard. Order for Arrest, Possess Marijuana, Possess Drug Paraphernalia, Injury to Personal Property, Resisting Public Officer, Carrying Concealed Handgun. Bond \$33000. Trial Date 06-07-22

05-09 Tyler Talton, 29, Garland. OFA FTC Child Support. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 05-31-22

05-09 Jonathan Seth Raynor, 35, Clinton. OFA FTC Child Support. Bond \$1231. Trial Date 05-24-22

05-09 Tyreek Dashaun Sanders, 24, Raleigh. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 05-18-22

05-09 Reginald Aaron Underwood, 51, Magnolia. Carrying Concealed Gun, Cruelty to Animals, Go Armed to Terror of People. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 06-14-22

05-09 Gregory Brian Dunn, 20, Clinton. Order for Arrest. Bond \$50000. Trial Date 06-27-22

05-09 Jermarvis Deaavionn Rich, 21, Salemburg. Second Degree Trespass. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 06-01-22

05-09 Joshua Lentrel Pigford, 29, Willard. Second Degree Trespass. Bond \$500. Trial Date 06-07-22

05-09 Shafansa Earl Jones, 25, Fayetteville. Order for Arrest. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 05-17-22

05-09 Mickey Earl Woodberry, 44, Clinton. Injury to Real property, Second Degree Trespass, Breaking or Entering. Trial Date 06-16-22

05-09 Ashley Monique Young, 35, Clinton. CS Fail to return Rental Property. Trial Date 06-13-22

05-09 Selvyn Jose Baten Pelico, 41, Clinton. Driving Under the Influence, Fail to Yield Left Turn, DWLR Impaired Rev, Poss Opn Cnt/ Cons Alc Psg Area. Bond \$30000. Trial Date 06-02-22

05-10 Shannon Elaine Faircloth Marcum, 48, Roseboro. OFA FTC Child Support. Bond \$1000.

05-10 Taliyah Monique Owens, 20, Clinton. Order for Arrest. Bond \$4000. Trial Date 06-27-22

05-10 Kolby Bryant Kearley, 18, Faison. Order for Arrest. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 06-10-22

05-10 Julia lee Barefoot, 29, Dunn. Felony Possess Cocaine, Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 05-13-22

05-11 Bradley James Hunter, 27, Faison. Injury to Personal Property, Trespass, Stalking, Communicating Threats. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 06-15-22

05-11 April Linn Coody, 48, Dunn. Order for Arrest. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 06-15-22

05-11 Elliottt Christopher Colvin, 37, Clinton. FTA Order for Arrest, Failure to Report New Address- Sex Off. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 05-16-22

05-11 Garrett Brewer Fann, 23, Roseboro. Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Trial Date 06-28-22

05-11 Kristin New, 32, Clinton. OFA Fail to Comply. Bond \$368. Trial Date 05-26-22

05-11 Alex Wayne Faircloth, 36, Dunn. OFA Possess Meth, OFA Felony Probation Violation. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 06-29-22

05-12 Isaac Lee Herring Jr, 18, Clinton. MO Possess Stolen Motor Vehicle, MO Carrying Concealed Gun, MO Possess Marijuana, MO Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$26000. Trial Date 05-27-22

INCIDENT REPORTS

04-12 Ashland Raynor reported Theft from Motor Vehicle- purse \$15, ID cards.

04-12 Kailey Smith, Kenneth Colville reported Theft from Motor Vehicle- purse \$15, coins, ID cards.

04-12 Nehemiah Tatum reported a Larceny-wallet \$15, ID cards, currency \$60.

04-14 Victoria Rivera reported a Larceny-manicure nippers and clippers \$214.

04-16 Benjamin Parham reported a Misdemeanor Larceny- gasoline \$10.

04-16 Jeffery Mitchum reported a Breaking and Entering of Motor Vehicle- hardware \$20, currency \$30, ID.

04-16 Clement Baptist Church reported a Larceny of Catalytic Converters- \$2000.

04-17 MoMarleys Tobacco & Vape Shop reported a Larceny- vape pens \$15.

04-18 Carlie C's reported Shoplifting- hygiene products \$87.77.

04-18 Ileen Newkirk reported a Larceny-cell phone \$1090.

04-18 david Dabbs reported a Larceny- ac unit \$4000, chainsaw 4100, wooden stove \$100.

04-18 Ryan Benton reported a Motor Vehicle Theft- automobile \$1000.

04-19 Jessie Tolbert reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering- tools \$2800.

04-19 Sampson State of North Carolina reported a Counterfeiting/Forgery- \$20 bills.

04-19 State of North Carolina reported a Counterfeit Trademark- jerseys \$4000, shoes \$3900, cologne \$850.

04-20 Roger Karpuk reported a Breaking & Entering- wallet.

04-20 Eastern Regional Carolina Housing Authority reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering.

04-20 Agnes Chevallier reported a Breaking & Entering- television \$1000.

04-21 Weldon Raynor reported a Breaking & Entering- shotguns and rifles \$2400.

04-22 Franklin Hose reported a Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property- automobile \$500.

04-23 Sampson County Board of Education reported a Larceny- iPhone \$900, iPad Pro \$801.

04-23 Deborah Oates reported Damage to Property- windshield \$500.

04-23 Autozone reported All Other Larceny- Money \$94.

04-23 Jennifer Reach reported a Shooting into Occupied Dwelling- damage to structure \$200.

04-24 Jessica Jacobs reported a Motor Vehicle Theft- automobile \$4200.

04-24 Jessika Thiel reported a Breaking & Entering Residence- clothing \$100, shoes \$10000, Roku TV \$400, purses \$300.

04-25 Tawana Armwood reported Damage of Property- windshield wipers \$45, vehicle tires \$160.

04-25 Christian Flores reported a Larceny-money \$4000, ID cards, wallet \$10.

04-26 Katie Jackson, Devin Rosenberger reported Theft from Motor Vehicle- vehicle parts \$25, ID, other \$25, handbag \$30.

04-26 Sandra Starling reported Larceny-toolbox and tools \$500.

04-27 Brooks Brothers reported a Larceny- copper \$250, AC Compression freon \$2250.

04-27 Rayford Faison reported Damage to Property- Dodge Charger \$2000.

