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## Norman Wayne Naylor Announces Early Retirement



Clerk of Court Norman Wayne Naylor, his wife Norma Naylor and Dwight Williams Jr.

### \*Endorses Dwight Williams Jr. for Position

Sitting down for an interview at his home, Sampson County Clerk of Superior Court, Norman Wayne Naylor, announced to The Sampson Weekly his intentions to seek early retirement from his term as Clerk of Superior Court. With wife Norma by his side, Naylor also announced his endorsement of Dwight S. Williams Jr. (current District Director for Congressman David Rouzer) to fill his eventual vacant clerkship.

Naylor stated his intentions to retire effective January 1st, 2018. His last day in office will be December 31st, 2017, leaving a year remaining in his term as Clerk of Superior Court. The remaining year of Naylor's term would be filled by someone selected by the Senior Resident Superior Court Judge of the 4A Judicial District, the Honorable Doug Parsons. Norman Wayne Naylor has endorsed Dwight Williams Jr. for the position and would recommend his term be completed by Williams.

"First of all," states Naylor, "Dwight and I have known each other since elementary school. He has always been a kind, respected, approachable gentleman. He possesses the characteristics to be a 'Clerk of Superior Court', which I believe are honesty, trustworthiness and integrity."

Asked if stepping down was made easier knowing that Dwight Williams was prepared and ready to step in as Clerk of Court, Naylor stated, "Yes. It does make stepping down easy. Dwight Williams Jr. will be an excellent Clerk of Superior Court if elected. And if selected by Judge Parsons to fill the rest of my term, it would make for a very smooth transition."

Dwight Williams Jr., who joined Naylor for the interview, stated that he would be honored to serve as Clerk of Superior Court if elected, and "It

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WEATHER

**Fri** Scattered T-Storms 50%

Hi: 83° Lo: 72°

**Sat** PM T-Storms 80%

Hi: 87° Lo: 70°

**Sun** Scattered T-Storms 60%

Hi: 87° Lo: 71°

**Mon** Scattered T-Storms 60%

Hi: 89° Lo: 72°

**Tues** Scattered T-Storms 60%

Hi: 88° Lo: 70°

**Wed** Scattered T-Storms 60%

Hi: 86° Lo: 69°

WEEKLY VERSE

Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.  
1 John 5:5

### Harrells Fire Chief George McGill Honored With Lifetime Achievement Award

Putting your life on the line every day is not a job cut out for everyone. But first responders answer that call every minute, every hour, every day.

Harrells Fire Chief George McGill has been answering that call for his community for the past 51 years and on Thursday, July 13, the Eastern Carolina Firefighters Association honored McGill by presenting him with The Lifetime Achievement Award.

The association surprised McGill with the incredible accolade during the quarterly meeting of the Eastern Carolina Firefighters Association.

"A third of the state is what makes up the association," McGill, 72, said. "I wasn't aware of anything ... It is just a big honor for me."

McGill was honored regionally in January for 50 years of service, so the ECFA's honor was a complete surprise.

"I've known Chief McGill since I came here back in 2008," said Samp-



Chief George McGill receives a Lifetime Achievement award from ECFA President Scott Rogers.

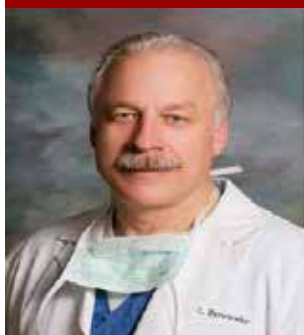
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# LOCAL NEWS

## From the Desk of Senator Brent Jackson



I hope you are having a great week. The General Assembly will return for a special session this Thursday, August 3rd. This special session has been called to consider bills that have been vetoed by the Governor since we adjourned on June 30th.

### Spectrum News In Focus Segment

I was honored to be a part of the Spectrum News In Focus segment that will air this upcoming August 6th. In Focus is a 30-minute program hosted each week by Senior Political Reporter and anchor Loretta Boniti, and the show discusses a wide range of issues impacting North Carolina, and is exclusively on Spectrum News.

During this segment, North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture Steve Troxler, Wayne County Farmer Lorenda Overman, and myself discussed agriculture in our state. These topics included policies that were recently passed to help farming and agriculture policy in our state, and efforts being made to help the industry move forward, such as discussing the North Carolina Farm Act of 2017. Be sure to tune-in August 6th and catch this great and informative segment!

### Question of the Week

For last week's Question of the Week, I asked your opinion on Senate Bill 107, Streamline Dam Removal. The responses I received were in favor of this legislation and thought that developing a more efficient and simplified way of removing unwanted dams was a good idea. This bill was recently signed into law by the Governor. Thank you for your correspondence on Senate Bill 107.

For this week's Question of the Week, I would like to ask your thoughts on the Governor's action on bills, specifically ones that become law without his signature. In accordance with Article 2 Section 22 of the North Carolina State Constitution, the Governor has 10 days to sign a bill once it is presented to him before it becomes law. If the General Assembly has adjourned and is not in session, then the Governor has 30 days to sign the bill before it becomes law. I would like to know if you agree with this time extension, or do you believe that the amount of time before a bill becomes law should be consistent whether the General Assembly are in session or adjourned? I look forward to hearing your responses!

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

### Legislation Recap

Over the course of the interim, we will be including a Legislative Recap Section in the Newsletter. This section will review meaningful legislation that became law in the 2017 session.

### Senate Bill 615, North Carolina Farm Act of 2017

In last week's newsletter, we reviewed House Bill 7, LRC/Strengthen Savings Reserve. This week I would like to go over the North Carolina Farm Act of 2017. I am very proud to have helped start the tradition of the annual Farm Act, and this year's marks our sixth one. The Farm Act is aimed at easing regulatory burdens for farmers, modernizing our laws to reflect industry advancements, and helping to grow agribusiness. This bill has nearly 20 provisions, so I will only go over the first half of the bill this week, and will cover the second half in the next newsletter.

**Section 1** of the bill directs the Agriculture and Forestry Awareness Study Commission to study several items. The first is updating North Carolina's Handlers in Agriculture Act, which is meant to protect farmers who are not paid for commodities that they sell because the purchaser is insolvent. The Commission will also look at property tax abatement for older farm equipment, as well as what activities qualify as agritourism.

**Section 2** expands the agriculture facilities that are exempt from certain Environmental Management Commission rules. Previously, only renewable energy resources produced solely on one farm were exempt, this change allows the resources to be pooled from more than one farm.

**Section 3** clarifies a change to the Present Use Value Program made in 2015. This provision adds the income derived from grazing fees or boarding of livestock to the list of qualifying income for the program.

**Section 4** of the bill allows boarders of livestock to sell livestock that has been abandoned by the owner when the owner has not paid in two months. The boarder must make reasonable attempts to contact the owner before selling the animal.

**Section 5** was deleted from the final draft.

**Section 6** is a technical change that allows the North Carolina Department of Agriculture to adopt and administer forest practice guidelines. This authority was inadvertently not transferred when the department received this responsibility under the Sediment Pollution Control Act.

**Section 7** allows the NC Department of Agriculture to join the Great Plains Wildfire Protec-

tion Compact. They are already part of the South Central Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact and the Middle Atlantic Interstate Fire Protection Compact. These compacts were very helpful during the wildfires in the western part of the state last year.

**Section 8** clarifies the agritourism exemption from county zoning requirements. This specifies that to receive the exemption, you must either have a Qualifying Farmer Sales Tax Exemption Certificate, or the land in question must be in enrolled in the Present Use Value Program. You must maintain one of these qualifiers for 3 years to keep the exemption.

**Section 9** eliminates an outdated and unneeded grant of power that allows counties to regulate certain size swine farms. This statute was never used and was rendered unneeded once the hog farm moratorium was enacted.

**Section 10** allows undercover meat and poultry food inspectors to drive cars with non-state license tags on them. They previously had to put state tags on their undercover cars, which jeopardized their cover.

The full bill can be viewed by going to <http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2017/Bills/Senate/PDF/S615v7.pdf>

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office with any questions on this legislation. I look forward to covering the second half of this bill in the next newsletter.

### District Headlines

#### Sampson Regional Medical Center Completes Renovations

Sampson Regional Medical Center has recently completed a four-phase renovation project that will enhance the quality of care for its patients and improve the efficiency of the hospital's staff. The hospital renovations took place in the emergency department's lobby and treatment rooms. Phase one of the project began nearly two years ago, and aimed at updating the department's lobby area through the addition of new furniture to provide a more comfortable and relaxing area for patients and visitors. Phase two of the project was to add new six treatment areas. During phase three of the project, the main emergency department beds were renovated and made larger, also a new trauma room was added and a larger work-space was created for providers and staff. Finally, phase four of the project created five private treatment areas that were added on to the main emergency room. These completed renovations will add to the overall efficiency and treatment capacity that the hospital can provide.

### District Spotlight

Margaret Hayes Wood Oakley recently received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine at the Vidant Duplin Hospital Volunteer Luncheon and Quarterly meeting on July 19th. The Order of the Long Leaf Pine is one of the highest honors a citizen of North Carolina can



be awarded. Oakley was honored for her years of service as a volunteer at Duplin General Hospital, now Vidant Duplin Hospital. She started volunteering back in 1980 with the hospital and was one of the founding members. Even now at the age of 94, Oakley continues to volunteer by handing out cookies and snacks at the hospital's blood drives. On top of volunteering at the hospital, she also worked with the United States Selective Service for 23 years and was a driver for 19 years for the North Carolina Blind Commission. Volunteers hold a special place in many people's lives, so please join me in thanking Margaret Hayes Wood Oakley on her many years of volunteering service. Congratulations again on the great honor of being awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine.

### In Closing

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

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is my hope that Judge Parsons will give me consideration for the position”, of Naylor’s remaining term in office.

Williams added, “I have had the desire most of my adult life to serve the people of Sampson County in any way that I could. I have done so in several ways as the opportunity has availed itself. I am humbly honored that Norman would seek me out as a possibility to fill the rest of his term.”

“He has served Sampson County with distinction,” Williams said of Naylor. “I pledge to do likewise.”

Asked to describe his management style, Williams stated, “My management style is simple, listen to those you serve first. Listen to those you employ second. Then, strive to fulfill the needs of both without conflict.”

When asked what he would most miss as he stepped down from public service, Norman Wayne Naylor stated, “Daily interactions with my staff, the public, and the entire Court-house staff. And may I add, it is always a good feeling to be able to help a citizen, or direct to the correct place for help.”

Naylor’s public service has been extensive, beginning 37 years ago, when in 1980 he became a charter member of the Herring Volunteer Fire Department. Two years later, Naylor helped secure a loan from the FHA to construct the current Herring Fire Department where he served as Fire Chief for many years.

Naylor also served as President of the Sampson County Fireman Association and retired with 20 years of active firefighting service. He still serves on the board of directors.

In 1988, Naylor was appointed to the Sampson Regional Medical Center Trustee Board where he served 14 years. He is proud to have been awarded the NC Hospital Trustee Service Award.

Naylor also served as a County Commissioner for 10 years between 1992 and 2002 where he also served as chairman for a period of time. “I am also proud to have received the Jack Brock Memorial Award for exemplary dedication to the interest of local government. During this time, I also served on the Duplin-Sampson County Mental Health Board.”

In 1996, Naylor served on the NC Pork Producers Board where he received the Director’s Award for Outstanding Service to the pork industry.

Naylor is a member of Mount Moriah Church and has served as Trustee, Lay Leader and Finance Chairman. He is a 32° Mason and served as Master of Lodge and is also a Shriner.

Norman and Norma have one son, Shannon and daughter-in-law Lisa, and two grandchildren, McKenzie (16) and Edye (12). Norman and Shannon own Norshan Farms where Shannon is the farm manager.

Like Naylor, Dwight Williams Jr. has an extensive list of public service and experience. In January 2015, Williams was selected to serve as the District Director for Rep. David Rouzer in North Carolina’s 7th Congressional District.

In addition, Williams served on the Advisory Board of BB&T Bank, and its prior local affiliates since 1985.

Williams has also served the Sampson County Republican Party as a Precinct Chairman, Precinct Judge, County Treasurer, County Vice-Chairman and Chairman. He has also served a short stint on the Sampson County Board of Elections.

Williams is a life-time resident of the Vann’s Crossroads Community in upper Sampson County. He attended Midway High School graduating in 1969 before attending North Carolina State University where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biological and Agricultural Engineering in 1973.

After graduating from college, Williams returned to the family farm producing tobacco, corn, soybeans wheat and watermelons. In 1987, he left the farming operations to work with H.N Carr Inc. in Clinton.

After a short time in construction, Williams worked for North Carolina Farm Bureau Insurance and American Farm Bureau Insurance Service in the Crop Insurance Division as a Field Supervisor, Manager, Regional Manager and eventually Sales and Marketing Manager before retiring in 2014.

“We served Farm Bureau Organizations in 15 plus states,” adds Williams. “I was a member of the original start-up management team at the founding of American Farm Bureau Insurance Services in 1996.”

Dwight Williams Jr. has also served Hopewell United Methodist Church at Vann’s Crossroads in many capacities through the years, including as Music Director for more than 25 years.

He was first married to Kay Lindsay for 25 years prior to her death in 2000. In 2008, Williams married again to Debbie Larrick Hobbs of Lillington. “Between us,” says Williams, “we have two sons, two daughters, and three grandchildren, with another granddaughter due in August. We are one happy amalgamated family.”

“Before we finish,” concluded Williams, “let me say again just how humbled and honored I am that my friend Norman would seek me out as a possibility to fill the rest of his term and endorse me as the next Clerk of Superior Court. If elected, I pledge to serve as he has, with distinction.”

## Appointment of Interim Fire Chief Austin Tew for the City of Clinton



On Wednesday the City of Clinton announced the appointment of an Interim Fire Chief, Austin Tew.

As previously announced, the City of Clinton Fire Chief Scott Phillips has submitted his resignation effective August 9, 2017. The City of Clinton thanks Chief Phillips for all his hard work and dedication over the past two years and expresses best wishes to him in his new employment opportunity.

To fill this vacancy being created by Mr. Phillips’ departure, Interim City Manager Robert Hyatt appointed Austin Tew as the Interim City of Clinton Fire Chief. Currently, Mr. Tew is employed by the City as a Fire Inspector III. He served as the City’s Interim Fire Chief in 2015, prior to hiring Mr. Phillips and did an excellent job. Prior to working with Clinton, Mr. Tew served as Chief of Dunn Emergency Services and also as the Fire Chief for the City of Dunn.

The City of Clinton will begin the recruitment process for a new Fire Chief once a new City Manager is hired.

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# LOCAL NEWS

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son County Asst. EMS Director/Fire Marshal Jerry Cashwell, "and he not only has a passion for the entire community, he is a wealth of knowledge."

Cashwell continues, "This is a job you can do for about 20-30 years, to be doing it for 51 years, and as chief all that time, is amazing. That is not just filling in - that is active duty. He is deeply involved in the community and works to make it better for everyone."

McGill remembers that when he lived in Wallace [from 1957-1964] he fell in love with public service.

"I lived a half a block from the police and fire station," McGill explains. "I remember that I used to visit them and hang out at fire department. I moved back to Harrells in 1964, but I didn't join [the fire department] until 1966."

McGill says that he "saw a need" in the community and joined.

"I wanted to do what I could do for my community," he said. "That was important to me. If you live in a community that you care about, and care about the people there, you have to get out there and try to help out those who live in that community."

Just two weeks after McGill joined the department, he was voted in as chief.

He has been in that position ever since.

"Back then, I think there were about 10-12 people on the department," McGill remembers. "Now we have 47 volunteers."

Over the years, the department has grown - even out of the original building.

"Our old building that we kept the trucks in wasn't even heated," he explains. "We had

trucks that were from 1941 and 1942 ... but we went out and fought fires with them. Back then, we worked with what we had."

Since then, the brave men and women of the department have battled through several hurricanes, floods, storms and fire emergencies - all with McGill at the helm.

"Well, I have had a lot of support from this community," McGill says, deflecting any praise for himself. "When I joined we started having these chicken suppers to raise money for the department. We always have had support; people willing to do what it takes to help us."

In 1972 a fire tax was put in that helped with some of the funding for the department, but the plate sales have continued to assist with the department's needs.

The department also holds the famous Harrells 300 Truck & Tractor Pull which happens the third Friday and Saturday of June each year.

"Through the years we have been able to add equipment that we needed," McGill said. "in 1985, we added a satellite station and we have just kept growing."

As involved as he is with his community (McGill is a past president of the Sampson County Firefighters Association) he doesn't look to slow down any time soon.

"Well, I'm sure at some point in time I will be ready to turn the operation over to someone younger," he says. "But not just yet."

In addition to his daily dealings with the department, McGill is quick to promote the town's "Community Day" that will be held on October 28.

"It is going to be a big deal," McGill says with excitement. "We are going to have a barbecue sale, a car show, an antique trailer show, lawn mower pulling ... there will be a parade too. It is just great fun for everyone."

## SCHNEIDER/PARKER WEDDING HOUSTON, TEXAS

Alexandra "Alex" Christine Schneider of Houston, Texas and Trey Andrew Parker, formerly of Clinton, NC were married on Saturday May 27, 2017 at 2pm at The Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Houston, Texas. The wedding was officiated by Rev. Sean Horrigan, Priest of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston; and longtime friend of the Schneider family.

Alex is the daughter of Scott and Margie Schneider of Houston, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Joseph Schneider of Aiken, SC and Marge Haglin of Lynnwood, WA and the late Amalia and Saturnino Lozada. She graduated in 2014 from Texas A&M University with a BS. degree in Kinesiology Exercise Physiology. She was a member delta zeta sorority. She also graduated from Wake Forest University May 2017 with her Masters (MS) in Management. She is currently enrolled In the Physician's Assistant program at Wake Forest University.

Trey is the son of Herbert Glenn and Judy Parker. He is the grandson of Helen M. Barber and the late Garland J. Barber and Bernice & Dorothy Parker; all of Clinton. Trey graduated in 2009 from ECU with Beta gamma sigma Honors, B.A degree in Construction Management. He was a member of an Honors fraternity sigma lamda chi (served as President) and a member of lamda chi alpha (served as Treasurer). He later moved to Houston, Texas until 2017 and is currently living in Winston Salem. He is employed with LGI Homes, inc. as a Construction Manager.

The bride wore a beautiful Maggie Sottero ivory gown. A cross, hand tatted by the Grooms Grandmother, was sown inside the wedding dress. She also carried a handkerchief with tatting on the edge. Her elegant handmade lace veil was purchased on her recent trip to Spain. The bride's bouquet - designed by "Plants and Petals" - was white roses and peonies mixed with various succulents and sprigs of lavender. The stem of the bouquet was wrapped with two rosaries that were gifts from her maternal grandmother; one for her First Holy Communion and one for her Confirmation.

