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## WEATHER

**Fri** Cloudy 20%

Hi: 79° Lo: 67°

**Sat** Partly Cloudy 20%

Hi: 83° Lo: 66°

**Sun** Partly Cloudy 10%

Hi: 86° Lo: 66°

**Mon** AM Showers 40%

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**Wed** Partly Cloudy 0%

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## NAACP Requests Removal of Confederate Statue



Statue of Confederate Soldier at the Sampson County Courthouse

Interim City Manager, Robert Hyatt, notified Mayor Lew Starling and Clinton City Council members on Tuesday that the City of Clinton had received a letter from the Sampson County Branch of the NAACP addressing the confederate monument in the downtown area. The letter sought the council's support in having the confederate monument moved according to Hyatt.

Mayor Starling stated, "We asked our attorney to look into that, and as I understand it, this monument belongs to the county. It's on county property. We have no jurisdiction. And further, state law prohibits any attempts to remove the statue."

The City's attorney, Tim Howard, stated, "That is correct."

Howard went on to explain that the courthouse property belonged to Sampson County, and as of the latest survey, the boundary of the property extends from sidewalk to sidewalk on the Vance Street and Main Street sides.

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## Ground Breaking for New Home for Disabled Veteran in Autryville



On Wednesday October 11th, a ground breaking ceremony was held in Autryville for the new home of MSG Chris Corbin, a disabled veteran.

Army Ranger Lead The Way Fund and retired Five-Time NFL Pro Bowler, Jared Allen, and his foundation, Jared Allen's Homes for Wounded Warriors are excited to announce their recent collaboration effort to purchase land, build and donate a mortgage-free handicap accessible home in Autryville, NC to local wounded war veteran, Master Sergeant retired Chris Corbin.

Since 2007, Army Ranger Lead The Way Fund has been dedicated to assisting our active duty & wounded elite Special Operations U.S. Army Rangers, and the families of Rangers who have been killed, with health, wellness and other financial aid programs beyond what the Government and Veterans Affairs are able to offer.

Founded in 2009 Jared Allen's Homes for Wounded Warriors raises money to build and remodel mortgage-free, 100-percent handicap accessible homes to suit the individual needs of our injured United State military veterans returning home from Iraq and Afghanistan. To date the foundation has completed 9 custom homes for critically wounded veterans across the country.

The home for MSG Corbin will be the second collaboration between the Army Ranger Lead The Way Fund and Jared Allen's Homes for Wounded Warriors. The foundations previously partnered to build a handicap accessible home for Army Ranger Cory Remsburg in Arizona. South Eastern General Contractors will complete the home build. When the 2800 sq. ft. home is completed it will include adaptations making it easier for MSG Corbin in his daily life. The entire home will be 100-percent handicap accessible and tailored specifically with MSG Corbin's injuries in mind.

"Jared Allen and his team are the utmost professionals and we are pleased to continue our alliance with them to provide this accessible home for Master Sergeant (Ret.) Corbin," stated Jim Regan, Army Ranger Lead The Way Fund Chairman & CEO. "Chris epitomizes what it means to be a Ranger and Special Forces Operator with his intestinal fortitude,

**VETERAN, see P. 3**

## Annual Harrells Community Day Slated for Saturday October 28th



The small, close-knit community of Harrells is in full swing, planning and organizing for the upcoming Harrells Community Day which is scheduled for Saturday October 28th beginning at 10:30am. The event draws out hundreds of attendees from Harrells and the surrounding areas. According to event coordinator and long-time Harrells' resident Kim Johnson, "The event started originally over 40 years ago as a Fish Fry Fundraiser. That was soon changed to a BBQ and continued on for many years. The Fire Department began hosting the Truck and Tractor Pull several years ago and that became their major fundraiser so the Annual Day in the fall stopped and was started back around 10 years ago after a group of community citizens wanted to bring back the event." This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Harrells Event.

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## WEEKLY VERSE

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

Matthew 6:24-26

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# LOCAL NEWS

## From the Desk of Senator Brent Jackson



I hope you are having a great week. The General Assembly was recently in session to consider veto bills and pass a budget technical corrections bill. After we officially adjourn on October 17th, we do not anticipate coming back before January. I ask that everyone keep the victims and their families affected by the horrific acts in Las Vegas last week in your thoughts and prayers. Also, let us continue to remember those who were affected by the devastation caused by the recent hurricanes throughout our nation and forest fires in California. Please keep all of our fellow citizens who were impacted by these disasters on your mind, and keep wishing them a quick and speedy recovery.

### NC Rainy Day Fund Update

The Pew Charitable Trusts recently published an article on State Rainy Day Funds from across the nation. The article analyzes State Savings Reserve policies in the nation. The article features a chart showing Pew's six best Rainy Day Fund practices and compares all 50 states on which best practices they have adopted. The six practices cited in the article are as follows: defined deposit rules, deposits tied to volatility, defined withdrawal conditions, withdrawal conditions tied to volatility, volatility study since Great Recession (by statute), and if the volatility study directly correlates to the maximum size of the account. I am proud to say that North Carolina is the only state out of the 50 that meets all six best practices. If you would like to view the article by Pew Charitable Trusts on State Rainy Day Funds, please follow: [http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/fact-sheets/2017/07/state-rainy-day-funds-in-2017?utm\\_campaign=LM+-+GP+-+SFH+-+States+Improve+Rainy+Day+Funds+in+2017+-+10+3+17&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=Pew](http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/fact-sheets/2017/07/state-rainy-day-funds-in-2017?utm_campaign=LM+-+GP+-+SFH+-+States+Improve+Rainy+Day+Funds+in+2017+-+10+3+17&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Pew).

### Secretary Perdue Luncheon

Recently, I had the pleasure of being invited to North Carolina Farm Bureau's headquarters in Raleigh for a luncheon with United States Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue and many other leaders in the agriculture industry across our state. I greatly enjoyed hearing Secretary Perdue's commits on the future of agriculture in our nation, and how he plans to help advance the industry. Secretary Perdue got to witness North Carolina's unique and diverse agriculture industry, while also answering many questions from various individuals across the agriculture field.



Above is a picture of Lieutenant Governor Dan Forest, Secretary Sonny Perdue, Johnny Barnes, and myself. The Secretary knows how important North Carolina's role is to the agriculture industry, and it was an honor to meet him. I look forward to working together to advance our state's top industry.

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 been including a Legislative Recap Section in the Newsletter. This section reviews meaningful legislation that became law in the 2017 session.

### Senate Bill 257: Appropriations Act of 2017

In my previous column, we reviewed Senate Bill 107: Streamline Dam Removal, which helps lower the regulatory burdens for landowners wanting to remove unwanted, unneeded, or obsolete dams on their property. This week, I would like to give a high-level view of the 2017-18 budget and then focus on each section of the budget in more depth in the subsequent weeks.

This year's budget spends \$23 billion dollars, which represents just over a 3% in-

crease from last year's budget. In addition to controlling growth in spending, this year's budget appropriates an additional \$263 million to the Savings Reserve Account, and brings the account up to \$1.84 billion, which is its highest level of funding ever. This budget makes it a priority to return more money to the taxpayers by lowering the personal income tax to 5.25% and raising the standard deduction – both effective by 2019.

At 13.1 billion, education remains the largest expenditure of the budget and receives an additional \$452.5 million in the first year and \$860.6 in the second year. This budget also takes steps to retain and attract the most qualified state employees by providing an additional \$142.8 million to increase state employee pay, teacher pay, and adds 3 additional bonus leave days a year for employees.

Overall, this year's budget represents a fiscally conservative approach that saves for the future, while making wise investments in key government programs and initiatives that will help carry our state into the future and help maintain North Carolina as the best state to call home. It does this while recognizing that government should not take in more than it needs, and that allowing people to keep more of their hard-earned money plants the seeds of economic development and investment.

You can view the full bill and money report at the following link: Bill: <http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2017/Bills/Senate/PDF/S257v8.pdf> and Money Report: [http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2017/Budget/2017/conference\\_committee\\_report\\_2017\\_06\\_19.pdf](http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2017/Budget/2017/conference_committee_report_2017_06_19.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

#### Court Square Street Fair & Barbecue Cook-Off and Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Rally and Health Fair

The 31st Annual Court Square Street Fair and Barbecue Cook-Off is this Saturday, October 14th, in downtown Clinton. The event will begin with the 5th Annual Downtown Dash of 5k, 10k, and Fun Run, at 8:30am in the Vance Street parking lot. After the run, the festival will continue from 10am to 3pm and feature lots of fun activities for all ages. These activities will include a barbecue cook-off, art activities, a car show, craft demonstrations, live music, vendors, and much more. This is the largest annual event in downtown Clinton of the year. If you would like more information on the event, please visit <http://www.downtownclinton.com/street-fair/> or call 910-299-4904.