04-25 Michael Spell reported Larceny of Boat and Trailer.

04-28 Clinton Medical Clinic reported a Larceny- USB Drive \$1.00, damage to traffic stakes \$37.50.

04-29 Han Dee Hugos reported a Larceny-vape pens \$19.99.

04-29 Belk reported a Larceny- shoes \$60, shorts \$52, shirt \$36, shirt \$36.

05-01 Helen Johnson reported Damage to Property- automobile \$500.

05-02 Tropicana Supermarket reported Obtaining Property by False Pretenses- check.

05-03 Noel Thompson reported a Suspicious Structure Fire- structure damage \$10000.

05-04 City of Clinton reported a Agricultural Spill.

05-04 Michael Carter reported Larceny, Injury to Personal Property- truck \$140, catalytic converter \$200.

05-04 Jose Ortiz reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering- automobile.

05-05 Donnie Lewis reported a Larceny, Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts- catalytic converter \$700, fishing rod \$360.

05-06 Ayan McAllister reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering, Larceny- television \$3000, television \$370.



ELECTION

2022



Clinton City Council- District One

DANIEL RUGGLES



and the city as a whole because my wife and I are raising our family here. Clinton has been good to me and I want it to be even better for my kids. A second term on the council would allow me to continue the positive growth and improvements that I have supported over the last 4 years.

Q- What are the issues that you hope to tackle if you are elected/re-elected?

A- I am dedicated to promoting growth in our city, specifically small, local businesses. Economic growth is essential for the city to be able to continually improve services for our citizens. I would like to see our playgrounds, parks and recreational facilities continue to advance and expand. The addition of greenways and more sidewalks to connect Clinton, especially around our schools and neighborhoods, would be excellent.

Q- Tell the readers about your family, your educational background and your work experience that helps in preparing you for the office of City Council?

A- I am a husband and father of three young children. Born and raised in the very district that I currently represent, I graduated with a degree in Business Administration from Sampson Community College. For over a decade, I have worked in the agricultural sector. I hold an active North Carolina Real Estate Broker license. Currently, I am a board member of the Clinton Kiwanis Club, Vice-Chairman of Life Line Sampson, and a member of the Triangle South Workforce Development Board.

Q- Why should the voters in your district cast their vote for you?

A- I truly have a vested interest in seeing our community advance and thrive. In the last 4 years on the council, I have strived to support causes and projects that I believe to be admirable, including taking the lead to support the Tucker Family on the Officer Donald Ray Tucker Memorial Bridge that will be dedicated in the coming months. My goal is to always do the right thing for our city and for the people who make Clinton their home.

Q- Why are you running for the office of City Council?

A- I am proud and honored to have served the City of Clinton as District 1 Councilman for the last four years. We have made a lot of progress in that time but I believe there is always room to continue making headway. I am passionate about this community

LET'S KEEP

Daniel RUGGLES

District 1 Clinton City Council



Daniel...

- Is a family man, born and raised in our district
- He supports local first responders
- He has actively worked to bring new businesses to our city

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ELECTION

2022



Clinton City Council- District One

JOEL ROSE

Q- Why are you running for the office of City Council?

A- I was raised in District 1 and believe that I have a vested interest in its future. After all, these are the same neighborhoods where I played as a kid, mowed lawns, and delivered newspapers on my bicycle. District 1 is a great little community in and of itself and reflects the small-town values which we've all come to appreciate.

A former resident, Steve Stefanovich, represented District 1 from 2000-2018. I always felt that he did a great job and was concerned about the community. But we now need better communications between the residents and City Council, the Police and Fire Departments. The neighborhoods located in District 1 will be facing new and ongoing challenges in the near future, and I want to be a part as it seeks solutions.

Q- What are the issues that you hope to tackle if you are elected/re-elected?

A- Over the last few weeks, I've been visiting the

various neighborhoods, speaking with residents, and I'm hearing a lot the same sorts of concerns: speeding cars, rising crime, litter, unkempt homes, and pockets of drug use. On some streets, folks are even afraid to walk out of their homes at night. I hope to be able to work with the local law enforcement officials to address and resolve many of these concerns.

I'm an advocate of economic growth, as an improved and stronger local economy serves our town and citizens best. When new business opportunities come our way, we should pursue them.

Q- Tell the readers about your family, your educational background and your work experience that helps in preparing you for the office of City Council?

A- I was raised in Clinton. My Dad, Byron Rose, first came to Clinton when he and my uncle, James Rose, opened a Buick dealership here many years ago. Back then, it was tough feeding two families from it, so Dad got a job working with the post office as the local postmaster. We lived at 801 College Street on the corner with Park Avenue. It was a drafty, old house but a perfect place for our family. Mom was a nurse with the Health Department, and

I have two older brothers, George Rose and Billy Rose.

I graduated from Campbell University with a business degree where I was also a member of the ROTC. Upon graduation, I was commissioned into the US Army where I spent five years on active duty, mostly with the XVIII Airborne Corps at nearby Fort Bragg. After that, my career was spent as a bank trust officer, a financial adviser in Durham, and eventually I owned and operated my own property and casualty insurance agency in Clinton for many years.

I have two adult sons by



a previous marriage. Both attended the Clinton City Schools which I believe prepared them well. Both live in Louisiana and I have three grandkids there. Betsy and I have been together for over fifteen years.

I've always been involved in our community as a volunteer and I keep abreast of the ongoing activities of our City Council. My familiarity with our town, its officials and its residents provide me with a unique perspective that will allow me to respond quickly and understand the needs and concerns in District 1.

Q- Why should the voters in your district cast their vote for you?

A- I share the same conservative family values and concerns as do all residents of District 1: a desire for good schools, clean and safe neighborhoods, accessible recreation for children, and sensible property taxes.

We're not going to experience the sort of growth seen in the Triangle or in our coastal areas anytime soon, but we can make this the very best place to live for our residents, and they should expect it.

The areas comprising District 1 have always included great neighborhoods for raising a family or just enjoying a quite life, and I'd like to make sure they stay that way.