The matron of honor was Kristen Flood of Cypress Texas. Bridesmaids were Marge "Katie" Cooper of Dallas, TX; Ashley Hamilton of Houston, TX; and Leah Whitney - all longtime friends of the bride. Each wore a long dress in a shade of lavender. Their bouquets were white roses and peonies adorned with succulents. They each wore pearl earrings and bracelets that were gifts to them from the bride and her mother from their trip to Spain.

Makeup by "Butter Artistry". Floral decorations by "Plants 'N Petals" adorned the church and reception hall.

Herbert Parker served as his son's best man. Groomsmen were- Chris Bell of Clinton, NC; Justin Lane of Clinton, NC; Matt Buckner of Clayton NC and Ben Buckner of Raleigh, NC - all friends of the groom. They wore gray suits custom made by "Combatant Gentleman".

The bride was escorted to the altar by her father, Scott Schneider.

Music at the wedding was provided by Divisi Strings.

Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was held at the historic Station 3 in Houston, TX. A delicious dinner was prepared by Chef Hugo Ortega and Sommelrer Sean Beck.

A Memory Table displaying pictures honoring the memory of the Groom's brother, Wesley Ryan Parker; his paternal grandparents; his maternal grandfather and her maternal grandparents.

The large 4 tier wedding cake was made by "Who Made The Cake" in Houston, TX. It was adorned with fresh white flowers. The grooms cake, red velvet 3-D of The ECU Pirate Head, was made by "Cakes by Gina" in Houston, TX as designed by the Groom.

Music was provided by Royal Dukes Band as couples danced into the night.

Photo booth by "Smile Booth" was available. At 7 pm, an ice cream sandwich bar was available featuring delicious cookies and a variety of gourmet ice creams.

The wedding and reception was vintage romantic elegance. The Photographers were



Sarah Williams and Natalie Huerta of "The Silhouette Studio". The videographer was "Cinematic Saviors".

The couple departed from the reception at 9:00 pm in a 1959 Classic Apache Truck which is owned by the bride's parents. The guests arrived and departed in party buses and were escorted back to The Magnolia Hotel in downtown Houston, Texas.

A Bridal Brunch was given on March 11, 2017 in Houston Texas by Kristen Flood of Cypress, TX.

A miscellaneous shower was given on April 2, 2017 by the ladies of Grove Park Baptist Church in Clinton, NC.

Upon arrival and check-in at The Magnolia Hotel, wedding guests were given welcome bags including invites to the various events being hosted over the wedding weekend.

The groom hosted the wedding party and out of town guests to a baseball ballgame at Minute Maid Stadium on Thursday night May 25, 2017. He also hosted an outing on Friday at Top Golf in Houston, TX.

An elegant bridal luncheon hosted by Winx Whitney was held at Ouisie's Table on San Felipe in Houston, TX on May 25, 2017. The mantle was decorated with framed photos of both the bride and grooms parents and grandparents weddings. A keepsake photo album was presented to the Bride with various pictures of the couple including their very first date.

On the eve of the wedding, a rehearsal dinner, hosted by the Groom's parents, catered by Killen's BBQ of Pearland, Texas was held at the home of the Bride's parents in Houston. Desserts by "Cakes by Gina". Afterwards, out of town guests and other friends were invited into the Home of the bride's parents to socialize. Fun was had by all!

On Sunday May 28th, 2017, the bride's parents hosted a "Farewell Brunch" for the wedding party, wedding guests and families at El Big Bad Restaurant in downtown Houston following a get together at 8th Wonder Brewery.

# Sampson's Neglected and Abused Children Need Your Help

Imagine a child having been subjected to neglect and or abuse, and then an ongoing legal battle with lawyers and judges, and no one there who is simply there to be on your side. That's the job of a GAL, a Guardian ad Litem, to advocate solely for the best interest of an abused or neglected child. But in Sampson County, children are finding less and less adults to step up and advocate for them.

"At last count," says GAL District Administrator, Rusty Brown, "June 30, 2017, there were 543 children in the 4th Judicial District Court system as neglected, or abused children. Approximately 165 of those children currently do NOT have a GAL. 111 of those children are in Sampson County."

"We are currently short 15 to 20 Guardians in Sampson County," adds Brown. That's not a staggering number, just 15 to 20 volunteers to reach out and help a child in need, but 111 neglected and abused children in Sampson County needing help is staggering. And stepping up to help is much easier than most people realize.

"Anyone who is 18 or older and has a genuine interest in advocating for abused and neglected children qualifies to apply to be a GAL," states Brown. "Once the application is completed, we screen the applicant through a criminal record check and sex offender registry. If the person passes the screening process they are invited to an interview where we can learn more about the applicant and they can learn more about the GAL program."

"Once the interview has been completed, the applicant is scheduled for classroom training with other applicants in a group setting. The training consists of 10 chapters of nationally certified GAL/CASA training and usually takes 30 hours. The training includes many topics including: diversity, working with children, working with families, the court system, and how to prepare to become a GAL. Classes are usually held in the evenings with snacks provided."

"Our goal", adds Brown, "is to provide a Guardian ad Litem for every child in District 4. This means that we need to recruit, train and supervise approximately 60 new GAL's in the coming months. In Sampson County, we desperately need 15-20 Guardians to provide advocacy in every DSS case."

"The reasons the children enter the court system range from: substance abuse, domestic violence



all the way to physically and sexually abused children."

Brown goes on to explain, "As a sworn Guardian ad Litem, you are given a case which involves abused/neglected children. With the assistance of a supervisor and attorney advocate you will conduct an independent investigation of the case, and present your findings and recommendations to the Judge at the time of court. Although we collaborate with other community partners, our investigation is independent and our recommendations are solely for what is in the best interest of the children. Our Judges respect our volunteers, and rely on their investigation when determining the outcome of the case."

"District 4 also provides in-service training which allows GAL's to continue learning the resources in our community, and how to better serve children. Once sworn in as a Guardian ad Litem, you are eligible to attend these trainings and other community education events."

If you are interested in learning more about the GAL program, or submitting an application, visit: [www.volunteerforgal.org](http://www.volunteerforgal.org).

## We Should Know . . .



**Kenzie Hinson, Paige Hinson, Kevin Grenier with JW Simmons, Host of We Should Know**

Tuesdays from 2:30 PM until 3:30 PM, J.W. Simmons hosts a radio show on 1170 AM called "We Should Know", and The Sampson Weekly will feature portions of the transcripts in our continuing efforts to bring you more coverage of what is happening in our community.

The topic for this week's show is hunger and community outreach and the guests are Mackenzie Hinson, her mom Paige Hinson and volunteer Kevin Grenier from Make A Difference Food Pantry in Wayne County.

In 2015, then 10-year-old Mackenzie Hinson established the "Make A Difference Food Pantry" in Goldsboro. Today, the now 13-year-old Kenzie is making a difference in the lives of 4,500 people every month.

JW Simmons begins the show today asking Kenzie what motivated her, at 10-years-old, to work to help feed hungry people. Kenzie Hinson explains, "It was actually for a 4H speech that I was a part of, Hunger in Our Communities. 1 in 3 children in Wayne County and 1 in 5 elderly people suffer from hunger."

Kenzie says that hearing those facts motivated her to volunteer at a couple of other food pantries and then she realized she wanted to start her own.

Kenzie states, "We were coming down the curve at (Hwy) 13, where my house is, and I said mom, I want a food pantry. She said, oh, ok. She thought I would get over it in a couple of days... Thanks not what happened."

Next, Simmons turns to Kenzie's mom Paige and asks if she was at all hesitant for Kenzie to take on such an ambitious pursuit. "I was very hesitant because we weren't sure what all was entailed with the project she wanted to start," explains Paige. "So, I made the suggestion that she volunteer at a couple of food banks. We made some phone calls, and she did that."

"When she came out, she wanted something different," adds Paige. "She wanted to provide nutritious foods. Fresh produce which she knew most people couldn't afford because they're expensive. She wanted choices. Most people don't get choices at a food bank because it's packed for you and they're handed bags. She wanted to give them that part of their independence back because most people, when they go to a food bank are humiliated. They're most humbled. They've lost their pride because they are having to ask for that kind of help."

"Kenzie didn't want that kind of environment. She wanted them to feel welcomed and the kids not to feel embarrassed to be there. So, I told her she needed to do some research to see what was entailed, and before I knew what she had done, she had researched the 501c3. Printed off the paperwork, called our accountant and set up an appointment."

Paige goes on to add that Kenzie had also set up an appointment at the bank to open an account and had set up a fundraiser at the local Xaxby's before Paige knew what she had gotten done.

Next, Simmons points to the Make A Difference Food Pantry board of directors stating that she has lined up an impressive board. Simmons asks how she selected the members and how she convinced them to come on board.

"Some of the people that are on my board, they are actually considered my foodbank family," says Kenzie, "because we helped them during the hurricane. We met them along the journey, so they were like, sign us up."

Simmons goes on to ask how a food pantry manages to keep up with demand after something like a hurricane when requests for food might go as high as 400%. Paige Hinson replies, "There are no words that can describe what happened during Hurricane Matthew. Kenzie knew that her needs would grow, but she wasn't quite aware of how bad it would be. None of us knew."

"When we left home that day," adds Paige, "she had called the Salvation Army in Goldsboro, which she partners with a lot, and we were actually taking food to them because they were out. We got in to Goldsboro and we helped them one day, and were headed back the next day and the river rose. We couldn't get back into Goldsboro."

"We called the Mar-Mac Fire Department and asked if we went into town, would we be able to get back across." Paige goes on to say, "They told Kenzie she would be needed right where she was, and that if we went into town, we wouldn't be able to get back for a week."

Kenzie was told that the flooding was far worse than they expected, and that she would need to get her foodbank ready to help those in need. "Kenzie started getting prepared, and when we left home that day we had 3 1/2 feet of water in our back yard."

"It took us 45 minutes to get to the pantry," says Paige. "And she was the only one that had power. So, she was the emergency food source for the county at that point."

Paige explains that Kenzie had several freezers full of food, which wasn't typical, and emergency response personnel set up a shelter in town that was supplied with food by Kenzie's foodbank with the help of a local church preparing the food.

"She was the only one with power, while everyone else around her was without it," adds Paige. "That must have been through a higher power."

Faced with neighbors having no way to prepare any food that was given to them, Kenzie made the decision to start cooking food. "We lined the side of Kenzie's building with pig cookers, gas cookers, and she said we're going to start cooking. We ended up with 6,900 hot meals coming out of there during the hurricane."

"43 days straight," adds Kenzie.

Paige says that just one week before the hurricane, Kenzie had been awarded the Food Lion food pantry makeover. And in that makeover, they put in a walk-in cooler and stocked the shelves.

Simmons says Food Lion has been a major supporter for the Make A Difference food pantry. He asks Kenzie how she was able to get that level of support. "We I first opened the food pantry, we were on our way to the Miss North Carolina pageant that weekend. We were supposed to go to the grocery store to pick up some items for snacks and stuff. Well, I walk in and Mrs. Trish, one of my board of directors comes and says, we have something for you."

"I was like, let me do my shopping and I'll come over there," says Kenzie. "But mom was like no, put the cart down and go over there. They gave me 1,200 meals to start the pantry with. So, we have a good relationship with Food Lion."

Paige explains that after that, Trish who is the district operations manager for Food Lion became a board member. "We say Food Lion is part of her foodbank family because they have a huge presence in her foodbank. All the stainless-steel tables, the produce stands, it looks like a mini Food Lion. They even gave us grocery carts for the seniors that can't take the food they get. They have a little cart to push around."

"Food Lion does a lot more behind the scenes than people realize."

Kenzie Hinson has also been invited and accepted an opportunity to go to Capitol Hill and discuss the effects of Hurricane Matthew with federal legislators Thom Tillis and Richard Burr. She has also received a visit from Governor Roy Cooper, who mentioned Kenzie's work in one of his State of the State addresses. She has also been named the first North Carolina Spokeskid for Volunteerism.

Kevin Grenier, from Buffalo, New York has been a volunteer with the Make A Difference Food Pantry. JW Simmons asks how he became involved.

"I came down here in May for my nephew's first birthday," explained Grenier, "and my dad, he also volunteers for the pantry. He suggested I come with him, so I said ok. I helped them out, and I had just never seen anything like it. A pantry that was set up like a grocery store. I thought it was really unique."

"I helped them out that day and I saw how much work was involved with running a pantry, so I started helping them more and more. Now it's every day. I had just never seen anything like it, especially coming from a kid."

For more information, please visit [madpantry.org](http://madpantry.org) and the Make A Difference Food Pantry Facebook Page.

To view the entire broadcast of We Should Know please visit their YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/user/WeShouldKnowEDU](http://www.youtube.com/user/WeShouldKnowEDU).

The next "We Should Know" hosted by J.W. Simmons will air next Tuesday from 2:30 to 3:30 PM on our local radio station WCLN 1170 AM. If you would like to reach "We Should Know" you may call them at 910-592-8947 or email them with show ideas at [weshouldknowedu@gmail.com](mailto:weshouldknowedu@gmail.com) or you can find them on Facebook.

## LOCAL NEWS

## Razie Smith Celebrates 109 Years



In August of 1908, Wilbur Wright was in France to prove the American claim of controlled power flight. At the same time in France, Emile Cohl created the first animated cartoon with her short film *Fantasmagorie*. Meanwhile, back here at home Teddy Roosevelt was in the White House and Jim and Hattie Smith were about to give birth to man that would live for more than a century.

Razie Smith was born on a Saturday in Duplin County very near the Sampson County line. The date was August 8th, 1908. The average life expectancy was only 47 years and the average wage was 22 cent per hour. Sugar was 4 cent a pound and coffee 15 cent a pound.

Razie was one of many children in a large farming family. As a farmer in those days, a strong back and tough hands were far more important than education, and after finishing the 3rd grade, Razie like many boys his age became a full time laborer on his daddy's farm.

The family moved closer to Clinton when Razie was 14, and when Razie was about 18 years old he tasted love for the first time. It was a 5 cent bottle of Pepsi, one of Razie's few indulgences. From then on Razie Smith was known to drink at least 3 a day; that is until his daughter Annie convinced him to give them up a few years back.

At age 22 Razie Smith married the real love of his life Annie in 1930. Ten years later husband and wife moved to Clinton to take up housekeeping at the home Razie built (1941) and still lives in today. Razie says he bought his first car when he was 23. A gallon of gas cost about 10 cent in those days and a bottle Pepsi was still just a nickel.

As the years piled up, so too did the couple's children.

Razie and Annie Smith would have 11 children and also raised their first grandchild. In all, the Smith's had 27 grandchildren through the years and countless great grandchildren. The family spread up and down the east coast from New York to Louisiana.

Of all the many changes Razie Smith has seen in his life, there are two that stand out above all others. The first, when America landed a man on the moon. Razie Smith was born just as man learned to fly, but space travel never sat well with Smith.

"Every time we would go to the moon, it would rain," said Smith. Annie, Smith's daughter, says she still remembers her father complaining about that.

The other great change Razie Smith watched America go through was the election of the first African-American president. Smith, whose parents were just 1 generation removed from Slavery has always had a keen respect for the democratic process.

"I've always voted," says Smith. "And I was happy to cast my vote for President Obama." That was 100 years after Razie Smith was born. "That's one thing I never thought I would see." Annie Smith says she went with her dad to vote that day. "It was the last time daddy voted in person. The next time daddy voted for President Obama it was by mail."

When asked about some of his favorite things, Razie Smith kind of mumbles "Pepsi" and the whole house erupts in laughter. He was also very fond of Piggly Wiggly and the family all agree that Razie always wanted the best when it came to food.

"Fried fish or pork just about any way you fix it; that was daddy's favorite", says Annie. When asked about his wife, Razie says, "She enjoyed church, cooking and raising up all these boys".

While looking at some old pictures on the wall, Mary Smith, one of Razie's daughter in laws, says that Razie was always a sharp dresser and particular about his appearance. "Even now he wants things just so, even if it's just to sit at the house."

Razie grew up in a full house and raised his own full house of children. And even now his house remains full. A long life with many friends and family, Razie Smith has earned respect in his community and gained the love of many by how he lived his life.

Dr. Tara Smith, one of many grandchildren, sits with

her grandfather to help him hear. Annie says Razie was especially proud of Tara, one of two grandchildren to earn a doctorate degree. After 109 years, Razie still has good vision and gets around pretty well on most days. His hearing starting to get worse about 8 years ago, and 10 years ago he was diagnosed with renal failure. But other than that, Annie says her father remains in good health. "He is a very strong and determined man."

Daughter-in-law Mary says that Razie will still get down on his knees to pray. A man of great fortitude, Razie says he never drank alcohol, used tobacco or cursed. Regarding tobacco, Razie states, "I picked enough of it in my life. Cotton and tobacco!"

The family says Smith has always been a hard worker and good provider, even in the worst of times. Several occasions found Razie Smith travelling for work, but he always came home when the work was done. From Florida to New York, DC and Georgia, even as far as Canada; Razie Smith went where the work did, but he always came home to Clinton.

Smith was fond of riding a bike, which he did from the time he was a small child to well into his nineties. He also enjoyed mowing grass for his church and a few families around town. It was in his mid-nineties that he gave that up too.

But the greatest of joys for Razie Smith has always been the church. He started attending Wilson Chapel in Duplin County, and when he moved to Clinton he joined Union Star Original Free Will Baptist Church. Faith has been a constant in his life, and the source of his longevity. The family estimates that he's been a member at Union Star Church for 83 years. He was recently recognized for 77 years of service to his church, many of those years spent as Usher and Deacon.

When asked about his birthday party, Razie Smith said he wanted it to be at church. Razie will celebrate his birthday on August 8th.

What do you get a man for his 109th birthday? A man who's travelled the states and watched more than a century of history play out. A man who's watched generations of his family grow and surpass his own expectations. A man that witnessed the dawn of flight, a man on the moon and the country's first African American president serve two terms in office. Perhaps the best gift is simply to tell him how much you admire the way he's lived. Oh, and sneak him a Pepsi if you get a chance.

## New Chief of Police Takes Oath of Office

Chief Donald Edwards who had been Acting Police Chief since the departure of former Chief Jay Tilley officially took his oath of office Tuesday night at the Clinton City Council meeting.

Chief Edward's daughters joined him as he was sworn in using a very special Bible. Chief Kenneth O. Edwards of the Benson Police Department, Donald Edward's brother, requested Mayor Starling use a Bible the brother's father had given Kenneth Edwards when he was named Chief of Police for Benson. Kenneth Edwards said that every Benson officer sworn since he became Chief was sworn using the same Bible. The brother's father, Sharon O. Edwards was the former Chief of Police for Roseboro.

After being sworn, new Chief of Police Edwards was joined by former Chief Jay Tilley to pin the new Chief's badge. Brother Kenneth Edwards then pinned the Chief's insignia.



Chief Donald Edwards takes the Oath of Office administered by Clinton Mayor Lew Starling.