The 19th Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Rally and Health Fair will be held this Saturday, October 14th, near the Sampson County Courthouse on Main Street, and starts at 9:30 in the morning. After the rally, attendees will walk down McKoy Street to the Sampson Center Gymnasium where a community health fair will be held. The health fair will consist of lots of activities, including motivational speakers, educational booths, food, and door prizes. The event is sponsored by the Sampson County Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP), United Way of Sampson County, and the Sampson County Health Department. All of these entities work to provide outreach, awareness, and prevention information of breast and cervical cancer, through stressing the importance of early detection by having mammograms and pap smears on a regular basis. If you would like more information on the event or the BCCCP program, please call 910-592-1131 ext. 4240, 4969, or 4214 or visit [www.sampsonbcccp.org](http://www.sampsonbcccp.org).

### District Spotlight

Rozalyn Beal recently received an Award of Excellence from the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists for participating in The Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders conference in Boston. The conference brings together a group of students interested in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). Beal received the Award of Excellence because of her academic performance, leadership potential, and dedication to serving humanity through STEM. Beal is a sophomore at Midway High School where she is an eager, hardworking student with a strong passion for learning. She is currently the co-captain of the school's Color Guard, a member of the band, and part of the school's drama club. Science has always been Beal's favorite subject, so after graduating from Midway High School Beal plans on attending the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and begin a path toward becoming a marine biologist. Please join me in congratulating Rozalyn Beal on her great achievement of receiving the Award of Excellence and wishing her the best in her 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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Mon. - Why Are There So Many Different Churches?  
Lennie Reagan (Goldsboro, NC)  
Tues. - Is One Church as Good as Another?  
Robert Goff (Kinston, NC)  
Wed. - Must One Be A Member of the Church of Christ to be Saved? Byran Hatcher (Fayetteville, NC)  
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determination and his never surrender attitude. This home is well-deserved and LTWF is privileged to be able to help make this happen for him,” Regan added.

“When I first heard about Chris’ story I knew he was someone that we had to help. Through our partnership with Army Ranger Lead the Way Fund we were able to purchase land in Autryville to build Chris and brand new, 100-percent customized handicap accessible home. We knew right away that this was a perfect partnership between our two organizations and together we could make a true positive impact in the life of another hero. We look forward to completing this home for Chris Corbin and continuing to work with The Army Ranger Lead the Way Fund.” –Jared Allen

**About Master Sergeant Chris Corbin:**

Chris Corbin entered military service in July 1995. On February 17th, 2011 Corbin was on his 3rd tour to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF). That day, he was on patrol with his Operational Detachment Alpha through a village in the Helmand Province, when he stepped on an Improvised Explosive Device (IED). Due to the resulting blast MSG Corbin suffered injuries to both legs, resulting in bilateral, below-the-knee amputation. After what was thought to be a long road to rehabilitation, on July 15th, 2011, less than five months after his injury, Corbin was medically cleared to Return to Duty with the 7th Special Forces Group (A). He has since been medically discharged with a rank of Master Sgt. Chris continues to motivate others by leading by example and always pushing further ahead.

**ABOUT RANGER LEAD THE WAY FUND:**

Founded in 2007, Army Ranger Lead The Way Fund, a 501c3 Non-Profit, is an active duty, casualty assistance, recovery, transition And Veterans organization that provides financial support, beyond what the government and Veterans Affairs can offer to the men and families of the elite Special Operations 75th Ranger Regiment.



*MSG Chris Corbin with Sampson County Honor Guard, SC Veterans Director Ann Knowles, and other members of the building crew*

For more information please visit: <http://www.leadthewayfund.org>

**ABOUT JARED ALLENS HOMES FOR WOUNDED WARRIORS:**


Jared Allen’s Homes for Wounded Warriors is a non-profit organization created for the sole purpose of raising money to build or modify homes for America’s injured Military Veterans. Jared Allen’s Homes for Wounded Warriors was established in October of 2009 after NFL Star, Jared Allen returned home from a trip to the US Military Bases in the Middle East. Jared was moved by the commitment, dedication and sacrifices that our soldiers make every day to protect our freedom. It is Jared’s hope that this foundation will help make the lives of wounded vets a little bit easier. For more information please visit: <http://www.homesforwoundedwarriors.com>

# DAR Day of Service



Twenty-two Veterans who reside in nursing homes in Sampson County accepted American Flags thanking them for their service to America. The flags were presented by the Richard Clinton Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Pictured are Mr. Willie Hinson, Mrs. Wynonia Strickland with DAR member Joan Carr, and Mr. Buddy McLamb with his son Dale McLamb.

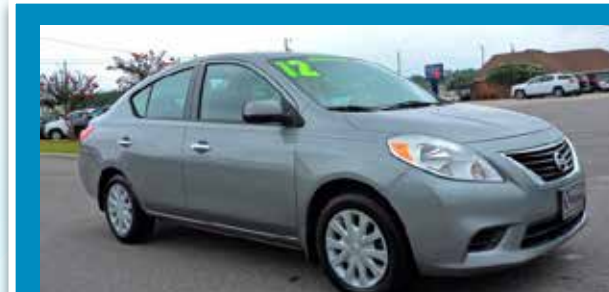
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# LOCAL NEWS

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Clinton Mayor Lew Starling stated that the Clinton City Council did not have jurisdiction over the Confederate Statue at the Sampson County Courthouse

The Sampson Weekly obtained a copy of the letter, dated September 15, 2017 and stamped received September 21, 2017. In the letter, addressed to the Honorable Mayor Lew Starling, the NAACP states, "On behalf of the Sampson County Branch of the NAACP, we greet you in the name of justice for all citizens of this country."

The letter continues, "The NAACP is the oldest and largest Civil Rights Organization in this country. This organization has championed the rights of all citizens for over 108 years. It is this commitment and dedication to this city, country and state that we are requesting that you take immediate action to remove the Confederate Statue of a soldier that is located on the courthouse yard."

The letter explains, "This Confederate Statue is a visual symbol of America's dark legacy of slavery that deprived human beings of their God-given and constitutionally-protected human rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

The letter also states that the NAACP is aware of the state law prohibiting cities and counties from removing Confederate Statues or Memorials. But states, "We are asking that you seek action from the State to join several states which have already removed the Confederate Statues and Memorials."

The letter is signed by Lee Byam, President; Luther Moore, 2nd Vice-President; Larry Sutton, 3rd Vice-President; and Annie Williams, Assistant Secretary.

The statue in question was dedicated May 10, 1916 by the Ashford-Sillers Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC).

During Tuesday's city council meeting, Mayor Starling asked Hyatt to prepare a letter in response explaining that the city had researched the issue and had no jurisdiction in the matter.

The Sampson Weekly did contact Ed Causey, Sampson County Manager, who stated that the county had also received a letter from the NAACP. Causey stated, "I have forwarded it to all the commissioners to see what response they would like to take, if any."

**Sampson County Branch of  
NAACP Unit # 5446**  
PO Box 305 · Clinton, NC 28329

Lee Byam, President

Vada Williams, Secretary

September 15, 2017

Honorable Mayor Lew Starling  
221 Lisbon Street  
Clinton, NC 28328

Dear Honorable Mayor Starling:

On behalf of the Sampson County Branch of the NAACP, we greet you in the name of justice for all citizens of this county. The NAACP is the oldest and largest Civil Rights Organization in this Country. This organization has championed the rights of all citizens for over 108 year. It is this commitment and dedication to this city, county and state that we are requesting that you take immediate action to remove the Confederate Statue of a soldier that is located on the courthouse yard. This Confederate Statue is a visual symbols of America's dark legacy of slavery that deprived human beings of their God-given and constitutionally-protected human rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

We are well aware of the State law that prohibits cities and counties from removing Confederate Statues or Memorials. We are asking that you seek action from the State to join several states i.e.; California, Louisiana, Maryland, Missouri, Ohio, and Texas which have already removed the Confederate Statues and Memorials.

We are available to meet with you to discuss this further. You may contact me at (910) 990-0873.

Thank you for your service and dedication to the rights and privileges of all citizens in this city, county and our organization. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

*Lee Byam*  
Lee Byam, President

*Larry Sutton*  
Larry Sutton 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President

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Luther Moore, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President

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On the heels of Hurricane Matthew and the disastrous flooding that occurred, event organizers were considering cancelling the event all together last year. The group got together and decided that the community needed Community Day; the community needed something to bring them together and just have a good time.