ELECT Joel Rose Clinton City Council District 1

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- Graduate of Clinton High School and Campbell University
 - Member, Graves Memorial Presbyterian Church
 - Veteran, U.S. Army, XVIII Airborne Corps
 - Director, Sampson County History Museum
 - Board Member, Sampson County Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Board Member, Friends of the Sampson County Waterways
- Former Board Member, Sampson Regional Medical Center Foundation



I would appreciate your support on May 17th

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RESOLUTION AND NOTICE

IT IS RESOLVED AND NOTICE IS GIVEN by the Sampson County Board of Elections in accordance with N.C.G.S. 163-128, that the new voting place has been established, effective immediately, for the following precinct:

Harrells Precinct	New Polling Site Location
Old Polling Site Location	Harrells Activity Center
Harrells Fire Station	891 Ward Rd
Training Center	Harrells, NC 28444
915 Ward Rd	
Harrells, NC 28444	

Plain View Precinct	New Polling Site Location
Old Polling Site Location	Plain View Community Building
Plain View Fire Station	5161 Plain View Hwy
5041 Plain View Hwy	Dunn, NC 28334
Dunn, NC 28334	

Adopted, this the 29th day of March 2022.

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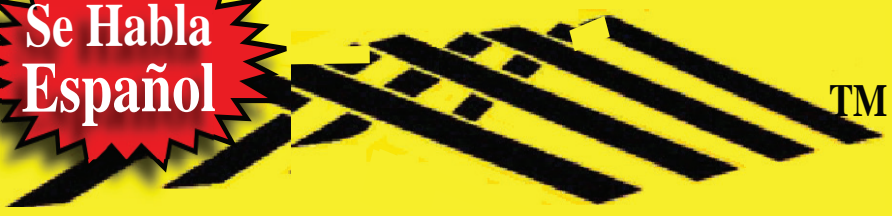


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“What is Your Priority”

Many years ago, I was led to develop a Bible Study for large groups, small groups, or for individuals on The Fruit of The Spirit according to Galatians 5:22-23.

“The Fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control.”

What a blessing it has been to delve into such an extensive subject realizing that the more I learned, how very much more there is to try to comprehend! One such startling realization for me recently was that truly it is

The Fruit of The HOLY Spirit

and that we are to live in His Spirit and walk in His Spirit.

The mark of Spirit-filled men and women is the Fruit they bear. Fruit is the standard by which our walk with God can be measured. The Bible is crystal clear at this point. Yet it never ceases to amaze me how prone believers are to substitute other measuring devices or standards. Oh, that we would stay in close communion our Heavenly Father, our Savior, our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit....as we go....in this world.

Dr. Charles Stanley’s perspective is helpful: “The two most popular substitutes for Fruit are (1) spiritual gifts and (2) natural talent... it’s not hard to figure out why gifts and talents are so readily substituted for Fruit.

What is your priority: becoming like Christ or getting a chance to use your gifts? Your gifts, talents, and abilities should build up other Believers and bring unity in the body of Christ, the CHURCH. If they’re not quite doing that, let us check our attitudes.”

After soaking that in for a while, I trust you feel as I do: humbled, grateful, motivated, inspired and genuinely encouraged to examine our original question: What Is Your Priority? At this stage in life I have embraced a rather modest approach to life. Before arising each morning, I pray a simple prayer asking God---not what He wants me to DO today---but rather who He wants me to BE this day? You can count on His presence and His guiding every step of your way, that is the sweet assurance we have as Christians. He will direct your every step and fine-tune your priorities and you will shine forth the Fruit of the HOLY Spirit.

To God be all Praise and Glory, Amen!



By Martha Pierce

Seek ye the kingdom of God and all these things shall be added unto you

Luke 12-31



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Alright, let’s just admit it, we all have our priorities in this journey called ‘life’. If we are perfectly honest, our priorities are often more about self than others, and certainly more about self than about God’s perfect will for our lives. Not to make us feel guilty....it is just simply the fact that we are human beings. And since sin (did you notice that the very center of sin is I) first entered the world through Adam and Eve, it has tainted what would have been our perfect fellowship with our Creator, our Lord, and our Master.

However, the absolutely overwhelming news is that Jesus Christ came into this world to take our sin upon Himself and provide for us complete redemption and eternal life in heaven with Him. A most beloved scripture is John 10:10 in which Jesus said, “I am come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”

We Are Not Hotel Christians

any of these actions was because I knew this wasn’t my home; I was just traveling.

Sadly, many in this world treat this side of Heaven more like their final home than just a hotel. Jesus promised His followers that He was going to prepare a final home for them. Notice that it is Jesus doing all of the work on this home and not some subcontractor. Jesus has paid the price for our residence in Heaven; however, it does require a reservation on our part. Just because you want to go to Heaven, heard about Heaven or even have family and friends there, doesn’t mean you will be going there. **John 3:5**, “Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.”

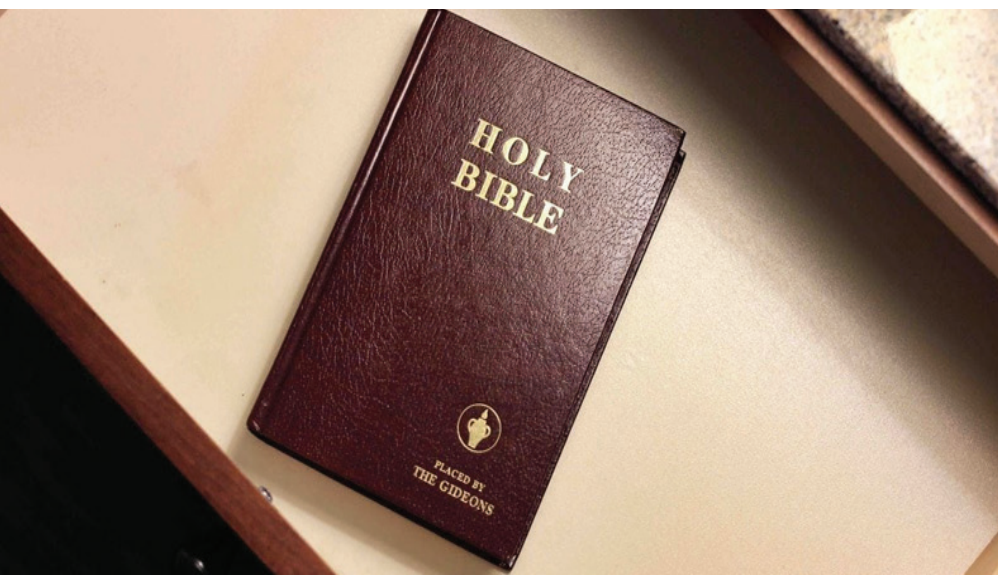
The Bible describes Heaven as a city filled with the brilliance of costly stones and crystal-clear jasper. It has twelve gates and twelve foundations. The paradise of the Garden of Eden is restored: the river of the water of life flows freely and the tree of life is available once again, yielding fruit monthly with leaves that heal the nations. The Apostle John wrote in **Revelation 7:15-17**, “Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. 16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. 17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.” Nothing on this side of eternity could give a proper description of what Heaven will be like once you see it with your own eyes.