## Sampson County VITAL STATS

**Deaths**

-Beatrice Hatchett Brown  
-Carl Vander Brock  
-Mary Elizabeth Bass  
-Eva Grant  
-Ella Mae Gardner  
-Bernice Ardell Jackson  
-Azra Fennell Johnson  
-Bennie Ralph King  
-Raymond David Millet  
-Edna Marie Marshall  
-Vennie G Reynolds  
-Wanda Gail Smith  
-Cecilia Myriam Santis  
-Billy Kenneth Tyndall  
-Rebecca Ann Williams

**Marriage Certificates**

-Eric Wayne Aman to Jerri Fox Matthis  
-David Allen Jordan II to Rebecca Faith Kornegay  
-Garrison Lee Hull to Brooke Nicole Poole  
-James Fidel Jennings to Tiffany Shavon Moore  
-Edwin Rasado to Jasbleidy Ciceros Perz Kydes  
-James Dentley Tyndall Jr to Mary Anne Bradley  
-Odessa Brunson to Renee Sylvia Holmes

**Births**

-Camden Reid Warren born on July 16, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Jessica Lynne Warren  
-Jaxson Emmanuel Martinez born on July 17, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Isidro Romero Martinez Jr and Perla Jazmin Martinez  
-Joaquin Alberto Martinez born on July 17, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Isidro Romero

Martinez Jr and Perla Jazmin Martinez

-Seven Lamar-Keith Merchison born on July 17, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Eric Keith-Terrell Merchison and Lequissa Dominique Washington  
-Sawyer Duane Dailey born on July 19, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center Shawn Duane Dailey and Katie Glynn Hunter  
-Kyrie Jamaal Pemberton born on July 19, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Giovanni Dwon Pemberton and Shameika Chantal Singleton

**Land Transfers**

-Mary Christine B Delaine to Collins Edward Delaine- Lots 8 & 9 of the LD Bass Clifton Farm Subdivision North Clinton Township  
-Kaytric Hayes Herring, Clarence Herring, Kaytic Hayes Herring to Donnie W Jernigan- 0.67Acres Franklin  
-Allison Warren, L Robbin Best, Gail Warren Dunn, Joseph R Dunn, Cathie Warren McLamb, Charles A McLamb Jr, JR Dunn to Ronnie A Warren, Susan Warren - 2.55 Acres Mingo  
-Presley Franklin Mahoney Jr, Brenda Butler Mahoney to David Wade Blackburn, Barbara Ann Lockamy Blackburn-Lot 1A 60 Acres with exceptions Franklin  
-Ruperts Auto SALES Inc, Ruperts Fiance/DBA to Gabino Tinoco- 1.52 Acres w/exceptions Little Coharie  
-Ryan Dwayne Weeks, Jamie Voliva Weeks to John Edward Horton Jr, Helen Fredlund Horton- 9.042 Acres  
-Delmas L Hobbs, Ann B Hobbsm Mary Ann B Hobbs/AKA to Goodson & Wells Farms Inc- 132 Acres Turkey  
-Bobby Knowles, Kameron Knowles to Michael Anthony Burch Sr- Lot 5 Deerfield Plainview  
-Stan Iredell Benton, Shannan Cash Benton to John Benjamin Groves, Kira Groves- Lot 25 Section III Boykin Lakes Subdivision 0.75 Acres South Clinton  
-Belvin James Rooks, Belvin J Rooks to Kenneth Franklin Rooks, Belvin James Rooks- 2.09 Acres Franklin  
-Mary Ann Klugh to Warren Devane- Franklin Lot 1 4.36 Acres  
-Eugene L Pearsall, Cheryl M Pearsall to James P Burch- 2 Tracts Piney Grove  
-Hubert Artis Greene, Dorothy Larue Greene to Steven Hubert Greene, Lori Anne Greene- Parcel 3B 0.75 Acres Little Coharie  
-Hubert Artis Greene, Dorothy Larue Greene to Kelvin D Greene- Parcel 3A 0.75 Acres Little Coharie  
-James P Burch, Teresa O Burch to Georgiana LLC- 1.02 Acres Lisbon  
-Schneider Property Solutions Inc to Laura Elizabeth Waters- 2.05 Acres Lot 5 Mable Baggett Estate Division Mingo

# 2017 HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

By: Perry Solice, REHS

The 2017 hurricane season officially began June 1st. Living near coastal counties like we do in Sampson, it's important to be prepared, particularly when it comes to safe food and water.

The best strategy for you and your family is to always have a plan in place that everyone knows and that includes food and water safety precautions. Be sure to use appliance thermometers in your refrigerator and freezer to help determine if food is safe during power outages. Thermometers can be purchased at most of our local hardware or discount stores. Refrigerator thermometer should be 41 degrees or lower and the freezer should be 0 degrees or lower. Freeze containers of water in advance for ice to help

keep food cold in freezer, refrigerator, or coolers in case of power outage. You can also use the melted ice for drinking water. Have coolers on hand to keep refrigerator food cold with any ice you make or buy. Keep the doors closed on refrigerators and freezers. A refrigerator will keep your food cold for about 4 hours if you keep the door closed. A full freezer will hold its temperature for about 48 hours and 24 hours if half full.

Permitted food establishments can take certain precautions to minimize product loss and food safety as a result of power loss or flooding. Food that has been contaminated or adulterated is considered unsafe to eat and must be discarded if the temperature was above 41°F for longer than 4 hours. These establishments are inspected by the Environmental Health Section for food safety issues after any disaster.

Temperature is the key to controlling most biological contaminants. Once the power is restored, check the thermometers to determine if the food items are still safe. Remember 41 degrees or below for the refrigerator and 0 degrees or below for the freezer. Discard any perishable foods such as meats,

milk, eggs or leftovers that have been kept in the refrigerator or freezer above 41 degrees for more than 4 hours. Never taste food to determine its safety! Remember, when in doubt, throw it out!

To minimize food loss, place as many perishables in the freezer prior to a disaster; a packed freezer will keep them under 41°F longer than a refrigerator.

If a well has been flooded or damaged, have it tested because flood waters contain many contaminants that can affect water safety. Purchase bottled water prior to any disaster. If a permitted establishment has no water, they cannot operate and the permit will be suspended until potable water is restored.

Portable generators will prevent loss and assist with recovery efforts, but they are not intended to replace approved power source for food establishment operation. Always use in accordance with manufacturer's safety guidelines.

For more information about food safety contact Sampson Count Environmental Health Office at (910) 592-4675, extension 4907 or 4906.

# Contact Lenses Care for Healthy Vision



by R. Thomas Barowsky, MD



Contact lenses continue to be a very popular alternative to eyeglasses for a number of reasons including personal appearance, convenience, job safety, sports participation and quality of vision. Since they are not an inexpensive option for glasses the wearer of contact lenses should also have a financial interest in their care and use. A few weeks ago I spoke about the problems that can befall the eye when it is deprived of oxygen from improperly wearing contact lenses. Today I'll discuss some of the other pitfalls that can jeopardize the health of your eyes from improper contact lens wear.

I have on many occasions in my career seen the damage that can be done to a young person's eyes from the misuse and abuse of contacts. Today's column will cover some of the ways contact lens wearers unknowingly risk permanent damage to their vision by not following a few simple rules when wearing contacts.

### Proper Lubrication

Soft contact lenses are made of materials that require substantial amounts of fluid to keep them properly shaped and comfortable on your eyes. Typically a soft contact lens will contain anywhere from 55-65% water. If you have been advised by your eye care provider that you don't make lubricating tears as well as you once did, then you need to use a lubricating drop regularly in your eyes when wearing contact lenses. This will help to keep them properly hydrated

and comfortable. Contact lens wetting solution is not the same as artificial tears or lubricating drops. As the lens starts to dry out it will become irritating in the eye and has the potential to cause other serious complications. Many lubricating drops are available on the market; most are quite good but some are a total waste of time and money. Check with your contact lens prescriber for the type they recommend and use them frequently.

### Sleeping In Contact Lenses

This is by far the most common problem I see in contact lens wear. Many companies, on TV and in magazines, promote this advantage for their product and it sure sounds great to wake up in the morning with crisp clear vision without having to first stick your fingers in your eyes. The thing we sometimes forget is that during sleep our tear production decreases significantly because the tear pump caused by blinking is inactive. Since most contact lenses are from 50 to 60% water content there is a need to provide moisture to prevent them from drying out. During sleep even a small amount of contact lens drying causes a change in the way the contact fits. As a result this causes the cornea to swell slightly and it's possible to get small discreet scratches on the cornea. Once these scratches occur, microbes can get into the underlying tissues. Most cases of eye infection, including corneal ulcers, caused this way can be treated with standard prescription eye drops along with removing the contacts until the infection clears. Unfortunately, this is not always the case and serious parasitic and fungal infections may also lead not only to sight stealing infections but the potential for loss of the eye.

### Back-up Glasses

I instruct all my contact lens patients on the importance of having a pair of prescription eyeglasses in back-up. If an emergency should occur in the middle of the night it is certainly faster to grab your glasses and head away from the threat than worry about getting the right solutions or the correct contact in the correct eye. In addition if the contact lens wearer tears a contact while away from home or on vacation, a pair



of back-up glasses can save the day. Let's not forget the allergy sufferer either. There will be times of the year when wearing contacts just isn't comfortable. Having a pair of glasses to get you past those seasonal bumps in the road is very important.

### Contact Lens Solutions and Cases

All contact lens solutions are the same, NOT !! I hope there is no one anywhere on the planet that still thinks homemade contact lens solutions are okay. I have treated some of the most serious eye infections as a result of homemade solutions with the worst possible results. Never, not even once, think that these solutions are safe. While we are on the subject of homemade I need to mention one other agent that is horribly wrong to use. It is never okay to put your contact lens, hard or soft, in your mouth to wet it before putting it in your eye. Yuck, if we had clean mouths the mouthwash industry would have been out of business a century ago. Always use only the lens solution recommended by your eye doctor or pharmacist for the type of contact lens you are wearing. Your contact lens case should be cleaned daily by rinsing it with your contact lens cleaning solution to ensure that it is a safe haven for your contacts.

Just a few simple steps to reduce your risk and increase your contact lens wearing enjoyment.

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## FAITH



Joshua 24:15, "And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

You and I are blessed by God in so many ways just as the Hebrews who finally reached the Promised Land. Most of us living in the United States have almost everything we want and need. However, we must at some point in our lives decide if Christ will be our guide, our leader, our example and the perfect pattern for us to emulate.

As the Jewish people got ready to enter the Promised Land, their celebrated leader, Joshua, told them they had to make a decision about whom they would serve in their new homeland. Joshua's words could just as well be addressed to us today: "Choose whom you will serve."

Joshua did not command the people to serve the one true God. Instead, he said, "You have to make a choice. You are independent and free human beings, and must decide whether you will serve God or someone else. As our Creator, God has given all of us the privilege and responsibility of making our own choices.

As we go through a day's experiences, we make thousands of choices. Many of them are quite minor, such as what time to get up, whether to bathe and brush our teeth, what clothes to wear, what to have for breakfast, what time to go to work and so forth. We make countless individual decisions, most of them relatively trivial. However, we also have to make major decisions of the kind Joshua presented to his people. We have to decide whether we will serve the Lord or something else.

Maybe you are thinking to yourself that you have it both ways. Living in the world and acting like the world during the week,

yet on Sunday you slip into your Christian mindset and follow Jesus for a few hours. We discover in 2 Corinthians 6:14 that the Apostle Paul stated, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness?" You can't dance with the Devil in the darkness of sin and think that you will have fellowship with Jesus in the light of eternity. You are either lost in your sins or redeemed by the blood of Jesus.

I know it's easier to make the little decisions because they are largely shaped by habit and have few serious consequences. But the much more important decision of whether to serve God is often not made, or is just put off until next Sunday. If we don't consciously make that decision every day of our lives then we are likely to set other priorities and serve all kinds of things besides God, often without even realizing it. So we have to decide, "Whom will we serve?" I pray that you will make the right choice of the one you will follow, but let it be known that my personal resolve is to follow Christ.

Rev. Ken Smith  
Atkinson Baptist Church



## The Biblical Foundation of Marriage and Family – Part One



When you think of family, what do you think of? Ignore your own context and circumstances for a moment, and start over.

I think the image of a father, a mother and a couple of children come to most of our minds. There's a pretty simple reason for that. From the dawning of television, we've seen images of that sort of ideal family. From "Leave it to Beaver" to "The Flintstones" to "Family Matters," our icon of the American family has infiltrated our thoughts and memories.

We find ourselves, however, in a culture that is very confused about family, marriage, gender roles and sexuality. The biblical-traditional model of marriage and family since the beginning of time itself has been for one man to marry

one woman for the purpose of mutual pleasure, spiritual benefit and creating a new generation of people who would start the cycle over. Yet today, we find families that have been broken, cheated, corrupted, split and misidentified.

The result is an abandonment of biblical foundations of marriage and family. If fathers don't stay with mothers, if parents' divorce, if two people of the same sex choose to romanticize their relationship, and if children are neglected – then why do family the way God has purposed?

Maybe the problem is not the way God has ordered relationships, but the sinfulness that is in man's heart. God created marriage and family the way that he did for two reasons: for humankind to flourish and to reflect back God's own love

to his people through those systems. In many ways, the church is to be indicted for how it has handled marriage and family issues. We care too much that people attend Sunday services, how they dress, and whether they pay their tithes than really getting to know the everyday struggles and marital/family issues one goes through. In many cases, Christian marriages look no different than non-Christian marriages: divorce rates are about the same, commitment and faithfulness to raise their children in a Christian environment is lacking and biblical principles on family life and church discipline are not taken seriously. We focus on cosmetic remedies instead of addressing the real problem.

The deeper issue in all marriages and all relationships is a misdirection of God's good design for marriage and family. Andreas Kostenberger says in his book *God, Marriage, and Family* that "Theological and hermeneutical naïveté gives birth to superficial diagnoses." In other words, there are things on the outside that can be worked on, but the real problem is a theological problem. The problem is that God's will and purposes have been largely ignored.

The better answer to life's many problems, especially marriage and family, is to follow God's design. This will take hard work, humility, prayer, time spent in Scripture and accountability. If we want successful marriages and families, our duty as men, women and children is to consciously put ourselves under the authority of Scripture. Children, obey and honor your parents. Parents, love each other and love and discipline your children. These are not stodgy rules to make our lives difficult, these are the very concepts of an all-knowing God who has our best at heart.



Will Matthews

## Worship

*Job 1:20-22 – Then Job rose, tore his robe, shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped. He said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there; the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."*

There may be no crying in baseball, but life sure brings with it times when all there seems left for us to do is to weep and wail. However, the text suggests that even in the midst of the worst possible circumstances there is something else we can do. Job's response to a string of the devastating news was to worship. Imagine that, worshipping God rather than whining or complaining...worshipping rather than accusing God or turning away from him.

Please don't get me wrong. I'm not at all saying, that we should no lament when we experience difficulties or loss. If you know anything at about Job's narrative, then you know that he had every reason to weep. Anyone who has ever experienced such loss is allowed to cry, kick a can or yell out loud. There is nothing wrong with crying or grieving loss. Lamenting and healthy grieving are an important part of processing loss of any kind. In fact, Paul, in Romans 12:15, tells us that we are to weep with those who weep...mourn with those who mourn....rejoice with those who rejoice. My favorite lines in the movie, *Steel Magnolias*, are spoken by M'Lynn to her friends after the loss of her daughter Shelby. When they asked her, "How are you?" M'Lynn responded by saying:

"I'm fine! I can jog all the way to Texas and back, but my daughter can't! She never could! Oh God! I am so mad I don't know what to do! I wanna know why! I wanna know \*why\* Shelby's life is over! I wanna know how that baby will \*ever\* know how wonderful his mother was! Will he \*ever\* know what she went through for him, Oh \*God\* I wanna know \*why\*? \*Why\*? Lord, I wish I could understand!

No! No! No! It's not supposed to happen this way! I'm supposed to go first.

I've always been ready to go first! I-I don't think I can take this! I-I don't think I can take this. I-I just wanna \*hit\* somebody 'til they feel as bad as I do! I just wanna hit something! I wanna hit it hard!"

M'Lynn's words not only speak volumes about the authenticity of her grief, they also give voice to the extent of Job's anguish in the midst of his losses. M'Lynn and Job each expressed their grief appropriately. As an expression of his sorrow the text tells us that Job tore his robe, shaved his head, and 'then' he did something else... He worshiped. Right in the center of incredible loss and immeasurable emotional distress, Job fell on the ground and worshiped God. Just as M'Lynn didn't understand why her daughter's life was over, Job certainly didn't understand why he had to experience these upsetting circumstances.

The text began with the word, "Then" which suggests that something had happened previously. It was the loss of property and children that came before Job's worship. Making meaning of life shattering loss and unsettling circumstances is not easy, but it can usher us into much need spiritual and emotional transformation. Beloved, our text today is more than a scripture to be quote during funerals; it's a scripture worthy of regular devotional reading and prayerful reflection. Why? Well, because as we meditate on it we recognize that God is worthy of our worship even when we are stricken with the most disturbing news or diagnoses ever. In the midst of impossible situations and in the face of our feelings about those situations, God is sovereign and worthy of our praise and worship. Have you received devastating news? Have you experienced a life shattering loss of any kind? Embrace your sorrow. Cry, weep, whine, wail, kick a can, or hit something, but don't stop there...then, worship.

Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart. Come, just as you are to worship. Come, just as you are before you God. – Brain Doerksen

And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before...the Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning. –Job 42:10, 12



ENTERTAINMENT

# What's Happening

at **SCT**

By Angela Martin



## Seussical Rehearsals Continue. .

Seussical rehearsals continue as SCT gets prepared to present three casts in our next production, Seussical. This production is unique in that it will be three entirely new and different casts performing for three weekends. The production is sponsored by Performance Dodge/Performance Ford of Clinton and is directed by Angela Martin. This is not the first time that there has been a triple cast at our theatre - in fact in 2014, Angela Martin directed The Little Mermaid, Jr. with three complete casts. This production is one that will delight audiences young and old. It has upbeat songs, great dances and an interactive Cat in the Hat - portrayed by Coleman Simpson who will entertain you for the two hour run of the show.

One of our main characters in the show is Horton the Elephant. Horton is the only jungle creature of Nool who can hear the Whos and he attempts to take care of the Whos during this production. We have three different and very talented people portraying Horton during our production, Jarrett Bennett, Chuck Moore and Lucas Jackson. Jarrett Bennett is a recent William Peace University graduate who earned his degree in Musical Theatre. He has been in numerous productions and has portrayed such roles as, Harold Hill in The Music Man, Seaweed in Hairspray and "The Fonz" in Happy Days. After his run as Horton, he will begin his next adventure as a cast member in Cape Fear Regional Theatre's, Dreamgirls. Chuck Moore has also been on our stage, having appeared as Gomez Addams in The Addams Family and he also reprised this role at Harnett Regional Theatre as well. Chuck will be appearing with his daughter Abigail, who is a Wickersham Brother, during Seussical. Lucas Jackson is a rising senior at Clinton High School and is a regular featured actor on our stage. Lucas' credits include Les Miserables School Edition where he portrayed Enjolras, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat where he portrayed Joseph and Troy in High School Musical. Lucas is also in the production alongside his father, Tracy Jackson, who is portraying the Mayor of Whoville. All three of these actors will bring wonderful talent and charisma to this lead role.



