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Grateful Shed Members Assist in Florida Hurricane Relief Effort



Grateful Shed/Christian Food Bank co-founders Norman McPhail, Woodrow Smith, Terry Lee, and Alton Goodrich

Earlier this week members of the Grateful Shed made a trip to northern Florida to deliver a truckload of relief items to the Pentecostal Freewill Baptist headquarters to assist those who were suffering from the devastation of Hurricane Irma.

"We delivered water, food, first aid kits," explained Bruce Butler on Wednesday. "We got there about 10 p.m. (Tuesday) and unloaded the truck; spent the night and are headed on our way back home now."

Butler, along with Grateful Shed members, who are also co-founders of The Christian Food Bank of Salemburg, Norman McPhail, Woodrow Smith and Terry Lee (Alton Goodrich was unable to make the trip), made the trip after being contacted by The Bread of Life Outreach Ministry, which **FOOD, see P. 4**

Clinton Appliance Expands to Serve Customers



If you have traveled on Northeast Boulevard in Clinton during the last week, you may have noticed the construction going on beside longtime business Clinton Appliance. The owners of the store stated that they were in the process of expanding their business, once again, by over 5,000 sq. feet. The expansion is needed in order to meet the growing customer base at Clinton Appliance, now serving Sampson County for over 65 years.

Clinton Appliance & Tire Co began in 1952 in a small service station on College Street in Clinton, NC. This station sat on the land that the Bee Hive sits on today. L.M. Horne and J.A. Williams, the fathers of the current owners, started this business selling tires and appliances.

Sometime during the 50's an addition was put on this building and the building began to take on the look that it has now.

In the early 60's the name was changed to Clinton Appliance & Furniture Co and a new location was opened at 401 Northeast Boulevard in Clinton.

The stores actually stayed this way until 1985 when Dwight Horne & Al Williams purchased the business from their fathers. At that time the College Street location was closed and all sales were consolidated to the store on Northeast Boulevard. The College Street Location was used as a warehouse until 1991 when a new warehouse was built at 1420 Hobbs Hwy.

In 2002 the storefront on 401 Northeast Blvd was updated to the look it has today and the interior was remodeled as well.

Fast forward to 2017 and the owners of Clinton Appliance are ready to "grow again". According to owner & President Dwight Horne, "We are adding another 5000 square feet to our showroom as well as tripling the size of our lawn and garden department. The new addition will house a brand-new bedding gallery as well as our bedroom furniture. This will create more space in our showroom for our expanded appliance lines as well as upholstered furniture and recliners."

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The Sorghum Festival- Remembering Our Sampson County Heritage



If you have been in the McDaniels area lately, you can't help but notice the sweet smell of sorghum syrup filling the air as preparations for the 20th annual Sorghum Festival are underway. A quick glance over towards the old McDaniels schoolhouse, you see John and Annie Matthews hard at work, Annie preparing the school house and John cooking up that coveted sorghum syrup.

The event is scheduled to be held on Saturday October 21st from 9:00 am till 4 pm. John and Annie Matthews, festival directors, are excited about this year's event and are working hard in preparation for what will probably be a record number attending the festival this year. With the struggling economy, many families are looking for fun, family oriented activities that are available at little or no cost. Well, the Sorghum Festival fits **SORGHUM, see P. 4**



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From the Desk of Senator Brent Jackson



I hope you are having a great week so far. The General Assembly is going back in session on Wednesday, October 4th at noon. I ask that everyone continue to keep those affected by the devastation caused by the recent hurricanes in your thoughts and prayers. We all know that the recovery process from these devastating events will be long and hard, but together it will be accomplished.

Youth Legislative Assembly

Applications will become available in October for those interested in participating in the upcoming 2018 Youth Legislative Assembly.

The Youth Legislative Assembly is a state program that offers young individuals across North Carolina hands-on experience to see how the General Assembly functions. Every year, I sponsor a high school student from each county in Senate District 10 who wants to participate in the program. If you are interested, please send me an email telling me a little bit about yourself and background, along with why you are interested in participating in the Youth Legislative Assembly. I encourage everyone who is interested in participating in the program to visit <http://www.ncleg.net/ngainfo/YLA.html> for more details and to submit an application. Also, if you have any questions or would like further information about the Youth Legislative Assembly, please contact Erica Gallion by email at Erica.Gallion@ncleg.net, or by phone at 919-733-7173.

NC Veterans Museum Visit

On Wednesday, September 13th, I was honored to visit the 11th District Court in Harnett County where Chief District Court Judge Jacqueline Lee holds a Veterans Treatment Court. The NC Veterans Court aims at assisting our state's veterans who have been charged with minor crimes, and offers them assistance in restoring structure to their lives and helping them through problems like Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and substance abuse, which often times helps them avoid criminal conviction. Judge Lee is a district court judge for the 11th Judicial District which serves Harnett, Johnston, and Lee counties, and she also presides over the court.

Above is a picture of Judge Lee and myself in the NC Veteran's courtroom. It was a great experience to see the Veterans Court and witness the good work they are doing. I believe it is a great program and works well to assist our veterans.

Ag Round Table Event

On Friday, September 15th, I had the privilege of being invited to attend a round-table discussion on agriculture with White House Special Assistant Ray Starling, North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture Steve Troxler, and various other agriculture leaders. I thoroughly enjoyed hearing everyone's input on the agriculture industry, both on a national and state level, and am very encouraged what our future holds.

It was great to see so many friendly faces of agriculture at the event, and discuss our state's top industry with them. These are valuable partnerships as we work to grow the agriculture industry together.

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

Legislative Recap

Over the course of the interim, we have added a Legislative Recap Section to the Newsletter. This section reviews meaningful legislation that became law in the 2017 session.

Senate Bill 107: Streamline Dam Removal

In last week's newsletter, we reviewed Senate Bill 413: Clarify Motor Vehicle Dealers Laws. This bill made several changes to the franchise automobile dealership laws aimed at lowering costs and streamlining business.

This week, I will go over Senate Bill 107: Streamline Dam Removal, which I was a sponsor of. This bill helps lower the regulatory burdens for landowners wanting to remove, unwanted, unneeded, or obsolete dams on their property. The bill creates an expedited path for low and intermediate hazard dams to be removed. In order to qualify for expedited removal, the dam must not be used for hydro electric power or flood control. The dam removal plan must be approved by a professional engineer. The engineer must certify that the dam can be removed safely and that it will not increase the likelihood of a flood downstream. The individual wishing to remove the dam must notify DEQ, the flood mapping program at DPS, DOT, adjacent property owners, and any impacted local governments. The fee for this expedited permit is \$500.

You can view the full bill at the following link: <http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2017/Bills/Senate/PDF/S107v5.pdf>

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office if you have any questions pertaining to this legislation.

From the District

L.C. Kerr Elementary Receives Grant for Garden

L.C. Kerr Elementary School was recently selected as one of 22 schools and YMCAs across North Carolina to receive a grant to build or expand an existing vegetable garden. The grants were given by the United Health Foundation and Whole Kids Foundation to provide educational resources and promote agriculture, caring for the environment, and the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle to the students. The goal is to teach students about nutrition and healthy eating habits through the experience in the gardens. Also, students will learn where their food comes from, and be able to watch food production first-hand and see how factors such as weather can play a vital role in the foods growth. L.C. Kerr Elementary will use the grant to add onto the schools already impressive garden, and grow the garden to provide great hands-on experience opportunities for its students.

District Spotlight

The Oakland Presbyterian Church on Cleveland Road in Johnston County recently held an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Parker O'Neal, who was presented the Eagle Scout Good Citizenship Award by two individuals from the Marine Corps. O'Neal is a 10th grader at West Johnston High School, where he is a straight As Honor Student and a member of the Key Club, which works to serve and give back to the local community. O'Neal is a member of the Boy Scout Troop 33 out of Clayton, and he currently serves the troop as the Patrol Leader. For his Eagle Scout Project, O'Neal built three handicap accessible picnic tables and donated them to the new Fire Department 5-210 Station #3. For his last year of High School, O'Neal plans to attend the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics in Durham, and then pursue a degree in Nuclear Engineering when going to college. Please join me in congratulating Parker O'Neal on his great achievement of earning the rank of Eagle Scout, and wishing him the best of luck in his future.

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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10 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Craft Demonstration Day Sampson County History Museum
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Local Entertainment Main Street stage
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Ol' Lightnin' Rods Car Show Clinton City Market parking lot
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Street Fair vendors & exhibitors open Main, Vance, Wall, College, Lisbon Streets
2 p.m.	Barbecue winners announced Main Street stage
3 p.m.	Ol' Lightnin' Rods Car Show winners announced at Clinton City Market

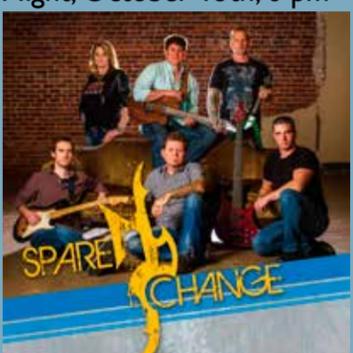
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The current location of Clinton Appliance on Northeast Blvd in Clinton



Clinton Appliance & Tire Co. original location on College Street in 1952

Horne continued, "We also felt that it was time to upgrade our logo. The roofline symbolizes how we understand the importance of our customers' homes and we strive to make their homes as comfortable and welcoming as possible. So, keep your eye out for our new logo as we gradually integrate it into our advertising and promotions."

"In addition," stated Horne. "Jason Smith is now our Vice President in charge of sales and customer service. Jason ensures that Clinton Appliance & Furniture will be a locally owned and operated home furnishings business for years to come."

"With all of the years and all of these changes, one thing remains constant. That constant is our desire to go above and beyond what most stores do for their customers. Our "Treat You Like Family" attitude and "Price Match Guarantee" continues to keep us as an eastern North Carolina favorite destinations for home furnishing," noted Dwight Horne.

In closing Dwight stated, "The people have been so faithful and loyal to our business that we look on them as family. Our goal is to continue to earn their trust each and every day. Thanks to our loyal customer who have helped us grow to where we are today."



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is a sister Ministry to the Christian Food Bank, in search of donations to help those in need.

The group took donations throughout last week from citizens in and around Sampson County, with drop off locations at Performance Dodge in Clinton, as well as Sampson Auto Body and Paint. The food bank donated food and water.

"We delivered the truck to the distribution center," Butler said, "and worked with the church staff who were very appreciative of what we were doing, it made us feel great."

The group was even recognized by fans when they delivered the items.

"We had a woman who follows us on our Facebook channel," Butler said. "She came up from Brandon, Florida and brought some relief supplies and wanted to meet us. There was also a person from Uganda (Africa) who said hello too."

On the Grateful Shed Facebook page, the group kept fans up-to-date on their progress by posting pictures and videos of their trip to Florida.

"We are going to put up the video of us unloading the truck," Butler adds. "And then, this weekend (Saturday) we will post another Grateful Shed video like we do every week."

Although the group's efforts will help hundreds of those suffering, the group feels like they have received more from the trip on a personal level.

"This, to us, is truly a blessing," says Terry Lee. "We feel like we are more blessed for giving and helping others. This is what we do - help others. And we love what we are doing."

It's not the first time the group has helped others in need.

Last year, when the floods hit Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the men gathered at the Grateful Shed to get together food to help the victims of the flooded areas. Astonishingly, they gathered together \$17,000



in just 10 days and made a trip to deliver the items personally.

When Hurricane Matthew hit, the group met at the shed again and delivered food to 8 locations, helping families in need.

To check out the videos and photos of the delivery or to watch their weekly show, click on to the Grateful Shed's Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/thegratefulshed1/>.

Or their popular YouTube page at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBGs-6gMjmf134QAZf2u-0PA>.

SORGHUM, cont. from 1

all this criteria and it is FREE to the public.

According to John, the festival averages around 2,000 visitors; people from as far away as California, Pennsylvania and New Orleans. The festival had to be cancelled last year due to Hurricane Matthew. "The festival just keeps on growing every year. The Sorghum Festival is a tradition that brings back the taste of sorghum which the older generation fondly remembers. However, if sorghum isn't your interest, there are events planned for the entire family."

There will be lots of food, Gospel and Bluegrass music, vendors and crafts, games and activities for the entire family. The museum will also be open to the public with weaving and spinning demonstrations. There will be antique cars, tractors, old hit and miss engines and lots more. Probably the most visited site will be old country store and the booth selling good ole' mountain apples. According to Mrs. Annie there will be a few new things this year, some additions to the Train Room, Antique and Vintage Washing Machine and Laundry displays, a cast iron cookware collection, and this year there will be antiques for sale. The antique rope making demonstration for the kids to take part in will be back again this year.

This year's festival will also celebrate the history of Raggedy Ann and Andy. According to Annie Matthews, "We are working on a Raggedy Ann and Andy reunion and display for festival this year. Raggedy Ann's birthday was Sept. 7th, 1915 and Andy came upon the scene in 1920. They have been close friends to many kids and adults since then. You just want to smile when you see one and to snuggle with one is great!"

The festival is held every year on the third Saturday in October at the old McDaniels School at McDaniel Crossroads near Garland right off of Old Mintz Highway. According to Mrs. Annie Matthews, the purpose of the event is to "Educate the young and to rekindle memories for the old." She continues by stating that "it is a labor of love to be able to share this with everyone." The couple hopes to be able to keep the festival going for as long as they can. "When the time comes that I can no longer participate, my hopes are for someone else to keep it going."

For many people who are not familiar with sorghum: Sorghum cane can reach heights in excess of 12 feet. A couple of days before the festival, the cane is stripped, topped and cut from a local field. The Matthews have a farm in the area where they grow about a half acre of sorghum specifically for the festival. On the festival day, early before sunrise, the cane is squeezed using a #71 Chattanooga Cane Mill Press. According to Mr. Matthews, who is the one who gets up before the chickens on festival day, "We are not really sure how much sorghum we will have this year, due to Hurricane Matthew." John has been cooking up sorghum since the middle of September, when the first load of sorghum was cut from the fields.

Everyone will be able to see the process of the raw cane being turned into delicious sorghum syrup. "It is quite a process and many find it hard to believe that syrup actually comes from the cane stalks. You can usually get 5 gallons of pure, completely organic sorghum syrup from about 45 gallons of juice; sorghum just like your grandparents would have eaten," stated John.

Annie and John will also be offering tours of the old McDaniel's School "Museum". The McDaniel's School served the local community from 1924 to 1949, educating its children. Once a year the school opens as a museum, educating everyone on the ways of our ancestors and it holds a lifetime of collecting by the couple. One of the classrooms holds a collection of antique kitchen items and another one is set up as a vintage 1930's classroom. In 2004, an "O" scale Train Layout was built that covers an entire room of the school house. This is a "Must See"! The school's auditorium is filled with an eclectic collection ranging from old farm tools and equipment, vintage radios and other amazing historical artifacts. You can also

tour an original General Store which served the Mintz Community in the early 1900's. It was moved from its original location to the McDaniel School location in November of 2002. The general store has a vivid history with originally housing the Mintz Post Office from 1900-1939.



John and Annie noted, "Sorghum making is almost a lost art. I just want to share with folks the way of rural life in the south in the 1800's and first half of the 1900's when almost every household used sorghum. There seems to be a renewed interest in sorghum as recipes are showing up in magazines and on cooking shows. I am hoping my son and his family will continue the tradition."