Kim Johnson stated, "The Committee and Fire Department felt that it was important to provide an event that would offer folks a break from the stress and worry of Hurricane Matthew's aftermath. We knew that people had been devastated by the storm and we wanted to offer a day of entertainment and food and just a little time to break away from what they have been dealing with since the storm."

The small Harrells Community puts on many impressive events throughout the year including the famous Harrells Tractor Pull. It is hard to believe that a community of this size is able to do so much. According to Kim Johnson, "This day allows the Harrells

community, past and present to come out and support the Harrells Volunteer Fire Department. It is a way for the community to give back to the Fire Department for the dedication and protection they continue to give us each and every day. Harrells is a small community but it has a fire department that surpasses many in this area. The department has worked very hard to purchase equipment, trucks, and continue training, all in an effort to help them keep our town safe. If the community can have a small part in helping them do this by raising funds, then Harrells Community Day is and will always be a success."

According to Ms. Johnson, "The parade which will start at 10:30am and will consist of the Sampson County Honor Guard leading our parade of Fire trucks, Rescue Vehicles, area business floats, the Dunn Clowns, the Sudan Roadsters, "community church floats, area Queens, JROTC, and local Dignitaries. Our Parade Marshals this year are Harrells Fire Chief George McGill and wife, Priscilla. Chief McGill has over 50 years of dedicated service to the Fire Department. We will also have antique cars, antique tractors, motorcycles, and many other entries."

The Black River Bluegrass Pickers will provide entertainment. This group are Harrells natives and have been providing music for many different events and festivals for many years.

Young and old alike will be able find something to enjoy. There will be kiddie attractions including bouncy houses and slides and face painting. There will be local craft vendors, food, an impressive parade, the famous Lawnmower Pull at 1pm, and a Penny Social raffle in the afternoon. There will also be a Classic Car Show and Antique Tractor Show.

And if you love good ol'southern food, there will be plenty of that. According to organizers, "We will have famous wood cooked BBQ with all the trimmings, plates and sandwiches for sale. There will be desserts of all kinds, hot dogs, peanuts, cotton candy, funnel cakes and much more."

All proceeds from the day's festivities will go to benefit the Harrells Volunteer Fire Department. Monies raised will allow equipment, parts, and training for the department to continue to keep the Harrells community safe.

Kim Johnson concluded by noting, "We invite everyone to come out for a day of good fun, food, and fellowship!"

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# We Should Know . . .



**Jimmy Matthews & Stephanie Bias, with JW Simmons, Host of We Should Know**

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

The week's We Should Know is a conversation about Medicare with guests Jimmy Matthews of Matthews Health Mart; and Stephanie Bias with the NC Department of Insurance.

Jimmy Matthews graduated in 1967 with a degree in Pharmacy. He along with his wife, who is also a Pharmacist, returned to Clinton where they now have Matthews Health Mart and Matthews Gifts. Matthews is a trusted member of the community and has advised on health care, insurance and Medicare, as well as given back to the community as a leader of various community efforts.

Stephanie Bias received a Master's Degree in Adult Education Training and Development from NC State University. She currently works for the NC Department of Insurance as a Senior Medicare Patrol Program Coordinator where she educates Medicare recipients on a wide variety of Medicare topics.

JW Simmons begins the show stating that the 2018 enrollment period for Medicare is upcoming, and the purpose of the show today is to help educate people on both

Medicare and Insurance.

Simmons' first question is for Stephanie Bias as he asks her to discuss the role of Medicare versus Medicaid. "The Medicare program is operated and funded by CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) but it is really a federal program. It's your federal health insurance benefit. And it's a program that's considered 'quote' an entitlement program, but all the years that you've worked and paid into your FICA taxes, you paid into the system. When you become eligible for Medicare, with most folks is at age 65, but you can become eligible for Medicare due to disability and drawing that Social Security benefit for a period of 24 months; or folks that have ALS or End-stage Renal disease."

Bias explains that there are a lot of people receiving Medicare benefits, not just seniors, but many others under the age of 65.

"And our role at the Department of Insurance in the SHIIP (Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program) Division," adds Bias, "is to make sure people know what their options are, and how to be good stewards of the benefits they worked so hard for."

Bias goes on to add, "CMS also oversees the Medicaid program which is a federal program given to the states to administer. So, in North Carolina we administer that program through the Division of Medical Assistance at Health and Human Services in Raleigh, but is one-on-one administered in your county through your local departments of Social Services."

"So," says Bias, "DSS here in Clinton is your one-stop shop if you have questions about Medicaid." Medicaid eligibility she says is based on income and assets. With Medicare, eligibility is not based on income and assets.

Next, Simmons asks Jimmy Matthews to discuss some of the issues he's hearing this time of year from his customers regarding insurance and Medicare. Matthews replies, "I think it's the same thing as from day one when we started this program. There is so much information being put in front of people through the mail, on the telephone, things like that, where it's actually a sales pitch to sell a product. And that's the main concern."

Matthews says he hears from his customers that they are confused about what to do because there is so much disinformation coming from firms seeking to sell a product that mirrors benefits associated with Medicare.

"We're lucky," adds Matthews. "In a small community, you know people. Rely on people you know to help you make that choice. We have great people in the insurance agencies that can help people. Most pharmacies, particularly independent pharmacies, have a program put together where they work with the SHIIP people, and have available some time that we spend with patients that need some help with making a good choice so that they are truly in the best position for them."

Matthews adds, "That includes a couple of things. One, who do I want to be my provider. And how much money can I afford. And what I see from everybody that I talk to in the industry and also in our situation, we drive for the patient first to know what those two options are; and then they can make a good decision as to what they want to do for their services coming for the next year."

Matthews says he can't stress enough to not make decisions about your coverage with someone over the phone or someone showing up at your door that you do not know. "They're just there to sell a policy and then they're gone."

"And please don't sign something," adds Stephanie Bias.

Bias goes on to say, "Sometimes people say I just want the cheapest thing, but cheapest might not always be the best if it doesn't cover your drugs, or if it has a huge deductible at the front end. Folks might not have \$425 in January to pay for their drugs up front."

Matthews explains that regardless of which program you sign up for, the outcome will be the same in the end. The issue regarding drugs is where you need the security of the benefit. "Your premium might be cheaper, but your co-pays are going to be higher," says Matthews. "From the beginning until the end that run that gambit, it's going to be the same regardless of which program you signed up for. It's just spread out differently."

Bias admits that Medicare Part D is not a perfect program, but it's much better than paying 100% of prescription costs out of pocket.

For more information on SHIIP please visit: [www.ncdoi.com/SHIIP](http://www.ncdoi.com/SHIIP).

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## LOCAL NEWS

# Answering To A Higher Calling

**\* Stedman's Celina West feels called to help women in crisis**

Celina West has wanted to help people for as long as she can remember.

"My family has always told me that I have always been the strong one," the 21-year-old said. "I am the one that is last to cry, so, I think that has always helped me ... " The Stedman native has been first to help out where ever she has been needed.

"I just really enjoy helping others," she admits. "It is what I have been called to do." In addition to holding down a job and attending college, West is also heavily involved with her church (The Oasis at Bethany Church of God), where she is currently co-leading the college-aged youth group, singing with the Praise Band and assisting with the public relations information department.

Simply put, West is one of the busiest 21-year-olds you can find.

And her life is about to get busier.

Last month, West was given the rare honor of being selected to attend a four-month internship at Freedom House in Albuquerque, New Mexico that will begin December 26 and run through the end of April.

Freedom House is a faith-based three phase Transitional Housing Program dedicated to restoring the lives of prostituted and sexually trafficked women. The program begins with a decision to leave the past behind and step into a new future. Through detoxing, counseling, and therapy, these women transition into a new, hopeful and exciting life.

West will be serving as the director's assistant, ambassador lead, resident staff coordinator, volunteer coordinator, social media intern and partnership lead.

"It is all very exciting for me," West admits. "I am nervous because I have never been away from home, but I am really excited at the same time because this is something that I am very passionate about and it is the field I want to have a career in. It is not like an internship to me, I feel like I have been called to do this."

Ironically, West had previously attempted to work with Freedom House and similar non-profit organizations that help women who were victims of trafficking.

"I've always wanted to get involved with helping women who have been affected by sexual abuse," she explained. "But the opportunity never really presented itself to me. I had looked into other programs and contacted people but never really heard anything back."

A couple months after contacting Freedom House the first time, West saw the oppor-



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tunity for the internship.

"I hopped right on it and, amazingly, got chosen," she said.

West credits her faith with the opportunity.