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Friday-Thursday

1:30p 3:30p 5:30p 7:30p



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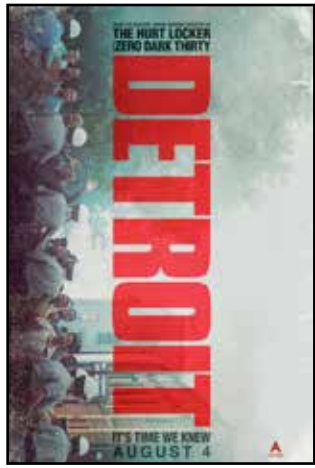
NOW SHOWING

**Rated:** PG-13 for intense war experience and some language

In May 1940, Germany advanced into France, trapping Allied troops on the beaches of Dunkirk. Under air and ground cover from British and French forces, troops were slowly and methodically evacuated from the beach using every serviceable naval and civilian vessel that could be found. At the end of this heroic mission, 330,000 French, British, Belgian and Dutch soldiers were safely evacuated.

Friday-Thursday

1:30p 3:30p 5:30p 7:30p



### DETROIT

NOW SHOWING

**Rated:** R for strong violence and pervasive language

The story of one of the darkest moments during the civil unrest that rocked Detroit in the summer of '67.

Starring John Boyega, Will Poulter, Algee Smith, Jacob Latimore, Jason Mitchell

Directed by Kathryn Bigelow

Friday-Thursday

1:30p 4:30p 7:30p



### GIRLS TRIP

NOW SHOWING

**Rated:** Rated R for crude and sexual content throughout, pervasive language, brief graphic nudity, and drug material

When four lifelong friends travel to New Orleans for the annual Essence Festival, sisterhoods are rekindled, wild sides are rediscovered, and there's enough dancing, drinking, brawling and romancing to make the Big Easy blush.

Friday-Thursday

1:30p 3:45p 6:00p 8:15p



### EMOJI MOVIE

NOW SHOWING

**Rated:** PG for rude humor

Enter the never-before-seen secret world inside your smartphone. Hidden within the messaging app is Textopolis, a bustling city where all your favorite emojis live, hoping to be selected by the phone's user. In this world, each emoji has only one facial expression - except for Gene (T.J. Miller), an exuberant emoji who was born without a filter and is bursting with multiple expressions.

Friday-Thursday

1:30p 3:30p 5:30p 7:30p

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Gochujang-Glazed Chicken

# GET FOILED

Learn why foil-packet cooking is hot, hot, hot

## FAMILY FEATURES

As the saying goes, big things come in small packages and that may explain the burgeoning popularity of foil-packet recipes. Minimal preparation and cleanup are easy trade-offs for the immense flavors you can create in these tiny containers, whether you prepare them in the oven, on the grill or over an open flame.

The secret to successful foil cooking is locking in the layers of flavor from each ingredient. It's surprisingly simple to create delicious, healthy dishes when cooking with foil. An ingredient like seasoned rice vinegar offers a wholesome alternative to many condiments and flavorings while giving your packet a big flavor boost.

With no artificial preservatives, flavors or ingredients and no high-fructose corn syrup, Nakano® Rice Vinegars are the perfect solution for building better-for-you foil-packet meals. With organic varieties and easy-to-read labels featuring real, recognizable ingredients, you can feel great about layering delicious flavor into your next foil-packet meal with rice vinegar.

Garlic seasoned rice vinegar delivers a boost of flavor to this Asian-inspired chicken, creating a sensational main dish. Add crisp fresh veggies tossed with organic rice vinegar and garlic as a side then finish the meal with a sweet take on a juicy fruit crisp.

Find more inspired ideas for healthy meals at [Mizkan.com/Recipes](http://Mizkan.com/Recipes).

### Gochujang-Glazed Chicken

Servings: 4  
Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook time: 45 minutes

- 4 tablespoons Nakano Seasoned Rice Vinegar – Roasted Garlic
- 2 teaspoons gochujang (chile bean paste)
- 6 tablespoons maple syrup
- 4 teaspoons soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons, plus 2 teaspoons, olive oil
- 4 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 8 chicken thighs
- 4 cups fresh cauliflower, riced (use grater or food processor so cauliflower resembles rice)
- 1 1/2 cups fresh scallions, sliced
- 2 cups fresh sugar snap peas
- 3 sprigs fresh cilantro, for garnish

Heat oven or grill to 375 F.

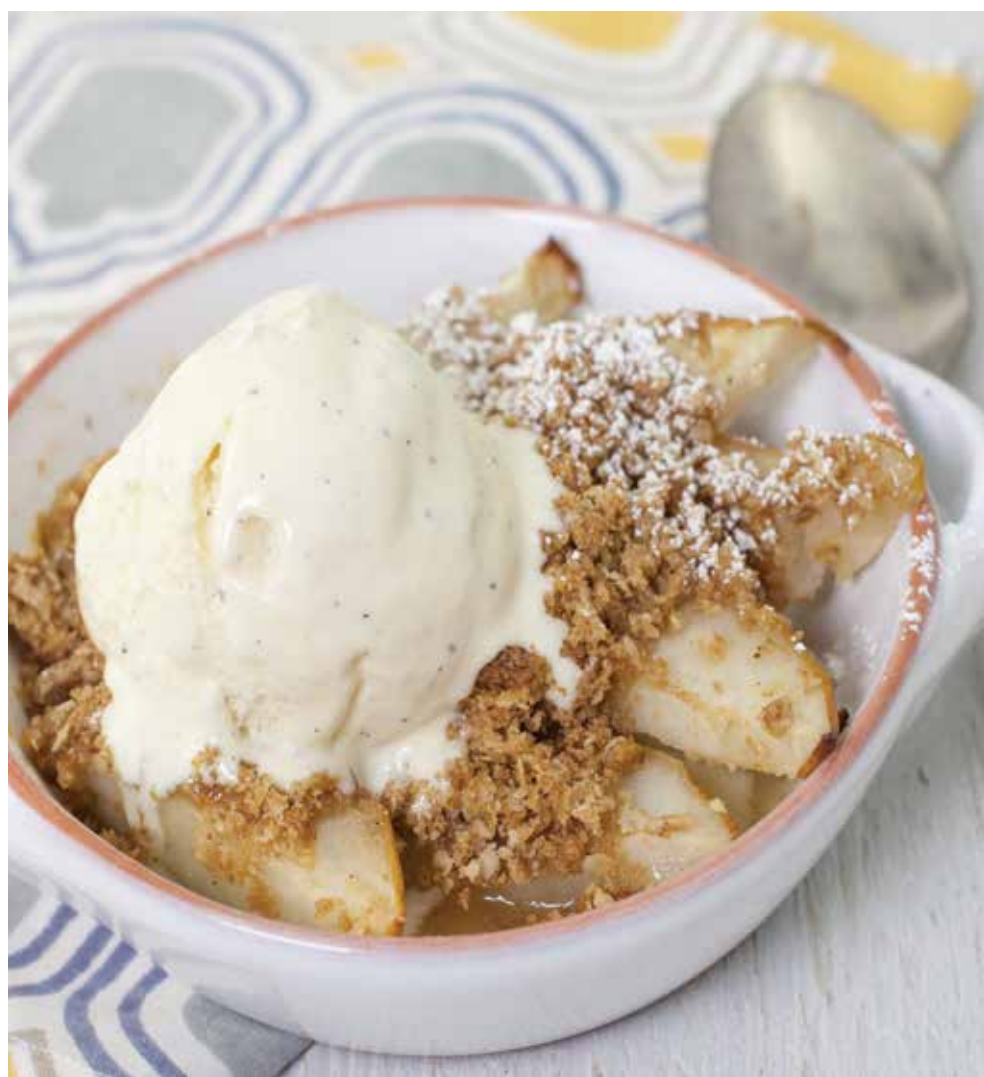
In large bowl, mix together vinegar, gochujang, maple syrup, soy sauce, olive oil, mustard, salt and pepper to form marinade. Dip chicken in marinade and toss lightly until coated.

Lightly oil foil pouch and layer base of pouch with cauliflower. Add scallions and sugar snap peas then place chicken on top. Carefully pour remaining marinade over pouch contents (ensuring that liquid stays inside foil).

Seal foil packet and bake or grill 30 minutes. Open foil to create 2-inch long vent then bake or grill another 15 minutes, or until completely cooked. Garnish with cilantro before serving.

**Chef's tip:** For best results and added flavor, marinate chicken 30 minutes before preparing pouches.

**Substitutions:** In place of gochujang, red pepper flake paste can be made by mixing 1 tablespoon red pepper flakes with a few dashes soy sauce and 1 dash sugar. Alternatively, substitute 2 teaspoons sriracha for gochujang.



Bartlett Pear and Oat Crisp

### Bartlett Pear and Oat Crisp

Servings: 4  
Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook time: 30 minutes

- 4 cups fresh pears, medium diced
- 4 tablespoons Nakano Seasoned Rice Vinegar – Mango
- 3/4 cup quick oats
- 2/3 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup, plus 2 teaspoons, all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 6 tablespoons butter, diced into 1/4-inch squares

Heat oven to 375 F.

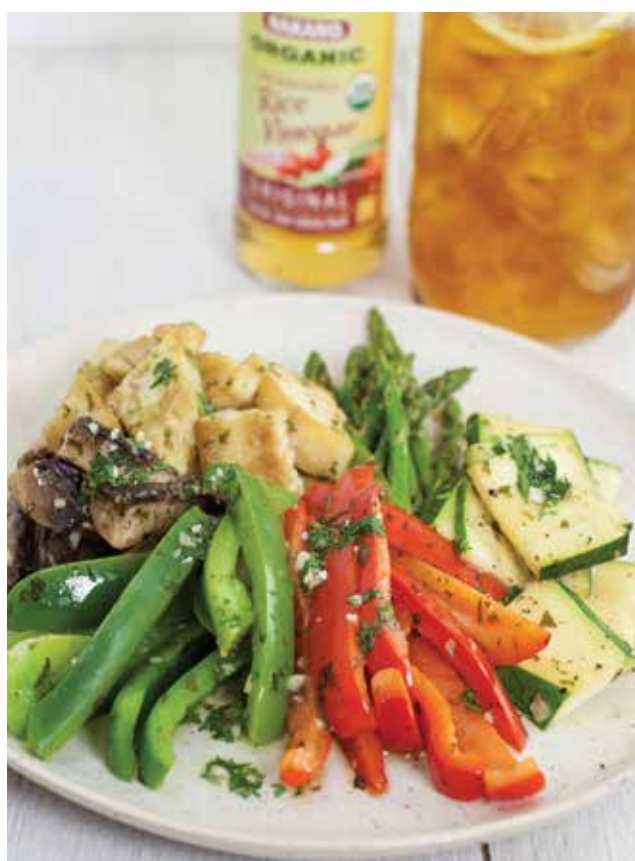
Toss pears in rice vinegar and set into lightly greased foil pouch.

Combine remaining ingredients in bowl and use two forks to combine ingredients until mixture becomes crumbly.

Pour mixture evenly over pears, seal pouch and bake 20 minutes.

Open top of foil and bake another 10 minutes, or until crisp and golden.

**Chef's tips:** For crispier crust, refrigerate crumbly mixture 30 minutes before baking. Serve with scoop of vanilla bean ice cream.



Mediterranean Vegetables

## 7 STEPS TO THE PERFECT FOIL POUCH

1. A 12-inch square piece of foil is a good starting point, but you may need to adjust depending on the recipe. Remember you'll need plenty of extra room around the ingredients for the heat to build up and cook the contents to perfection.
2. Use heavy-duty foil to avoid tears or poor seals that can spill ingredients and precious seasonings and juices.
3. Spread foil on a flat surface and add a light nonstick spray, if needed.
4. Place ingredients and seasonings in the center of the foil.
5. Bring long sides of the foil together over the food. Pinch together and make 1/2-inch folds straight across at least twice for a strong seal. Remember to leave plenty of open space between the foil and food.
6. Make 1/2-inch folds on each short end, folding toward food but leaving at least 1 1/2-2 inches between the seam and food.
7. Handle pouch with care to avoid piercing or tearing, and always use tongs to remove pouches from heat.

### Mediterranean Vegetables

Servings: 4  
Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook time: 25 minutes

- 3 tablespoons Nakano Organic Rice Vinegar – Seasoned
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 teaspoon salt, plus extra, to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper, plus extra, to taste
- 1 tablespoon, plus 1 1/2 teaspoons, fresh parsley, chopped
- 1 1/2 teaspoons fresh garlic, minced
- 1 cup fresh zucchini, sliced into 1 3/4-inch long, 1/4-inch thick planks
- 1 cup fresh green pepper strips
- 1 cup fresh red pepper strips
- 8 fresh stalks asparagus, slicing off 1/4 inch from bottom of stalk
- 1 fresh portobello mushroom, sliced into 1/2-inch squares
- 1 cup fresh eggplant, diced into 1/2-inch squares

Heat oven or grill to 375 F.

In large bowl, mix together rice vinegar, olive oil, salt, pepper, parsley and garlic to create marinade.

Clean vegetables then place them in marinade in small batches. Toss to coat then place in foil pouch. Pour remaining marinade over vegetables and seal pouch.

Bake in oven or over indirect heat on grill 25 minutes. Add salt and pepper, to taste, after removing pouch from heat.

**Chef's tip:** Open pouch after 20 minutes of cooking and allow vegetables to crisp slightly under direct heat for remaining 5 minutes.

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# Rayheem Skinner Named MVP; Headed to California



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"I just saw this big hole, cut back and ran," he remembers. "It felt really good."

After the extra point kick, the East defense did the rest.

At the end of the game, Skinner was named the East's Most Valuable Player of the game, finishing with 94 yards rushing and the game-winning touchdown.

"I was really surprised by it," Skinner said of being named MVP. "It was an honor, really. It felt good to know that I ended it [high school football career] like that in the All-Star game with my mother (Sharmaine Smith), uncle and coaches watching me."

One of Clinton High's most prolific running backs, Skinner said that taking off that Dark Horse helmet for the final time after the East/West Game was difficult.

"Well, it is always emotional for me," he admits. "Because I really take this game to heart. Clinton is a big part of me and I am really proud to be a Dark Horse and always been thankful for the support that I have had from the City of Clinton and the Dark Horse Nation."

He ended his high school football career with a total of 5,780 rushing yards, averaging 10.5 yards per carry; with 65 rushing TDs (69 total).

When asked what he wants his legacy to be at Clinton High School, Skinner says, "I want them to remember that No. 22 was full of energy and I worked hard. I just went out there and grinded my way to my position; I kept on pushing."

The Sampson County native, who also played basketball and ran track for the Dark Horses, said that if he could give a piece of advice for upcoming high school freshman, he would tell them to keep working hard.

"Don't let your past dictate your future," he said. "You have to keep working hard and never give up."

Although he is excited about playing college football, Skinner said that his ultimate dream is to play professionally.

"I just keep working hard to reach my goal," he says. "I put in the work and keep praying."

Clinton High School running back Rayheem Skinner has had a busy summer.

In addition to daily workouts, he is preparing for his freshman year of college at Allan Hancock College, located in Santa Maria, California, where he will play for the Bulldogs.

"I have been keeping in shape," the 19-year-old said Thursday. "I have been told that no one has got the spot (running back) yet, so I have been working out every day and getting ready to work."

He continues, "It is bittersweet, because I am leaving my family here [in Clinton], but I am also really excited to begin the next chapter of my life."

Skinner, who leaves for California this Saturday, said he hopes to study business management at the college.

However, before officially saying good-bye to his career as a Dark Horse, Skinner played in the 2017 East-West All-Star Football Game, that was held in late July at Greensboro's Jamieson Stadium.

The East won the contest 20-17 thanks to the winning touchdown by Skinner.

The team was trailing 17-13 when the East put together an impressive 67-yard drive on 11 plays that ended with Skinner breaking a 13-yard touchdown run with 5:23 remaining in the game.

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## EDUCATION

# The Bright Ideas Early Bird Deadline Approaching



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For the 2017-2018 school year the Cooperative is offering grants for up to \$2,500 for innovative classroom based ideas. With expectations to award \$50,000 for classroom projects and materials, South River EMC will reach \$1 million in funding through Bright Ideas this year.

We are swiftly approaching the early bird deadline of August 15. Any educators with applications submitted to [nrbrightideas.com](http://nrbrightideas.com) before this date will be eligible to win one of five \$100 Visa gift cards.

If your idea isn't quite ready yet, you have until September 18 to submit it online at [www.nc-brightideas.com](http://www.nc-brightideas.com). Join a growing number of teachers who are bringing smiles to their students'

faces when it comes to new lessons. The process involves completing an application online that consists of six sections beside the budget portion.

You don't have to complete your application in one sitting, you can save it and return to it later. It always helps to have another set of eyes look over your grant before it's submitted. Please make sure your principal is aware of your grant idea.

Statewide, cooperatives annually fund over \$530,000 in grants. Thus far, the Bright Ideas Grant program has funded \$10.9 million in grants and has touched the lives of over 2.1 million North Carolina students.

It's time to visit [www.nrbrightideas.com](http://www.nrbrightideas.com) and get that great classroom idea out there for others and your students to see! Please remember, grants submitted to South River EMC must be done so through the Bright Ideas web site.

If you have questions, please contact South River EMC at 910-892-8071 or by e-mail at [sremc@sremc.com](mailto:sremc@sremc.com).

## National FFA Scholarship Awarded to Local Student



The National FFA Organization awarded a \$1000.00 Built Ford Tough scholarship to Joshua Clement of the Midway FFA. The scholarship is sponsored by Performance Ford. Clement plans to use the funds to pursue a degree at North Carolina State University.

This scholarship is one of the 1,888 awarded through the National FFA organization's scholarship program this year. Currently 115 sponsors contribute more than \$2.7 million to support scholarships for students.

For 33 years, scholarships have been made available through funding secured by the National FFA Foundation. This generous funding comes from individuals, businesses and corporate sponsors to encourage excellence and enable students

to pursue their educational goals.

The 2017 scholarship recipients were selected from 8,337 applicants from across the country. Selections were based on applicant's leadership, academic record, FFA and other school and community activities, supervised agricultural or work experience in agricultural education and future goals.

The National FFA Organization provides leadership, personal growth and career success training through agricultural education to 649,355 student members who belong to one of 7,859 local FFA chapters throughout the US, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands. The organization is also supported by 225,891 alumni members in 1,934 alumni chapters throughout the US.

## UMO Alumna Finds Success in Nontraditional Way

MOUNT OLIVE- Because of its multiple locations and numerous degree programs, the University of Mount Olive (UMO) serves a diverse student population that includes individuals from all stages of life. For some, UMO is a stepping stone in a career pathway that already exists. For UMO alumna Billie Turner, her degree has proved to be the most crucial stepping stone yet.