Randy Alcorn, Director of Eternal Perspective Ministries, proclaimed, “Many Christians dread the thought of leaving this world. Why? Because so many have stored up their treasures on earth, not in heaven. Each day brings us closer to death. If your treasures are on earth, that means each day brings you closer to losing your treasures.” The Tremont House was razed in 1895 and replaced with an office building. Today, the building at 73 Tremont Street occupies the spot, home to a Citizens Bank and parts of Suffolk University. Regardless, of how wonderful the first hotel built in America was or the one most recently constructed, they will all crumble one day. Only our home in Heaven will be there for all eternity.

I encourage you today to remember that Jesus desires you to make preparations for your home in Heaven. Heaven will be better than any hotel you have stayed in. Yet, don’t forget that those who reject the free offer of Heaven will have another home prepared for them called Hell. Hell will make the worst roach infested hotel seem like a paradise. No one knows the day or hour that Jesus will return, but we do know that He has gone to prepare a place for all that have called on Him for salvation.



Rev. Ken Smith
Atkinson Baptist Church



John 14:2-3, “In My Father’s house are many rooms; if that were not so, I would have told you, because I am going there to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I am coming again and will take you to Myself, so that where I am, there you also will be.”

On October 16, 1829, what many consider to be the first modern hotel in the United States opened on the corner of Tremont and Beacon Streets in Boston, Massachusetts. Called the Tremont House, the hotel was a site of luxurious firsts: free soap, locked guest rooms, bellboys, a reception area, and perhaps most important of all, indoor plumbing. It hosted the most distinguished visitors to the city of Boston until the hotel’s closure in 1894, including Charles Dickens, President Andrew Jackson, President John Tyler, Daniel Webster and Davy Crockett.

Have you ever made a reservation to a hotel? The reason you might do so is you are in need of temporary housing while traveling. Over the years, I have stayed at hotels that would be considered top-rated by any standard and have also been shocked by the filthiness of some. Regardless of the condition of the hotel rooms, one thing was in common with my stay, this wasn’t my home. I hadn’t brought my own bed; I didn’t hang family photos on the wall and I never draped a “home sweet home” sign on the hotel door. The reason I didn’t do

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” ~ John 3:16





ELECTION

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District Attorney



ERNIE LEE

cases including the most serious crimes such as first-degree murders. I have that experience. The DA should not simply be an individual telling others what to do in a homicide when he has never actually tried a murder. I believe in leading by example. I believe the DA should be a practicing attorney in the office in that if the DA has the experience to sit as first chair in a murder or other serious case that demonstrates an excellent allocation of resources, provides leadership to the office, and instills confidence in the public. As DA, I often will have an ADA try the case with me for that ADA as I mentor them with my experience. I worked for two experienced District Attorneys, William H. Andrews, and G. Dewey Hudson and both tried murder and other serious cases. I have continued to do the same.

In addition, I believe the District Attorney must be the supervisor and policy setter for the office. As District Attorney, I must supervise a staff of 20 assistant district attorneys and 19 staff members in four counties. As District Attorney, I must deal with personnel issues, and I have done so as the elected DA for over 11 years. As such, I must make difficult decisions about hiring and dismissing individuals. I also must be the policy setter for the district. I have done so by implementing tough policies on homicides, violent felonies, drug dealing and trafficking, domestic violence, driving while impaired offense, and other offenses. My job is to represent the State in a fair and just manner but also be tough on criminal offenses.

Q- Tell the readers about your family, your educational background and your work experience that helps in preparing you for the office of District Attorney?

A- I was born in New Bern, NC. I am married to Misti Cavanaugh Lee of Pin Hook in Duplin County who as journalist, worked with the Jacksonville Daily News and a free-lance writer with Our State, the Marine Corps Times, and the Wilmington Star News. We have been married over 31 years. Misti's grandfather, Jonah Swinson pastored a church in Clinton as well as other churches in Duplin County before he passed away. Misti's parents and brother, Bull Cavanaugh, who farms, reside in Pin Hook. Misti and I have three children, Ashton, age 21 years and student at Campbell University; Catherine, age 18 years who is a senior at Jacksonville High School and will be entering North Carolina State University in the fall; and Carson, age 15 years who is a 9th grader at Jacksonville High School and working to achieve his Eagle Scout. My parents, who are in their 80s, reside in New Bern, North Carolina and they have been married over 62 years. My family has taught me loyalty, the value of hard work and service to the nation.

My father served and retired from the United States Air Force and as such, my mother, brother, and I lived in eight states. My brother also served and retired from the United States Air Force. Military service is very important in my family, and in service to my nation, I served retired as a commissioned officer and judge advocate from the United States Army Reserve after 22 years of service. I served with units at Ft. Jackson, SC and Ft. Bragg, NC with duty in Alabama, Maryland, Panama, and Germany. I also graduated from the Judge Advocate Basic Course and the Judge Advocate Advanced Course at the Army School at the University of Virginia as well as by correspondence the Command and General Staff College officer course. The military teaches one duty, sacrifice, and service to nation and others which are core value that are very important to me as the District Attorney.

I graduated from Campbell University School of Law and set upon a path of becoming a career prosecutor. I worked my way through college and law school with jobs at grocery stores, fast food, and two summers at Maola Milk and Ice Cream Company making ice cream. I understand the value of hard work and what it means to work on the clock.