"This door opened and it was all the Lord - it was His timing," she explains. "God was instrumental about all of it - opening the right doors when I needed them to be open and closing the wrong doors. Like I said, none of the other organizations that I contacted ever got back with me, but this one did, it was all Him. This came up and He was showing me what road to take."

West will be driving the 2,000 miles to New Mexico since she will be in need of a vehicle during her time as an intern. She will also need the typical expenses, such as rent, electric, gas, food, etc.

Currently, West is attempting to raise funds to support her trip during the four months she will be away.

She recently finished a T-Shirt campaign that raised about \$50; is currently selling giant coffee mugs; she will have a huge yard sale on October 21 from 7 a.m.- 11 p.m. (celinawest7@gmail.com for more information); and she has set up a YouCaring Page at <https://www.youcaring.com/celinawest-931072> - a portion of the raised funds will be donated back to Freedom House.

"I figure it will cost about \$5,000 total," West said. "That should cover it. Right now, I am at about \$900, so I am hoping to continue to work hard to raise the money to get me there."

The fundraising will go through December 20.

"The support has been incredible," West admits with pride. "My parents were kind of taken back at first, but they are super excited for me. They have known that this is my passion and know this is the career I want to go into and they know, most importantly, that it is all God. They are confident that I will be learning a lot and will bring that back with me to share with others."

She continues, "I want to get into this in the future. My dream is to open up something like they (Freedom House) have. That is my dream."

Although she knows the job is not cut out for everyone, West says she is ready.

"My ultimate reward for doing this will be in my heart," she said. "I've never been around this type of situation, so I know that it is going to have a major impact on me for the rest of my life. I am really going there just to absorb it all. To get as much information on how to do it and really be there all the way for the people who need me. I want to touch some lives there, because I know that mine will be touched too."

How is she so sure?

"Because He [points upward] called me to do this."

For more information about the Oct. 21 yard sale, email to [celinawest7@gmail.com](mailto:celinawest7@gmail.com); to donate to the YouCaring Fund click to <https://www.youcaring.com/celinawest-931072>.

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# Treating Glaucoma



by R. Thomas Barowsky, MD



control of aqueous humor (AH); the fluid produced in the eye to provide oxygen and nutrition to the inner tissues of the eye. Eye drops and other medications fall into three main categories: those that reduce the production of AH, those that increase the flow of AH back into the bloodstream, called outflow, and those that do a combination of reducing production and increasing outflow. It may be necessary to use more than one medication to adequately control the IOP to halt progression of the disease.

Patients who have the potential to develop glaucoma because of multiple risk factors and high IOPs may also need to have their IOP under stricter control. Studies by the National Eye Institute demonstrated that these patients reduce their risk of developing glaucoma by 50% when their IOP is brought under tighter control.

One of the biggest problems for patients is remembering when to take their medicines. Some drops require once a day treatment, other twice, three or even four times a day treatments. Imagine being on two or three different medicines and keeping their schedules straight while juggling your daily schedule.

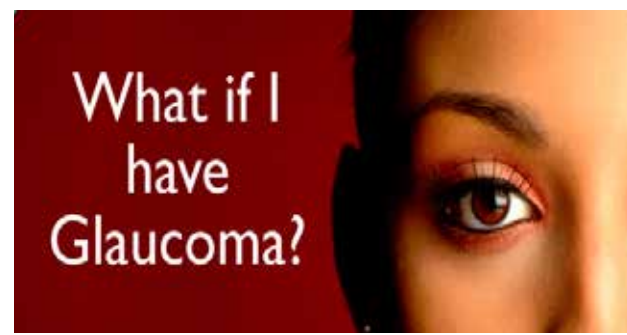
Technology has once again given us very effective alternatives. In the late 1980s a laser was developed to treat glaucoma called Argon Laser Trabeculoplasty (ALT). By placing selective burns in the drainage meshwork of the eye it was reasoned that the openings in the meshwork would be stretched open with better outflow as the result. ALT worked in slightly better than 60% of cases. The down side was that it was not permanent and the pressure started to rise again after three to five years. Unfortunately, re-treatments did not work to lower the pressure again.

October is National Glaucoma Awareness Month and I have been writing about the main types of glaucoma and how they can affect our vision. Today I will try to cover the types of treatment available to control the intraocular pressure (IOP) of the eye and protect us from sight loss.

The standard treatment for glaucoma, in the past has always been the use of eye drops and pills to control the IOP. Not every patient responds the same to these medications. In some cases, certain medications may not be indicated for treatment because of other medical conditions such as heart disease or breathing problems. In other cases, the side effects of the drugs may make their use intolerable for the patient.

It has been reported that over 60% of patients on glaucoma medications are not taking their medications properly either out of a concern for cost, convenience, confusion over the timetable for taking the drops or forgetfulness. Many patients feel that the medications are unnecessary because they see fine and their eyes don't bother them. Remember, glaucoma is called the "Silent Blinder" for good reason.

The main target for control of IOP in the eye is the



New technology has changed this problem with the ALT treatment. With the development of the Selective Laser Trabeculoplasty (SLT) more than 80% of treated patients obtain better control of their IOP with close to 80% of those patients being able to reduce or eliminate their need for medications to treat their glaucoma. The lasting effect of the laser is variable from 3-5 years, typically. The importance difference is that the SLT is a repeatable treatment if the IOP rises. This is because the SLT does not burn tissue but, rather stimulates the natural defenses of the body to go in and clean out the meshwork of the debris that is restricting outflow much like Drano on a stopped up drain.

In my experience with both lasers I have to say that the SLT has been much better tolerated by my patients than the ALT with longer lasting effect in a greater number of cases. That is why I offer only SLT in my practice for treating both glaucoma and ocular hypertension.

Not all treatments are effective for all patients. It is important to discuss the options available to you with your eye doctor to ensure the best control with the fewest problems.

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



## Breast Cancer awareness month

**By: Nettie Wilson-Pernell, Sampson County Partners for Healthy Carolinians**

There are two primary types of breast cancer, invasive and non-invasive. This is based on whether or not the cancer has invaded neighboring tissue cells. Invasive carcinomas are the most common types of breast cancer. The cancer originates in the milk ducts or milk glands of the breast and invade surrounding tissue and can also spread to other organs via the blood stream of the lymphatic system.

Breast cancer is the second leading cause of death related to cancer among women. The death rate for African American women between the ages of 35-44 is nearly double the rate found among white women of the same age group (16.3 – African American females versus 8.8 – white females).

There is a major need for more education and increased screenings and tests for breast cancer

among at risk female populations. Survival rates decrease drastically depending on the stage of breast cancer. Among women diagnosed with Stage IV breast cancer, the survival rate is 93% and for women diagnosed with Stage II the survival rate is 22%. The risk for breast cancer increases as we get older; significantly for women over the age of 55. Family history of breast cancer increases the risk. African American females under the age of 45 are at a greater risk than other women. Dense or less fatty breast tissue increases risk by up to 2 times.

The most common symptom reported is a lump or mass in the breast; typically found by mammogram or breast exam. Other symptoms can be: swelling of all or part of a breast (even if no distinct lump is felt); skin irritation or dimpling; breast or nipple pain; nipple retraction (turning inward); redness, scaliness, or thickening of the nipple or breast skin; nipple discharge (other than breast milk).

The American Cancer Society recommends the following screenings: yearly mammograms for all women ages 40 years and older; clinical breast exam every 3 years for women between 20-30 years old and yearly for women 40 and older; conduct routine self breast exams and report any findings to your doctor immediately; additional tests (MRI, genetic testing, ultrasounds, etc.). Discuss your risk and family history with your doctor to determine if additional testing is needed. Getting a mammogram and breast exam can make the difference between life and death.

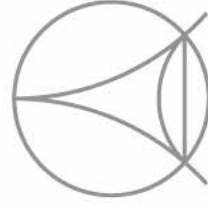
Statistics and research shows that when breast cancer is found early and treated early, the chances of survival are greater. Early diagnosis increases the number of options you have for possible treatments that may be less extensive and less invasive. Get your annual exams, talk with your doctor and work to live a healthy lifestyle that not only helps reduce your risk, but also helps improve treatment outcomes. The American Cancer Society encourages women to make healthy lifestyle choices such as eating a healthy diet, getting regular physical activity, and reducing alcohol, if a woman drinks. These choices can help reduce breast cancer risk. For more information and resources, visit [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) or [www.cdc.gov/cancer/breast](http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/breast).