Like many adults, life's challenges sidetracked Turner's dreams to pursue a degree.

"Becoming a mom at a young age, I decided to put a hold on my education to raise my son," she said. Instead, Turner settled into a job at a small organization. However, she found herself struggling because she wanted more from her career. "I loved what I was doing. I was surrounded by wonderful team members, but there was no set career path for me to achieve the goals that I wanted for myself and my family," Turner added.

In an attempt to propel herself professionally, Turner enrolled at Lenoir Community College with the objective of earning her associate's degree and nothing more. However, after graduating in May 2014, she realized she had a true passion for learning.

"UMO was my first choice, because several of my friends spoke highly of the people and the programs," she said.

In August 2014, Turner enrolled at UMO as a nontraditional student. She majored in business administration and minored in human resource management, taking all of her classes online. "Most classes are five week sessions," she noted. "This made it incredibly easy to focus on one or two classes instead of having to balance four or five classes at a time."

In May 2015, while still enrolled at UMO, Turner was offered a job in Human Resources at Vidant Health as a Benefits Technician. She was then promoted to a Benefits Specialist. Finally, she advanced to her current position as a Benefits Analyst. "I feel it was not a coincidence that after I became serious about my education, opportunities began to immediately follow," she said. Turner also believes raising

## Sampson County student completes future agricultural leaders program

Zipporah Hayes, a rising senior at Union High School, attended the N.C. Farm Bureau's Institute for Future Agricultural Leaders (IFAL) Program at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University.

The program assists exceptional high school students from across the state in exploring agricultural-related college majors available at the state's two land-grant universities—N.C. A&T State University and N.C. State University. Hayes is the daughter of Raymond and Sadora Hayes.



a family and working full time while obtaining degree demonstrates determination, dedication, and diligence.

Turner earned her bachelor's degree from UMO in December of 2016, and immediately enrolled in the Master of Business Administration program (MBA). She feels sure that by furthering her education, she will continue to grow in her career. "With each class I complete, I feel that I walk away with knowledge and skills that I can use every day," Turner stated.

Turner's experience at UMO was eye-opening for her, and she continues to credit her professional success to her education. "My experience with UMO has been nothing shy of awesome. Continuing my education has given me more confidence in myself than I have ever had before. I can say without a doubt that UMO has changed my life. I have received two promotions in a two-year period, and I know that I have UMO to thank for that!" she said.

Turner has also gained an understanding of how important a college degree is, and hopes that others will not let time hold them back. "A friend once told me, 'It doesn't matter if you do everything in your life backwards, just as long as you still get it done,'" she said. "If you did not complete your education the traditional way, there is still time to achieve the goals that you once placed on the back burner. Contact UMO and get serious about your education," she added.

When asked to sum up her UMO experience with one word, Turner chose "invaluable." "Every day I am overwhelmingly thankful that someone gave me the words of encouragement that I needed to enroll at UMO! My life has completely changed from five years ago, and I can now say that I am proud of the person that I have become," she said.

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# Ease Up on Energy Consumption

## Home upgrades that reduce energy reliance

### FAMILY FEATURES

Enhancing your home's energy-efficient features is a savvy way to make the space more livable while also making a smaller impact on the environment and your bank account.

The U.S. Department of Energy estimates that the average American homeowner spends about \$2,000 a year on energy for heating, cooling and other power needs throughout the house. However, inefficiencies caused by poorly operating systems, drafts and other energy drains may account for as much as 10-20 percent of wasted money each year.

Whether your motivation is reducing home energy expenses, creating a more earth-conscious lifestyle or both, there are numerous ways you can make a significant impact on your home's energy efficiency.

### Windows

Faulty seals and cracks are responsible for as much as 20 percent of air infiltration into or out of the home, according to U.S. Department of Energy data. Windows are a major culprit for these types of leaks.

If a complete window replacement is out of your budget, there are still numerous ways you can improve the

energy efficiency of existing windows. The U.S. Department of Energy estimates that adding storm windows can reduce the amount of heat lost through windows by as much as 25-50 percent. Caulking and adding weather stripping around windows can also make a noticeable difference, as can window coverings such as blinds or drapes that minimize the transfer of heat and cold through window panes.



If you add new windows, there are several variables to consider. Generally, the goal is to optimize heat gain during colder months and reduce heat gain in the summer. Energy performance ratings can help you understand how particular windows transfer heat and light so you can make the best choices for your home's location, including the climate and orientation to the sun.

### Doors

Like windows, doors, and especially their perimeters, are a common source of lost energy. Poor insulation due to faulty installation or simply wear over time can contribute to energy loss.

Aside from ensuring a properly installed, insulated and sealed doorway, the door itself can also make a difference when it comes to energy efficiency. For example, foam insulated entry doors offer greater energy conservation than wooden alternatives. Also remember that proper sealing and installation applies to all access points, including garage doors. For doors with large glass panes, such as patio doors, look for options that include a thermal break and multiple layers of glass to reduce energy transfer.

### Fifth Wall (a.k.a., the Ceiling)

An often overlooked home element, but one homeowners and interior designers are increasingly turning attention to, is the ceiling, affectionately dubbed the "fifth wall." Not only does this surface offer a blank slate for introducing new style to a room, it's also an ideal space to integrate energy-efficient features such as skylights. "Skylights bring much more than natural light into a space. They give

occupants the feeling of being outdoors with elements like a sky view, gentle breezes and the smell of fresh air," said Ross Vandermark, national product manager for Velux America.

Skylights engage all of the senses while providing balanced, natural light that reduces reliance on powered light and ventilation fixtures. In addition, skylights can work in concert with vertical windows to create the "chimney effect" where cool, fresh air enters through vertical windows and warm, stale air escapes from the skylights, cooling your home without using electricity.

Some models like the Velux No Leak Solar Powered Fresh Air skylights, which along with installation costs are eligible for a 30 percent federal tax credit, are powered by solar energy, making them even more efficient.

Additional features can further enhance the energy-saving benefits of installing skylights. For example, for added flare and light control, homeowners can add blinds to skylights, choosing from more than 100 colors and styles. Many models also offer remote control operation for convenience in raising and lowering the blinds and even opening skylights to let in fresh air.

Learn more about making the fifth wall part of your energy-saving plan at [whyskylights.com](http://whyskylights.com).

### HVAC System

Climate control accounts for as much as half of the average home's annual energy costs, so while it's a behind-the-scenes home feature, it's an important one.

An outdated heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system, or a system that isn't big enough or strong enough for your home's footprint, will draw more energy than necessary to maintain a desirable temperature. Regular service can help keep systems operating smoothly, but eventually all HVAC systems need replacing.

A consultation with a certified technician can help you determine the right system for your home, as well as supplemental heating and cooling options like attic fans that can reduce your overall energy reliance.

### Other Vulnerabilities

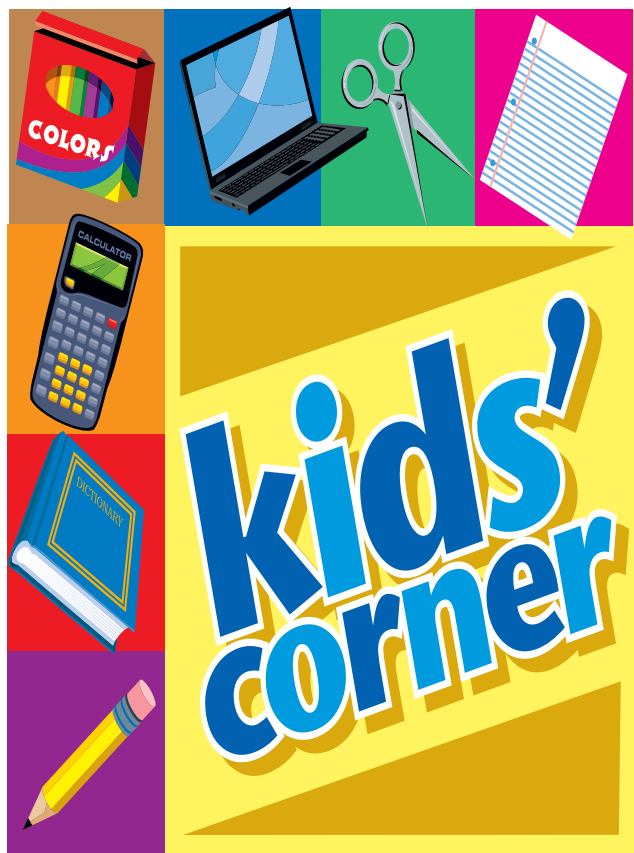
Keep in mind that leaks and cracks represent a substantial volume of lost energy, and even after windows and doors are sealed there are still plenty of places for air leaks to occur.

Common problem spots include attics and crawl spaces, as well as fireplaces and ductwork or ventilation systems. Eliminate drafts and add insulation to reduce energy loss through these sources.



### Optimize Energy Usage

If you're uncertain about where improvements may be necessary to increase your home's energy efficiency, an energy audit is a good place to start. Learn more about how to evaluate your home, including which assessments you can tackle alone and what areas may require expert advice, at [energy.gov](http://energy.gov).



## Creative Coloring

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## THIS DAY IN...



## HISTORY

- 1789: ALEXANDER HAMILTON BECOMES THE FIRST UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.
- 1985: BASEBALL'S PETE ROSE BREAKS TY COBB'S RECORD FOR MOST CAREER HITS.
- 1997: VOTERS IN SCOTLAND VOTE TO ESTABLISH A DEVOLVED PARLIAMENT WITHIN THE UNITED KINGDOM.



THIS DOCUMENT TYPICALLY  
LISTS AN INDIVIDUAL'S WORK  
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ANSWER: RESUME



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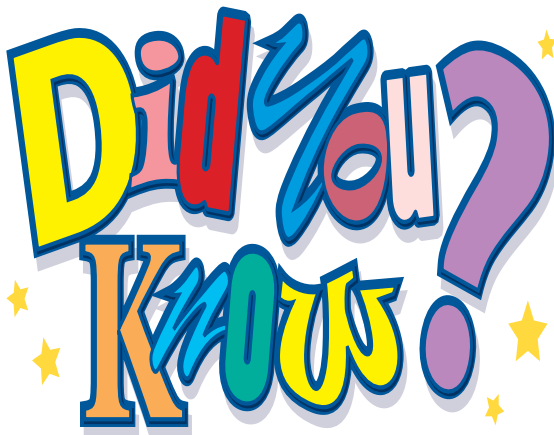
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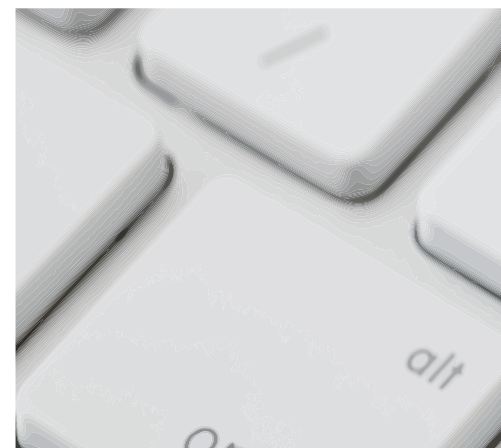
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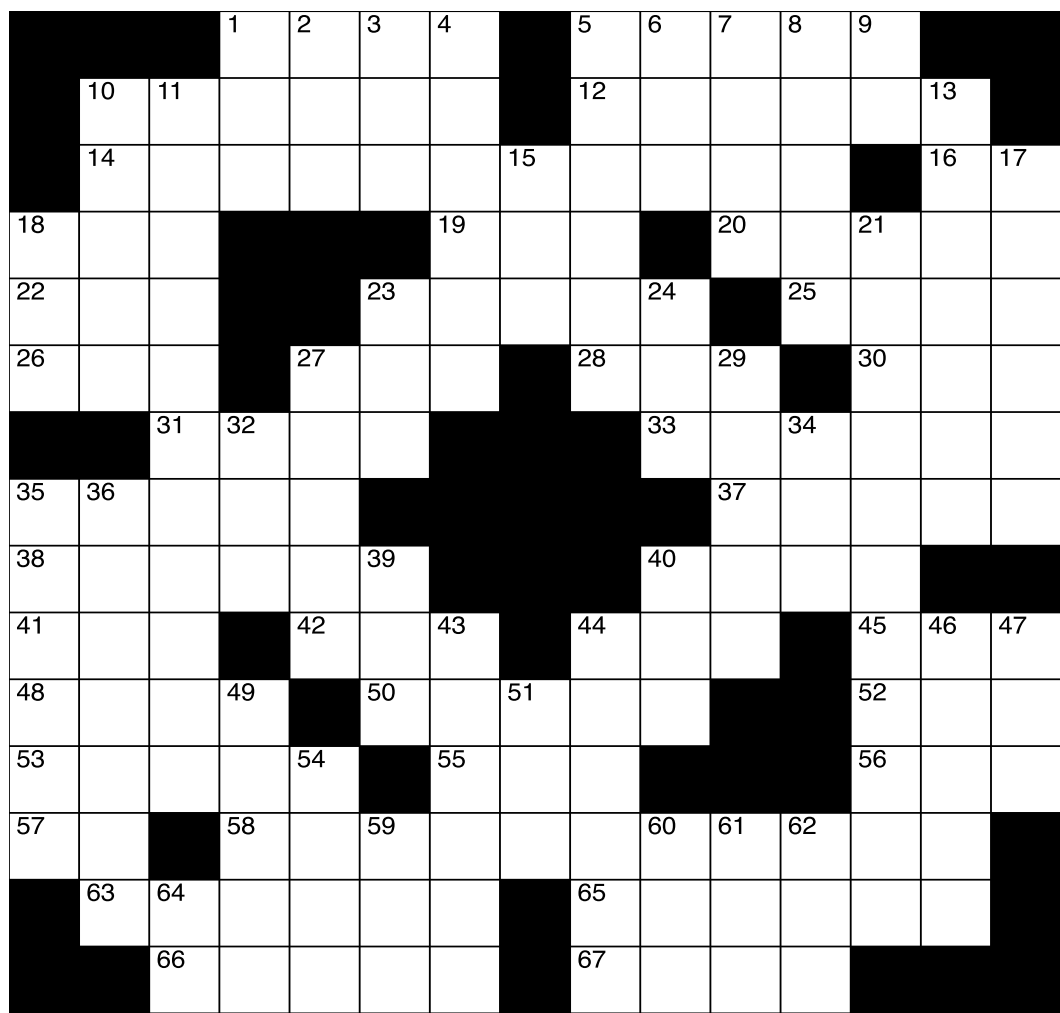


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ANSWER: COMPUTER KEYBOARD

# PUZZLES & GAMES

## Crossword Puzzle

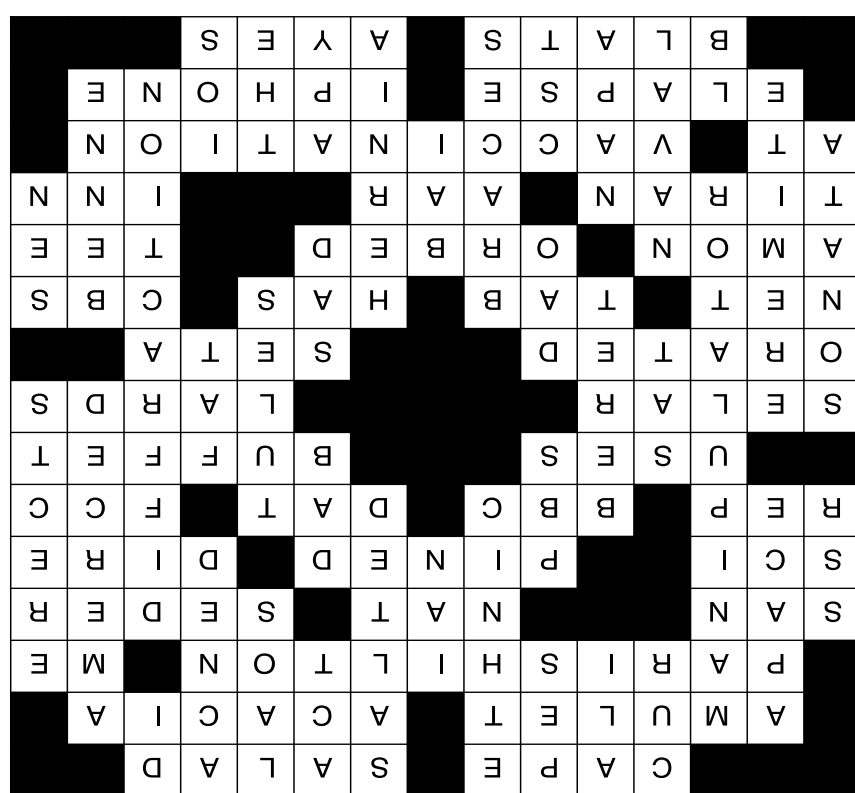


### CLUES ACROSS

1. A sleeveless garment
5. Cold vegetable dish
10. Believed to bring good luck
12. Shittah tree
14. Hotel heiress
16. Of I
18. Diego, Francisco, Anselmo
19. \_\_\_ King Cole, musician
20. Passover ceremony
22. \_\_\_ ft: space genre
23. Yearned
25. Desperate
26. Corded fabric
27. London radio station
28. Digital audiotape
30. Licenses TV stations
31. Employs
33. Food bar
35. Bigeye shad genus
37. Hog fats
38. Spoke
40. Moss capsule stalk
41. Openwork fabric
42. Chit
44. Holds for use
45. Ed Murrow's home
48. Egyptian god of life
50. Shaped into a sphere
52. Golfing stand
53. Red Sea straits
55. Swiss river
56. Hostelry
57. Indicates position
58. Inoculation
63. Slip by
65. Apple smartphone
66. Sheep cries
67. Affirmatives

### CLUES DOWN

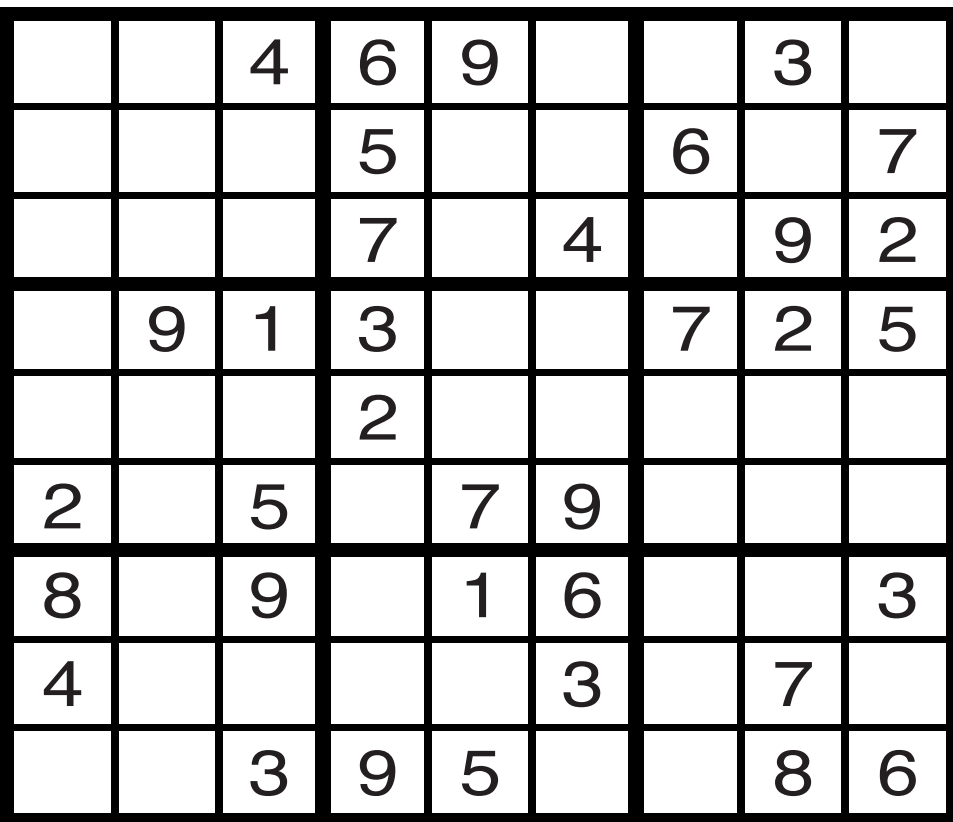
1. An inferior dog
  2. 4th Caliph of Islam
  3. Foot (Latin)
  4. Relating to a people
  5. Added sodium chloride
  6. Perform something
  7. Vientiane is the capital
  8. Blemished
  9. Roman 501
  10. Keep up
  11. Operator
  13. Arbitrarily punished
  15. 007's creator
  17. Gets up
  18. Used to be United \_\_\_
  21. Optical phenomenon of light waves
  23. People supported broadcast-
  24. Tap gently
  27. With no brim or bill
  29. Bulrushes
  32. Educational test
  34. Overweight
  35. Musical composition
  36. A religious recluse
  39. Alt. of Tao
  40. Heavyhearted
  43. Brit. suspenders
  44. Bodily structure protrusion
  46. Sesame
  47. 1/100 yen
  49. About navy
  51. Dali language
  54. Celery cabbage
  59. Winter time in Chicago
  60. Annual percentage yield
  61. Definite article
  62. Operating system for 65
- across
64. Pound (abbr.)