As a prosecutor, I served first for twelve years as an assistant district attorney for William H. Andrews and then

for twelve years as an assistant district attorney for G. Dewey Hudson. Under their leadership, I immediately began trying cases. In fact, my first five and a half years as a prosecutor, I prosecuted ten first degree murder cases and ten of those were jury trials. I learned from them both, the importance of trial experience, the importance of working with law enforcement to ensure that justice is done, and the absolute necessity that one has the experience to prosecute the most serious cases and make the tough decisions. On January 1, 2011, I swore in as district attorney and in March 2011, I tried a first-degree murder case in Onslow County. The jury returned a verdict of guilty, and the defendant received life without parole. That trial shows the value of experience.

Q- Why should the voters in your district cast their vote for you?

A- I am a career prosecutor who has the experience, leadership, temperament, and dedication to service to be your District Attorney. I work hard and I do not shy away from the most difficult and challenging cases. That is evidenced by the number of jury trials I have personally prosecuted. I have tried more than 235 jury trials including DWIs, drug offenses, sex offenses, robberies, trafficking, and property crimes. I have personally prosecuted 145 defendants for murder including eight capital cases. I have obtained four death verdicts. My opponent has never tried a murder case. I have tried violent offenders in all four of my counties including an eight-week long capital triple homicide in Sampson County that occurred in Plainview. My last jury trial was in February 2022 in Onslow County and the jury convicted the defendant of first-degree murder and he received life without parole. That is my 34th first degree murder defendant to receive life without parole. I have had one other defendant receive life without parole in a jury trial in Duplin County as a violent habitual offender. If you or your family are the victims of a serious offense, you need a District Attorney who has tried cases and has proven results. I am that District Attorney.

As District Attorney, I have decided ten officer-involved shooting cases including four in Sampson County. In each case, I determined after extensive investigation by the State Bureau of Investigation that the officers were justified in using deadly force. I have the experience to handle those type of investigations. My opponent has never decided an officer-involved shooting.

I have the support of all four sheriffs in my district-Sheriffs Hans Miller of Onslow County, Jimmy Thornton of Sampson County, Blake Wallace of Duplin County, and Matt Wineman of Jones County. I have their support because I have proven myself to be accessible, hard-working, and able to handle the toughest of cases.

I believe that faith, family, duty, and nation are important and those are the bedrocks of my service as District Attorney. As a Gideon since 1994 and active member of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Jacksonville, I understand the importance of faith. My family is so very important to me, and I know important you if you are ever victimized and need a strong advocate in court. Duty is engrained in me being raised in a military family and having served in the United States Army Reserve. And finally, nation, in that we live in the greatest country in the world, and I am honored to have served in the Army and as a career prosecutor. For those who choose to harm this nation and this district by endangering the safety of the public by their violent criminal acts, I will be tough but fair.

Those are the reasons you should consider voting for me as your District Attorney.



Q- Why are you running for the office of District Attorney?

A- Serving as a career prosecutor has been an honor for me and I have been privileged to serve as an assistant district attorney and as District Attorney for four great counties-Sampson, Onslow, Duplin, and Jones. I am seeking re-election as District Attorney because this district deserves an experienced prosecutor, one who has tried the challenging and toughest cases, one who has made the difficult decisions, and one who has tried serious jury trials in all four counties. I am seeking re-election because experience matters when you or your family member is the victim of any crime. I am seeking re-election because experience matters when you or your family member have been the victim of a violent felony. I am seeking re-election because I believe in protecting victims' rights. I am seeking re-election because I believe in justice and want to continue serving you as your District Attorney.

Q- What are the issues that you hope to tackle if you are re-elected?

A- I will continue to schedule violent cases in this district and make those a priority. I will continue to schedule first degree murders and lead by example by trying many of those cases myself. I believe the District Attorney should have the experience to serve as lead counsel in a capital murder and non-capital first degree murders. I will continue to work with law enforcement including the Sampson County Sheriff's Office in the arrest and prosecution of drug dealers and traffickers. I will continue to be tough on impaired drivers when means enforcement of the law passed by the legislature that states "a person commits the offense of impaired driving if he drives any vehicle upon any highway, any street, or a public vehicular area within the State...after having consumed sufficient alcohol that he has, at any relevant time after the driving, an alcohol concentration of 0.08 or more." That is the law of the State of North Carolina, I my office will continue to be tough on driving while impaired cases. Those who are not tough on those cases have apparently never tried impaired drivers who killed an innocent victim. I have tried those cases. If re-elected, I will continue working on the backlog of cases that were delayed by the pandemic since we lost a year of jury trial time from March 2021-March 2022. If re-elected, I will continue to treat seriously and enforce the law concerning sexual offenses, domestic violence, and property crimes that are so prevalent in our district and state. I will continue to work with the four sheriffs and the police chiefs of my district to ensure that law enforcement has the appropriate advice, as required by the NC Constitution, in charging decisions, evidentiary issues, and other matters arising in the enforcement of the laws of this State.

Q- Do you see the role as DA as more of practicing lawyer or as a supervisor and policy setter for the office?

A- I see my role as the District Attorney as all these things but primarily as a leader of the office who is prepared and experienced to try the toughest cases. I believe the elected DA must possess the experience to try

ELECTION

2022



District Attorney

KEVIN KIERNAN

Q- Why are you running for the office of District Attorney?

A- I have been humbled by the encouragement of others to do this over the past few years. From colleagues to judges to members of law enforcement to so many who have interacted with the judicial system, their confidence in me has been an important part of this decision. However, the deciding factor has been my love of country and this community and my passion for the law. As both a prosecutor and a defense attorney throughout this district over the past 15 years, I have seen firsthand the challenges that face every stakeholder in the court system. I recognize that through a more proactive approach to case management, evaluation, and prosecution, this office can both climb out of the backlog of cases experienced from the shutdown of the courts and achieve better success at reaching just outcomes in more of those cases.

Q- What are the issues that you hope to tackle if you are elected/re-elected?