Whether you are a history buff, a syrup lover, or just simply looking for something to do on a Saturday, come on out to the Sorghum Festival-you'll be Glad You Did.

For more information about the Sorghum Festival, visit them online at www.oldschoolsorghum.com or contact John and Annie Matthews at (910)564-5069.

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Dr. Shari Herring 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.

This week’s We Should Know focuses on Tarheel ChalleNGe in Sampson County with guest, Dr. Shari Herring, Director at Tarheel ChalleNGe.

Dr. Shari Herring has earned a Doctorate Degree in Education as well as a Doctorate in Divinity. She also has a broad base of experience having worked with the US Navy, NASA, and Xerox.

JW Simmons begins the show stating that Tarheel ChalleNGe has been in existence for 23 years now. “That’s a long time,” adds Simmons.

“It is,” say Dr. Herring. “And we’re so proud of our rich history. It started with Major General Rudisill, as you know, and it’s just blossomed from there. He led the fight, the charge, to make sure that North Carolina was the 10th state in our union to have an academy.”

Herring says having this opportunity for 16 to 18-year old’s who had dropped out of school, been expelled or missed long intervals of school in North Carolina is a great thing. “We also know,” adds Herring, “a lot of those academies that started back when we did aren’t in existence, so we’re excited to be celebrating 23 years.”

“Nation-wide,” says Herring, we celebrate the 25th year. And hopefully in 2019 we’ll celebrate the 25th year here. We want to have a big celebration not only with our partners, but also with those

that have graduated.”

Next, Simmons asks his guest to discuss the history and relationship with Tarheel ChalleNGe and the National Guard. He asks is this the best partnership for this kind of endeavor.

Dr. Herring replies, “Actually it is. There is a National Guard in every state.” Herring says that there are 40 academies in the US, including Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

“Here, in North Carolina,” adds Herring, “we have expanded. Since 1994 we expanded services to include a second location which is actually in New London. That happened in 2015. And with the onset of having the second academy we now have a State Director. Everyone knows Colonel (Ret) Edward Timmons. He was the director at the Salemburg location, and now he is the state director for our two programs. And Lt. Col Williams is the director at our New London location.”

Given her vast experience in leadership in the Navy, NASA and more recently at Fayetteville State University, Simmons asks Dr. Herring why she wanted to come to Salemburg and take on the position of director for Tarheel ChalleNGe.

Herring states, “Well, a lot of people ask me that, but the thing is, I always, no matter where I’ve been, at the forefront and at the center of everything that I do is making sure I’m making a difference in the life of somebody. And especially children.”

“So, be it working with the National Children’s Advocacy Center, with Congressman Bud Cramer or at Fayetteville State University, my beloved alma mater for my undergraduate work, to coming to Tarheel ChalleNGe. In each of those scenarios, yes, the youth may look different or be different, but the main thing is still working with youth and making a difference in their lives.”

“And when I saw that Tarheel ChalleNGe works with at-risk youths, and yes, I had at-risk youths at Fayetteville State – a lot of them where first year or first-generation college students – and that can be very risky because they’re the first one’s in their family to go to college. But having an entire class, my sole focus is on at-risk youth.”

“As I was walking into your building,” adds Herring, “I saw one of the youths that had been at our academy. And being able to know that I had something to do with impacting their life for the better... That they now have changed their direction because of what we have done. To be a part of that, that is what drove me to Tarheel ChalleNGe Academy.”

Herring says she’s worked with adults and college age people, but reaching them before they get to college helps them be able to choose a path, and not have a pathway chosen for them.

JW Simmons next says that while the academy is styled as a military academy through the NC National Guard, military service is just one of many choices for graduates. “That is totally correct,” says Herring.

“A lot of times there is the thought that if it’s the National Guard they must be putting them in the military, some have even said to me don’t they get extra points that goes toward the military, or they get additional pay. All of those are myths and fables.”

“Actually, the program itself is sponsored by the National Guard, but that’s because it’s one of the missions of the National Guard. It’s not just that they go out in times of natural disasters or distress, but it’s also to help the youth of our nation succeed. So, our mission is to redirect their lives. To make productive citizens, and in our case, productive North Carolina citizens.”

Next, Simmons asks Herring, with her broad perspective in education across the country, how Tarheel ChalleNGe relates to other educational programs.

Herring explains, “When you look at it from the standpoint of that 30,000-foot view, on an administrative level we’re doing some of the same things. We’re offering programs where youth can find out about college or furthering their education, going into the market place or job market, being entrepreneurs or the standpoint of going into the military.”

“Any avenue they want,” adds Herring. “We say dream, believe, achieve. That is our motto.”

“There is the misconception, when you bring it down to the street level view, one-on-one, that these are the ‘bad kids’. Well, it’s not that they’re bad. It may be their life situation, or their circumstance, or the choices that they made or choices that other people have made for them led them down a different path.”

“And there are others that there is nothing that they have done, they just want to have that structure; and their parents want them to have structure. And that’s where the difference is, that quasi military.”

Herring says cadets are up at 5:15 am. “And every single bit of their day, every moment, is planned out for them,” adds Herring. “But that is giving them structure.”

The two-week Acclimation Period precedes the Residential Phase and orients Candidates to the ChalleNGe program environment by allowing them to adjust to the physical, mental and social discipline required to successfully complete the program. The focus is on teamwork, close quarter drill, code of conduct, leadership and followership, and physical fitness training.

Candidates relinquish personal items, receive haircuts, and exchange their street clothes for uniforms, placing them all on a level playing field. During the Acclimation Period, staff members continually assess each Candidate’s potential for success in the Residential Phase. Candidates learn to replace negative behaviors, attitudes, and skills and are introduced to daily experiences of healthy routines and a structured and disciplined environment. At the end of the Acclimation Period motivated Candidates are selected to enroll in ChalleNGe and become cadets.

Historically, the majority of the selected Cadets will go on to successfully complete the Residential Phase. During the next five-months of the Residential Phase, Cadets are fully immersed in a residential and adherence to societal norms. During the Residential Phase, Cadets experience a structured and disciplined schedule that focuses on developing their social, emotional, academic, and basic life skills. This is accomplished through the implementation of the Eight Core Components, the foundation of the ChalleNGe program intervention model.

Cadets complete the Residential Phase with the skills and values necessary for their successful transition and integration into adult society. Mentors are matched with cadets midway through the Residential Phase. The mentors help support the cadets during the remainder of the Residential Phase and help them prepare to reenter community life. Mentors continue their responsibilities during the 12-month Post-Residential Phase.

The 12-month Post-Residential Phase begins when graduates return to their communities, to return to high school, pursue higher education, find a job, join the military, or volunteer at least 30 hours a week. The goal of this Phase is for graduates to sustain and build on the gains made during the Residential Phase. In addition, they must continue to develop and implement their life plans.

The mentors, matched with cadets during the Residential Phase, play a critical role in ensuring their continued success. They help youth transition from the structured environment of the Residential Phase to self-management. The mentors also support and guide the cadets through implementation of their Life Plans.

For more information on Tarheel ChalleNGe please visit: www.nc-tcchallenge.org

To view the entire broadcast of We Should Know please visit their YouTube channel at 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 or you can find them on Facebook.

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LOCAL NEWS

Cowand Earns Eagle Scout



Wesley Cowand of Clinton achieved the rank of Eagle Scout on June 1, 2017. Cowand is a member of BSA Troop 80, sponsored by First Baptist Church in Clinton and is the son of Wes and Nancy Cowand. To earn the rank of Eagle, Cowand successfully earned 36 merit badges and completed over 100 hours of community service. For his Eagle Scout Project, Cowand built picnic tables for the Sampson County History Museum.

The 7th annual Tim's Gift "Hope Project" Golf Tournament, held at Coharie Country Club on September 15, 2017, was a successful event. Twenty-three teams played under sunny skies for a great cause: giving help and hope to local people in need! Tim's Gift Board Members and volunteers were on hand to help with meals, a silent auction, half and half drawing, and extending fellowship throughout the day.

Chris Emblar led the group in prayer, Richard Kimbel shared the rules for play, volunteers were in place on four-hole in one opportunities for players (Nissan - car, Ribeyes - meal for two for 52 weeks, Dodge / Ford Performance - car, Veterans United -\$10,000), Wendy Carr, Shea Smith, Shannon Morgan, and Ray & Tammy Jarmon monitored each hole, and snacks provided by Southeastern Outdoor and Brantley Best were shared throughout the four-hour tournament play.

Breakfast was provided by Hardees, lunch provided by Southern Style, Sandpiper, and U.S. Foods, half and half was handled by Larry Butler and Billy Smith, the silent auction was managed by Jennifer Brewer, Mary Borum, Helen Smith, and Debbie Butler, auction items were donated by friends of Tim's Gift, and supporters present and on line enjoyed bidding on over 40 awesome items. The auction and half and half donations contributed \$6,450.00 to the tournament's success. Winners of the door prize and half and half drawing graciously gave back their winnings.

Dubose National Energy Services Team (Richard Rogers, Holden Dubose, Jonathan Williams, and Brent Parrish) won 1st Flight - 1st Place. 2nd Flight - 1st Place winners were, Zack Adams, Nick Adams, Matthew DeLeon, and Nick Holloman.

TYM Tractors and Smith Enterprise were Eagle Sponsors for the 7th Hope Project Golf Tournament. Representatives were there to give each golfer an insulated tumbler. Bojangles was the Logo Ball Sponsor for the event. Local Bojangle's manager and assistant were on hand to pass out a box of golf balls with the BJ emblem to each player.

Platinum Sponsors were: Dynaflux, G.A.I.N., Group Benefits & Commercial Services, Hog Slat, Jart Hudson Farms, Lafayette Farms, Matthews Drugs & Gifts, Nissan of Clinton, Pearson Crop Insurance, Prestage Farms, and Star Communications.

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Hope Project Fundraiser a Success



First Flight Winners: Dubose National Energy Services Team (Richard Rogers, Holden Dubose, Jonathan Williams, and Brent Parrish)



Second Flight Winners: Zack Adams, Nick Adams, Matthew DeLeon, and Nick Holloman



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The Hope Project Golf Tournament was envisioned by Cameron Spell in 2010 when he served as Director of Tim's Gift. The (501-C3) organization began in 2008 as a local place where local people could receive medical supplies and equipment. Cameron recognized a greater need when people came for help, one of financial assistance while battling cancer and related health situations. Prayers and plans were set in motion. A former student of Becky Spell, Caleb Thornton, created the Hope Project logo. The lighthouse signifies the vision of Tim's Gift - a place where God's light and love beckons people to come for help and hope.

A portion of proceeds from the 2016 Hope Project Golf Tournament were designated to help people affected by Hurricane Matthew; twenty-six families received financial assistance and prayerful support as they rebuilt and recovered from the storm. Five families, with a loved one battling cancer, were also given financial assistance with medical needs.

The 2017 Hope Project Golf Tournament netted \$20, 245.00. Tim's Gift Board of Directors, Jennifer Brewer, Chris Emblar, and Becky Spell express deepest gratitude to a loving, supportive community where people's help (in whatever way given) made this year's tournament a blessing for everyone involved...and for those whom God will send for help and hope.



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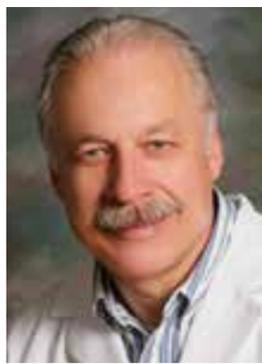
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October is Glaucoma Awareness Month



by R. Thomas Barowsky, MD



National Glaucoma Awareness Month

October is here and that means it is National Glaucoma Awareness Month. I will once again dedicate the next several columns to discussing glaucoma and its affect on our vision health. I will help define what glaucoma is, what the different types are, who is at greater risk of developing this disease and what we can do to protect our vision. Sounds like a lot of info but we have a month to break it down for you.

As with all disease processes affecting our bodies, glaucoma is seen in some parts of our population more often than in others. Ethnicity, age, gender, family history and previous medical history all play an important role in determining your risk for developing glaucoma. Glaucoma typically begins to show-up when we are in our forties. It is more common in Blacks than other ethnic groups and more often seen in women and patients with a positive family history for the disease. Patients who smoke and have certain medical conditions such as diabetes are also at higher risk. There does not, surprisingly, appear to be a correlation between hypertension and glaucoma.

The primary definition of glaucoma is increased eye pressure that causes damage to the optic nerve and retina. There are many different types of glaucoma but they tend to fall into two main categories; open angle and closed angle. Today we will limit our discussion to open angle glaucoma.

The most common of all glaucomas is open angle glaucoma (OAG) and affects more than 80% of patients with the condition. Fluid is filtered from the bloodstream to bathe and provide nutrition to the inside of the eye. It then passes through a fine tissue meshwork and re-enters the bloodstream. If the fluid is created at a higher rate than it is drained, then the pressure in our eye goes up. If this pressure is high enough, it causes damage to the optic nerve and retina. Remember this is all occurring inside the eye. It has no effect on why your eyes water a lot.

OAG is called the silent blinder because it slowly steals our sight by destroying our peripheral or side vision first. The pressure is high enough to cause damage but not high enough to cause pain or discomfort to the patient so they are unaware of any damage. Left untreated the side vision continues to be lost until only a small island of sight is left

centrally.

Routine eye exams for anyone over the age of 40 should include checks of the intraocular pressure (IOP). There are many ways to do this from an air puff device to something called applanation tonometry, which is not only the most accurate but also the gold standard for following patients who either are at risk or already have glaucoma.

In those patients with higher than normal IOP and abnormal changes seen during a dilated eye exam additional tests including a measurement of the peripheral vision may be indicated. This test will show how much of the side vision is already lost. It is not unusual for 50% of the optic nerve to be damaged before changes show up on the visual field test. For this reason a special test using a laser-scanning device, called an OCT or a HRT, may be ordered to look for much earlier changes and damage to the retina and optic nerve. Visual fields, OCT and HRT are only indicated after a thorough dilated exam indicates changes suspicious for glaucoma are present. Doing these tests where there is no suspicion of increased IOP or glaucoma only serve to increase the cost of medical care with no real benefit to the patient.

With treatments available today, patients have every opportunity to continue to see well and protect themselves from damage to the eyes caused by glaucoma.

If you have questions about your eye health e-mail Dr. Barowsky at doctom@tdkj.com and we'll try to answer your questions here at Eye-Q.

Healthy Habits, Healthy Families with WIC



By: Erin Ellis, RN

For young children, a lack of good nutrition can put them at risk for health problems and problems in school. North Carolina's WIC program, which is a part of the USDA, helps low-income families meet the nutritional needs of pregnant, post-partum women, infants and children up to age five.

WIC offers families nutrition education, counseling and breastfeeding promotion and support, along with supplemental foods, and even healthcare referrals.

The North Carolina WIC Program currently serves an average of 225,829 participants each month. Studies show that

children who participate in WIC are more likely to receive regular preventive health services and are better immunized than children who did not participate in WIC.

Breastfeeding promotion and support is an important part of the WIC Program. All WIC agencies have trained staff ready to assist moms in making informed decisions about how they feed their babies. WIC also teaches moms the basics of breastfeeding.

Better educated moms mean healthier babies. Medicaid beneficiaries who participated in WIC had lower infant mortality rates than Medicaid beneficiaries who did not participate in WIC. WIC participation also decreases the incidence of low birth weight and pre-term births. The nutrition education and healthy foods that WIC provides really give children a healthy start in life, which is so important.