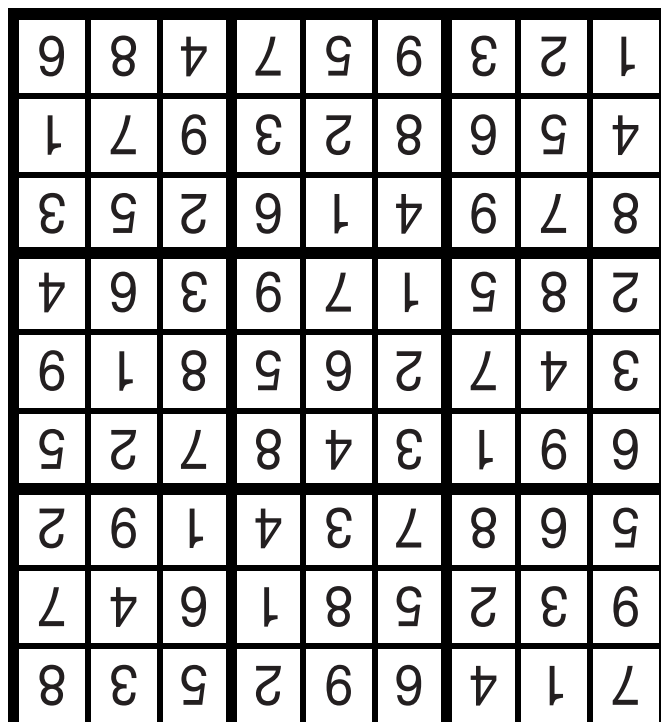
## SUDOKU

### Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test.



**Here's How It Works:** Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

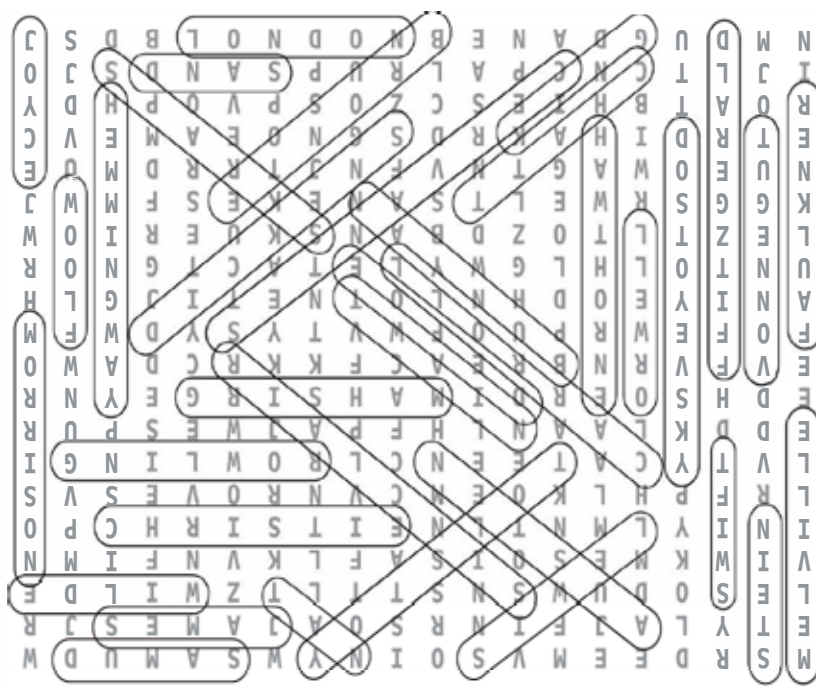


## NOVELIST WORD SEARCH



Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

- |           |             |          |          |          |
|-----------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|
| AUSTEN    | DICKENS     | JAMES    | ROWLING  | TWAIN    |
| BRONTE    | DOSTOYEVSKY | JOYCE    | SAND     | VONNEGUT |
| BUNYAN    | DUMAS       | KING     | SINCLAIR | WILDE    |
| CARROLL   | FAULKNER    | LEWIS    | SPARKS   | WOOLF    |
| CERVANTES | FITZGERALD  | LONDON   | STEIN    |          |
| CHATT     | GRISHAM     | MELVILLE | SWIFT    |          |
| CHRISTIE  | HAWTHORNE   | MORRISON | TAN      |          |
| DEFOE     | HEMINGWAY   | ORWELL   | TOLSTOY  |          |



# OBITUARIES

## ROSEBORO

Charles Leonard Alexander, Age-62, 511 Gold St. died Thursday 7/20/17 at Wake Medical Center, Raleigh, N.C. Funeral services were held on Sunday 7/30/17 @ 2pm St. Thomas AME Zion Church, Roseboro, N.C. Interment in the Roseboro Cemetery with military honors. Butler & Son Funeral Home, Roseboro, N.C.



## CLINTON

Alice Shirley Anders, 81, of 352 Carr Church Road, passed away Saturday, July 29, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center. A funeral service was held at 3 P.M., Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at Carr Memorial Christian Church, with Reverend Penny Ziemer officiating. Interment followed in Grandview Memorial Garden. Shirley, born in 1935 in Sampson County was the daughter of the late Jentry Rease Hunter and Mary Rose Honrine. She was a loving wife and mother and a member of Carr Memorial Christian Church. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by; brothers, Floyd Hunter, Max Hunter, Jack Hunter and Jimmy Hunter; and sister, Mick Fowler. She is survived by; husband of sixty-three years, Elmon Jarvis Anders; daughter Alice Yvonne Anders Pritchett and husband Curtis Wayne Pritchett; sons, Elmon Curtis Anders and Daryl Keith Anders and wife Deanna Kaye Anders; granddaughters, Ashton Brooke Pritchett, Abby Blair Pritchett, Erin Lane Anders, and Tiffany Anne Stevens and husband Clayton Stevens; grandsons, Ryan Curtis Anders and Kaleb Dawson Anders; brother, Alton Hunter; sister, Becky Hunter Turlington. Memorials may be made to Carr Memorial Christian Church, c/o Jane Brewer, 1801 Pan Handle Road, Faison, NC 28341. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.crumpler-honeycutt.com](http://www.crumpler-honeycutt.com). The family received friends from 6 P.M. - 8 P.M., Monday, July 31, 2017 at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville Street, Clinton, NC 28328 and at other times at the home.



## AUTRYVILLE

Thomas John Arnott, 65 passed away Saturday, July 29, 2017 at his home. The family will receive friends Saturday, August 5, 2017 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at the funeral home. He is preceded in death by his father John Arnott. He worked with Good Year Tire Company for over 28 years before retiring. He is survived by his children, Cherilyn Parlamen & husband, James and Stephen Arnott & wife, Elizabeth; mother, Ida Mark; grandchildren, Jackson Warrick, Collin Parlamen, Grayson Parlamen, Madelyn Parlamen and Bradley Arnott; and siblings, Keith Arnott and Linda Morrison & husband, Greg. In lieu of flowers, donation in his honor made to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Carolina Chapter, 7101 Creedmoor Road; Suite 130, Raleigh, NC 27613 or donate online at [www.cff.org](http://www.cff.org). Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 6535 Clinton Road, Stedman.



## CLINTON

Mrs. Elizabeth "Lib" Westbrook Bass, 77, of 100 Fox Hollow, Clinton, N. C., passed away Friday July 28, 2017. A funeral service was held Sunday July 30 at 4 PM at Immanuel Baptist Church, 1017 Sunset Ave., Clinton, NC with Rev. Vernon Braswell officiating. Interment followed in the Clinton Cemetery. Lib, born in Sampson County and was the daughter of the late Erby Westbrook and Hattie Hall Westbrook. She was the widow of the late Lloyd Hampton Bass. She is survived by two sons, Larry Hampton Bass and wife Nancy of New Bern and Lloyd Roger Bass of Surf City. Two grandchildren Abby Bass Waters of Clinton and Marlee Louanna Bass and her mother Cindy of Wallace. One great granddaughter Bailey Waters of Clinton. One sister Clara Westbrook Lane of Clinton. The family received friends at the cemetery after the burial. Lib was a member of Immanuel Baptist Church. She was owner and operator of Lloyd Bass Rental Services of Clinton. She was always glad for family and friends to see the landscaping around her home and glad to share blooming flowers with others. In lieu of flowers the family request memorials may be made to Baptist Children's Home, 100 Boone Dr., Thomasville, NC 27360.



## FLORIDA

Elizabeth 'Beth' Early Belton, 85, of Tallahassee Florida, beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, passed away on July 20th, 2017. She was born on April 25, 1932, in Rhodhiss NC, to the late Reverend Waldo and Eleanor Early. She was preceded in death by her brother Dwight, her husband Calvin, and her son Chris. She is survived by her sister Jane Kaleel, three remaining children and four grandchildren: Mark (Debbie and grandchildren Tyler, Travis, Trevor, and Tiffany), Joan Kinsey, Carlyle (Paula) and numerous nieces and nephews. Beth became a Christian at the age of five, and was baptized by her daddy the old fashioned way - in a pond. She grew up in North Carolina, and graduated high school as valedictorian of her Sampson County school, Mingo High School. While attending junior college, she met Calvin. They married in 1953, had four children, and then moved to Tallahassee in 1960. Beth and Calvin helped start Faith Baptist Church, where Beth was the church secretary and pianist. After about 10 years, they moved to First Baptist Church. Beth then became the receptionist at First Baptist, and anyone calling heard her cheerful voice. Beth was always one of the sweetest people on earth. In fact, the sailboat that she and Calvin had for a few years was named Sweet Beth. She was always kind and loving. She never had a cross word with anyone. She was incredibly giving of her time, talents, and money. Since she loved music, helping with the children's choirs and singing in the sanctuary and First Joy choirs at First Baptist were all part of her ministry. She also gave back by playing piano or 'singing out' with the First Joy choir at nursing homes around town. After retiring from full time work, Beth worked during the legislative sessions, and loved to travel, taking many trips with friends and family. A Celebration of her life was held in her honor at First Baptist Church, Tallahassee, FL., on Monday July 24th at 12:00 PM. The family would love to see family and friends following the service. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to Big Bend Hospice. Online condolences may be made at [www.abbeyfh.com](http://www.abbeyfh.com).



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## CLINTON

Douglas Nixon Tyner, 75, of 545 Pine Ridge Rd., passed away peacefully at his home on Tuesday evening, August 1, 2017 with his loving family by his side. A Funeral Service will be held on Friday, August 4, 2017 at 2:00 pm at Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church, 3790 Faison Hwy, Clinton with Rev. E.C. Mattocks officiating. Burial will follow in Grandview Memorial Gardens. Born on June 28, 1942 in Sampson County, Douglas was the son of the late Faires Warwick and John Holt Tyner. He was a farmer all his life and a member of Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church. He was a hard-working man, who loved being on his John-Deere tractor and working outside. He was respected and loved by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Shirley Hope Tyner; two sons: Nickie Tyner & wife, Sherry of Clinton; Gary Tyner & wife, Rhonda of Sanford; one sister, Barbara Hope & husband, Billy of Clinton; a brother-in-law, Tony Jackson of Newton Grove; and a sister-in-law, Marie Tyner Tyndall of Clinton. He was also blessed with five grandchildren: Nicole Rackley (Josh), Jonathan Tyner (Paula), Kesler Tyner, Hayes Tyner, Brock Tyner; and a great-granddaughter, Vanna Claire Rackley and his soon-to-be great-grandson, Eli Jason Tyner. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Armon Holt Tyner and a sister, Hilda Jackson. Visitation with family and friends will be held one hour prior to the service on Friday, beginning at 1pm, and other times at his home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church or to Liberty Hospice by mail to 208 Beaman St., Clinton, NC 28328. The family would like to give special thanks to Doug's nurse, Amanda Thornton Wright of Liberty Hospice. He could not have had a more loving and caring person taking care of him. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.royalhallfuneralhome.com](http://www.royalhallfuneralhome.com). Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Tyner Family.



## CLINTON

Mr. Owen Roosevelt "Velt" Faison, 94, of 215 Morrisey Blvd., Apt. D, Clinton, NC died Thursday, July 27, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center, Clinton, NC. The funeral will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, August 5, 2017 at Saint Stephen United Holy Church, Turkey with Rev. James Jackson officiating. Burial in Sandhill Cemetery, Clinton. The Visitation will be held on Friday, August 4, 2017 from 1 p.m. - 7 p.m. with the family present from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. at the Worley Funeral Home, Inc., Clinton, NC. Mr. Faison is survived by his DAUGHTERS-Shirley Faison of Clinton, NC and Gertrude Faison of Kenansville, NC; SONS-Robert Faison of Washington, DC, Owen Faison, James Faison, Cleon Faison, Edward Earl Faison all of Turkey, NC, Frank Faison and Luther Faison both of Warsaw, NC, George Faison of Clinton, NC, Jacob Stevens; SISTERS-Alice Wells Clinton, NC and Lennie Smith of Warsaw, NC; BROTHER-Johnny Lee Faison of Turkey, NC; 33 grandchildren and 49 great grandchildren. Online condolences may be sent to [www.worleyfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.worleyfuneralhomeinc.com).



## CLINTON

Mr. Shirl Davis "Cadillac" Hall, 79 of 190 Plum Lane, Clinton, NC departed this life on Sunday, July 30, 2017 at his home. The funeral service will be held at 12pm, Friday, August 4, 2017 at Point Level Disciples of Christ Church, Clinton, NC with Elder Danny Robinson officiating. Burial in Sandhill Cemetery, Clinton, NC. The Visitation will be held on Thursday, August 3, 2017 from 1pm-6pm with family present from 5pm-6pm at the Worley Funeral Home, Inc., Clinton, NC. Mr. Hall is survived by his WIFE-Lula Mae Hall of the home; DAUGHTERS-Sandra Smith of Clinton, NC and Shirl Renee Hall of Albany, NY; SONS-James Davis Hall and Timothy Hall both of Philadelphia, PA, Shawn Ubrich and Ricky Taylor both of Albany, NY; SISTER-Paulette Gaymon of Wilmington, NC; 26 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Online condolences may be sent to [www.worleyfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.worleyfuneralhomeinc.com).



## CLINTON

William Stanley Honrine, 65, of Clinton passed away on Saturday, July 29, 2017 at his farm. A funeral service was held at Carr Memorial Christian Church on Wednesday, August 2, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. Officiating the service will be Rev. Penny Zimmerman. Interment will follow in the Eliza Honrine Memorial Cemetery. A visitation will be held at West & Dunn Funeral Home in Newton Grove on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 from 6 to 8 p.m. Mr. Honrine was a fifth generation vegetable farmer who tended the land like his forefathers. He enjoyed salt water and pond fishing. He loved hunting for deer and observing nature. Stanley was a man who was known for helping out those in need. Mr Honrine is survived by his wife of 46 years, Mary Ruth Honrine, his daughter, Tonya Honrine, his mother, Ann Honrine of Clinton, brother, Oscar Thomas Honrine, Jr., numerous nieces and nephews, and special friends, Robin Best, Carl Malcolm, Cornell Brown, & Albert Bryan. Mr. Honrine is preceded in death by his father, Oscar Thomas Honrine and his brother, Richard Dwight Honrine. Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice. Online condolences may be made at [www.westanddunn.com](http://www.westanddunn.com). A Service of West & Dunn Funeral Home of Newton Grove, North Carolina.



## WADE

Mr. Fred "FA" Allen Matthews, 75 passed away Monday, July 31, 2017 at the VA Hospital in Fayetteville. A private graveside will be held at Lafayette Memorial Park with military honors. He is preceded in death by his father, Fred Matthews. He was a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War. He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Sylvia Matthews; mother, Mittie Matthews; sisters, Ida Autry, Edith Edge & husband, Burnice, Mary Beasley & husband, Ken, Barbara Pruitt & husband, Kermit and Elaine Simmons & husband, Dennis; and brother, Leon Matthews. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The American Diabetes Association, 2451 Crystal Drive; Suite 900, Arlington, VA 22202. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home,



6535 Clinton Road, Stedman.

## DUNN

Mrs. Ida Frances Gugliotta Norton, 89, of Dunn died Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at Barbour Court Nursing and Rehabilitation in Smithfield. Mrs. Norton was born December 4, 1927 in Easton, Pennsylvania, daughter of the late Ignazio and Matilda Buscema Gugliotta. She was also preceded in death by her husband, John Norton; six sisters; and five brothers. Mrs. Norton retired from Allied Chemicals in New Jersey before moving to North Carolina in late 70's where she worked several places including Sky City and Campbell College. A service will be held in New Jersey at a later date. Mrs. Norton is survived by her sister Rita Degisi and husband Carmen of New Jersey; niece, Denise G. Young of Dunn; nephews, John Gupere formerly of Dunn and Joseph Pastusek of Spring Lake; other nieces and nephews; and several great nieces and nephews. Announcement is courtesy of Skinner & Smith Funeral Home of Dunn.