A- We often hear that more court time is needed, but we are not presently making the best use of the court time that we have. From district court to superior court, throughout the district, we are experiencing too many terms that break down without a sufficient number of cases being resolved. Over the past six months in the superior courts in particular, the State has not fared well in outcomes across the four counties to a level I have not previously seen in this district. I would seek to address that trend with more substantive training and mentoring in reference to case evaluation and trial preparation, while working to build a true team effort that would bring out the best in each member of the office. In reference to the backlog of cases and efficient use of court time, I would be proactive and build an ongoing dialog between the District Attorney's office, the clerks' offices, the judges, the defense bar, and law enforcement to achieve a better scheduling model that would allow for more consistent trial resolutions of cases at each level.

Q- Do you see the role of DA as more of practicing lawyer or as a supervisor and policy setter for the office?

A- Both. I own a law firm now that operates three offices and services this entire district. I am in court nearly every day and reviewing operational matters every day as well to ensure we remain on the right side of the ledger and that we meet the needs of our clients. If I failed to do either, our practice would fail. Similarly, the District Attorney cannot simply be a practicing attorney, but must concentrate even more on setting policy for the office and ensuring that each office is running correctly. By statute, our district is allowed 20 Assistant District Attorneys who generally are assigned to the cases throughout the counties in our district, but as many who have interacted with the court system have witnessed, the manner in which those cases are addressed can differ greatly even among the counties in our own district. A successful District Attorney must be willing to set appropriate policy across the entire district, remain abreast of the activity in each county, and be willing to go into court to work side by side with his team as needed.

Q- Tell the readers about your family, your educational background and your work experience that helps in preparing you for the office of District Attorney?

A- After living in Clinton for ten years, my wife Danielle and I moved to Kenansville in Duplin County nearly four years ago. Our daughter Heather and her husband Blake live in Alabama with our two beautiful granddaughters. Our family is very dear to me, and I am honored and grateful to have their support in this endeavor.

I was born and raised in Southeastern North Carolina by my wonderful parents who were both bench chemists by trade. I graduated magna cum laude from North Carolina State University with a degree in Computer Science, while working full time as a software developer at CISYS LifeSciences, Inc. After earning my law degree from Indiana University School of Law at Bloomington, I was eager to come back to North Carolina where I moved to Onslow County and joined the District Attorney's Office under Dewey Hudson. As an Assistant District Attorney, I prosecuted both misdemeanors and felonies across all four counties in this district for five and a half years. For the past nine years, I have been in private practice as a named partner of Silva, Kiernan & Associates, PLLC, where I have defended criminal cases from misdemeanors to felonies across the district. Additionally, in the advent of Covid-19, and the resulting mandates out of Raleigh, I assisted small business owners in the district with protecting their inherent ability to operate and earn a living for their families and employees.

I have served as the State Bar Councilor for the Fifth District since 2019; am a local member of the attorney network for the United States Concealed Carry Association (USCCA); a present



member of the National College for DUI Defense; have successfully completed National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) recognized DWI Detection and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST); have successfully completed NHTSA recognized Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE); and have successfully completed the NHTSA and International Association of Chiefs of Police recognized DWI Detection and SFST Instructor Development Course, which now allows me to serve as an instructor for the NHTSA recognized DWI Detection and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing course.

My family history, education, work history, and additional training have provided me a deeper understanding of the importance of teamwork and collaboration, and will afford me the background needed to improve the prosecution of cases in general, to include those cases involving impaired driving and the sale and distribution of controlled substances, as well as cases involving the growing trend of digital evidence.

Q- Why should the voters in your district cast their vote for you?

A- From the local courthouse to the United States Supreme Court, there has never been a time in our nation's history when it has been more important to have elected officials throughout the judicial system who believe in our Constitution and the rule of law. We must make a strong stand that the Constitutional principles upon which our Founding Fathers built this nation must be protected. "We the People" is you and your family. I will continue to strive to serve you every day and the office of District Attorney will be yet another opportunity for that service. I will bring a true conservative mindset to the office with a proven common-sense, proactive approach that is premised on communication, collaboration, and the original intent of the Constitution. For the first time in 20 years, the voters of this district have a choice in the election for District Attorney; the choice to vote for a proven Constitutional conservative leader who will unlock the true potential of the office.

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A MESSAGE FROM SUE LEE Sampson County Commissioner Chair



Please allow me to share my thoughts and opinions on the Commissioner race in District One. **I have served with Clark Wooten for almost eight years** and have experienced knowledge of Clark's dedication to the people of Sampson County and the job he was elected to do. **He fervently fights for the taxpayers in District One and consistently takes a stand for all the people**, not just those who are asking for consideration from the Board of Commissioners. He is a strong conservative who shares our values, wants the absolute best for Sampson County, and stands up for principled fundamental values.

I currently serve as Chair of the Board of Commissioners which gives me in-depth knowledge of the hard work, tough decisions, and dedication that is required for this position. I have acquired a

respect for the leadership that Clark exhibited when he served as chair. To his credit, he always listened, gathered facts, and guided us to reasonable solutions to the issues at hand. He was always willing to hear opposing opinions and work together to form a consensus on the matter at hand. Part of the job is to never give favoritism to any one group and make the tough decisions no matter who is irritated by the decision. (I have learned that irritating people is the easiest part of the job!) **Clark is consistently determined to solve things in a fair, business-like manner.**

Clark has tremendous vision for the future and has worked very hard for Sampson County for the present and the future. **Whether it is economic growth, creating jobs, or advocating for our students, Clark combines his wisdom and experience on the Board with what he thinks is the right outcome for the families and businesses in Sampson County.** He is committed to doing all these things without raising taxes and creating an additional burden on our property owners.

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KIM SCHMIDLIN

A- Sign-on bonuses would be very effective in recruiting teachers to Sampson County Schools, particularly in hard-to-fill positions. Since teacher pay is mandated by the state, the only financial incentive we can offer is an annual supplement and bonuses where the budget allows. It is very difficult to find qualified teachers in certain areas so a retention bonus would be helpful. I believe retaining teachers also comes down to creating a positive culture within our schools. Teachers need to feel appreciated and county and school leaders should work to keep our schools great places for teachers to teach and students to learn.

My qualifications:

Speech Therapist - I have spent the last 29 years working as a speech therapist which has given me valuable experience in working with students and teachers in the special education program. My training gives me expertise in literacy and phonics which have been significantly impacted in the last 2 years.