For more information about WIC or to make an appointment, you may call or visit the Sampson County Health Department at 360 County Complex Rd. Suite 200 Clinton, NC 28328. You may apply Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm or call (910) 592-1131, extension 4201, 4225, 4251 or

4242. The applicant must meet all of the eligibility requirements, which includes: Categorical: A participant must be a pregnant woman, a non-breastfeeding woman up to six months postpartum, a breastfeeding woman up to one year postpartum, an infant, or child up to the fifth birthday.

Residential: A participant must live in the State of North Carolina and in the health services delivery area of the local agency.

Income: A participant must have a gross annual income at or below 185% of the federal poverty line. All Medicaid, TANF (Work First), and Food and Nutrition Services recipients are automatically income-eligible for WIC (i.e., adjunctively eligible).

Nutrition Risk: A participant must have an identified medical/nutritional risk problem, as determined by a competent professional authority (CPA). Risks include anemia, poor growth, previous poor pregnancy outcome, inadequate diet, and other nutrition-related problems.

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SampsonRMC plans local community forums

During the month of October, hospital administrators will hold community forums throughout Sampson County to share about improvements made in emergency services offered at Sampson Regional Medical Center (SampsonRMC). With the completion of renovations in the emergency department, the hospital now boasts an updated modern look offering additional treatment rooms and increased patient privacy. Along with the recent renovations, staff workflows were redesigned to reduce wait times and turnaround times for patients. The hospital also implemented a new Electronic Health Record which allows for increased patient safety and quality improvement.

Community members are encouraged to attend and hear first-hand about changes made to improve the Emergency Room at their local hospital, as well as participate in an open dia-

logue to share feedback about any recent experiences. Feedback received during the community forums will be used as the Emergency Room focuses on continuous improvement.

Join SampsonRMC, for one of the following Emergency Room Presentations:

- Roseboro Town Hall October 5, 2017
- Harrells Activity Center October 12, 2017 (Former Harrells EMS Building)
- Newton Grove Town Hall October 19, 2017
- Clinton Town Hall October 24, 2017
- Salemberg Town Hall October 26, 2017

All community forums will begin promptly at 6:30pm.

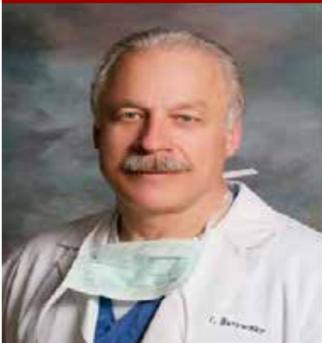
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FAITH



What is a church? This may seem like a silly question to ask or perhaps even write about. All we have to do is look around town and we can probably spot six or seven church buildings all within two miles of each other. Not only is that the case for our town, but almost every town in the state and in the South. But defining what a church is and is not is a fundamental questions for believers and nonbelievers.

In many European societies, there is only one church (sometimes two: Catholic and Protestant). In some Middle Eastern and Asian countries, there is a superficial appearance of a church, but the true church is invisible. In some places, even in our culture, the word church is meant to merely describe meeting places of denominations and non-Christian cults. Surely, the church is more than a

building and indeed the church is more than a description of what kind of people meet in it.

To rightly understand what a church is, we have to go back to where it started in Acts chapters 1 and 2. Before Acts, religious movements existed. Pagans erected sanctuaries to worship their gods. Egyptians build pyramids as monuments of worship. The Jewish people worshipped together in a synagogue, which is the Greek word for "house of assembly." The synagogue was kind of a forerunner to a church building, where people met to study the Torah. Before the building of the Temple, which was a more permanent place of regional worship where sacrifices were offered, the Israelites in the desert met in the tabernacle. A tabernacle was basically a portable tent that was designated as a place of worship. Whenever the Israelites, led by Moses, were ready to move throughout the wilderness, a pillar of fire would lead them by night to their next destination, where they would set up the tabernacle.

In Acts 1, Jesus leaves his disciples but promises to send a Helper. This Helper, he tells them, will lead them to be his witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8). I'm not sure how the disciples thought they would be able to do that on their own, since Jesus was controversially killed by a collaboration of Jewish and Roman authorities. Jesus, however, knew the will of the Father and assured them that his presence would not leave them (Matthew 28:20).

In Acts 2, as the disciples are before a large crowd, some-

thing strange happens. Like the sound of rushing wind filled the house and on each one of them was what seemed to be "tongues of fire" (Acts 2:3). From that point forward, they began to proclaim the death, burial and resurrection of Christ in such a way that the Holy Spirit turned their words into the native languages of those who were present to hear this gospel preached. Personally, my favorite verse in this chapter is verse 13, "Some, however, made fun of them and said, 'They have had too much wine.'" Even with this great happening in sight, some still refused to believe and tried to find another explanation for the power of God. Just like the presence of God led the Israelites by fire through the wilderness, the presence of God was leading the apostles by fire to create what we now call the church.

The rest of the book of Acts is about how the Holy Spirit gave these men boldness to preach the message of Christ to a hostile culture. History tells us that every single one of these men, except John, were killed for their faith. If the resurrection of Christ was conspiracy, then these men died in vain for something they knew was not true. Even John was boiled alive in oil and exiled only after he survived. He would go on to write the book of Revelation, which tells the final fate of the church: together in eternity ruling over the earth with Christ (which means 'Anointed One,' a title reserved only for the heir to the throne.)



Will Matthews

SHOPPING YESTERYEAR COMPARED TO SHOPPING TODAY

WHAT A DIFFERENCE

I remember when I was a child and went shopping with Mama for groceries and other things that were needed by our family. In those days, when you went to the grocery store, you would most likely on any given shopping day, "run up on" somebody you knew. Time was always made to stop and "talk a spell." We young'uns learned to just stand there until the conversation was finished and Mama pushed her grocery buggy on. Usually it went something like this: "Well, hey there, it's been a spell since I seen you all. How ya'll doing?" The answer usually was something like, "Whew, my garden put out so much corn, I thought I'd never get it all put up. But, mind you, I'm not complaining. It's a blessing." Or, "We've been barning "tobacker" most every day. If it ain't in that "tobacker" field, I don't know it." Even if it was just an acquaintance, time was made to stop and speak.

My, how times have changed. Today, people are more likely to be in a hurry to get in and out of a store and less likely to stop and talk. But, one thing I have noticed, in small-town stores people do still stop and speak. They in fact stop long enough to have real conversations.

At one store where I shop often, you can find people around most any corner stopped to speak to each other. I've noticed how people around here, myself included, will just automatically push their buggy around a group of gossiping folks like they're not even there. They are used to it, I guess, and probably guilty of doing the same thing themselves. I know I am.

Even people you don't even know are usually friendly in that store. Once, I went down the laundry detergent isle looking for my usual brand of detergent. An elderly man in overalls was standing halfway down the isle. He had a slightly confused look on his face. "Excuse me ma'am," he said as I approached, "but could you help me out "jest" a minute." "Sure," I said. He went on to explain that his wife had sent him in to buy laundry soap and she wanted the kind that "took out stains," but he couldn't for the life of him "rec-o-lect" the name of it. I reasoned, she must have meant the detergent with bleach already added to it. So, I asked him if he remembered what color jug it was in. He did, and we took it from there. I'm fairly confident that I sent him on his way with the right thing, and I didn't mind one bit taking the time to help him.

One good turn deserves another. After Christmas last year, I, like a lot of folks, hit the half-off Christmas items sale. I had only planned on picking up a couple of things, but there were some real good, not to be missed sale items there and before I knew it, my arms were full. A silver-haired lady I had never seen before, looked at me and said, "Ya'll need a buggy," (ya'll meaning me). She turned to her grown son and said, "Go find this lady a buggy. She needs one, bad." He went all the way to the front of the store and returned with a buggy for me. He did that for a total stranger. Their kindness warmed my heart. That's good ole southern manners at their best!

You never know who you'll see when you run in that store for just a minute, but chances are, you'll run into somebody you know, and stop for a few minutes just to talk.

Sometimes, however, what you need can't be found locally and you have



no choice but to go to a bigger store in Wilmington or other large city. Bigger is an understatement. You could almost put all of Harrells inside some of those stores. For a country person like me, it would be nice if they had detailed maps up so I could keep from getting lost.

There is everything from A to Z in the big store we usually go to, and you don't find people stopped to talk a minute there either. They couldn't if they wanted to, they'd get run over. Those people down there have two speeds, fast and faster. Once, when I was shopping there, I needed some orange cleaner, so I hunted down the house cleaning supplies. No easy task. I had started down the isle when I saw a woman and what I guessed to be her teenage daughter coming up behind me - FAST! I fairly flattened myself against the shelves on the opposite side of the isle just in time. That lady threw five different cleaning items and a mop in her buggy before she finished one sentence, and she was talkin' at the speed of light, just about the same speed she was pushing that buggy at!

There's even a grocery store in there. I can appreciate the convenience of stopping in one place and being able to pick up everything you need. Especially if you have to drive in big city traffic! I tried it, but I couldn't find many of the brands I'm used to, and they had a lot of things I'm not used to. Take for example the round tank filled with water and lobsters. I stood there for a minute looking at them - looking back at me. Granted, it was dangerous to stand in one place that long, but it makes you wonder if you're in a grocery store or an aquarium.

It amazed me how those folks shop for groceries just as fast as they shop in the rest of the store. I've never in my life bought or picked a watermelon before thumping it a few times to be sure it's good and ripe. I saw one man fly by the watermelons, hover long enough to grab one, toss it in his buggy, and fly off again with not even so much as a thump!

I think they need to put signs up at all the entrance doors of those big stores that say: "Warning- once inside, everything moves at the speed of light! Stand still at your own risk, stopping can result in being run over." That way, all us country folks would at least know what we're in for!



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What's Happening at SCT



By Angela Martin

Our next production- The Odd Couple Female Version is in the midst of rehearsals. The production features many talented adults in our community and is directed. Tom Wilbur. Tom has been an active volunteer at the Sampson Community Theatre for many years. He not only helps us with many productions by taking our cast photos and organizing our programs, but he has directed numerous productions. Theatre credits include - The Cemetery Club, Harvey, The Odd Couple and The Odd Couple - Female Version, Barefoot in the Park and Lost on the 4th of July, just to name a few. She also is reprising her role in this production.

The production is sponsored by Warwick, Bradshaw, Lockamy, PA. The dates of this production are October 20,21,22 and 27,28,29 with Friday and Saturday performances at 7:30 pm and Sunday performances at 2:30 pm.



“The Odd Couple, Female Version” coming to the SCT stage

Florence Unger (Felesia Buczynski) gets a massage from Olive Madison (Erica Miller), during a recent rehearsal of Sampson Community Theatre’s upcoming presentation of Neil Simon’s mature comedy, ‘The Odd Couple, Female Version’, proudly sponsored by Warrick, Bradshaw & Lockamy, P.A., Attorneys at Law and directed by Tom Wilbur, produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, inc. Evening Performances: Oct. 20, 21, 27, 28 at 7:30pm, Matinees: Oct. 22 & 29 at 2:30pm, 2017. The theatre is located at 115 Fayetteville Street in Clinton, North Carolina. Call 910-592-8653 or 990-6424 for more information.

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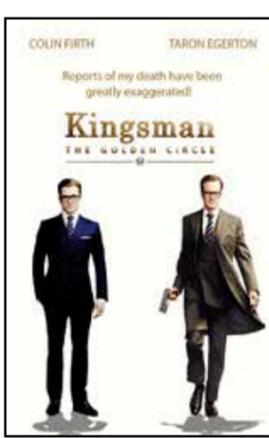
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Simple Ways to Live Better



FAMILY FEATURES

When it comes to creating a healthy lifestyle, some recommendations are fairly simple, such as exercising regularly and eating right. Many people, however, don't know how much exercise they should get or which foods are the best choices. They also may not realize there are other ways to take care of their bodies and minds to promote better overall health.

Start on the path to healthier living with these tips from the wellness experts at Walgreens.

Exercise regularly.

The American Heart Association recommends at least 30 minutes of moderate-intensity activity at least five days a week, and that's because an active lifestyle can help you achieve far more than muscle mass or weight loss. Regular exercise can also contribute to mental well-being, and even something as simple as a walking break or two at work can provide health benefits.

Eat well.

The keys to a healthy diet are eating the right amount of calories for your activity level and eating a wide range of foods to ensure that you're receiving all the nutrients your body needs. By prioritizing great taste and ingredient guidelines, such as minimizing hydrogenated oils, trans fats and artificial ingredients, Walgreens Nice! products help take the guesswork out of making healthier choices. In an effort to simplify healthy living, the line's packaging, products and ingredient standards were updated, and offerings now include organic and gluten-free options in addition to traditional baking goods and other general grocery items.

Get enough sleep.

Sleep plays a vital role in good health and well-being, and can help improve your mental health, physical health and quality of life. The National Sleep Foundation recommends 7-9 hours per night for adults and 9-11 hours for school-aged children. If you find sleep elusive, try implementing a bedtime routine to send signals to your body that it's time to sleep, avoid screen time immediately before lights out and eliminate caffeine after lunch.

Manage stress.

Between juggling a career, family and other commitments, it's easy to find things to stress over. Practices such as meditation and yoga can help better manage stress. Setting aside time for a favorite hobby can also help relieve stress and focus on an activity you enjoy. Aside from mental and emotional impacts, stress can also impact your physical health, so it's important to identify coping mechanisms that reduce overall stress.

Be social.

Making time to socialize with friends and family is an important part of living a long and healthy life. Even if your schedule is packed, try to block out time at least once a week to spend with family and friends.

Break bad habits.

Whatever their nature, work to break bad habits by first acknowledging the problem then working to replace the negativity with alternatives that make a more positive impact on your life. Even a negative attitude can bring you down.

To discover more ways to make healthy lifestyle choices, visit walgreens.com/nice.

MAKE BETTER FOOD CHOICES

Maintaining a healthy diet can be easier than you think if you make your eating habits a priority and know how to make smart food choices. For the best results, choose foods from all five major food groups with help from these tips:

Fruits and vegetables

Fruits and vegetables are naturally low in fat and contain necessary fiber, vitamins and minerals. Rather than serving fruits with cream cheese or sugary sauces, opt for nut butters or Nice! organic honey, and toss raw, steamed, boiled or baked vegetables in olive oil, salt and pepper instead of buttery sauces.

Protein

Select low-fat, lean cuts of meat and season them with herbs, spices and low-sodium marinades. Baking, broiling, grilling and roasting are the healthiest preparation methods. Try swapping ground beef for a lean or extra-lean cut, or opt for ground chicken or turkey instead. Non-meat protein options

such as dry beans, peas and lentils can even be swapped for meat in recipes such as lasagna or chili.

Dairy

Choose skim or non-dairy milk, like soy, rice or almond milk, and use low-fat or part-skim cheeses in recipes. Nonfat or Greek yogurt can replace sour cream in many recipes and options like sherbet and soft-serve frozen yogurt are lower in fat than ice cream.

Grains

Choose products that list whole grains as the first ingredient, as they are low in fat and high in fiber. Some easy swaps include

whole-grain flour, pasta and rice, as well as bypassing doughnuts and pastries for English muffins or bagels and opting for unsalted pretzels instead of potato chips. Add some variety with tasty organic items such as Nice! flavored popcorns and tortilla chips.