## DUNN

Elizabeth Ann "Libby" Raynor Pope passed away peacefully on July 28 after a brief illness. Libby Pope was born in Dunn, NC on March 15, 1936 to the late Robert Roland Raynor and the late Margaret Cates Raynor. She married Claude E. Pope, her high school sweetheart, on June 4, 1955, and together they raised their family in Raleigh, NC, where Claude worked in the Mortgage Banking industry. Libby and Claude loved to travel, and they enjoyed many summers entertaining friends and family at their home in Blowing Rock, NC. When Claude passed away in 1989, Libby settled in Pinehurst, NC, and later moved to Edenton, NC. While in Edenton, she served as Vice Chairman of the Edenton Historical Society, and was a member of the Edenton Woman's Club. She also served on the Executive Mansion Fine Arts Committee under two Governors, James G. Martin, and Pat McCrory. Libby loved life, and especially loved to play harmless pranks and practical jokes on anyone and everyone. She was passionate about history and American antiques, and opened her colonial home "Strawberry Hill" each year to visitors during the Edenton "Pilgrimage" tours. She loved to cook and entertain, and she took great pride in her children and grandchildren, whom she loved deeply and unconditionally. Libby Pope is survived by her three children - daughter Sara Elizabeth Pope Titchener, and her husband Walt Titchener of Dunn, NC, and sons Claude E. Pope, Jr. and his wife Melissa Pope of Bald Head Island, NC, and William "Willie" Proctor Pope and his wife Natalie Pope of Cary, NC, along with eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The family held a private graveside ceremony on Wednesday, August 2 at 11am at the Greenwood Cemetery in Dunn, NC. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be presented to the SECU Hospice House of Johnston County, c/o Johnston Health Foundation, P.O. Box 1376, Smithfield, NC 27577 or may be presented to the First Presbyterian Church of Dunn "Building Fund", 901 North Park Avenue, Dunn, North Carolina 28334 Arrangements are by Skinner & Smith Funeral Home.



## ROSE HILL

Mrs. Emily Cordelia Spearman, 87, of 4061 N.C. Hwy. 903 S., passed away Thursday July 27, at Mary Gran Nursing Center of Clinton. A funeral service was held 3 PM Sunday at Concord Baptist Church 3197 S NC 903 Hwy, Magnolia, NC 28453 with the Rev. Jimmy Johnson officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery. Emily, born in Duplin County was the daughter of the late Jesse Lark Lanier and Martha Elizabeth Lanier. She was also preceded in death by J. L. Lanier, Joyce Lanier, Peggy Pickett, Elizabeth Shelton, Nettie Poole, and Barbara Lanier. She was a farmer, a homemaker, and a member of Concord Baptist Church. She is survived by her husband of 69 years James Spearman of the home. Four children, Jimmy Spearman and wife Kay, Joyce Corbett and husband Roger, Joe Spearman and wife Ginger, and Mark Spearman and wife Becky. One brother Norwood Pete Lanier, Sisters Lena Carr Brown and Frankie Edwards, six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. The family received friends 2 to 3 PM Sunday 1 hour prior to the service at Concord Baptist Church and other times at the home, 4061 N C Hwy. 903 S. Rose Hill, N C Memorials can be made to Concord Baptist Church c/o 2265 Cornwallis Rd., Rose Hill, N C 28458.



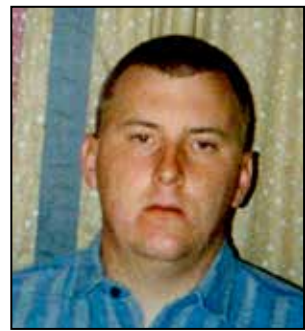
## DUNN

SSgt. Nathan D. Stull, 37, of Dunn died Sunday. He was born in Ohio on June 15, 1980. Nathan served in the U.S. Army for seventeen years as a mechanic. He was assigned to the 2nd BCT, 82 Airborne division at Fort Bragg. Nathan served on seven deployments during his career. A memorial service will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at Lillington Cross Roads Church with military honors. He is survived by his wife, Shaundra Stull of Dunn, three daughters, Shyloe and Paityn Stull of Dunn, and Courtney Heyman of Ohio, his father, Lewis Stull of Ohio. In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorial may be made to Angels of America's Fallen by visiting [aofallen.org](http://aofallen.org) or to Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517 Topeka, Kansas 66675-8517. Announcement courtesy of Skinner & Smith Funeral Home.



## CLINTON

Mr. Douglas Nixon Tyler, 75, of 545 Pine Ridge Rd., Clinton, passed away at his home on Tuesday evening, August 1st. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time, but will be announced as soon as possible by Royal-Hall Funeral Home.



## GARLAND

Mrs. Grace Beatty DeVane 80 of 5911 NC Hwy. 210 East, died Tuesday, August 01, 2017 at UNC Rex Hospital in Raleigh, NC. Funeral service will be held at 3:00 P.M. Sunday, August 06, 2017 at Mt. Elam Missionary Baptist Church, 6869 NC Hwy. 210 West, Garland, NC. Burial will follow in the Boykin-Herring Cemetery, Davis Rd., Garland, NC. A public viewing will be held Saturday, August 05, 2017 from 1:00PM-4:00PM at Carter Funeral Home. The family will receive friends at other times, Raleigh area: Wednesday August 02, at the home of Steve & Demetris McLeod, 1111 Virginia Waters Dr. Rolesville, NC 27571, from 4:00PM-8:00PM Durham Area:



# OBITUARIES

August 03, at home of Nathaniel & Tammarah Mathis 603 Magna Dr., Durham, NC 27703 from 4:00P.M.-8:00P.M., and Bladen County, Beginning Friday, August 04 at the home of the late Dematris & Grace Devane, 5911 NC Hwy. 210 East, Harrells, NC from 3:00P.M.-8:00P.M.

## ROSEBORO

Oscar Elmon Honeycutt, 89, of 40 Peyton Daniels Road, passed away Monday, July 31, 2017 at Betsy Johnson Hospital. A funeral service will be held at 3 P.M., Friday, August 4, 2017 at Old Mill Church of God, 170 Williams Lake Road, Roseboro, NC, with Reverend Jimmy Honeycutt and Reverend Weldon Byrd officiating. Interment will be in the church cemetery. Oscar, born in 1927 in Sampson County, was the son of the late Reverend William Oscar Honeycutt and Angie Lee Holland Honeycutt. He was a carpenter and a member of the Old Mill Church of God. He sang with the Honeycutt Family Singers for over fifty years. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a daughter, Brenda Kay Honeycutt; and siblings, Donnie Ray Honeycutt, Ileen Honeycutt and Glenn Honeycutt. Survivors include his wife of seventy years, Patsy Honeycutt; children, Elmon Keith Honeycutt and wife Annette, Tommy Lee Honeycutt and wife Mary Honeycutt, Michael E. Honeycutt and wife Cathy and Dr. Mary Honeycutt; twelve grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren; brother, J. T. Honeycutt; and sisters, Evelynne Brinkley, Mavis Knowles and Virginia Matthews. The family will receive friends from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M., Thursday, August 3, 2017 at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home and at other times at the home. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.crumpler-honeycutt.com](http://www.crumpler-honeycutt.com). Arrangements are by Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville St., Clinton, NC 28328.

## ROSEBORO

Oscar Elmon Honeycutt, 89, of 40 Peyton Daniels Road, passed away Monday, July 31, 2017 at Betsy Johnson Hospital. A funeral service will be held at 3 P.M., Friday, August 4, 2017 at Old Mill Church of God, 170 Williams Lake Road, Roseboro, NC, with Reverend Jimmy Honeycutt and Reverend Weldon Byrd officiating. Interment will be in the church cemetery. Oscar, born in 1927 in

Sampson County, was the son of the late Reverend William Oscar Honeycutt and Angie Lee Holland Honeycutt. He was a carpenter and a member of the Old Mill Church of God. He sang with the Honeycutt Family Singers for over fifty years. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a daughter, Brenda Kay Honeycutt; and siblings, Donnie Ray Honeycutt, Ileen Honeycutt and Glenn Honeycutt. Survivors include his wife of seventy years, Patsy Honeycutt; children, Elmon Keith Honeycutt and wife Annette, Tommy Lee Honeycutt and wife Mary Honeycutt, Michael E. Honeycutt and wife Cathy and Dr. Mary Honeycutt; twelve grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren; brother, J. T. Honeycutt; and sisters, Evelynne Brinkley, Mavis Knowles and Virginia Matthews. The family will receive friends from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M., Thursday, August 3, 2017 at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home and at other times at the home. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.crumpler-honeycutt.com](http://www.crumpler-honeycutt.com). Arrangements are by Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville St., Clinton, NC 28328.

## TARBORO

Rose Graham Johnson, 90, formerly of Fairmont, died August 1, 2017 at her home in Tarboro. She was born in Rex Hospital in Raleigh on April 29, 1927 to Walter B. and Lucy Hunter Graham. She was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, John L. (Jack) Johnson, and sister, Sue Mangum. Rose grew up in Sampson County and graduated from Turkey High School at the top of her class, then went to Louisburg College and East Carolina Teachers College. On the same day as her college graduation, she married the man of her life, Jack. They were a team during their careers in education, he as principal and she as teacher until retirement. And ECU Pirate fans forever! Rose was very interested in the local history of Fairmont and was historian of her church and active in the Border Belt Museum. She held leadership positions in Delta Kappa Gamma, Fairmont Woman's Club, and was a Life Member of Presbyterian Women, and an Elder in First Presbyterian Church, Fairmont. As a retired teacher, Rose enjoyed travel, art, wood carving, cooking, gardening, reading, friends and family. She spent the last few years of her life living in Tarboro with her daughter, Joy, enjoying good neighbors and St. James United Methodist Church friends. She is survived by daughters, Rose Mary Walter of Virginia Beach, Joy McHone of Tarboro; grandchildren, James Walter of Virginia Beach,

John McHone of Waynesville, Mary Van Staalduinen and husband Ben of Liberty; brother, Neill H. Graham and wife Betty of Richardson, TX; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Sam and Wiloree Johnson and Ben and Nancy Johnson of Raleigh; special cousins, and many nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held on August 7, 2017 at 2 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church located at 606 Church Street, Fairmont, NC 28340. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospitals-Greenville, 950 West Faris Rd. Greenville, SC 29605 or to Boys and Girls Home of North Carolina, 400 Flemington Dr. Lake Waccamaw, NC 28450, or a charity of your choice. Local arrangements are being handled by Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville Street, Clinton, North Carolina 28328.

## MOREHEAD CITY

Mildred Louise Merritt, 94, formerly of Clinton, passed away Monday, July 31, 2017 at Harborview Rehabilitation in Morehead City, NC. A graveside service was held at 11 A. M., Thursday, August 3, 2017 at Rowan Baptist Church Cemetery with the Reverend Clay Carter officiating. Mildred, born in 1923 in Sampson County, was the daughter of the late Joseph Prentice Bass and Sallie Bradshaw Bass. She worked in cosmetic sales in Reynolds Drug Store. In addition to parents she was preceded in death by; husband, James Robert Merritt; siblings, Danzel Bass Warwick, Joseph Linwood Bass, Gernie Jack Bass, Charlie H. Bass, Dewey L. Bass, Pete Bass, and Prentice Bass Pope, and daughter-in-law, Judy Herring Merritt. Survivors include; children, Robert Merritt of Leland, Treva Louise Merritt of Roxboro, Jody Merritt of Beaufort; six grandchildren, Carrie Williams and husband John of New Bern, Heather Merritt of Newport, Mary Bethany Merritt, James Robert Merritt, III, John E Grimes and Lisa G. Girard; six great grandchildren; six great-great grandchildren; sister, Susan Bass Walls and husband Benny of Burgaw; brother, Wade Bass of Richmond, Va; and family friend, Mary Lee McKay. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.crumpler-honeycutt.com](http://www.crumpler-honeycutt.com). The family received friends from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M., Wednesday, August 2, 2017, at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville St., Clinton, NC 28328.

## CLINTON

Mr. Douglas Nixon Tyler, 75, of 545 Pine Ridge Rd., Clinton, passed away at his home on Tuesday evening, August 1st. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time, but will be announced as soon as possible by Royal-Hall Funeral Home.

## WILMINGTON

Our loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Frances Wood Merritt, 86, of 121 Racine Drive, Wilmington (formerly of Clinton) passed away peacefully at the Lower Cape Fear Hospice Center in Wilmington, with her family by her side. Born on May 15, 1931, Mrs. Frances was the daughter of the late Eva Savage and James Bland Wood. She was a retired cashier with the Clinton City Schools and then moved to Wilmington after retirement where she was a member of Anchor Baptist Church. She loved cooking and gardening, and most of all spending time with her family. The loves of her life were her four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was a precious woman who was loved by everyone who knew her. She will be greatly missed, but she left us with many memories that will be cherished forever, our beautiful, beloved Ma Ma. Frances is survived by her daughter, Linda M. Hobbs and husband, George "Buster" Hobbs of Wilmington; her son, Jerry Merritt and wife, Ann of Clinton; three granddaughters: Jennifer Carr, Amy Snider and husband, Watson; Heather Healy and husband, Jesse; and her grandson, Jeffrey Merritt and wife, Crystal. She was also blessed with three great-grandchildren: Emma Snider, Thomas Snider and Kiptyn Healy. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Benson Merritt; two sisters: Margaret Baysden and Doris Blackburn; five brothers: Elbert, Leroy, Clarence, Bobby and Howard Wood. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service on Saturday afternoon, beginning at 2:00 pm at the funeral home; and other times at her son's home, 500 Carolina Avenue, Clinton. Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, August 5, 2017 at 3:00 pm at the Royal-Hall Funeral Home Chapel, 301 McKoy St., Clinton with Rev. Jeff Nichols officiating. Burial will follow in the Clinton Cemetery. The family would like to express their appreciation to the nurses and staff at Liberty Commons and the Lower Cape Fear Hospice Center for their wonderful love and care over the years. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in her honor to the Lower Cape Fear Hospice Center at 1414 Physicians Drive, Wilmington, NC 28401. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.royalhallfuneralhome.com](http://www.royalhallfuneralhome.com). Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Merritt Family.

# CRIME

## Arrest Reports

07-27 Christopher Blake Daniels, 20; 6419 Godwin Lake Rd, Dunn; Possession of Methamphetamine; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Resist Delay Obstruct; Secured Bond \$25,000; Court Date 07-28  
 07-27 Rodney Derreck Williams, 29; 124 Bulldog Lane, Roseboro; Order for Arrest-Child Support; Court Date 08-08  
 07-27 Jared Jevone Melvin, 44; 250 N Parkersburg Ave., Garland; Order for Arrest-Child Support; Court Date 08-08  
 07-27 Charlie Loftin III, 38; 245 Huckleberry Lane, Clinton; Order for Arrest-Child Support; Court Date 08-08  
 07-27 Joshua Lamir Stewart, 24; 988 S Railroad St, Warsaw; DWLR; Secured Bond \$2,000; Court Date 08-22  
 07-27 Tyquan Oneal Murphy, 19; 94 Kelsey Ct, Roseboro; Possession of Marijuana; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 08-23  
 07-27 Antoinette Virginia Evans, 26; 708 Sampson Homes, Clinton; Communication Threats; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 08-24  
 07-27 Tina Nicole Nunnery, 43; 4894 Autry Hwy, Autryville; Assault and Battery; Secured Bond \$1,000; Court Date 08-22  
 07-27 Nicki Nicole Sauls, 25; 1104 Laurel St., Goldsboro; Possess Marijuana up to 1/2 oz; Possess Marijuana Paraphernalia; Secured Bond \$2,000; Court Date 09-07  
 07-27 Rexton Bernie Simmons, 84; 873 Honeycutt Rd., Clinton; DWI; Unsecured Bond \$1,000; Court Date 09-07  
 07-28 Bryant Westley Johnson, 30; 3817 Gillespie St., Fayetteville; Contempt of Court, Perjury, Court Violations; Secured Bond \$520; Court Date 08-23  
 07-28 Bryant Westley Johnson, 30; 3817 Gillespie St., Fayetteville; Drug Violations; Parole & Probation Violations; Secured Bond \$2,500; Court Date 08-16  
 07-28 Michael Tyrone Goodman, 29; 64 Country Side Lane, Clinton; Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear- Possession of Marijuana and Paraphernalia; Secured Bond \$2,000; Court Date 08-15  
 07-28 Todge Williams, 27; 1086 Zoar Church Road, Salemburg; Child Support; Court Date 08-08  
 07-29 Fransisco Jose Martinez, 37; 2880 Mosely Ave., Clinton; DWI; No Operators License; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 08-22  
 07-29 Stephen Edward Townsend, 47; 168 Nathan Dudley Rd., Clinton; Assault on a Female; No Bond; Court Date 08-22  
 07-29 Junior Edgar Morales, 34; 918 Green Sea Rd., Garland; Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear-Open Container After Consuming; Secured Bond \$1,000; Court Date 08-28

07-29 Jessie Danzig Robinson, 23; 300 Jones St., Salemburg; Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear-Misdemeanor Larceny; Secured Bond \$250; Court Date 08-17  
 07-29 Ashlee Angelina Gutierrez, 31; 200 Church St., Salemburg; Warrant for Arrest-Assault and Battery; No Bond; Court Date 08-15  
 07-29 Robert Lee Stokes Jr., 27; 105 W North St., Roseboro; Failure to Appear/Fail to Comply; Court Date 08-24  
 07-30 Joshua Leon Boykin, 31; 402 Lakewood School Rd., Salemburg; Speeding 75/55; Operate Vehicle No Insurance; DWLR Impaired Rev; Fail to Register Motor Vehicle; No Insurance; Secured Bond \$750; Court Date 08-22  
 07-31 Maurice Thomas Tatum, 26; 2153 Herring Rd, Rose Hill; 2 Counts: Fraud - Obtaining Money/Property by False Pretense; Secured Bond \$2,500; Court Date 08-11  
 07-31 Mariano Jimenez-Shilon, 20; 106 Johnny B Tann Lane, Faison; Death by Vehicle; Secured Bond \$2,500; Court Date 09-12  
 07-31 Tywone Jermaine Maynor, 37; 56 Summer Time Lane, Harrells; Order for Arrest-Child Support; Order for Arrest- Speeding; Order for Arrest- DWLR; Court Date 08-08  
 07-31 Joshua Lee Odom, 29; 3221 Hayne Stretch Road, Roseboro; Failure to Appear-Communicating Threats; Failure to Appear- Threatening Phone Call; Failure to Appear- Speeding; Failure to Appear- DWLR; Secured Bond \$1,500; Court Date 08-22  
 07-31 Ashley Dawn Carter, 31; 230 K Bryan Rd., Magnolia; Order for Arrest- Child Support; Court Date 08-08  
 07-31 James Correia IV, 35; 25657 Hwy 210 East, Kelly; Parole & Probation Violations; Resisting Public Officer; No Bond; Court Date 08-11  
 07-31 Thomas Cole Kornegay, 19; 1064 Boney Mill Rd., Clinton; 3 Counts: Break or Enter a Motor Vehicle; 2 Counts: Larceny of a Firearm; 3 Counts: Larceny; Secured Bond \$4,990; Court Date 08-11  
 07-31 Grant Sterling Rogers, 36; 963 Hardee Rd., Fuquay Varina; Failure to Appear-Release Order; Secured Bond \$2,000; Court Date 08-22  
 07-31 Dennis James Owens, 51; 2782 White Woods Rd., Salemburg; Assault on a Female; Written Promise to Appear; Court Date 08-21  
 07-31 Joshua Lee Odum, 29; 3181 Hayne Stretch Rd., Roseboro; Domestic Violence Protection Order Violation; No Bond; Court Date 09-06  
 08-01 Joshua Lee Odum, 29; 3181 Hayne Stretch Rd., Roseboro; Possession Stolen Firearm; Purch Firearm Viol DVPO; No Bond; Court Date 08-11  
 08-01 Felipe Macedo, 25; 121 Torres Lane, Garland; Order for Arrest-Child Support; Court Date 08-08