Mother - My qualifications also include being a parent and advocate for my daughters' education. I understand the challenges parents face in working with the schools, teachers and administration. In the last 10 years we have locked parents out of our schools and the pandemic has made this situation even worse. This has led to distrust which needs to be rebuilt through greater parental and community engagement.

Business Owner - As a business owner for the last 20 years, I have experience in finance, personnel, and policy. I believe the school system should be run as a business and it is the responsibility of the school board to ensure we are fiscally responsible with taxpayer money.

I am asking for your support based on my voting record as a Board Member. During the pandemic I have been an advocate for transparency of school board meetings, in-person learning, in-person graduations, and optional mask use. I believe parents have a vital role in the education of their students and, as valuable stakeholders, their participation should be encouraged. I believe we need to support our teachers and ensure our schools are positive, innovative places to teach and learn. If you believe in this approach in education, I would appreciate your support to remain on the Sampson County Schools' Board of Education.

Q- What is the biggest issues facing the Sampson County School system?

A- Overcoming the loss of learning due to the pandemic is the biggest challenge facing Sampson County Schools. Many of our students missed learning critical foundational skills or they lost skills previously learned in the 2 years we were fighting the pandemic. We have to ensure those gaps in knowledge are closed to safeguard the future academic success of our students. At the same time, we have to teach grade level curriculum. This is a huge task that will require dedication of all stakeholders over the next few years.

Q- What is your position on decreasing class sizes?

A- Smaller class sizes are important to allow for more individualized instruction. Sampson County Schools complies with state-mandated classroom sizes and we should maintain a good teacher to child ratio, especially in the early years.

Q- What do you think the school system needs to do to increase recruitment and retention of teachers?

Q- What can be done to increase graduation rates in the county?

A- Improving our emphasis on teaching trades would improve graduation rates. Many students don't see the benefit of a high school diploma and would prefer to go into the work force earlier. If we give those students more options for learning a skill that would translate to a job, they would see a benefit to completing their high school education. We also need to allow students more flexibility within the school day to work.

Q- Tell the readers about your education, qualifications and why they should vote for you.

A- Education:

I graduated from Midway High School in 1987 then went on to North Carolina State University where I earned a BA degree in Communications in 1991. I completed my Master of Science degree in 1993 in Speech-Language Pathology from East Carolina University.

ROBERT BURLEY

Q- What is the biggest issues facing the Sampson County School system?

A- Closing the COVID learning gap- Parents, students, teachers, administration...everyone connected to our school community is working tirelessly to identify and address learning gaps to minimize disruption in students' education.

-Parents seeking alternative education for their children- This has been a concern for a long time, but it has become increasingly greater in recent years.

Q- What is your position on decreasing class sizes?

A- Every effort needs to be made to have classes small enough that students can receive the best education possible. Teachers have a community of learners they must prepare for each day. Decreasing class sizes, increases their ability to meet the varying needs of every student.

Q- What do you think the school system needs to do to increase recruitment and retention of teachers?

A- We realize funds are limited, but we need to make every effort to be as financially appealing as surrounding counties. We should solicit teacher feedback and respond appropriately.



Q- What can be done to increase graduation rates in the county?

A- Increase the number of vocational learning opportunities. Sports are a great motivator for some students. We need to continue to make these extracurricular activities available to students.

Q- Tell the readers about your education, qualifications and why they should vote for you.

A- I've served Sampson County Schools as a board member for the last four years. I am grateful to every member of this community for the opportunity. I'm nothing more than a neighbor, friend, and advocate for everyone that needs a voice. If it concerns you and our children, it concerns me. I look forward to serving you another four years.



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DARYLL WARREN

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est in a skill that they can use beyond high school.

Q- What is the biggest issues facing the Sampson County School system?

Q- Tell the readers about your education, qualifications and why they should vote for you.

A- Retaining and recruiting good teachers
-Keeping the students that reside in Sampson County in the Sampson County School System
-Utilizing funding to provide the best experience for our students, including but not limited to Technology and facilities

Q- What do you think the school system needs to do to increase recruitment and retention of teachers?

A- I am a 2000 graduate of Hobbton High School and a 2004 graduate of NC State University with a degree in Agricultural Business Management. I have 3 children, Lathan (14 – 8th grader at Hobbton Middle School), Sawyer (10 – 4th grader at Hobbton Elementary School) and Ellee (6 – Kindergartener at Hobbton Elementary School). I am married to Candace Warren who is an English Teacher at Hobbton High School. I have been employed for the past 19 years with Fastenal Company and have been in a District Manager position for the last 9 years. I am extremely active with coaching with Sampson County Parks and Recreation as well as having an active role at Saint Paul FWB Church in Newton Grove. I currently serve as the Chairman of the Sampson County Schools Board of Education and look forward to serving another 4 years if given the opportunity. I feel like having children and a wife in a Sampson County School every day gives me a huge insight as to what is happening inside our buildings and what is working and what needs to be improved.

A- Sampson County has always done a great job of bringing back those students from Sampson County who had an interest in teaching in the classroom. We must continue to recruit those teachers who want to reside in the county and make a career with Sampson County Schools. As for retention we have to fight for every opportunity to increase the wages for our staff. One way is to look at increasing the supplement percentage that is paid out today.

Q- What is your position on decreasing class sizes?

Q- What can be done to increase graduation rates in the county?

A- Reduced class sizes are extremely important. One of

A- I'd like to continue to support our CTE classes and give those students who aren't going to pursue a 2 year/4 year degree an opportunity to learn a trade or to gain inter-

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Q- What is the biggest issues facing the Sampson County School system?

in the class. But again, we are also at the mercy of the General Assembly.

A- I think we have two big issues facing us: 1...getting our kids back on track after Covid and 2 years of minimum contact with our classrooms and teachers. Our teachers did a great job during the pandemic and continue to do so...but the lack of daily supervision and hands-on teaching has put us behind. We must do our very best to get caught back up.

Q- What do you think the school system needs to do to increase recruitment and retention of teachers?