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## FAITH

## A “BERRY” INTERESTING STORY

It all started out as a quiet, relaxing weekend with friends at Holden’s Beach. Joanna and John had invited some friends, Gene and I went with great anticipation of a long, relaxing weekend at the beach. It just so happened that Holden’s Beach was having their “Festival By The Sea” which included a large craft show with lots of vendors displaying their wares. We had not been browsing the displays very long when the other girls spotted a most interesting booth with some kind of different looking necklaces for sale. They were engrossed in looking at them when I walked up and they said, “Martha, can you believe that these pretty necklaces are made from Chinaberry balls?” “Do you mean these are made from those old ‘Chaineyballs’, those aggravating things we used to play with and step on when we were children?” I asked. They assured me that they were and we just stood there in awe, watching as one woman was quietly threading the necklaces while another lady was preparing gift packages for which they were commanding \$10.00 each. Joanna inquired as to just how you could turn a Chinaberry ball into such a thing of beauty and all the lady told us was simply, “You boil them.”

From that moment on, two of us were completely smitten with the idea, eyes began to roll, minds were beginning to whirl, creativity was being energized. Now, you must understand that I am much less prone to jump on any craft that involves doing something with my hands. I have often said that I have never in my life been able to do anything that I could hang on the wall or wear or display. So, I was the rather reluctant one, the die hard, but we all ended up buying one of those beautiful ‘Chinaberry’ necklaces. After a delightful day, we made our way back to our cottage, but you can be assured that all the talk was of necklaces and just how we could reproduce the vendor’s wares.

On the way back to Clinton on Sunday, we ladies rode together knowing full well that we were headed directly for a craft store in Wilmington. We had to look for those pretty little gold balls that were used in making the necklaces. We found a source for gold balls, silver balls, beading filament, and needles – all of the elements needed to turn ‘Chaineyballs’ into pretty necklaces. However, we still had a problem, we did not have the all important item ---‘CHAINEY BALLS’! We recalled that there was an abundance of those trees around Sampson County until Hurricane Hazel came through in 1954 and uprooted all the Chinaberry trees in its path, and of course had probably ruined our source of berries.

Anyway, we were hopeful, so the nearer we got to Sampson County the more closely we looked at the trees, desperately searching for just one Chinaberry tree. Finally, about half way home we spotted one, we knew immediately that it was OUR TREE, we could even see the precious little berries or balls just hanging from the top of the tree. It was right beside the road near an old tobacco barn with a lot of undergrowth, but we were not to be deterred. Fearlessly, we parked that big car right beside the road and got out, all the while peering skyward, trying desperately to decide just how we could get those elusive little dudes out of the top of that tree. We began to throw sticks at it. We tried to shake it, knew we couldn’t climb it, but we simply were not to be outdone. I was even getting quite excited about ‘Chaineyballs’ by now, and was throwing and shaking just as hard as the other ladies were.

Suddenly it hit me, the total humor in this situation almost convulsed me, and in a fit of laughter I said, “Can’t you just see the headlines now, “Several gray haired ladies, with a big car parked beside the road, were seen peering up a tree, desperately throwing sticks skyward – what is that generation coming to?” The idea brought all of us to howls of laughter as we realized just how ridiculous we must have appeared. Well, ridiculous or not, we were pretty determined not to be outdone. However, dark was closing in and we had to motor homeward without any ‘Chaineyballs’. We learned later that our men, traveling in a separate car, had seen the same tree and had indeed determined that there were ‘Chaineyballs’ available. We would try again!!!

Upon reflection, I am perfectly amazed at how quickly I came to be caught up in ‘Chaineyball’ mania. All too quickly I found myself engrossed completely in a very intriguing effort – that of finding and turning something that was completely useless into a thing of beauty. That was Joanna’s concept from the start, those were her words, but I quickly adopted them also and we were off and running.

Just as soon as we had a free afternoon, we gathered at Mr. R. J. Underwood’s house, he had our trees growing in his yard, and we spent most of an afternoon gathering ‘Chaineyballs’, no easy task mind you. They grow smack in the top of the tree and obviously do not drop off like pecans, for instance. Gene and John used an extended clipper, we shook and picked and climbed and cajoled those elusive little dudes, and finally we ended up with a small bucket full of our precious berries. Back home, now the problem was how to boil them. Gene had an idea and he produced an outdoor cooker, put a kettle on top, and proceeded to boil the pot. Were we ever in for a surprise!! You cannot in your wildest imagination have an inkling of an idea just how awful those little suckers smelled as they began to cook!! We had read that in ancient times the leaves of Chinaberry trees were thought to ward off evil spirits, now we knew why. The smell was indescribable – it was simply awful, it odorized the whole neighborhood, but we pressed on. After what we thought was proper cooking time, the men washed and scrubbed and rubbed and worked with our berries and ever so gradually the little inner nut began to emerge. Yes, there was a little wooden seed inside those berries, with a hole through the middle, and we thankfully declared the WONDER OF GOD’S CREATION. When the men finished we had a nice little pan full of seeds, surely enough to make all the necklaces we would ever want. We set them out to dry and proceeded to stage two of our adventure.

Rit Dye was the order of the day as we began to comb stores to find just the right colors for our priceless wares. We met the next available afternoon and had a “dyeing” party. We were so pleas-



antly surprised – they really grabbed the colors – indeed they dyed beautifully. We could hardly wait to finally sit down and actually create a necklace. We assembled our items, threaded our needles and before our very eyes we witnessed a metamorphosis – they were actually turning into things of beauty - we were so excited!! We made several necklaces and indeed they looked exactly like the ones we had purchased at the beach. But all the while our creative juices were still flowing.

One of the ladies brought some black dye to one of our work sessions and suggested that black and pearl necklaces might be pretty. Pam was there observing us, yes, she even got caught up in our madness, and she “designed” a necklace made with black balls, pearls and gold beads. It was immediately a hit and now we found ourselves with a completely new problem – you guessed it – we needed more ‘Chaineyballs’! We all moaned and groaned but we declared New Year’s Day to be gathering day. By this time the other ladies had quietly bowed out of our enterprise, but Joanna and I were not to be deterred. We engaged the help of Randy and Jamie, and went back to Mr. Underwood’s for more berries. He was so kind, he even decided to “fell” one of his many Chinaberry trees a limb at a time and we picked berries to our heart’s content. We had a grand time, laughing, and picking berries and our efforts yielded two buckets full of the little jewels. I later estimated that we had about eight thousand ‘Chaineyballs’ from that gathering.

Gene and John were now faced with a new challenge, no mere outdoor cooker would be big enough to boil our wares, we must move on to more efficient means. They put their heads together and came up with an ingenious plan, they would use a wash-pot, yes an ole timey wash-pot from my Aunt Lessie’s house. They built a fire around it and all four of us, once again with the help of Randy and Jamie, stoked the fire, stirred the pot, washed and washed, and rubbed and rubbed, and did anything else we could think to do to make those precious little nuggets emerge. What fun we had, what an exciting adventure! However, soon reality set in, we began to realize how very much work we were doing, performing backbreaking chores. We had to individually handle each and every little berry to make sure the natural hole through the center of the berry was clear. We had another ‘dyeing’ party, this time our colors turned out to be a little darker, but we simply decided to call these new ones our WINTER LINE. I almost fainted when I heard Joanna and Gene discussing the beautiful pastel colors we could come up with for our SPRING LINE. All I could think of was just how much time and work, and yes, fun had gone into the lines we had already dyed and the many little balls I was looking at here that need to be made into necklaces, and those two were talking the absurdity of a SPRING LINE!!!

As we were sitting around one rainy, cold afternoon busily creating necklaces, we decided that the only way to properly market our wares was to obtain some pretty jewelry boxes lined with cotton. We carefully placed our necklace in it, along with a brochure with a word of explanation and one berry in the raw, thus making an attractive presentation. As I was composing the brochure, I decided that it would be most appropriate to have a Scripture verse on each one, thus we would have a silent witness. I chose Psalm 145:10 “All Thy works shall praise Thee, O Lord”, indeed all of our Heavenly Father’s works do praise Him. He even created little Chinaberry balls with a natural hole all the way through the center – a real point of praise when you are trying to create necklaces.

A proper name for our adventure proved to be yet another challenge. We wanted a name that was catchy, denoting the wonderful times of work and friendship born from our venture, and a name that was significant. At Christmas Joanna gave a necklace to a friend at school and promptly received a thank you note from her friend saying “Thank you BERRY much.” There it was – our name would be: **“BERRY BUSY FRIENDS”**.

Needless to say, that name was quite appropriate since by now we were working very hard on our project. We went to a craft store and found a box with 18 compartments, one that would hold all of the different colors of balls, our gold, silver and pearl beads, our needles and our filament for stringing them. That box proved to be our best idea yet, an invaluable tool. I still found it hard to believe, everyone else does also, that I had finally found a craft that I could do. This is something that I could do with my hands, that I actually enjoyed doing, something that was rewarding and by far the most interesting conversation piece to hit our circle of friends and acquaintances in a long time.