Fats, oils and sweets

Too many high-fat foods can add excess calories to your diet, which can lead to weight gain and obesity, or increase your risk for certain health issues. However, a small amount of heart-healthy fat is actually good for you. When it comes to sweets, fig bars and gingersnaps make for healthy alternatives to cookies. Also beware of calorie-laden condiments and opt for nonfat and light mayonnaise and salad dressings instead.

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Midway's Juan Medellin Excited About Senior Year & College



Midway High School senior Juan Medellin said that he was surprised when he heard that he was named this week's Performance Auto/Sampson Weekly Star Athlete of the Week.

"I really didn't think that I would get it," the 17-year-old said Tuesday afternoon. "There are so many great players on the team, I just didn't think it would be me. I am really surprised and very excited to get it."

The Raider midfielder, who is also a captain of the soccer team, said that he is honored that his coach (Allen McLamb) even nominated him for the honor.

Medellin, who has scored six goals this season for the Raiders, 37 so far in his high school career, has led the team on and off the field.

"When I first came up (in my freshman year) a lot of the seniors took me under their wing and really helped me," he explains. "Every senior did and that meant a lot to me when I was a freshman ... That is what I am trying to do this season - I want to be a good role model for the younger players and make sure that they know we have their backs, not just in sports, but in life as well."

In addition to starting for the Raiders soccer team since his freshman year, Medellin is also a kicker for Midway's varsity football team, who are 3-3 and 1-0 in the conference going into tonight's game at Wallace-Rose Hill.

"Well, I kicked for the team in my sophomore year," he explained, "but I didn't in my junior season. I missed it and I came back this season to kick. I do kick-offs and extra points."

Although he enjoys playing both sports, soccer is his favorite.

"Our team is doing the best we can," Medellin says about the 5-7 Raider Soccer Team (the team will play again at home on Monday vs. Goldsboro). "We have a good team and a good base. We have been trying our best because we want to finish strong this season. All of the seniors know this will be our last time playing high school soccer and we want to finish successful."

Born in Dunn and raised in the Midway Area School District, Medellin grew up playing soccer ever since he can remember.

"My dad played soccer all the time," the standout explained. "He was a goalie and as far back as I can remember he would take me to games that he was playing in. I can remember always playing games with the grown folks."

He started getting serious about the game when he was in middle school.

"A lot of people would tell me that I could play," he admits, "I just loved playing. I think when I was in the eighth grade - in middle school - I scored seven goals that year ... I even had a hat trick [3 goals] in a game. That is when I thought I could play."

Medellin said that he also grew up knowing that he would eventually play for the high school.

"Oh yeah, I came to the games when I was little," he remembers. "I had a lot of older friends who actually played for the team. So, I always knew that I would play for Midway (High School). I remember seeing one of the games when they went to the third round of the state playoffs and how exciting it was. I remember thinking, 'I know that is going to be me one day'."

Playing with teammates he has played with since he was younger has helped the team dynamic, Medellin says.

"We have been playing with the same guys since we were young," he explained. "That really helps because we have a great chemistry together - on and off the field. All of us, especially the seniors, wanted to come in here and give it our all. We are just trying to enjoy every game because we know that we are going to miss it."

The straight 'A-B' student, whose favorite subject is English, says that he wants to take his final year in high school and really cherish it.

"I am just trying to not take anything for granted," Medellin said. "I want to enjoy everything this year. Take it game by game and really take it all in because I know it will go by fast."

Medellin said that he hopes to play soccer at the college level and, hopefully, play professionally.

"That is the ultimate dream," he said. "It is a lot of work and I would really love to play college - that is my dream right now."

Although he is undecided about what college he wants to attend and what he will study in college, he does plan on furthering his education.

"I am studying hard," he said. "I am doing a lot of research on the colleges and I will decide a little while down the road, but I am excited about moving on to the next level."

Medellin said that he knows that leaving the only school district he has even know won't be easy.

"Oh, I know it is going to hard, because I am going to miss it here," he admits. "Everyone here at Midway has your back. There are no friends, it is all family - that is how everyone treats you; like you are family. It is just a great school with great people."

If Medellin had a favorite memory of high school so far, it came last year in a soccer game.

"We were tied up 3-3," he remembers. "I ended up scoring on a free-kick to win it. I got back to the bus and they had it on video ... It is something that I will never forget."

Another thing he will never forget is that awkward transition from middle school to high school, so what piece of advice would he have for an upcoming freshman?

"I would tell them to just be themselves," Medellin said. "I would also tell them to never take things for granted and listen to the seniors. Every senior tries to look out for the younger players and that is something that will help you."

That kind of support is never forgotten.

"I have been blessed with great support around me," Medellin said. "My mom and dad have really been an incredible source of support. My dad for helping me in everything and my mom for always cheering me on - they both pushed me to be the best I can be and I just love and appreciate them."

In addition to his parents, Medellin thanks his sisters, Michelle Acosta and Stephanie Medellin and his coaches, including Allen McLamb. "Since my freshman year, Coach McLamb was right there. He put a lot of trust in me from day one and I just really appreciate his support."

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Horses Win Conference Opener

The Clinton High School Varsity Dark Horses opened their tough Eastern Conference with an impressive road win 49-12 as they traveled to Duplin County to take on the Tigers from James Kenan last Friday night in Kenansville N.C. It put them 1-0 in the conference and evened them at 2-2 overall in the early season as they completely dominated the Tigers.

It was totally Clinton football as they kept the ball on the ground with senior A.J. Williamson leading all rushers with 122 yards on 19 carries and sophomore Jaheim Faison and Jalen Smith each having 100- yard nights. Senior sensation Chandler Perry was a perfect 7 for 7 with the point after and kept the Tigers pinned all night with great kickoffs that enabled Javiah Cruz 11 tackles and sophomore Carson Ellis 8 tackles for the Dark Horses.

The game opened with Clinton winning the toss and deferring their option to the second half. Perry kicked off to the end zone and the Tigers had the ball at their own 20-yard line. After three and out and the punt the Horses had the ball on their own 49-yard line. It only took a few plays for senior Kris Williams to call his own number and take it around end for 53 yards and the Horses first score with still 9:29 left in the first quarter. The Tigers brought the next kickoff out to the 25-yard line but it was still a three and out which made them punt again to the Dark Horses. Clinton got the ball at midfield. It only took the Horses four play when Smith took it end from the 10-yard line to make it 14-0 at the 6:59 mark of the first quarter. The Tigers got the next kickoff on their 20 but again punted to the Horses. Clinton had a short march downfield with Williams going in from 6 yards out as the and the Horses had a comfortable 21-0 as the quarter ended.

James Kenan was able to get on the scoreboard with a pass play in the second quarter but the point after attempt was wide and Clinton led 21-6. The Dark Horses had no trouble scoring two more times in the quarter as Williams had a quarterback sneak and Faison took it in from 29 yards out and it was all Clinton with a 35-6 lead at intermission.



The Horses got the ball first in the second half and sophomore Jaheim Faison took the kickoff to midfield for the Horses. The Dark Horse were unable to move the ball and James Kenan took over on downs. On the next drive, senior Kris Williams came up with a key interception and the Horses had the ball again. It only took the Horses six plays and Smith had scored from 12 yards and the quarter ended with a Clinton 42-6 lead.

The Tigers were able to get a quick score in the final quarter and the point after was again missed and the Horses led 42-12 with 11:38 left to play. James Kenan got the ball back but another key interception gave it back to Horses. Clinton was able to run out the clock and the game ended with a Dark Horse win.

Clinton has an open week this week but will return with 2 home conference games on Friday October 6th against county rivals, the Midway Raiders and on October 13th at Dark Horse stadium against the Goldsboro Cougars. Game time is at 7:00 pm.

Crusader Chronicle

By Aidan Kunst

The Crusaders of Harrells Christian Academy had another week of fall sports, and once again all four varsity teams competed.



The Crusader football team was looking to bounce back after a three-game skid, but unfortunately, they ran into a tough Charlotte Latin team on Friday, September 22, and were beaten 48-0, which dropped their season record to 2-4. Senior Shaquor Newkirk leads the team in rushing yards (198), all-purpose yards (293), and sacks (4.0), while sophomore Jack Laslo paces HCA in both receiving yards (85), and tackles (22). Kicker Will DeAndrade has converted 13 of 15 extra points for an 86% conversion rate. Coach Arnette's Crusaders, who are currently ranked 7th in the NCISAA II rankings, will look to end their losing streak as they visit North Raleigh Christian Academy on Friday, September 29th, at 7 p.m.

The HCA volleyball team had an up-and-down week, splitting their two games to put their record at 7-7 on the season. They dropped their first game of the week, a 3-0 loss to Coastal Christian Academy, on September 26th, 2017. However, the girls bounced back as they crushed Fayetteville Academy with a 3-0 sweep the following day. The team looks to build off their big win as they travel to Cape Fear Academy on Tuesday, October 3rd at 4 p.m.

The Crusader soccer team had a tough week, losing both their games this week to fall to 2-9-1 on the year. Coastal Christian Academy paid a visit to the Store, where they defeated the soccer team by a score of 5-0 on Monday, September 25th. Then, on Wednesday, September 27th, the team dropped a tough matchup with Fayetteville Academy, 10-1. The goal from HCA came from Jackson Hall, off of an Ethan Spell assist. The Crusaders look to capture a win on Tuesday, October 3rd, as they play Cape Fear Academy away at 4 p.m.

The tennis team had a busy week, as they played four matches and won two of them, bringing their season record to 2-8. On Wednesday, September 20th, the girls picked up a win vs. East Duplin, as juniors Cameron Blue, Ellie Carone, Taylor Brinson, and senior Caroline Jones all picked up wins in their respective matches. The team then lost two games in a row, firstly in a heartbreaker against Greenfield, 5-4, and then to Coastal Christian in another 5-4 close one. HCA bounced back with a big 8-1 victory over Fayetteville Academy on Wednesday, September 27th. The team will try to extend its winning streak to two games as they play against Cape Fear Academy on Tuesday, October 3rd at 3:30 p.m.

Raiders Beat Gators



Cameron Barefoot on a punt return finds room near the sideline

Last Friday, the Midway Raiders got a tough road victory at Spring Creek.

In a game that was close in nearly every way, the Raiders were able to edge the Gators by a score of 21-14.

Spring Creek struck first when they picked off a pass and took it 76 yards the other way for the score. A 2-point conversion followed to give them an early 8-0 lead, that they would hang on to throughout the opening quarter.

The Raiders fought back and had a solid second quarter, outscoring the home team 14-0 in the period, after a touchdown run from Carson Calcutt and another from Javeon Covington.

Midway led 14-8 at halftime.

The score remained the same throughout the third quarter as the teams exchanged punts on numerous occasions.

The scoring resumed in the final quarter, when Spring Creek tied the game on a 45-yard touchdown pass. The PAT was no good, leaving the score notched up at 14 with 8:04 to play in the game.

After the Gators had fought back, the Raiders displayed their grittiest drive of the season. Facing a 4th and 11 with under 2 minutes to play, Midway was able to convert and advance the ball down to the 3- yard line.

Shortly after, Covington scored his second touchdown of the night, and Juan Medlin's PAT gave them a 21-14 lead.

The Raider defense held, and propelled them to the thrilling 21-14 road win.

"It was a tough and gritty win I thought," said Midway head coach Jason Fussell. "We are still such a young group of guys, but they did enough to get the job done tonight."

Carson Calcutt led the Midway rushing attack with 58 yards on 5 attempts. He also threw for 126 yards. Shaq Bailey led the way defensively with 5 tackles.

Midway improves to 3-3 on the season with the win. They travel to Wallace on Friday.

EDUCATION

Harrells Christian Academy

Sends Relief Supplies To City In Need



Led by its Senior Prefect student leaders, Harrells Christian Academy has carried out a campaign to pack an 18-wheeler truck with supplies desperately needed in Texas due to Hurricane Harvey devastation. The students' effort joined forces with Coharie Country Club in Clinton, Midway Middle School, Clement Baptist Church, Clement Fire Department, St. Patrick's Church in Fayetteville, and River Landing Country Club in Wallace. On September 16, 2107, the truck departed for Port Arthur, TX loaded with toiletries, food, batteries, diapers, paper products, and six full pallets of bottled water.

"I couldn't explain how I felt today if I tried," said Mr. Tanner Price, who drove the truck and delivered the donations to church leaders in Port Arthur. "It's humbling to be in the presence of people who have lost and are still willing to selflessly serve their community." During the drive, Mr. Price got word that another city en route was completely without potable water and was asked by the folks in Port Arthur to divert any water he had to that city as he passed through.



Many students at Harrells saw firsthand what flooding, storm damage, and power outages can be like during last year's Hurricane Matthew. As Community Service Prefect Kyra Gensel put it, "I am so proud of how we all came together to support those who needed our help in Texas, since we all know just how bad hurricanes can be."

Service to others is a primary value of the Harrells Christian Academy culture, and this year's weather is unfortunately providing many opportunities for students to live out that value. The HCA community hopes to continue its relationship with Port Arthur as a "sister city" as it works to rebuild in the months and years to come.



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Students Can Begin Filing for College Financial Aid Starting October 1

Completion of Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) determines both federal and state financial aid opportunities

Raleigh, N.C. (October 2017) – Beginning Oct. 1, incoming and current college students will be able to file their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). In past years, students were unable to apply for federal and state financial aid until the first of the year.

Submitting a FAFSA is the first step in gaining financial help to pay for college or career school. It's important to file the FAFSA early because the sooner it's submitted, the sooner students and their parents can learn if they qualify for need-based financial aid. Students must submit a FAFSA form to determine eligibility for their share of the billions of dollars available in federal and state aid.

In order to submit a FAFSA:

Both the student and one of his or her parents will need a Federal Student Aid Identification (FSA ID) to access the FAFSA form. An FSA ID can be obtained from the U.S. Department of Education website at FSAID.ed.gov at any time.

Students and parents should use their 2016 tax information. Most filers are able to use the Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) and will be prompted on the FAFSA. However, if those tax forms are unavailable, it is a good idea to have 2016 1040 tax forms, W-2 forms or other income and asset documents available.

Parents will need to sign the completed FAFSA form with their FSA ID before submitting it. "Completing the FAFSA early helps students take advantage of all the financial aid opportunities available," says Mary Lindsay Boyd with CFNC. "With the October submission date, students are able to file and meet all filing deadlines for state and federal grants and scholarships."

To assist students and parents with FAFSA completion, many college campuses will hold FAFSA Day on Saturday, Oct. 28, and all North Carolina campus financial aid offices will be available to assist with FAFSA completion. College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC), the North Carolina Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and the State Employees' Credit Union have teamed up to offer this free event at campuses across the state. At FAFSA Day, students will have the opportunity to work with qualified financial aid administrators to complete their FAFSA forms. Four campuses will be offering FAFSA Day on an alternate date. These include North Carolina Wesleyan College (Oct. 21), North Carolina Central University (Nov. 4), Winston-Salem State University (Nov. 4) and Mount Zion Baptist Church (Nov. 16). To find the site nearest you and to register for the event, visit CFNC.org/FAFSADay. In addition, the State Employees' Credit Union will be offering FAFSA completion assistance during the month of November. Call your local branch to schedule an appointment.