08-01 Michael Bryan Daughtry Jr., 25; 1734 Easy St., Dunn; Failure to Appear- DWI; Failure to Appear- Failure to Maintain Lane Control; Secured Bond \$10,000; Court Date 08-18  
 08-01 Cree Alexis Newkirk, 24; 2132 Midway St., Autryville; Failure to Appear- DWLR; Secured Bond \$300; Court Date 08-16  
 08-01 Christopher Dwayne Haney, 39; 2560 Beulah Rd, Clinton; Order for Arrest- Child Support; Court Date 08-08  
 08-01 Celeste Alora Ashby, 21; 1275 Hall Rd, Roseboro; Failure to Appear-Possess Marijuana Paraphernalia; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 08-17  
 08-01 Bryan James Wood, 34; 173 Lewis Iley Tew Rd., Dunn; Larceny by Employee; 3 Counts: Obtain Property by False Pretense; Possession of Stolen Property; Secured Bond \$10,000; Court Date 08-04  
 08-01 Cory James Smith, 20; 10172 Old Mintz Hwy., Garland; Possess Fraudulent ID; Consume Alcohol by 19/20; Resist Delay Obstruct; Unsecured Bond \$500; Court Date 08-28  
 08-02 Alanna Katelynn Strouth, 24; 2964 Old Warsaw Rd., Clinton; Possession with intent to manufacture, sell, and deliver; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Possession of marijuana up to 1/2 ounce; Possession of Marijuana Paraphernalia; Secured Bond \$30,000; Court Date 08-11  
 08-02 Tony Wayne Dustin Strouth, 45; 2964 Old Warsaw Rd., Clinton; Possession with intent to manufacture, sell, and deliver; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Failure to Appear-DWLR; Failure to Appear-Expired Inspection; Secured Bond \$30,000; Court Date 08-11  
 08-02 Cynthia Lynn Cafaro, 31; 104 Horace Ct., Raeford; Possession with intent to manufacture, sell, and deliver; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Secured Bond \$30,000; Court Date 08-11  
 08-02 Cynthia Lynn Cafaro, 31; 2964 Old Warsaw Rd., Clinton; Parole & Probation Violations; Secured Bond \$10,000; Court Date 08-04  
 08-02 Kameika Tashaun Wright, 36; 407 W Morisey Blvd., Clinton; Injury to Personal Property; Written Promise to Appear; Court Date 08-28  
 08-02 John Austin Carter, 24; 1526 Ozzie Rd., Clinton; 3 Counts: Break or Enter a Motor Vehicle; 2 Counts: Larceny of a Firearm; 2 Counts: Misdemeanor Larceny; Felony Larceny; 2 Counts: Possession of Firearm by Felon; Secured Bond \$14,999; Court Date 08-16  
 08-02 Angela Lakeshia Perkins, 31; 472 Bay Rd., Teachey; Failure to Appear- Speeding; Failure to Appear-DWLR Not Impaired; Secured Bond \$1,000; Court Date 08-29  
 08-02 Bobbie Junior Cromartie, 54; 1392 Garland Airport Rd., Garland; Secured Bond \$600; Court Date 08-28  
 08-02 Clint Quimbly Bass, 21; 188 Gladys Lane, Newton Grove; Communicating Threats; Secured Bond \$2,500; Court Date 08-14

08-02 Robert Lee Fitzpatrick, 51; 701 College St Apt C, Clinton; Failure to Appear- Second Degree Trespass; Secured Bond \$600; Court Date 08-14  
 08-02 Joshua Lee Odum, 29; 3181 Hayne Stretch Rd., Roseboro; Breaking and/or Entering; Larceny after Breaking and/or Entering; Larceny of a Firearm; Secured Bond \$20,000; Court Date 08-11  
**Incident/Investigation Reports**  
 07-27 Mary Dixon reported the Larceny of Medication and US Currency located at 401 North Pine St., Roseboro.  
 07-27 James Melvin reported a Larceny located at 1090 Pleasant Union Church Rd., Roseboro. Items reported missing included gas jug, gas, weed eater and a backpack blower.  
 07-27 Custom Ecology Inc reported a Larceny located at 7505 Roseboro Hwy., Roseboro. Items reported missing included a welder and an argon tank.  
 07-27 Kenneth McLamb reported a Burglary located at 312 Stonehenge Dr., Dunn. Items reported missing included glass top Kenmore range and a vacuum cleaner.  
 07-27 Daniel Indelicato reported a Larceny located at 109 Elizabeth St., Clinton. Items reported missing included a wallet, social security card, debit card, credit card, ebt card, US Currency and documents.  
 07-27 Jose Beltran reported a Breaking and Entering located at 489 Devond Tew Rd., Roseboro. Items reported missing included a radio, US Currency and a brass fire extinguisher.  
 07-31 Ray Wilson reported the Theft of his Utility Trailer located at 300 Hayne Stretch Rd., Autryville.  
 07-31 Ronald Dyer reported the Larceny of a fabric cutter/sharpener located at 1094 Mill Creek Church Rd., Roseboro.  
 07-31 Jose Cruz reported a Burglary located at 314 East Pleasant St., Roseboro. Items reported missing included an assortment of jewelry and US Currency.  
 08-01 Shannon Norris reported the Larceny of US Currency and Medication located at 104 Saddle Club Rd., Autryville.  
 08-01 Lisa Joyner reported the Larceny of Clothing located at 2430 Herring Rd., Rose Hill.  
 08-01 Priscilla Cowan reported a Burglary located at 88 Leaf Lane, Clinton. Item reported missing a flat screen TV.  
 08-01 Albert Davis reported the Larceny of Medication located at 82 Darkwood Lane, Clinton.  
 08-01 Claudia McLeod reported a Burglary located at 71 Eric Lane, Autryville. Items reported missing included a coffee table, TV, clothing and perfume.

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By **Brenda Brown**

## 5 Tips to Save on Bills



Finding ways to curb your monthly spending may leave you feeling like you're living to work, not the other way around. When you've trimmed the excess from your monthly budget and still need to cut back more, it may take some creative thinking to get those dollars and cents to start adding up.

For most people, the first step toward saving on bills is getting rid of all the extra spending. However, that's not always enough, and it's not always practical or realistic to cut down to bare bones. Before you stress about where to cut next, take a look at these tips for little changes that can add up to big

savings:

1. Reconsider your cable source. There are literally dozens – maybe more – streaming services available to fulfill your viewing needs. Most people subscribe to a cable or satellite package that has plenty of excess channels. Many streaming options allow you to take a more custom approach so you're only paying for the programming you actually watch.
2. Update your mobile phone and plan. Do some checking to ensure you're getting the best

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3. Conserve water usage. A long, steamy shower may be part of your morning ritual, but if you're looking for places to cut, it only makes sense to look at ways to quit sending money down the drain. Cut back on shower time and take other steps to modify your water bill, such as researching non-peak times for cheaper dishwasher and laundry operation.

4. Keep power under control. If you habitually flit from room to room and leave lights on in your wake, you're simply wasting money. Turn lights off when you leave the room and make sure electronics aren't drawing power when they're not in use, not only for safety but for savings, too.

5. Adjust your climate. Changing your thermostat even a couple of degrees can make a big difference in your bill. Rely on dimmed lights, window treatments and fans to help keep rooms cool, and always nudge the temperature up or down several degrees when you'll be away for an extended period.

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# NASCAR INSIDER

by RICK MINTER / Andrews McMeel Syndication

## Kyle Busch conquers Pocono

With a dominating performance in Sunday's Overton's 400 at Pocono Raceway, Kyle Busch ended a yearlong, 36-race victory drought in Cup racing and delivered Toyota its 100th win in NASCAR's elite series. Busch also got Toyota's first Cup win back in 2008 at Atlanta Motor Speedway, and now has accounted for 35 of Toyota's total Cup victories. He has 39 victories, including four driving Chevrolets.

Busch, who before Sunday hadn't won a Cup race since last year at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, started from the pole and led 74 of the race's 160 laps.



Kyle Busch bows to the Pocono Raceway crowd following his win in Sunday's Overton's 400.

He took the lead for good with 17 laps remaining. In quick succession, he motored by Martin Truex Jr., Kevin Harvick and Denny Hamlin, all of whom had made their final pit stops before Busch and were riding on tires more worn than the race winner, who pitted late.

"It's been a frustrating year, and this certainly relieves a little bit of that — I wouldn't say all of it," Busch said Sunday after the race. "Adam [Stevens, crew chief] and these guys did an awesome job. ...

We had to rely on them on that final stop so we didn't lose too much time to [Hamlin, Harvick and Truex]. It's been a frustrating year, but an awesome day today."

Busch said his failure to win before Sunday wasn't due to a lack of effort on his and his team's part.

"We've certainly figured out a lot of different ways to lose those races this year," he said. "It feels really good to finally capitalize on finally having a fast car, Adam making a really good decision to kind of long-stint that last run, put tires on late. It really paid off for us."

Harvick, who finished second for the second straight time at Pocono, said his No. 4 Chevrolet simply wasn't as fast as Busch's Toyota. And he said the contact between the two of them when Busch passed him late in the race wasn't as aggressive a move as it looked.

"There was no battle. He was in a league of his own there at the end. Just got through traffic good, got to us, got around us, gone." Truex finished third ahead of Hamlin and Brad Keselowski.

Busch's win at Pocono was his first at the track in the Cup Series, and it leaves him with just one track, Charlotte Motor Speedway, where he hasn't scored a victory.

"I wasn't sure which one was going to be last," he said. "It's funny how Charlotte was always my favorite track as a kid growing up, watching the All-Star races, the night races, the sparks flying. ...

"I've always loved and enjoyed Charlotte. That's the last place I have yet to win a Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series race at. It's pretty cool to get it down to one."

Busch's win was the second in the past three races for his four-driver Joe Gibbs Racing team, which hadn't won a Cup race in 2017 until Denny Hamlin triumphed at New Hampshire Motor Speedway on July 16.

That still leaves teammates Matt Kenseth and Daniel Suarez without victories, and team owner Joe Gibbs said he's now turning his attention to those two drivers and trying to get them eligible for NASCAR's 10-race playoffs, which begin after five more races. Drivers with at least one win are all but assured of a playoff berth.

"With multiple cars, obviously right now our focus will be the 20 [of Kenseth] and the 19 [of Suarez]," Gibbs said. "Not that we're not going to go for it each and every week with the 18 [Busch] and the 11 [Hamlin], but I think our focus now, we'd like to get Matt in.

"It would be a long shot, obviously, with Daniel, but he's had three straight top 10s right now. Who knows? Something could work out for him also."

## Ryan Preece bolts to Xfinity win at Iowa

Ryan Preece, a fixture in Modified racing in the Northeast who is seeking to move up the NASCAR ladder, scored a popular victory in Saturday's Xfinity Series race at Iowa Speedway.

Preece, making the second of two starts this season in the potent No. 20 Toyota of Joe Gibbs Racing, started from the pole, led 141 of 254 laps and held off teammate Kyle Benjamin over three late-race restarts to get his first win in the series.

"I thought this race would never end, that's for sure," Preece told an NBC audience after an extended celebration on the track. "But, man, nothing's going to beat today."

Last year, Preece ran the full Xfinity season in the underfunded No. 01 Chevrolet fielded by Johnny Davis. This year, the 26-year-old Berlin, Connecticut, native concentrated his sponsorship dollars on just two races in the No. 20, a car capable of winning races most every week.

In his first start, at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, he finished second. On Saturday at Iowa, he saw his dream of winning an Xfinity race come true.

"Days like [Saturday] are what people dream about," Preece posted in a thank you message to supporters on Twitter. "We hold on to that little piece of hope, giving racing everything we have to achieve the ultimate goal, winning at NASCAR's highest stages. ... Sometimes you just need one chance."

Chris Gabehart, crew chief of the No. 20, said Preece performed exceptionally well under the pressure of needing to deliver great results in one of his two chances to win in the series.

"So many opportunities there to make a mistake there at the end with so much pressure on the line and he didn't do it," Gabehart said.

Benjamin, who drove Gibb's No. 18 Toyota, finished a few feet behind Preece to score a career-best second-place finish.

"It was a lot of fun there," Benjamin said. "It just hurt that we didn't get the win, but I'll take second any day. ... I learned more in that race than I have in any of the previous ones, so a lot to take away from it."

Brian Scott, returning to racing for the first time since giving up his Cup ride at the end of 2016 to spend more time with his family, finished third ahead of Brennan Poole and Cole Custer.

Series points leader Elliott Sadler finished 12th and is now 54 points ahead of second-place William Byron, who finished ninth at Iowa.



Ryan Preece celebrates Saturday's win in just his second Xfinity Series race of the 2017 season.

## NUMERICALLY SPEAKING

**1** Chevrolet driver finishing in the top 10 at Pocono Raceway — Chase Elliott, in 10th place

**20** NASCAR Modified victories for Ryan Preece, who won Saturday's Xfinity race at Iowa Speedway

**4** Consecutive top-15 finishes for Danica Patrick, who finished 15th at Pocono

**12** Lead-lap finishes this season for Dale Earnhardt Jr., who was on the lead lap at Pocono

## Same-day qualifying makes for compact racing schedule at Pocono and other upcoming tracks

Sunday's race at Pocono was the first of three this season where qualifying and the race were held on the same day. Upcoming races at Watkins Glen and Martinsville will feature the same format.

To facilitate the quick turnaround from qualifying to racing, teams chose their pit stalls at Pocono based on their qualifying results from the week before at Indianapolis. Next week at the Glen, pit picks will be based on qualifying results at Pocono. The pole-sitter gets first pick of pit stalls, and the slowest qualifier gets the last pick.

The change is intended to give fans more to do on race day, but it offers benefits for drivers and race teams, too. Pocono winner Kyle Busch said he likes the format.

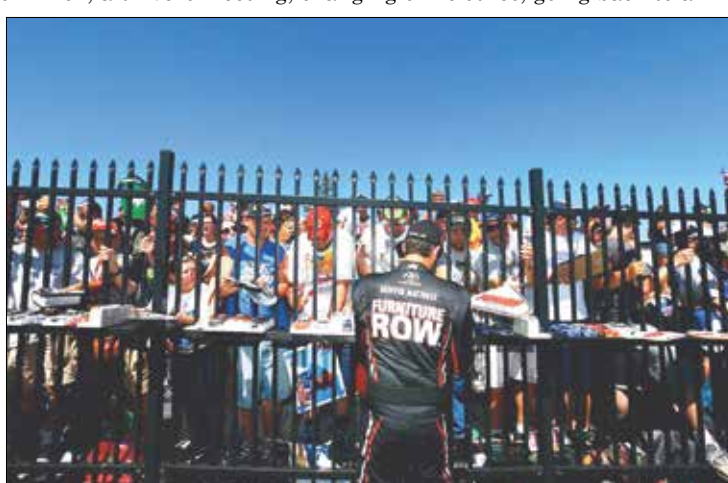
"I didn't have any qualms about it whatsoever," he said. "I'm up at 8, 9 o'clock in the morning anyway. Might as well be doing something, so qualifying at 11:30 wasn't bad.

"Getting a bite to eat for lunch, a drivers meeting, changing our clothes, going back to a traditional schedule, was not that big a deal."

The change also means most drivers and crew members get an extra day off before heading to the track as there is no on-track activity on Fridays of the same-day-qualifying races.

"That's going to be more Fridays at home with my son," Busch said. "That's going to be more fun for us drivers." And even more so for crew members, he said.

"I'm all about the crew guys, not necessarily about the drivers."



Martin Truex Jr. took time to sign autographs during Sunday's Cup qualifying prior to the start of the Overton's 400 at Pocono.

## Target to aim sponsorship dollars at another sport

Retail giant Target, which has been a longtime sponsor of car owner Chip Ganassi, is dropping its sponsorship of Ganassi driver Kyle Larson and instead will spend its sports marketing money on soccer.



Target announced that it will not continue as a sponsor for Kyle Larson's No. 42 car at Chip Ganassi Racing following this season.

"As we looked to evolve our sports marketing program, soccer provided Target with a unique opportunity to reach our guests in new places, and at all levels of the sport," Target said in a statement published by The Associated Press.

Earlier, Target had dropped its backing of Ganassi's IndyCar teams, and the latest announcement means that Larson, one of NASCAR's most popular and most successful young drivers, will need new backing beginning next season.

## Christopher Bell rolls to fourth win of the season

Christopher Bell drove away from Johnny Sauter and John Hunter Nemechek over the final seven laps of Saturday's Camping World Truck Series race at Pocono Raceway to get his fourth win of the season and the sixth of his career. It also gave him the series points lead by 18 markers over Sauter, the defending series champion who finished fifth at Pocono.

"I'm just so thankful to be able to drive this thing," Bell said in his winner's interview. "It's a dream come true to be able to compete in the NASCAR series and to be able to drive for Toyota and Kyle Busch Motorsports."

Ben Rhodes and Ryan Truex also passed Nemechek to take the second and third positions, with Nemechek taking fourth.

Rhodes said he was especially proud of his performance given the fact that he's been in several wrecks lately and his team has struggled to make repairs.

"We're doing the best we can getting stuff back together," Rhodes said. "This was the best truck that we had, but was least suited for this race track.

"It's kind of encouraging to see that we can win the pole and finish second with that. I'm hoping that by winning the pole we can get some notes to be able to repeat that."

Saturday's race was dominated early by Cup driver Kyle Busch. But after winning the first two 15-lap stages, Busch collided with Justin Haley and his truck was too damaged to continue.

## NASCAR CUP DRIVER STANDINGS

1. Martin Truex Jr., 823
2. Kyle Larson, 738
3. Kevin Harvick, 726
4. Kyle Busch, 723
5. Brad Keselowski, 649
6. Denny Hamlin, 649
7. Chase Elliott, 616
8. Jamie McMurray, 615
9. Matt Kenseth, 594
10. Clint Bowyer, 577