One afternoon we were all outside in the cold, hovering around the outdoor cooker full of boiling balls, when Martha Ann Naylor drove up. She quickly took notice of the situation, visited for a few short minutes and went back to Raleigh. She then called her sister in New Jersey and said, “Rebekah, we have got a real problem. Our Mother and Daddy and Mr. Gene and ‘Miss’ Mar-

tha are out in the cold in our yard at home acting like a bunch of dummies around a pot of boiling Chinaberries. I am sure there are folks in the insane asylum with much less of a problem than they have.” Martha Ann, I have to admit that Pam and Randy also looked sort of sideways at us at times, however they live here and have been somewhat caught up in our madness.

I looked at Joanna one afternoon while we were frantically working as “BERRY BUSY FRIENDS” and said, “A few weeks ago, what did we do in our spare time?” She promptly replied, “REST!” None of that for us now, the die is cast, the banner has been flung, the end is not in sight - ONWARD HO!!!

We have had some fun with this adventure, from the inception I explained that I was not very much inclined to work with my hands, so I came up with an idea. I could be the C.E.O. for the outfit. I would be the brains behind it all. I would do the paperwork, I would run the daily operation, design brochures, etc. Well, each of the other souls involved very quickly looked me squarely in the eye and informed me that before I became the C.E.O., that I would do my fair share of the WORK!!! That was funny, but it proved to be very true, in this or any other undertaking in life, one must do much WORK before one becomes a C.E.O.

One afternoon we were out in the cold, stirring the pot, washing, and rubbing those berries, up to our ankles in muck and mire from so much water, when we began discussing a price that our little necklaces could command. Joanna quickly decided that if they were to be sold at all, we surely needed to charge \$459.00 each, even at that price we probably would not even turn a profit. Why charge at all? We would simply give them away for the sheer JOY of it.

Indeed, this has been a “BERRY” INTERESTING STORY, an unforgettable experience! Later in life we will sit back, reminisce, laugh, and Praise the Lord that He allowed us to walk that path. What else could we have done that would have created such beauty from God’s natural creation? We certainly enjoyed every minute we spent on our project, we do hope and trust that our necklaces will be enjoyed by all who wear them, knowing they were made with a lot of love by some “BERRY BUSY FRIENDS”.

#### January 1993

As Paul Harvey would say, “And now for the rest of the story”-

A few years passed, aging and busy-ness dictated that we discontinue our venture. One day I decided to spend my lunch hour at a local Flea Market, I always looked forward to discovering their latest “finds”. I walked in and to my surprise, there very prominently displayed on the jewelry counter, was one of our ‘Chaineyball’ Necklaces complete with our original box. I was so thrilled! However, my excitement quickly diminished as I read the price tag: \$2.00.

As I held the necklace in my hands, I became overwhelmed with emotion, tears were falling. I looked at the stunned store owner and said, “Do you know that my friend and I made this necklace? This is our original creation. An immense amount of planning, labor, money, and love went into this effort! And would you look! Our cherished work of art has been sold out to the way of the world – CHEAP!

And now I must redeem it, I must buy it back.”

I quickly apologized for losing my composure, and she shared with me that she had purchased it with other jewelry items at an estate sale. Without hesitation, I bought our necklace for the asking price of \$2.00.

It was not long before I realized that indeed there was a very important truth to be gleaned from this experience. We are God’s beloved creation, each uniquely designed and brought into being as a person of beauty and worth and usefulness in His Kingdom. However, Satan entered the hearts of humanity, and we too had to be bought back. The price of our redemption held no comparison to a mere \$2.00. The cost of our eternal salvation was the very life of Jesus Christ, as He willingly gave on the cross of Calvary for our sin. I was reminded that we are very privileged to live each day with joy and confidence, as we serve and represent our Lord and Savior everywhere we go.

Let us take heed that we not sell out to the way of the world – not even CHEAP!

By Martha M. Pierce





# What's Happening at SCT



By Angela Martin

The Odd Couple Female Version is in the final week of preparation as Sampson Community Theatre gets prepared to bring you this classic production from Neil Simon. Tom Wilbur is directing and the production is sponsored by Warwick, Bradshaw and Lockamy, PA. Our production will be opening on Friday, October 20 with a run from October 20-29. Friday and Saturday performances will begin at 7:30 pm and Sunday matinees will begin at 2:30 pm.

This production will be fun and will be one that you do not want to miss.

Auditions for our final production of the year will take place Saturday, October 14 at 10 am.

Information about this production is as follows:

Directed by Angela Martin

AUDITION INFORMATION:

Seeking: Male and Female performers ages 5 to 19.

Audition Dates:

Saturday, October 14 at 10 am. No appointment necessary. There are singing and speaking roles available. See cast breakdown below. If auditioning for a singing/speaking role, prepare a one-minute musical theatre song, Accappella. There will also be a cold read from the script. If auditioning for a speaking role, there will be a cold read from the script and be prepared to sing "Jingle Bells" with a group. Young actors or those seeing non-featured ensemble roles should be prepared to sing "Jingle Bells" as a group. All auditionees will be taught a short dance combination.

PERFORMANCE DATES: December 1 – 7:30pm, December 2 – 7:30pm; December 3 – 2:30pm, December 8 – 7:30pm; December 9 - 7:30 pm, December 10 – 2:30pm

SYNOPSIS:

Based on the beloved holiday film, this hilarious fish-out-of-water comedy follows Buddy the Elf in his quest to find his true identity. As a young orphan, he mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported to the North Pole. The would-be elf is raised unaware that he is actually a human, until his enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause him to face the truth. With Santa's permission, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find his birth father and discover his true identity. He's determined to win over his new family and help New York remember the true meaning of Christmas.



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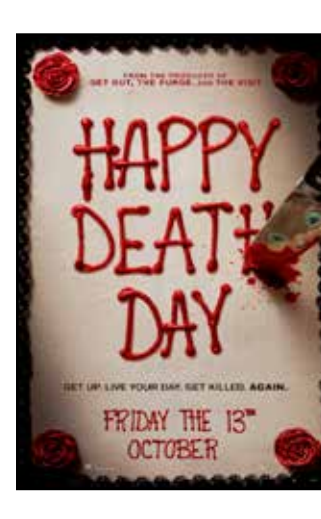
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**Sat & Sun 5:30p 8:00p**  
**Mon - Thurs 6:30p Only**



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 In a small town in Maine, seven children known as The Losers Club come face to face with life problems, bullies, and a monster that takes the shape of a clown called Pennywise.  
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**Mon - Thurs 6:30p Only**



**BLADE RUNNER 2049**  
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 Thirty years after the events of the first film, a new blade runner, LAPD Officer K (Ryan Gosling), unearths a long-buried secret that has the potential to plunge what's left of society into chaos. K's discovery leads him on a quest to find Rick Deckard (Harrison Ford), a former LAPD blade runner who has been missing for 30 years.  
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## FOOD



# Simple Sheet Pan Suppers

At times, spending hours in the kitchen can be a relaxing, enjoyable experience. However, even for avid home cooks, a busy weeknight isn't one of those times. Fortunately, solutions like sheet pan suppers make it easy to create dishes with exceptional flavor depth that come together quickly and clean up just as fast.

Keeping a variety of vegetables on hand makes it simple to pull together a family meal. Onions, for example, are versatile, flavorful, easy to store, have a long shelf-life and are available year-round from U.S. growers. An added benefit when cooking with onions is that you're serving up a good source of fiber.

For more tasty recipes to make supper a cinch, visit [onions-usa.org](http://onions-usa.org) and [usaonions.com](http://usaonions.com).

## Easy Drumstick-Quinoa Sheet Pan Supper

Recipe courtesy of the National Onion Association and Idaho-Eastern Oregon Onion Committee

Servings: 4-6

- 8-10 chicken legs
- 1 fennel bulb
- 1 large yellow onion, sliced
- 1 large red onion, sliced
- 2 garlic cloves, sliced
- 3 medium-sized potatoes, cubed
- 1 orange (1/4 cup juice and zest)
- 1/4 teaspoon thyme, dried
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 tablespoons fresh chopped parsley
- orange rind curls

brown rice, cooked according to package directions  
quinoa, cooked according to package directions

Heat oven to 400 F.

Line 13-by-18-inch sheet pan with parchment paper.

Place chicken legs on pan. Spread fennel, yellow onion, red onion, garlic and potatoes around and in between legs.

In small bowl, whisk together orange juice and zest, thyme and olive oil. Pour mixture over chicken and vegetables. Season with salt and pepper.