High School Students Get a Glimpse of College Life at UMO AG FEST



Midway High School



Lakewood High School



Hobpton High School



Clinton High School

MOUNT OLIVE - More than 1,425 high school FFA and 4-H members from across North Carolina flocked to the University of Mount Olive (UMO), for the fourth annual AG FEST to promote and celebrate awareness of agriculture and other academic opportunities at UMO. Students came from as far east as Camden, as far west as Iredell, as far north as Franklin County, as far south as Aynor County, SC, and areas all in between. The attendees represented 33 counties and 63 schools.

During the event, participants had the opportunity to tour the campus and stop at various locations to listen to UMO students and faculty talk about academic program offerings and campus life. There were several industry demonstrations including livestock showing, ARC welders, Sampson County Bee Keepers, and B & S Equipment Company. Attendees also had the opportunity to socialize with one another as they played corn-hole and Frisbee and enjoyed a cookout. For the finale of the day students gathered in Korngay Arena for the much anticipated concert featuring country music stars Fairground Saints and Parmalee.

Jada McNeil, a senior at Lakewood High School, said, "I love being a part of FFA because of the opportunities we have in the organization to reach out and help people. AG FEST is a great event that brings together fellow FFA members to highlight agriculture. It is so much fun!"

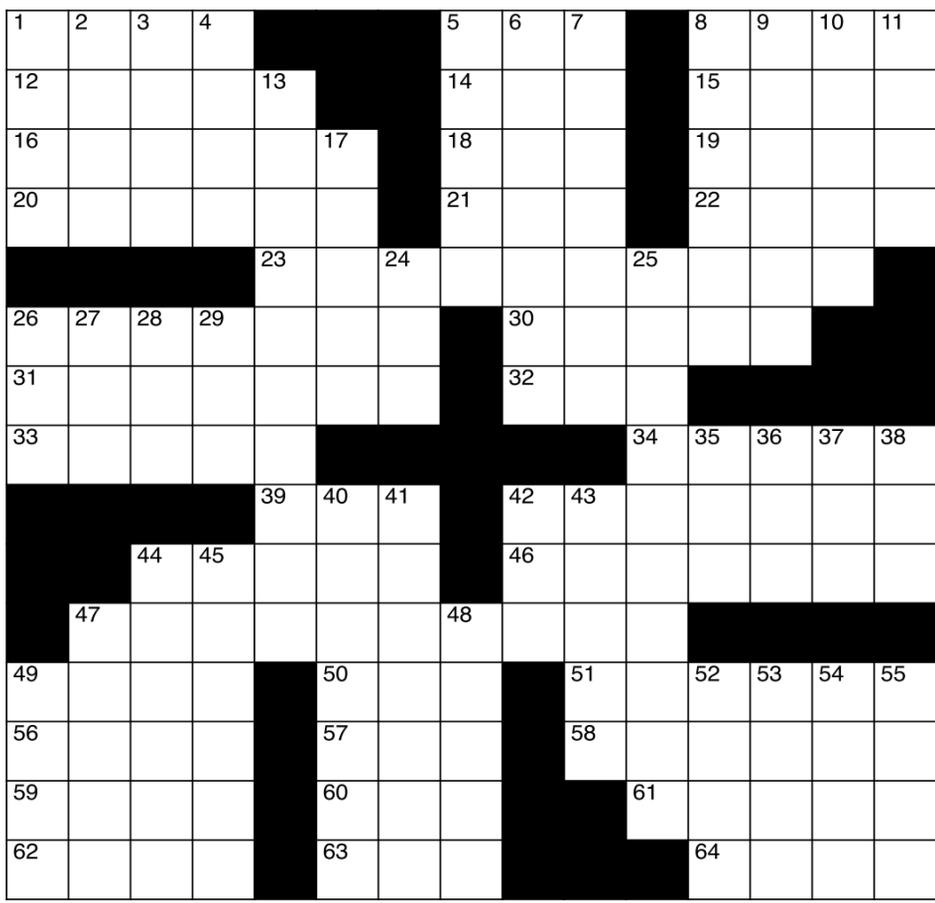
Dr. Sandy Maddox, Director of the Lois G. Britt Agribusiness Center, said, "Ag-Fest is just one way that the University of Mount Olive supports both FFA and 4-H organizations which promote youth leadership and development. For this event, the University partnered with multiple sponsors including Piggly Wiggly, NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Got to NC Program, and Bojangles, as well as other agribusinesses and commodity groups to allow students to come to campus and enjoy a day of educational and fun activities, eat great food, and enjoy a country music concert at almost no cost. Many of these students have never been on a university campus and our UMO Collegiate FFA members enjoyed hosting these high school students and sharing what life is like at UMO. We could not do this without the wonderful sponsors that help us make it possible."

Sarah Best, a UMO senior Ag Business major from Newton Grove, said, "My favorite part of AG FEST every year is watching UMO fill up with all of these future agriculturalists."

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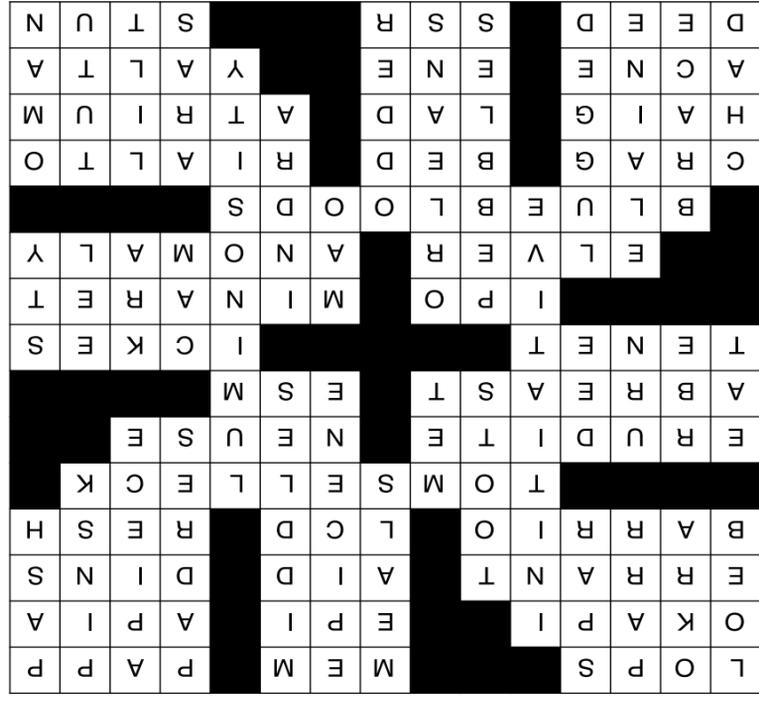


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- 5. 13th Hebrew letter
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- 12. Giraffa camelopardalis
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- 16. Roving adventurously
- 18. Help
- 19. Deafening noises
- 20. Spanish neighborhood
- 21. Portable computer screen material
- 22. 20th Hebrew letter
- 23. ÓBlue BloodsÓ lead actor
- 26. Scholarly
- 30. Raleigh NC river
- 31. Alongside each other
- 32. Electronics Support Module
- 33. Dogma
- 34. New Deal statesman Harold
- 39. A corporationÓs first stock offer
- 42. Slender tower with balconies
- 44. Young eel
- 46. Deviation from the normal
- 47. CBS police drama
- 49. Cliff
- 50. Resting place
- 51. Island in Venice
- 56. 1981-82 Sec. of State
- 57. Young man
- 58. Skylighted central area
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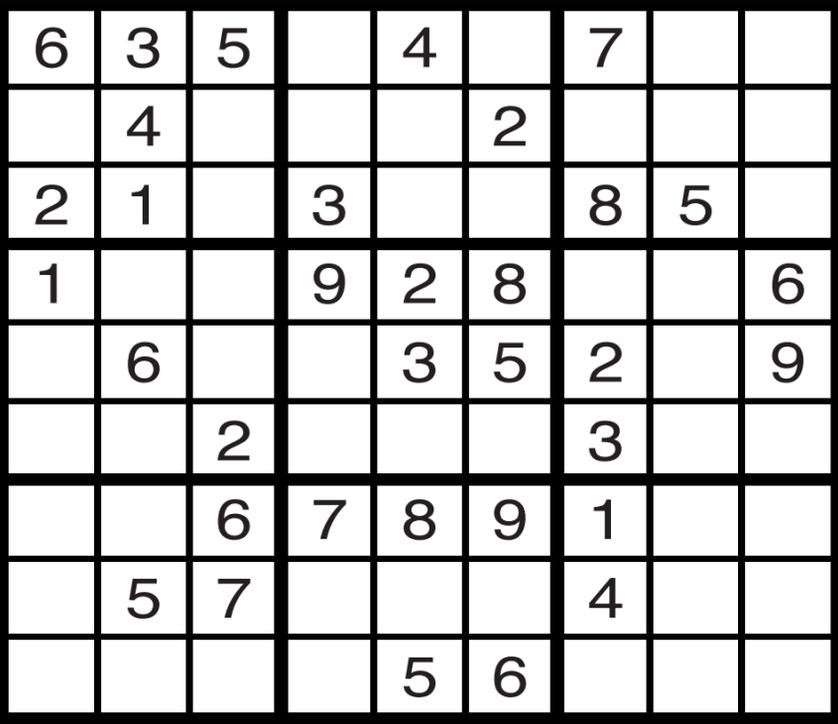
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- 5. Dinners
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- 9. For each one
- 10. SW Belarus city
- 11. Australian slang for a kiss
- 13. Ability to begin
- 17. Short whistle blasts
- 24. Were introduced
- 25. Glowing quality
- 26. Ingest
- 27. Relative biological effective-ness
- 28. Footed vase
- 29. River in NE Scotland
- 35. English Univ. river
- 36. Malaysian Isthmus
- 37. Soft-finned fish
- 38. Eyelid infection
- 40. Fred & WilmaÓs baby
- 41. New __, Louisiana city
- 42. Tse-tung or Zedong
- 43. Hindu weather god
- 44. ___ May, actress
- 45. Hauled laboriously
- 47. One suspender
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- 49. N. Central African country
- 52. Macaw genus
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- 54. Ballerina skirt
- 55. Arabian sultanate



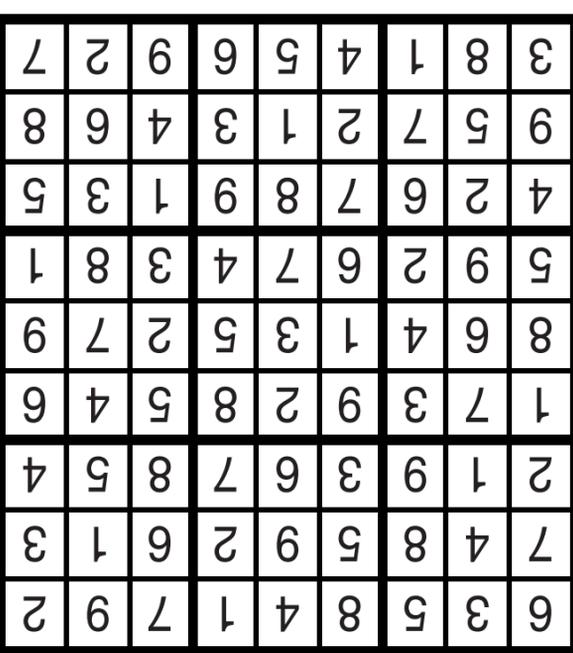
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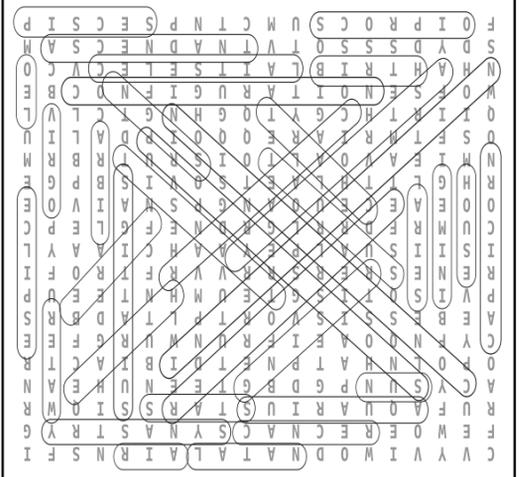
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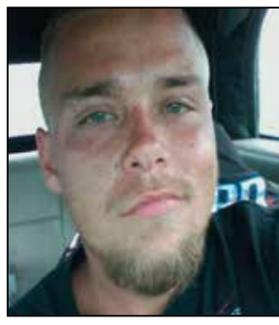
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OBITUARIES

GARLAND

Mr. Roman Blake Barnes 29 of 11384 US Hwy. 701 N., died Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at Bladen Co. Hospital in Elizabethtown, NC. Funeral service was held at 11:00 AM Saturday, September 23, 2017 at Beards Chapel Baptist Church. The family received friends Friday, September 23, 2017 at Beards Chapel Baptist Church from 6:00P.M.-8:00P.M.



GARLAND

Mrs. Ledonia "Dee" Nadine Kerr of 3745 Harrells Hwy. Garland, NC, died Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at UNC Rex Health Care Center in Raleigh, NC. Ledonia Nadine Kerr, better known as "Dee" was born on February 17, 1966 in Sampson County to Julius Kerr Jr. and the late Mary V. Kerr. She peacefully moved from her old house to her new home not made by man on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at Rex Hospital in Raleigh, NC. Dee received her formal education from Sampson County Schools and graduated from Union High School in 1984. She also attended Sampson Community College, where she received a medical certification and became a Certified Nursing Assistant. During most of her professional career, Dee was employed in the medical field as a CNA or Home Health Aide, until her health no longer permitted her to do so. Dee enjoyed putting smiles on faces and laughter in hearts. She wanted everyone to have a good time and she lived life to the fullest. She loved God and was a true believer. She would go to "war" for family and friends. Whenever someone needed support, assistance, or care of any kind, she stepped in without hesitation and did so with the spirit of excellence. Everyone that knew her understood that she was loving and full of compassion, but she meant business and didn't play any games when it came to her family, what she said, and what she believed in. Dee had many titles, Daughter, Niece, Sister, Mother, Aunt, Cousin, and Friend just to name a few. Dee was preceded in death by her brother, Prentice Kerr, mother, Mary V. Kerr, and son, Jamey Kerr. She is survived by her father, Julius Kerr Jr. (Nancy) of Garland, NC; son, Julius A. Kerr of Raleigh, NC; son Rev. Donte Murphy of Garland, NC; daughter, Shonte Murphy of Zebulon, NC; acquired daughter, Alisia Murphy of Harrells; special grandchildren Arion Murphy and Ariyonna Spearman; sister, Julia Newkirk of Garland; sister, Natalie Kerr of Greensboro, NC; sister, Victoria Blue (Greggory) of Harrells; brothers Cornelius Parker, Glenwood Kerr, and Linwood Kerr all of Harrells, NC. Dee also leaves behind a special group of individuals she called her sisters and brothers, Sophia Murphy, Donna King, Teresa Autry, Veronica Newkirk, Olivia Mathis-Maynor, Robert Newkirk, and Rev. Willie Alford. She will be missed by a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Dee, ma, mommy Dee, Aunt Dee will never be forgotten and will always be loved. Funeral service was held at 2:00 P.M. Saturday, September 23, 2017 at Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church, Harrells, NC. Burial followed in the church cemetery. A public viewing was held on Friday, September 22, 2017 from 1:00P.M.-7:00P.M. at Carter Funeral Home in Garland.