B. Funding is and always will be an important issue.... Right now, the Leandro Case is being debated in the courts and will then be debated in the Legislature. If there is a significant reduction in that funding, it will be like a snowball rolling downhill. It has funded everything from teacher and staff supplements to our technology purchases. We also have been able to pay staff from these funds.

A- We have got to increase supplements, cut class size and Increase The additional stipends for Math and Science teachers. Teaching is usually a thankless job, and whatever we can do to show our appreciation and support is very important. I also would like to see us be able to increase supplements for non-certified staff. Those folks work hard and are often forgotten.

Q- What is your position on decreasing class sizes?

Q- What can be done to increase graduation rates in the county?

A- I support classroom reduction, especially in Kindergarten thru 5th grade. This is where we get the basics of a sound education and where we need smaller numbers

A- We have got to work harder to lower dropout rates, with parents and students alike in conversations. We definitely need more trade programs. Every student will not be able or desire to complete a 4 year college degree program. We need to be pro-active on this, and look at a possible STEM School that could serve the entire county,



having programs such as Carpentry, Plumbing, Mechanics, Welding, etc.

A- I only have 1 year of college, but I feel qualified to be on our school board. I served 20 years on the Sampson County Board of Ed, serving 2 terms as Chairman. While on the school board, I was honored to serve on the North Carolina School Board, serving on the Board of Directors; chairman of goals and objectives; Chosen as AllState School Board Member, and accumulating over 900 hours of continuing Education courses.

Having Run a private business for over 40 years and meeting weekly payrolls, has helped me tremendously with the financial aspects of running a school system.


I was comfortable with working with our local County Commissioners, and felt I had a good relationship with them.

Q- Tell the readers about your education, qualifications and why they should vote for you.




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The last issue I would say our district faces is that of school safety. Even though many improvements have been made to assist in the safety of our schools, there are still many more considerations. We are a rural school system and therefore many of our schools are situated on large, sprawling campuses. Our need lies in the ability to effectively protect all areas, without making our schools appear to be enclosed like prisons. We need more funding to make more areas only assessable by key cards. We also need a school resource officer on every school campus, even the elementary schools.

whole, efforts will be ineffective and meaningless. That would require substantially increasing the salaries of teachers as well as bringing back the pride and respect to the profession. Teaching is a noble and worthy profession and should be treated as such by other professionals and others in general.

Q- What is the biggest issues facing the Sampson County School system?

A- One of the biggest issues facing the Sampson County School District is teacher recruitment and retention. In today's job climate, the availability of certified/qualified teachers is very limited. If you add to that limited availability the inability for Sampson County to compete with larger school districts to offer incentives, especially comparable supplements, the pool of candidates becomes even smaller. At one point, the ability to attract "home-grown" teachers to Sampson County was on the rise, but even that source has become increasingly smaller as fewer students are graduating from high school and attending college to become educators. This has been evident in the fields of Mathematics and Sciences for over a decade. It is now a factor in all areas of education.

Another issue faced by Sampson County Schools is the need for new facilities. It is a known fact that there are several schools in the district that are in need of replacement or major repairs. The first one that comes to mind is Hobbton High School, followed by Roseboro-Salemburg Middle School, and Hargrove Elementary School. Members of the board of education have been painfully aware of the need for a new high school in the Hobbton district for a while, but the board has also been made aware of the lack of funding to build any new schools in Sampson County at this time. Even with help from the state, our county commissioners would have to make available matching funds on the county level. This could not be accomplished without an increase in property taxes. This is not possible at this time in our county. So, as soon as funding is available, the Sampson County Board of Education will recommend and oversee the building of a new high school in the Hobbton district, and then renovations to the other two schools mentioned.

Q- What is your position on decreasing class sizes?

A- When the discussion is decreasing class sizes, naturally I am in favor of smaller class sizes. That can, however, be a two-edged sword. I am not in favor of smaller class sizes if it means that not every class would have a qualified teacher. I believe that it is much more important that every child has a certified/qualified teacher each and every day. As previously indicated, it is currently difficult to find teachers. I feel that placing a teacher assistant in a classroom with a certified teacher would be more beneficial than having a smaller number of students in classrooms without certified teachers in those classrooms.

Q- What do you think the school system needs to do to increase recruitment and retention of teachers?

A- The Sampson County School District is currently do everything it can to recruit and retain highly qualified teachers. That includes such measures as attending and sponsoring job fairs where positions available are advertised. Advertising teacher positions online in general, as well as on our website. Reaching out to colleges and universities that have teacher education programs and attempting to recruit teachers to come to Sampson County. Using such measures as international programs to allow teachers from other countries to come teach in Sampson County. We also continue our teacher recruitment in all our high schools with the Future Teachers program which is intended to support our "home-grown" initiative where students attend college, major in education, and then return to Sampson County for their career in teaching.

More important than the efforts of our individual school system to recruit and retain teachers is that effort on the state and national levels. Until the teaching profession is restored to its rightful place, among professions as a

Q- What can be done to increase graduation rates in the county?

A- I am proud to acknowledge that over the last 10 years, graduation rates in the county had been on the rise. It is with the coming of the COVID-19 pandemic that there has been a slight decrease. That decrease can certainly be attributed to the inaccessibility of technology at a crucial point in the lives of some students. Now that technology is readily available to all our students, the graduation rates should rise again.

My suggestions to assist in the continuing rise of graduation rates is that the system continue to offer pathways that lead to college, the military, or the workforce. Every student should be able to find a course of study in high school that will lead them to the beginning of a successful future. The addition of more guidance counselors in each high school would help to give each student the personalized attention they need to make decisions for the future.

Q- Tell the readers about your education, qualifications and why they should vote for you.

A- My qualifications: I graduated from Winston-Salem State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in English Education, from Campbell University with a Master of Education with a Concentration in English, and I received my Add-On Licensure in Academically Intellectually Gifted from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

I have been a member of the Sampson County Board of Education for eight years. I am the board member with the most experience. I currently have more than 40 years in education and teach school daily. This is a qualification that I alone hold for the board. Not only am I an experienced educator, but I am also presently an educator. I believe in Sampson County Schools; I believe in education. My life experiences are all connected to education. I serve for the children of Sampson County. Just like Sampson County's slogan states, I truly am "dedicated to continuous improvement."

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