Roast 45 minutes, or until chicken is cooked through and vegetables are tender. Cook rice and quinoa.

Garnish chicken with parsley and orange curls. Serve over brown rice and quinoa.



## Sheet Pan-Style Buddha Bowls

Recipe courtesy of the National Onion Association and Idaho-Eastern Oregon Onion Committee

Servings: 4-6

- 2 yellow onions, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch wedges
- 1/2 head of red or purple cabbage, cut into wedges
- 2 red potatoes, cut into 1/2-inch wedges
- 1 small butternut squash, peeled and 1/2-inch diced
- 1 pound Brussels sprouts, halved
- extra-virgin olive oil
- salt, to taste
- black pepper, to taste
- 1 1/2 cups quinoa, cooked according to package directions

Tahini sauce:

- 1 tablespoon tahini
- 1/2 lemon, juiced
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1/2-1 teaspoon maple syrup
- 2 avocados, peeled and sliced
- fresh parsley

Heat oven to 400 F.

Line 13-by-18-inch sheet pan with parchment paper.

Place onion, cabbage, potatoes, squash and Brussels sprouts in single layer on pan. Drizzle with olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Roast vegetables 40 minutes, or until tender. Add more salt and pepper if needed.

While vegetables roast, cook quinoa.

**To make tahini sauce:** In small bowl, whisk tahini, lemon juice, mustard and syrup until smooth.

**To assemble Buddha bowls:** Spoon quinoa into bowls. Add roasted veggies and garnish with avocado and parsley. Drizzle tahini sauce over each bowl and serve.

## ALL ABOUT ONIONS

Knowing how to buy and store onions can make them true superstars in your kitchen. Growers and shippers of the National Onion Association and Idaho-Eastern Oregon Onion Committee offer these tips:

### Buying

When shopping, buy onions with dry outer skins, free of spots or blemishes. The onion should be firm and have no scent. Avoid bulbs that have begun to sprout.

Yellow, red and white onions are available year-round from

producers in the United States.

Seasonal differences like flavor and texture are noticeable and highlighted during these time frames:

Fall and winter onions (available August-April) have multiple layers of thick, paper-like layers of skin. Known for their mild to pungent flavor profile, these varieties can be eaten raw, and are ideal for roasting, caramelizing, grilling and frying because they have less water content.

Spring and summer onions (available March-August) have thin,

often transparent skins and are typically sweeter and milder than fall and winter varieties. Due to their high water content and mild flavor, they are best used for raw, pickled, lightly cooked or grilled dishes.

### Storing

Store onions in a cool, dry, well-ventilated place, not the refrigerator. Do not store whole, unpeeled onions in plastic bags. Lack of air movement reduces storage life. Peeled or cut onions may be stored in a sealed container in the refrigerator for up to 7 days.

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### Lakewood Leopards 2017 Varsity Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE	RECORD
Aug 11th	Sampson Co Jamboree	Away	7:00		
<b>Aug 18th</b>	<b>Pender High School</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>7:00</b>	W 22 - 00	1-0
<b>Aug 25th</b>	<b>Rocky Mt Prep</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>7:00</b>	W 44 - 00	2-0
<b>Aug 31st</b>	<b>Camp Lejeune</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>7:00</b>	W 41 - 00	3-0
Sept 8th	Midway Raiders	Away	7:00	W 35 - 00	4-0
Sept 15th	North Lenior	Away	7:00	L 40 - 41	4-1
<b>Sept 22nd</b>	<b>Western Harnett</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>7:00</b>	W 42 - 09	5-1
Oct 6th	North Duplin	Away	7:00	L 14 - 21	5-2
<b>Oct 13th</b>	<b>Rosewood Eagles**</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>7:00</b>	W 00 - 00	0-0
Oct 20st	Hobbton Wildcats	Away	7:00	W 00 - 00	0-0
<b>Oct 27th</b>	<b>Princeton Bulldogs (Sr Night)</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>7:00</b>	W 00 - 00	0-0
Nov 3rd	Union Spartans	Away	7:00	W 00 - 00	0-0
Nov 10th	1st Round Playoffs	TBD	TBD	W 00 - 00	0-0

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### Harrells Crusaders 2017 Varsity Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE	RECORD
<b>Aug 18th</b>	<b>Columbia High School</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>7:00</b>	W 56 - 06	1-0
Aug 25th	Word of God Christian	Away	7:00	W 49 - 18	2-0
Sept 4th	High Point Christian Academy	Away	7:00	L 00 - 48	2-1
Sept 8th	Village Christian Academy	Away	7:00	L 00 - 26	2-2
<b>Sept 15th</b>	<b>Trinity Christian Academy</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>7:00</b>	L 00 - 46	2-3
<b>Sept 22nd</b>	<b>Charlotte Latin</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>7:00</b>	L 00 - 48	3-3
Sept 29th	North Raleigh Christian	Away	7:00	W 20 - 14	4-3
<b>Oct 6th</b>	<b>Fayetteville Christian School</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>7:00</b>	W 47 - 00	5-3
<b>Oct 20th</b>	<b>Wake Christian Academy</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>7:00</b>	W 00 - 00	0-0
Oct 27th	Ravenscroft School	Away	7:00	W 00 - 00	0-0
Nov 3rd	NCISAA Division II 1st Round	TBD	TBD		

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### Clinton Dark Horse 2017 Varsity Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE	RECORD
Aug 11th	Sampson Co Jamboree	HOME	7:00		
<b>Aug 18th</b>	<b>Cape Fear Colts</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>7:00</b>	L 07 - 13	0-1
<b>Aug 25th</b>	<b>East Bladen Eagles</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>7:00</b>	L 16 - 35	0-2
Sept 4th	Northside Monarchs	Away	7:00	L 21 - 25	0-3
Sept 15th	Southern Lee Cavaliers	Away	7:00	W 23 - 00	1-3
Sept 22nd	James Kenan Tigers	Away	7:00	W 49 - 12	2-3
<b>Oct 6th</b>	<b>Midway Raiders</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>7:00</b>	W 49 - 00	3-3
<b>Oct 13th</b>	<b>Goldsboro Cougars**</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>7:00</b>	W 00 - 00	0-0
Oct 20st	Spring Creek Gators	Away	7:00	W 00 - 00	0-0
Oct 27th	Wallace-Rose Hill Bulldogs	Away	7:00	W 00 - 00	0-0
<b>Nov 3rd</b>	<b>East Duplin Panthers (Senior Night)</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>7:00</b>	W 00 - 00	0-0
Nov 10th	First Round Playoffs	TBD	TBD	W 00 - 00	0-0

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### Midway Raiders 2017 Varsity Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE	RECORD
Aug 11th	Sampson Co Jamboree	Away	7:00		
<b>Aug 18th</b>	<b>Union Spartans</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>7:00</b>	W 14 - 00	1-0
Aug 25th	Princeton Bulldogs	Away	7:00	L 21 - 41	1-1
Sept 4th	West Bladen Knights	Away	7:00	L 06 - 20	1-2
<b>Sept 8th</b>	<b>Lakewood Leopards</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>7:00</b>	L 00 - 35	1-3
Sept 15th	Hobbton Wildcats	Away	7:00	W 40 - 12	2-3
Sept 22nd	Spring Creek High	Away	7:00	W 21 - 14	3-3
<b>Sept 29th</b>	<b>Wallace-Rose Hill Bulldogs</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>7:00</b>	L 06 - 53	3-4
Oct 6th	Clinton Dark Horses	Away	7:00	L 00 - 49	3-5
<b>Oct 13th</b>	<b>East Duplin High**</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>7:00</b>	W 00 - 00	0-0
Oct 20st	James Kenan High	Away	7:00	W 00 - 00	0-0
<b>Nov 3rd</b>	<b>Goldsboro High</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>7:00</b>	W 00 - 00	0-0
Nov 10th	1st Round Playoffs	TBD	TBD	W 00 - 00	0-0

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### Union Spartans 2017 Varsity Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE	RECORD
Aug 11th	Sampson Co Jamboree	Away	7:00		
Aug 18th	Midway Raiders	Away	7:00	L 00 - 14	0-1
Aug 25th	South Robeson	Away	7:00	W 32 - 06	1-1
<b>Sept 1st</b>	<b>Pender Patriots</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>7:00</b>	Cancelled	0-0
Sept 8th	Heidi Trask	Away	7:00	L 06 - 15	1-2
Sept 15th	Jones Senior	Away	7:00	W 64 - 00	2-2
<b>Sept 22nd</b>	<b>Swansboro</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>7:00</b>	L 32 - 48	2-3
Oct 6th	Princeton Bulldogs	Away	7:00	L 16 - 34	2-4
<b>Oct 13th</b>	<b>North Duplin</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>7:00</b>	W 00 - 00	0-0
Oct 20st	Rosewood	Away	7:00	W 00 - 00	0-0
<b>Oct 27th</b>	<b>Hobbton Wildcats</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>7:00</b>	W 00 - 00	0-0
<b>Nov 3rd</b>	<b>Lakewood Leopards</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>7:00</b>	W 00 - 00	0-0
Nov 10th	1st Round Playoffs	TBD	TBD	W 00 - 00	0-0