NEWTON GROVE

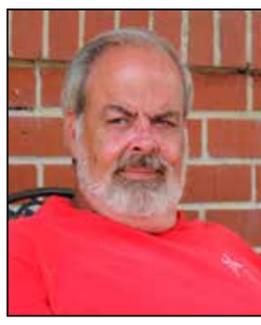
Billy Ray Daughtry, Sr., 81, passed away peacefully on September 23, 2017. He was born on October 27, 1935 to Lou Allie Daughtry and Mangrum Earl Daughtry in Sampson County. He was raised in Sampson County and graduated from Herring High School. Billy Ray attended East Carolina University and Coyne Electrical School in Chicago. He farmed the land he was raised on until he was fifty years old. He then went to work for Hog Slat and worked there for another seventeen years. While working he was on the Sampson County School Board of Education serving in various ways for 20 years including as a chairman. Throughout his career as a Construction Engineer for Hog Slat he oversaw hog houses being built all over the Eastern United States. He was instrumental in encouraging and guiding farm owners to opportunities in the new hog farm era of owning hog houses. He retired at 67 and thoroughly enjoyed this time with his wife, Sandra, until he was seventy-seven. Since then he has struggled with the challenging life of living on dialysis. Billy Ray was married to Sandra Baggett Daughtry in 1958. They have spent fifty-nine years together. They have enjoyed spending time at White Lake and Oak Island over the years. Billy Ray also loved fishing at the Outer Banks and in his fishing boat anywhere it would take him. They both cherished the time that each grandchild was born and have enjoyed being around as they grew up. They have also been members of Westbrook Grange and the Woodmen of the World in Newton Grove. He was a Shriner and a member of the Masonic Lodge of Newton Grove for over fifty years. Billy Ray was a lifetime member of Shady Grove Church and he loved his church and the church members there. Billy Ray was preceded in death by his mother, Lou Allie Daughtry, his father, Mangrum Earl Daughtry, two grandchildren, Ram Martin Denning, Ann Daughtry Denning and his brother Charles Earl Daughtry. He is survived by his wife, Sandra Baggett Daughtry, two children, Billy Ray Daughtry Jr. (Bill) and wife Debbie Daughtry; and Kim Denning and son-in-law, Martin A Denning (Tony). Grandchildren, Lindsay Daughtry Owens and husband Josh Owens, Billy Ray Daughtry III (Trey), Ali Marilee Denning, and Kenan Johnson Denning. A brother, Gary Mac Daughtry. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews. The family wishes to thank all of their family and friends for the love shown to them during Billy Ray's illness. The staff at Wayne Memorial Hospital and Liberty Commons gave excellent care while allowing him to transition to the next phase of his eternal life. The family received friends at Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church on Monday, September 25, 2017 from 6 to 8 pm. A celebration of his life will be held at, at Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church on Tuesday, September 26 at 11:00 am, with the Rev. Chris Hall and Dr. Ken Benton officiating. Burial followed at Shady Grove Cemetery where he will receive Masonic rites. Flowers are welcome, memorials may be made to Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church. Services have been entrusted to West & Dunn Funeral Home, Newton Grove, NC.



CLINTON

William "Bill" Nelson Heath, Sr., 54, of 701 W. Elizabeth Street, passed away Sunday, September 24, 2017 at New Hanover Medical Center in Wilmington. A funeral service was held 1:00 P.M., Thursday, September 28, 2017, at First United Methodist

Church, 308 Sampson St., Clinton, with The Reverend T. R. Miller officiating. Interment will be private. Bill, born in 1962 in Sampson County, was the son of the late Cuyler Freeman Heath, Jr., and Mary Jane Keller Heath. He worked with Continental Tire as a ContiLife Cycle Equipment Engineer and was a member of the First United Methodist Church. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, William Nelson Heath, Jr. and a close family friend, Christine Warren. Survivors include; wife, Ann Heath; daughter, Christina Michelle Fortune and husband Chris of California; grandchildren, Jeremy, Zerik, and Izzabeth Fortune; step-daughters, Carol Ann Tew and Kelly Kimbro and husband Brandon; step-grandchildren, Bladen Pope and Hazelyn Kimbro; brothers, Freeman Heath III and wife Audrey, Tommy Heath and wife Linda, Bobby Heath and wife Kim, and Jimmy Heath and wife Terrie; and sister, Mary Margaret Swain and husband Doug. The family received friends from 6 P.M.-8 P.M., Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home and at other times at the home. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Margaret Heath Missionary Fund, at First United Methodist Church, 308 Sampson Street, Clinton, NC 28328. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com. Arrangements are by Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville St., Clinton, NC 28328.



ROSEBORO

Mrs. Dorothy Frances Galloway King, 73, of Roseboro died Thursday, September 21, 2017 at Betsy Johnson Hospital in Dunn. Dorothy was born February 17, 1944 in Transylvania County daughter of the late Culwell and Ella Marie Galloway Meece and was also preceded in death by her son, Wayne Preston Haire, sisters, Louise Cody, Helen Fowler, brothers, Nealis, Clinton, Lester, Lewis, Doyle, Floyd and Boyd Galloway. She was retired from Black & Decker in Fayetteville. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Dorothy is survived by sons, Richard Dean Haire and wife Robin of Fayetteville, Christopher Scott King (Teresa) of Roseboro, brother, Harold Galloway of Rosman, sisters, Carol Hannah of Six Mile, S.C., Donna Vee Hamilton of Brevard, grandchildren, Lane Matthew Haire and Taylor Elizabeth Haire. Arrangements are by Skinner & Smith Funeral Home in Dunn.



CLINTON

Mrs. Linda Faye Jackson McLamb, 70, of 2190 Five Bridge Road, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Sunday, September 24, 2017 at Wayne Memorial Hospital in Goldsboro with her loving family by her side. A Funeral Service was held on Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 11:00 am at Royal-Hall Funeral Home with Dr. Kenneth Benton officiating. Burial followed in the Clinton Cemetery. Born on March 27, 1947, Linda was the daughter of the late Bessie Weeks and Charlie Jackson. She graduated from Clinton High School in 1965 and retired from the Sampson County Tax Office. Linda loved flower gardening and being outside enjoying nature, especially watching hummingbirds and butterflies. She was a woman of many talents. The Lord blessed her with many gifts, especially drawing, painting and poetry, having written "The Fallen Firefighter's Prayer", and many others. Linda is survived by the love of her life, her husband of 48 years, James "Kendall" McLamb; her son, James John "J.J." McLamb and wife, Angie; a granddaughter, her great love, Ashlyn McLamb; two brothers: Charles Jackson and wife, Norma Jean; Dwight Jackson and wife, Sherry; three sisters: Marie J. Pope and her deceased husband, Curtis; Pamela J. Matthis and husband, Thomas; Marsha J. Powell and husband, Keith; Special Nieces: Renee Pope Hall, Jeanette Midgett; Special Nephew, Charlie Powell; all of Clinton. She was also blessed with her "special babies" Mo & Lady Bug; and several other nieces and nephews: Laura, Dwain, Amy, Mary Ann, Kevin, Kyle, Trace, Jackson, Gage, Blythe, Laura Catherine, Parker, Reid, Karson, Kylie and Caroline. She was loved by everyone who knew her and will be greatly missed. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Joyce Jackson and her grandson Brice McLamb. The family received friends Wednesday evening, September 27, 2017 from 6-8 pm at Royal-Hall Funeral Home Chapel, and other times at the home of her brother, Dwight Jackson at 506 Stewart Avenue, Clinton. Flowers are welcome, or memorials may be made to West Clinton Original FWB Church, Attn: Haywood Bass: 426 Nathan Dudley Rd., Clinton, NC 28382. Condolences may be sent by visiting www.royalhallfuneralhome.com. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Jackson-McLamb Family.



CLINTON

The Honorable William Douglas (Doug) Parsons, 66, of 104 Tomahawk Trail, Clinton, died Sunday, September 24, 2017. A Memorial Service was held Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, 208 Sampson Street, Clinton with the Reverend T.R. Miller officiating. Born on October 7, 1950 in Sampson County, Doug was the son of the late Seth William and Erma Lee Parsons. He was a practicing attorney for thirty-seven years and Senior Resident Superior Court Judge for five years. He graduated from UNC Chapel Hill and earned his law degree from Wake Forest University. He was an Assistant District Attorney, a US Attorney, and a Fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers. He was also a former member of the NC Courts Commission, Education Training and Standards Commission, and present member of the NC Judicial Standards Commission. He was awarded Best Lawyers in America, Legal Elite, Top 100 Criminal Lawyers, and lectured for the NC Academy of Trial Lawyers. Doug was a former member of the Board of Trustees of Sampson Community College, a former Commissioner on the NC Wildlife Commission, and a lifelong member of First United Methodist Church. Doug never met a stranger. He loved his family, his friends and the people of Sampson County. He is survived by his wife, Roxanne Parsons; his son, Michael Parsons and wife, Sara of Raleigh; his daughter, Rachael Parsons and Jon of Burlington; his sister, Jo Lee MacLeod and husband, Doug of



Blythewood, SC and a grandson, William Cole Parsons. The family received friends following the service in the church sanctuary and at other times at his residence. Condolences may be sent by visiting www.royalhallfuneralhome.com. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Parsons Family.

DUNN

Mrs. Lettie Jane Register, 76, of Dunn died Saturday evening at Rex Hospital in Raleigh. She was born in Cumberland County on December 19, 1940 to the late Robert and Lona Register. She was preceded in death by three brothers; Harold Register, Jerry Register and Martin Register, two sisters; Louola Autry and Frances Gregory. Jane worked for the Federal Government as a secretary to several vice presidents and for the U.S. Department of Energy for twelve years. She was also a member of Central Baptist Church. A funeral service was held Tuesday at 11 am at Central Baptist Church by Rev. Tom Wagoner and Rev. Randy Anderson. Burial will follow in Devotional Gardens. She is survived by her husband, Walter Kirkpatrick of Dunn, two stepsons, Kevin Kirkpatrick and wife Kelly of Burlington, James Kirkpatrick of Burlington, a sister, Lois Bryant of Linden, and two grandsons, Colby and Will Kirkpatrick. The family received friends Monday from 6 to 8 pm at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home.



ROSEBORO

Mrs. Della Mae Sheets-Schiebe, 86 of Roseboro, passed away Monday, September 25, 2017 at First Health of the Carolinas in Pinehurst. The funeral will be held at 11:00am Friday, September 29, at Elizabeth Baptist Church, 1481 Fleet Cooper Road, Roseboro, with Reverend John Hobbs officiating. Burial will follow at Lafayette Memorial Park, Ramsey Street, Fayetteville. Born March 26, 1931 in Beaufort County, she was the daughter of the late Simon and Della Ball Hardison. She was owner and operator of Cedar Point Restaurant in Spring Lake. She is survived by her husband, Lowell Schiebe; daughters, Wanda Sheets Gomez, Sandy Sheets Robertson, Della Sheets Applegate, Paula Sheets Conner; sons, Gary Wayne Sheets, Carl Michael Sheets, Paul Eugene Sheets; step-daughter, Patricia Schiebe Ringlund; step-son, Dennis Schiebe; 16 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild. The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 pm Thursday, September 28, at Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro. Services are by Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro.



CLINTON

Donald Clifton Sessoms, 76, of 313 Park Avenue, Clinton, passed away on Friday, September 22, 2017 at Transitions LifeCare in Raleigh. A memorial service was held Monday September 25, 2017 at 2:00 PM at Royal-Hall Funeral Home Chapel with Chaplin G. W. West officiating. Born on April 2, 1941 in Sampson County, Donald was the son of the late Bronzie Clifton and Mary Katherine Wiggins Sessoms and a retired Carpenter. He is survived by his wife, Jean Bass Sessoms; two sons: Keith Clifton Morris and wife, Lynn of Lady's Island, SC. Bronzie Thomas Sessoms and wife, Kim of Beulaville and four grandchildren. The family received friends following the service at the funeral home. Condolences may be sent by visiting www.royalhallfuneralhome.com. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Sessoms family.



LYNCHBURG, VA

James Randolph Allen, 79, of Lynchburg, VA, formerly of Sampson County, NC passed away on Saturday, September 23, 2017 in Lynchburg, VA. Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2017, at 12 noon at Ashley Chapel AME Zion Church, Ingold, NC officiated by the Reverend Leo Clemmons. Burial, with military honors, will follow in the Allen Family cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Susie Allen, of the home; daughter, Renee Allen; stepson, Roland Liggon; sisters, Rebecca Jenkins, Clinton, NC, Julia Jones, New York, Marie McKoy Paccione, Acworth, GA, and Faye Gray, Garland, NC; brothers, Donald Allen, Garland, NC, and Luther R. Allen, New York; one grandchild, Sherlonza Jones. Viewing will be held at the church one hour prior to the service on Saturday.

AUTRYVILLE

Ret. MSGT. Grover Payton Autry, 85 of Autryville, passed away Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at The Gardens of Roseboro. The funeral service will be held at 2:00pm Saturday, September 30, 2017 at Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, with Bishop Warren H. Barfield, Sr. and Reverend Michael Bartlett officiating. A graveside service with full military honors and masonic rites will follow at Lonie Carter Cemetery with Reverend Andy Wood officiating. Born October 21, 1931 in Sampson County, he was the son of the late Ballard B. and Pearl Autry. He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Doris Maudie Carter Autry; second wife, Dorothy Starling Autry; and daughter, Deborah Lynn Autry. He retired from the US Air Force on September 1, 1974 with over 22 years of service. He was a member of the Roseboro Masonic Lodge #585 AF & AM, the VFW Aaron Bullard Post 9925, and the American Legion Post 361, Roseboro. He was a member of Autryville Baptist Church and attended Mount Carmel Church of God of Prophecy. He previously worked as a Warehouse Foreman with DuBose Steel. He is survived by his sisters, Honesta Faircloth of Autryville, Bertie Mae Daniels of Autryville, Gladys "Kitty" Klug of North Dakota, and Romelia Stanley of Autryville. The family will receive friends from 1:00pm to 1:45pm Saturday prior to the service. Arrangements are by Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro.

CLINTON

Herbert Barden, Age-88, 925 Southwest Blvd. Clinton, N.C. died Friday 9/22/17 at home. Funeral services will be Saturday 9/30/17 @ 2pm, Union Grove Church of Christ, Clinton, N.C. Interment in the Hillcrest Cemetery with Military Honors, Clinton, N.C. Public viewing Friday 9/29/17, 1 to 6pm Butler & Son Funeral Services, Clinton, N.C.

AUTRYVILLE

Mrs. Eunice Annette Hales, 77 of Autryville, passed away Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at her home. The funeral service will be held at 3:00pm Sunday, October 1, at Butler Funeral

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Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, with Reverend Andy Wood officiating. Burial will follow at Halls United Methodist Church Cemetery, Autryville. Born April 24, 1940 in Sampson County, she was the daughter of the late Haywood and Eva Parker Faircloth. She was preceded in death by her parents; and her husband, Ray Hales. She worked as a Seamstress with MJ Soffe. She is survived by her daughter, Brenda Horne of Autryville; son, Ronnie Hales of Autryville; grandchildren,

Heather Horne, Randy Hales, Brittney Faircloth; great grandson, Cade Floyd; and brother, Bobby Faircloth of Southport. The family will receive friends from 2:00 to 2:45pm prior to the service and other times at 4590 Minnie-Hall Road, Autryville. Arrangements are by Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro.

ROSEBORO
Mr. Arnold Claxton Simpson, 61 went to be with the Lord

on Friday, September 22, 2017. Graveside services was held at 2:00pm Monday, September 25, 2017 at Peters Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, 13176 Peters Creek Church Road in Roseboro, officiating will be Rev. Richard Smith. He is survived by his parents, Claude Claxton Simpson and Minnie Ruth Bryan Simpson, and numerous other close family members. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro.

CRIME

Arrest Reports

09-21 Kevin Pegues, 18; 1555 North Salemburg Hwy., Salemburg; Assault on a Female; Communicating Threats; Secured Bond \$750; Court Date 10-03

09-21 Tiffani Marie Cogburn, 31; 1460 Old Mintz Hwy., Roseboro; Resisting a Public Officer; Court Date 11-02

09-22 Jeffery Lee Newton Jr., 31; 60 Maddie Lane, Harrells; Permit Children to use Firearm; Contributing to Juvenile; Secured Bond \$5,000; Court Date 10-06

09-22 Jeffery Lee Newton Jr., 31; 60 Maddie Lane, Harrells; Child Abuse; Secured Bond \$100,000; Court Date 10-06

09-22 Jeffrey Oneal Faison, 36; 383 Serenity Lake Dr., Clinton; Failure to Appear- DWLR Not Impaired Rev; Failure to Appear- Drive Left of Center; Failure to Appear- No Operators License; Failure to Appear- Fict/Atl Title/Reg Card/Tag; Failure to Appear- Operate Vehicle No Insurance; Probation Violation; Secured Bond \$8,000; Court Date 10-04

09-23 Charles Michael Steele, 28; 107 North West St., Roseboro; Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear- Expired Registration Card/Tag; Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear- DWLR Not Impaired Revoked; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 10-06

09-23 Steven Dewayne Stallings, 35; 1827 Rabbit St., Clinton; Order for Arrest- Fail to Comply with Monies; Secured Bond \$100; Court Date 10-19

09-23 Joshua Lee Stowers, 26; 100 Tom Cat Lane, Roseboro; Failure to Appear-Carrying Concealed Gun; Court Date 10-27

09-23 Bianca Michelle Brayboy, 21; 127 Crystal Lane, Autryville; Simple Assault; 2 Counts: Injury to Personal Property; Written Promise to Appear; Court Date 10-17

09-23 Benjamin Flores, 23; 188 West Faison Ave., Turkey; Failure to Appear-Child Support; Court Date 10-03

09-23 Pedro Antonio Rodriguez, 60; 300 Longview Lake Rd., Garland; Drive Left of Center; DWLR; Felony Possession of Cocaine; Possess Drug Paraphernalia; Secured Bond \$25,000; Court Date 10-06

09-23 Boney Herra, 48; 170 Smith Lane, Garland; Drunk and Disruptive; Second Degree Trespassing; Secured Bond \$1,000; Court Date 10-19

09-24 Deshawn O'Neil Wilson, 20; 167 Noel Lane, Salemburg; DWI; Unsecured Bond \$500; Court Date 10-16

09-24 Aaron Michael Tadlock, 23; 2116 Warren Mill Rd., Newton Grove; Assault on a Female; No Bond; Court Date 10-23

09-24 Jomille Antre Whitted, 38; 45 Angela Lane, Clinton; Failure to Appear-DWLR Not Impaired Revocation; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 10-04

09-24 Brian Terrell Boone, 45; 10168 Hobbton Hwy., Clinton; Fail to Comply with Monies; Court Date 10-25

09-24 Gilbert Lamont Purcell, 30; 1203 North Railroad Ave., Dunn; DWI; Child Abuse; Injury to Personal Property; Secured Bond \$1,500; Court Date 10-25

09-24 Claudia Mcleod, 46; 71 Eric Lane, Autryville; Trespassing; Secured Bond \$1,000; Court Date 11-01

09-24 Bobby Ray Chavis, 63; 803 Carolina Drive, Raeford; Trespassing; Secured Bond \$1,000; Court Date 11-01

09-24 Donnie Ray Chavis, 38; 803 Carolina Dr., Raeford; Trespassing; Secured Bond \$1,000; Court Date 11-01

09-24 Corney Lee Chavis, 35; 803 Carolina Dr., Raeford; DWI; DWLR; Secured Bond \$1,500; Court Date 10-16

09-24 Corney Lee Chavis, 35; 803 Carolina Dr., Raeford; Trespassing; Secured Bond \$1,500; Court Date 11-01

09-25 Christopher Scott Witman, 42; 3738 Benson Hwy., Dunn; Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle; Written Promise to Appear; Court Date 11-02

09-25 Waylon Harold Strickland, 47; 6050 Minnie Hall Rd., Autryville; Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear- Release Order; Secured Bond \$10,000; Court Date 10-05

09-25 Ramiro Hernandez, 28; 5615 Hobbton Hwy., Clinton; DWLR; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 10-12

09-25 Marcus Edward Royal, 43; 535 Renfrow Rd., Clinton; Injury to Personal Property; Unsecured Bond \$3,500; Court Date 11-01

09-26 Darwin Griselde-Saucedo Castro, 25; 175 Zachary Lane, Salemburg; Breaking or Entering; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 10-26

09-27 Jerry Dexter Barrett, 45; 446 Cannady Rd., Harrells; Misuse of 911 System; Unsecured Bond \$750; Court Date 10-09

09-27 Lykheim Tyshaun Simmons, 23; 877 Indian Town Rd., Clinton; Assault on a Female; Larceny; No Bond; Court Date 10-03

09-27 Brian Derrick Carr, 32; 567 Kader Merritt Rd., Rose Hill; Possession with Intent to Sell/Deliver Marijuana; Simple Possess Schedule II Controlled Substance; Possess Drug Paraphernalia; Extradition/Fugitive Other State; Secured Bond \$25,000; Court Date 10-06

09-27 Maggie Mae Smith, 20; 15211 Garland Hwy., Garland; Possession with Intent to Sell/Deliver Marijuana; Simple Possess Schedule II Controlled Substance; Possess Drug Paraphernalia; Secured Bond \$25,000; Court Date 10-06

09-27 Zennie Jerell Farrior, 24; 104 Holly Thicket Lane, Ivanhoe; Failure to Appear- Possess Marijuana up to 1/2 ounce; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 10-09

09-27 Eric Keith Terrell Merchison, 26; 3306 Wrench Rd., Dunn; Failure to Appear- DWLR Not Impaired Rev; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 10-06

09-27 Darren Shelby Parker, 41; 100 Bell Lane, Clinton; Failure to Appear- Child Support; Court Date 10-03

Incident/Investigation Reports

09-21 Fernando Garcia reported a Burglary located at 416 Pope Rd., Clinton. Items reported missing included TV's and a Passport.

09-21 Dorothy Bell reported a Burglary located at 400 Mcphail Rd., Roseboro. Items reported missing included a leaf blower, TV's, Xbox 360, electric saw and an air fryer.

09-23 Central Construction Group Inc reported the Theft of a Cement Truck located at 2875 Turkey Hwy., Clinton.

09-23 Junie Ammons reported a Burglary located at 245 Hanson Rd., Clinton. Item reported missing a American Flag.

09-23 Huriel Arenas reported the Larceny of a Handgun located at 4610 Edmond Matthis Rd., Clinton.

09-24 George Rivera reported a Burglary located at 1600 Ira B tart Rd., Dunn. Items reported missing included handguns.

09-25 Russell Bushong reported a Larceny located at 1910 Ezzell Rd., Clinton. Items reported missing included a battery booster, chainsaw, garden tiller, skill saw, ladder, portable saw, firearm, scope, drill and fuel.

09-25 Ronald Hayes reported the Larceny of a Credit Card located at 7111 Plain View Hwy., Dunn.

09-25 Austin Fann reported a Burglary located at 9620 Dunn Rd., Salemburg. Items reported missing included a laptop, TV's, firearm and books.

09-25 Ira Farmer reported the Larceny of a Firearm located at 1500 Block Autryville Rd., Salemburg.

09-26 John Hayes reported a Burglary located at 5774 Hobbton Hwy., Clinton. Items reported missing included a flux wire welder, welding helmet, metal air saw, air needle scaler, air framing nailer, air nailers, impact wrench, trimmer.

09-26 Robert Autry reported a Larceny located at 665 Irvin Rd., Autryville. Items reported missing included to generators, gas leaf blower, weed trimmer, metal brake machine, side winder for brake machine, gas, diesel fuel, gas jugs, battery charger, engine starter, jumper cables, ladder, pressure washer and a water hose.

09-26 William Austin reported a Burglary located at 1130 Lassiter Rd., Newton Grove. Item reported missing a Xbox 360.

09-26 Gary Daughtry reported a Burglary located at 1892 Roanoke Rd., Newton Grove. Items reported missing included US Currency, Check and Medication.

09-26 Leslie Roberts reported a Breaking and Entering located at 111 Forest Hills Lane, Clinton. Items reported missing included a wedding band, engagement ring and US Currency.

09-26 Clinton Mechanical Contractors reported the Theft of a Utility Trailer located at 1041 Five Bridge Rd., Clinton.

09-27 Cesar Guevara reported a Breaking and Entering located at 466 Crepe Myrtle Lane, Clinton. Items reported missing included US Currency and a portable DVD player.

09-27 Jane Capps reported a Burglary located at 1200 Wilmington Hwy., Harrells. Items reported missing included a trailer, leaf blower, chainsaw, weed eater, generator and a commercial lawn mower.

** The Crime Report is provided by the Sampson County Sheriff's Office and the Clinton City Police Department.*

Sampson County VITAL STATS

Deaths

-Lonnie Devon Moore

Marriage Certificates

-Preston Matthew Burris to Elizabeth Marie Todd
-John Clifton Faircloth to Brittney Rae Horne
-Jeremy Hunter Byrd to Kayla Danielle Beasley
-Robert Richard Johnson to Brittany Yvonne Hive
-John Keith Raynor to Monica Nichole Blackburn
-Tyler Glenn Starling to Alena Renee Carroll
-Jorge Luis Serrano to Brenda Venegas
-Bruce Allan Fann to Amanda Nicole Bates
-David Lorrant Knowles to Avery Marlowe Owens
-Kenneth Carl Melvin to Sherry Renee Alexander

Births

-Yadira Lopez Sanchez born on September 12, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Veronica Sanchez Lopez
-Brooklyn Marie Bass born on September 13, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Nathan William Bass and Ashley Marie Melvin
-Kalise Sariah Johnson born on September 13, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Kevin Gregory Johnson and Kameron Shikea Boone
-Autumn Lynn Birch born on September 15, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Carl Philip Birch and Kristen Jean Olsen
-Malyn Everly Moser born on September 16, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Adam Jacob Moser and candy Rose Moser
-Ganae O'Maye Michelle Williams born on September 16, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Gary O'Neil Williams and Andrea Denise Tatalenisha Garner

Land Transfers

-Fay Servicing LLC/AIF, Prof-2013-S-3 Legal Title Trust II/By AIF, US Bank National Association as Legal Title Trustee/By AIF to Brandon Johnson- 0.75 Acres Plainview
-Helen V Smith, William V Smith to Reina Elizabeth Gutierrez- Lot 11 0.50 Acres Peterson Acres South Clinton
-Beth C Bradshaw, Leamon Harold Bradshaw to William L Carr- 4.89 Acres North Clinton
-Eugene Thomas Newkirk to Tabatha J Bell- South River 0.98 Acres
-Alfonza H Williamson, Geraldine D Williamson to Ella M Mason and Leroy Richard Mason- North Clinton Lot 6
-David Leon Padgett, Gaile Suzanne Padgett to Cathleen Hope Herring, William Dean Herring- Little Coharie Lot 14 Block B Chrystal Lake Subdivision Section One
-Betty B Wilson, Jesse Luther Wilson, Lynton B Wilson to Kerry Claussen- Lot 8 Phase 1 West Ivey Place Dismal
-Garry F Bullington, Joan Hairr Bullington to Daniel Lupo- 0.4 Acres w/exceptions Sampson
-Maria Del Carmem Caceres, Delma Lidia Caceres Ramirez, Genaro Caceres Ramirez, Bernardo Ruiz Reyes to Maria Del Carmen Caceres, Genaro Caceres Ramirez- Lot 2 One Acre Piney Grove
-Phyllis Ann Collier/ADMR, William Ricky Collier Estate to Susan Collier Citro, Phyllis Ann Collier, Annie Collier Johnston- 1.06 Acres Plainview
-Robert M Citro, Susan Collier Citro, Phyllis Ann Collier, Annie Collier Johnston, Christopher Wayne Johnston to Phyllis Ann Collier- 1.06 Acres Plainview
-Doris Jean B Jackson, George Nelson Jackson, Jennifer Swanda Jackson, Nelson Granger Jackson to Jennifer Swanda Jackson, Nelson Granger Jackson- Lisbon Lot 1 1.00 Acres
-Dianne B Godwin, Philip Van Godwin to Charles I Godwin- 0.38 Acres Westbrook
-Mary Ann Hill/TR, The Mary Ann Hill Revocable Trust to Jose Alberto Vargas Montano, Erika Perez

Ortega- 0.76 Acres Westbrook
-Hilda A Bass, Steven J Bass, DMB Partners LLC, Karen T Sutton/MGR to Kim Maurice Tart- Lot 16 Timberlake Subdivision Section Six 0.94 Acres North Clinton
-Mary Ann Hill/TR, The Mary Ann Hill Revocable Trust to Roxana Ivonne Tejada Abarca- Lot 28 Piney Grove
-Tawyna E Vann Lockamy to Michael W Lockamy, Tawnya E Vann Lockamy- Lot 7 0.89 Acres Honeycutts
-Sandra Lee Gupton to Sandra Lee Gupton, Ginger Gupton Stein- 2 Tracts w/exceptions Honeycutts
-Jackie Keith Hobbs, Mavis Cannady Hobbs to Kenneth E Hobbs- 5 Acres North Clinton
-Jesse Bowen, Luvina Davis Bowen to James Roland Green III, Jessica Nicole Green- Tract 4 44.660 Acres Little Coharie
-H&H Constructors of Fayetteville LLC to Alicia Battle, Leonard Battle Jr- Lot 2 Roy V Tew III Subdivision Dismal
-Roy V Tew III to H7H Constructors Inc- Lot 12 Mill Ridge Subdivision Phase 1 Dismal
-Deborah S Owen, Millard T Owen III to Patricia Isabel Sanchez- Little Coharie Lot 5 0.55 Acres Bluegrass Ridge
-Albert Pridgen/TR, Zola Pridgen/TR, The Pridgen family Trust to Earl Rashawn Pridgen- 10 Acres Lot 5 Anson Baggett Division
-Debbie Naylor Lucas, Terry T Lucas, Carl Evans Naylor, Ginger L Naylor to Susan Carol Naylor- Mingo Lot 1C 6.57 Acres
-Debbie Naylor Lucas, Carl Evans Naylor, Ginger L Naylor, Susan Carol Naylor to Debbie Naylor Lucas, Terry T Lucas- Mingo Lot 1A 7.00 Acres
-Debbie Naylor Lucas, Terry T Lucas, Carl Evans Naylor, Ginger L Naylor, Susan Carol Naylor to Ginger L Naylor- Mingo Lot 1B 9.47 Acres
-Debbie Naylor Lucas, Terry T Lucas, Debbie Naylor/FKA to Ashley M Valley, Samule J Valley- Mingo Lot 5 1.31 Acres
-Anathean McKeithan, Emma McKeithan, Emma D McKeithan to Emmanuell Romero- 0.74 Acres South Clinton
-Tiffany Jamerson/FKA, Matthew Lemasters, Tiffany Lemasters to Sheila Sexton Sullivan- South Clinton 0.42 Acres
-Two-Ten Investors Inc to Wells Real Estate LLC- 4 Parcels
-Two-Ten Investors Inc to James D Sutton, Nyda W Sutton- 2 Parcels w/exceptions
-Karese Faircloth, Karese Whaley/NKA to Tifton A Faircloth- Dismal 6.175 Acres
-Karese Faircloth, Karese Whaley/NKA to Tifton A Faircloth- Dismal Lot 1 49.96 Acres and 12.28 Acres
-Freddie Cole, Sandra Cole, Latoya McDonald to Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance Inc.- Lot 5 Freda Pollock Property Section Two
-Edward Blair Thornton Jr, Patricia Carolyn Thornton to Regina Eakins, Candace Thornton, Edward Blair Thornton Jr, Patricia Carolyn Thornton- 2 Tracts Franklin
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-Gladys Artis to Gladys Artis, Emily A Kinsey- Tract 10 Henry Artis Land Division McDaniels
-Ashley Price Bond, Joshua Lee Bond to Brian Keith Holley, Kari Ann Holley- Mingo Lots 7 & 8 1.02 Acres
-Jennifer King Dyer/FKA, David Ray Kight, Jennifer King Kight/Co EXR, Jennifer King Kight, Jean Casey King Estate, Julie King/Co EXR, Jennifer King Kight/Co EXR, Jennifer King Kight, Jean Casey King Estate, Julie King/Co EXR, Julie King to R Trent Williamson - South Clinton
-Clyde Edwin Warren, Frankie Messer Warren Estate, Virginia S Warren, WO Warren Jr, Jane Warren West/Co EXR, Jane Warren West, Randy H West, Michael D Whitesell, Susan Warren Whitesell/Co EXR, Susan Warren Whitesell, Elizabeth Warren Whitman/Co EXR, Elizabeth Warren Whitman, Mark E Whitman to Lauren Sinclair Reece, Christopher M Sinclair- 2 Tracts
-Sula Royal Butler to Lonnie W Glaspie- Belvoir 0.69 Acres Lot 1
-Carolyn Royal Vann Trust, Christina Jon Margas, Christina Jon Margas/TR, Carolyn Royal Vann to Carolyn Royal Vann- 1.33 Acres Herring
-Mark Travis Weeks, Rebecca G Weeks to Mark Travis Weeks, Rebecca G Weeks- Piney Grove 2.416 Acres
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Chamber Chat

By Kaitlin Norris,
Executive Director
Clinton-Sampson
Chamber of Commerce

Now that Fall has officially arrived and October is coming this weekend, we are so excited about one of our main projects throughout the year, our annual Coat Closet Project! The

Coat Closet Project began in 2010 as a program to assist those in need each winter. The coats are donated by individuals and organizations, and dispersed through a variety of partnerships throughout Sampson and surrounding counties. While the majority of the families served are residents of Sampson County, the project will assist any family that requests a coat from this initiative. The Chamber Coat Closet's goal is to meet the needs of families who are not financially able to provide warm coats for themselves and their children.

The Chamber Coat Closet is committee run by Chamber Members that volunteer to assist in this program. We thank each committee member and their willingness to assist with this project. Throughout the few years, so much has been accomplished because of their willingness to serve and assist; we thank them for their organization and dedication to this project. It is hard to believe it is time to begin thinking about this year's signature project.

The 2017 Coat Closet will be the 8th year of this signature project. Throughout the first seven years, over 8,300 coats have been collected and distributed. Last year, 2016, we were able to continue to give the gift of warmth with the collection and distribution of 1,000 coats. These coats were distributed within Sampson, Cumberland, Duplin, Harnett and surrounding Counties. The Chamber Coat Closet was truly a joint effort and very rewarding experience.

Again, this year will be the 8th Annual Coat Closet Signature project. The Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce looks forward to the involvement of the community to assist the committee with collecting and distributing coats for such a strong need. This is truly a community effort in which we are accomplishing the mission that we "unite those that realize that through the Chamber, they can accomplish collectively what no one of them can do individually." We encourage you to give us a call at (910) 592-6177 if you have coats you would like to donate.

We are very excited about the 2017 Signature Coat Closet project and we thank you in advance for your generosity and support of this project. Exciting opportunities and growth is to come, which could not be accomplished without your strong support.

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Congratulations to the Chambers Member of the Week, Clinton Realty! Clinton Realty is a Real Estate Firm focusing on the buying and selling of homes, land, and commercial properties in Clinton, NC and surrounding areas. After many years of personally buying and selling homes with his father, Marshall, Mike decided to become a Real estate Broker to help others in the community, as well as benefit from home homeownership. He obtained his license in 2005 and opened Clinton Realty in 2006.

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By Brenda Brown

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When: Saturday, 8 p.m. (ET)
TV: FS1
2016 Winner: Tyler Reddick

NASCAR INSIDER

by RICK MINTER / Andrews McMeel Syndication

Kyle Busch cruises to victory at New Hampshire to advance into the second round of playoffs

Kyle Busch, who has been the victim of bad racing luck on numerous occasions this season, took advantage of others' misfortunes on Sunday and scored a dominating win in the ISM Connect 300 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

The victory assures Busch of advancing to the Round of 12, which begins after this weekend's race at Dover International Speedway. It was also his first in a playoff race other than the 2015 season finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

For most of the early portions of Sunday's 300-miler, points leader Martin Truex Jr. was the class of the field. He won the first stage and was poised to claim the second when Kevin Harvick and Austin Dillon collided on the backstretch ahead of him.

Unable to see due to the smoke from Harvick's spinning tires, Truex drove into a tangle of spinning cars and came away with damage to the rear of his No. 78 Toyota.

Busch squeezed between the spinning cars and the wall and won Stage Two. He then dominated the rest of the race, leading a total of 187 laps to get his third win of the season and the third of his career at New Hampshire.

"It was a close call," Busch said of the Lap 150 accident. "That was certainly a defining moment of the race, I think, with [Truex] getting torn up a little bit and us being able to squeak through unscathed."

With Truex's early domination and his win in the playoff opener at Chicagoland, Busch's win at New Hampshire and Kyle Larson's runner-up finish at New Hampshire, the three drivers who were expected to excel in the playoffs are so far living up to expectations. And fourth-finishing Brad Keselowski also has earned enough points to join Busch, Larson and Truex in earning transfers to the next round.

But Busch predicted that none of them will coast this weekend at Dover, due to NASCAR's new playoff format.

"We're just trying to collect stage points, go out there and race as hard as we can, get stage wins, get race wins, and do what we can in order to keep padding that cushion that we have for the start of every round," he said of his team's strategy, which he expects the others to employ as well.

Busch also said that even with his own victory, he still expects Truex to be the driver to beat as the playoffs continue.

"I thought today was a good catch-up moment for us, if you will," he said, adding that Truex has been the faster of the two on mile-and-a-half tracks like the four that will host playoff races in the next two months.

"Obviously with Texas and Charlotte and Kansas and Homestead being all mile-and-a-half tracks, those are ones that we've got to zero in on and make sure we have the most speed possible," he said.



Kyle Busch approaches the start/finish line at New Hampshire to claim victory in the ISM Connect 300 on Sunday.

Christopher Bell picks up right where he left off

Regular season champion Christopher Bell kicked off the Camping World Truck Series playoffs with a runaway win at New Hampshire Motor Speedway on Saturday.

Bell earned the maximum 60 points by winning all three stages of the race.

Ryan Truex, who last week lost a playoff berth in a tie-breaker with Ben Rhodes, was Bell's closest challenger. Truex grabbed the lead on a restart at Lap 132 of 175 and held off Bell for 28 laps before Bell, with an obviously faster truck, motored by and drove away to win by 1.248 seconds.

"When you've got the best truck in the field behind you, it makes it tougher," Truex said. "I did everything I could to hold him off. I was trying to take his lane and block and everything. I just didn't have quite the grip he had."

Non-playoff drivers took four of the top five finishing positions as Todd Gilliland, Grant Enfinger and Stewart Friesen finished third through fifth, respectively.

Bell now has a 40-point lead over second-place Johnny Sauter in the series standings. Sauter recovered from a mid-race accident to finish ninth.



Christopher Bell picked up his fifth winner's decal of the season Saturday at New Hampshire.

Timothy Peters wins Martinsville's first night race and claims big Late Model payday

Timothy Peters, who earlier this year lost his ride in the Camping World Truck Series when his Red Horse Racing team ceased operations, won the first-ever night race at Martinsville Speedway.



Timothy Peters drove the No. 17 to victory in Saturday's first-ever night race at Martinsville Speedway.

On Saturday night, Peters scored his second career victory in the ValleyStar Credit Union 300 at Martinsville. The race is the richest in the Late Model Stock division, and it played out before a large, race-record number of spectators, according to track officials.

"This was special. This was history," Peters said in Victory Lane. "There will be multiple winners, but there will only be one first-time winner (under the lights)."

To get the win, Peters had to fight off challenges from the 2017 Whelen All-American Series National Champion Lee Pulliam and from veteran Late Model driver Peyton Sellers.

Peters earned \$25,000 for his Martinsville win, plus one of the track's signature grandfather clock trophies. He collected another \$10,000 for winning the Virginia Triple Crown, as he had the best average finish at the Thunder Road Harley-Davidson 200 at South Boston Speedway, the Hampton Heat at Langley Speedway and the 300 at Martinsville.

Martinsville's new LED lighting system will be ready again on Oct. 29 when the Monster Energy Cup race there starts at 3 p.m. and could finish after dark.

NUMERICALLY SPEAKING

2,705 Laps led by Jimmie Johnson at Dover

International Speedway since 2005 — the most of any Cup driver

3 Cup playoff drivers who have never led a lap at Dover (Chase Elliott, Ryan Blaney and Austin Dillon)

1 Lap led by a driver other than Martin Truex Jr. and Kyle Busch at New Hampshire (Kyle Larson led Lap 78)

41 Career Cup wins by Kyle Busch

Tyler Reddick victorious in his 15th Xfinity start; Allgaier, Custer lead contenders

Part-time Xfinity Series driver Tyler Reddick and the Chip Ganassi Racing team grabbed the spotlight in Saturday night's playoff opener for the Xfinity Series at Kentucky Speedway.

Reddick, driving the team's No. 42 Chevrolet, sped away from the field, taking the lead with 74 laps remaining and scoring a 14.54-second victory over his teammate and playoff contender, Brennan Poole.

"I don't know if it was necessarily me making a statement; it was just Chip Ganassi Racing making a statement," said Reddick, who is set to move to JR Motorsports next season.

Reddick, who had three Truck Series wins in the past two seasons,

got the win in his 15th career Xfinity start, while Poole scored his best finish in 77 series starts.

Playoff contender Justin Allgaier overcame an early race setback to finish third. Allgaier suffered a flat tire and lost two laps midway through the first stage, but used the wave-around and later received the free pass to rejoin the lead lap. He worked his way to third place at the finish and left Kentucky tied for the series points lead with Cole Custer, who led 49 laps, won the first two stages and finished fifth.

Ryan Preece, making his third series start of the season, finished fourth after leading 22 laps.

Playoff standings get shuffled at New Hampshire as elimination race looms this week at Dover

Points standings and race results from Sunday's ISM Connect 300 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

1. MARTIN TRUEX JR

2,149 points (finished fifth)
 He was en route to another rout of the field when he ran into a cloud of smoke from Kevin Harvick's spinning car. The damage to his No. 78 Chevrolet in an ensuing accident set him back and robbed him of a chance for another victory.



2. KYLE LARSON

2,125 points (finished second)
 He finished second for the eighth time this season and the 14th in his Cup career, but he said that's OK. "That's a lot of second-place finishes this year, but I'm fine with second," he said. "Top-fives will get us to [the championship round at Homestead-Miami Speedway]."



3. KYLE BUSCH

2,119 points (finished first)
 A mistake-free day paid off in a big way as he scored six playoff points and earned an automatic advance to the Round of 12. "We've missed out on a lot of opportunities, I feel like, this year, but we were able to execute all day long," he said.



4. BRAD KESELOWSKI

2,106 points (finished fourth)
 His New Hampshire finish, coupled with a fourth-place run at Chicagoland and his playoff points earned in the regular season, have him in position to advance to the Round of 12 no matter where he finishes at Dover.



5. DENNY HAMLIN

2,088 points (finished 12th)
 His No. 11 Toyota didn't drive like he expected. "It seemed like Richmond was the same deal, where we thought we had a good car and then we go to race and we're just not that good," he said. "We'll get it tightened up."



6. MATT KENSETH

2,087 points (finished third)
 Kenseth didn't get the win he wanted, but he came close. "Obviously a lot of guys had trouble, and we ran pretty competitively," he said. "This is usually one of our better places, so glad we got the finish, but really we needed a win."



7. JIMMIE JOHNSON

2,076 points (finished 14th)
 He's yet to show the results of previous championship runs. A loose lug nut on his last pit stop left him mired in traffic. But his best race track, Dover International Speedway, is next on the schedule.



8. RYAN BLANEY

2,070 points (finished ninth)
 A solid run, including eight stage points earned, allowed him to build a 26-point cushion on the 13th-place driver heading to Dover, one of his better tracks.



9. CHASE ELLIOTT

2,070 points (finished 11th)
 With his regular crew chief, Alan Gustafson, suspended a week for a rules infraction at Chicagoland, he and interim crew chief Kenny Francis overcame a wreck in practice and raced a backup car to a respectable finish.



10. KEVIN HARVICK

2,069 points (finished 36th)
 A bump in the back from Austin Dillon sent him spinning out of the race. Unable to get his car untangled from the No. 41 of his Stewart-Haas Racing teammate Kurt Busch, he was forced to drop out of the race.



11. JAMIE McMURRAY

2,053 points (finished 16th)
 Damage to his No. 1 Chevrolet during a late-race restart sent him to pit road for repairs. But he still salvaged a decent finish.



12. RICKY STENHOUSE JR.

2,044 points (finished 15th)
 He hit the wall on the third lap and spent much of the race in recovery mode. "I'd say we've had two sub-par weeks and we're still in this thing, so we'll regroup and get focused and go to Dover," he said.



13. AUSTIN DILLON

2,044 points (finished 19th)
 His playoff position is shaky, so he needs a good finish at Dover. "We've got to go get 'em next week and have a good race and we will see where we end up," he said.



14. RYAN NEWMAN

2,043 points (finished 13th)
 His fortunes improved from a week ago. "After a rough week at Chicagoland Speedway last weekend, we rallied and turned in a respectable performance," he said. Now he's just one point shy of making the Round of 12.



15. KURT BUSCH

2,027 points (finished 37th)
 A promising start to the second playoff race ended abruptly for the Daytona 500 champion. When Kevin Harvick spun in a cloud of smoke, he slammed into Harvick, ending his day.



16. KASEY KAHNE

2,023 points (finished 35th)
 He was racing for the first time with Darian Grubb as his crew chief and was running in the top 15 when the track bar broke in his No. 5 Chevrolet.