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### Hobbton Wildcats 2017 Varsity Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE	RECORD
Aug 11th	Sampson Co Jamboree	Away	7:00		
<b>Aug 18th</b>	<b>Goldsboro High</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>7:00</b>	L 00 - 56	0-1
<b>Aug 25th</b>	<b>Chatham Central</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>7:00</b>	L 14 - 20	0-2
Aug 31st	North Johnston	Away	7:00	L 00 - 48	0-3
Sept 8th	Spring Creek	Away	7:00	L 14 - 36	0-4
<b>Sept 15th</b>	<b>Midway Raiders</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>7:00</b>	L 12 - 40	0-5
Sept 29th	Smithfield-Selma	Away	7:00	L 00 - 55	0-6
<b>Oct 13th</b>	<b>Princeton**</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>7:00</b>	W 00 - 00	0-0
<b>Oct 20st</b>	<b>Lakewood Leopards</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>7:00</b>	W 00 - 00	0-0
Oct 27th	Union Spartans North	Away	7:00	W 00 - 00	0-0
Nov 3rd	Duplin	Away	7:00	W 00 - 00	0-0
Nov 10th	First Round Playoffs	TBD	TBD	W 00 - 00	0-0

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# Clinton's Taylor Spell Leading Lady Dark Horses Preparing For Success



A Clinton native, Spell said that she spent her first three years in school at Harrells Christian Academy before beginning her fourth-grade year at Sunset Avenue.

"I grew up playing with my best friends," Spell admits. "We have all worked together over the years and have a great foundation. We are truly like a family here (at Clinton High) and we all support each other on and off the court and have always been there for each other."

The 'A-B' student says that she already has plans to attend college, but is undecided at what she will major in.

"I know that I want to go to a 4-year school," Spell said. "I want to go in-state. My ultimate goal is to play at the college level [either sport], it just depends on who accepts me. If I can get accepted and be able to play ... that is my goal. After that, everything else is easy."

The hardest part of leaving Clinton High?

"The friendships that I have made here," Spell says without hesitation. "I know that it is going to be difficult to leave and move on to my next journey, because I know it will never be the same, but I know that I have forged a lot of great relationships that will last."

Spell said that she will also miss the team bus rides to and from away games.

"Oh, I love being able to bond with the girls on the bus," she explains. "That helps us get to know each other better and it really helps build relationships - on and off the court/field."

When asked what advice she would give to an upcoming freshman, Spell says simply, "Stay on top of your work. Be responsible with what you do."

Spell continues, "Clinton High School is a school that will push you to be your best. You take the rigorous courses and be the best you can be. They (the staff/administration) will work just as hard for you to help you get into college."

Helping Spell in that is the incredible support she has had around her.

From her parents (Raymond and Amy Spell) to her grandparents (Mary Ann and Willie Hobbs; and Felton and Ann Spell) to her teammates, friends and coaches.

"I have been lucky to have been able to bond with my coaches - on and off the court," Spell says. "I want to really thank all of my coaches throughout my playing career. I have been really blessed to have the support that I have had over the years and I just want everyone to know how much I appreciate it."

Taylor Spell says that she was 'surprised' when told that she had been named this week's Performance Auto/Sampson Weekly Star Athlete of the Week for her work on Clinton's girls volleyball team.

"I am just surprised and shocked, really," the 16-year-old said Tuesday afternoon. "It is an honor and I am just happy that I was nominated. It makes me feel really good."

The Dark Horse volleyball team is 10-9 overall and 6-3 in the conference (as of Wednesday afternoon. Spell, a sophomore, who plays outside hitter and is a captain on the team, currently has a hitting percentage of .502; 67 digs; 225 kills; and 17 aces, according to MaxPreps. "We are rebuilding this season," Spell says of the Lady Dark Horses. "We have a young team with a lot of talent. We just need to put it altogether ... It's been exciting to play with this team. I love playing with these girls."

In her freshman year (last year), Spell was named Sampson County All-Conference in soccer and volleyball; All-Regional in soccer; and the Most Valuable Player in volleyball - all quite impressive for a freshman.

It should come as no surprise that Spell has formed a bond with her teammates, they have been playing together for years.

"We are very close," she explains. "We have all played together since we were little, so I think that it really helps us on the court. We know each other better than anyone and we have a solid foundation - we are more than teammates, we are all family."

Spell, who also plays forward/striker for the Lady Dark Horse Soccer team, has been playing sports as long as she can remember.

"Well, I played recreation ball since I was allowed to," she says with a laugh. "I played softball, soccer, volleyball and basketball. When I got to middle school, I began playing travel soccer and volleyball."

Spell continues, "I have an older sister (Corey) who also played sports. She is a freshman in college now; and I also have a younger brother (Ethan) who is involved with sports as well. So, I grew up around sports, but to be honest, I've always liked to have an active lifestyle, so it was something that came natural to me."

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<u>SOCCKER</u> 10/11 Midway 8 - 0 Win 10/04 James Kenan 2 - 1 Win <u>VOLLEYBALL</u> 10/10 Wallace Rose Hill 3 - 1 Win 10/09 Harrells CA 0 - 3 Loss	<u>SOCCKER</u> 10/10 East Bladen 0 - 9 Loss 10/05 APA 0 - 2 Loss <u>VOLLEYBALL</u> 10/09 Clinton 3 - 0 Win 10/05 APA 0 - 3 Loss	<u>SOCCKER</u> 10/11 Lakewood 1 - 0 Win 10/09 North Duplin 4 - 1 Win <u>VOLLEYBALL</u> 10/05 Lakewood 0 - 3 Loss 10/03 North Duplin 1 - 3 Loss	<u>SOCCKER</u> 10/11 Hobbton 0 - 1 Loss 10/09 Neuse Charter 4 - 0 Win <u>VOLLEYBALL</u> 10/10 Rosewood 3 - 0 Win 10/05 Hobbton 3 - 0 Win	<u>SOCCKER</u> 10/11 Clinton 0 - 8 Loss 10/09 Wallace Rose Hill 0 - 6 Win <u>VOLLEYBALL</u> 10/09 Triton  10/05 James Kenan 3 - 0 Win	<u>SOCCKER</u> <i>Not Available No team this year</i>  <u>VOLLEYBALL</u> 10/10 North Duplin 0 - 3 Loss 10/05 Neuse Charter 0 - 3 Loss

# Horses Trample Raiders at Home

The Clinton High School Varsity Dark Horses had no trouble advancing to 2-0 in the tough Eastern conference and 3-2 overall as they completely dominated their cross-county rivals, the Midway Raiders, 49-0 in a game played last Friday night before a good crowd at Dark Horse stadium in Clinton. It was typical Dark Horse football as they rushed for six touchdowns and star place kicker senior Chandler Perry was a perfect 7-7 with the point after in the win. Juniors Jalen Smith and Donte McLellan led all rushers with 139 yards and senior Zion Autry picked up a fumble and ran it in for the stingy Clinton defense. Junior Javiah Cruse led the Dark Horses with 9 solo tackles in the shutout as Clinton rolled with Perry keeping the Raiders pinned to their own 20-yard line on kickoffs.

The game started with Midway winning the opening toss and electing to receive the football only to go a quick three and out and have to punt to the Horses. The first quarter saw both teams playing rugged defense and neither team getting into the end zone as the quarter ended 0-0. The second quarter belonged to the Dark Horses as Smith, and McLellan both scored in the first 4 minutes of the quarter and it was a 14-0 Clinton lead. On the next series, Javiah had a big interception at midfield to give the Horses the ball. Clinton went on a quick march and senior A.J. Williamson scored from the 8-yard line and we went to intermission with the Dark Horses in command 21-0.

The third quarter began with Clinton receiving the football. Clinton marched down the field with Smith scoring from 14 yards out making it 28-0 with still 9:35 left in the third quarter. After Perry stared the Raiders at their own 20 with a kick in the end zone, it was a three and out for the Raiders. Clinton got the ball back at midfield and on the first play McLellan went the distance for Clinton making it 35-0 in favor of the Dark Horses. The Horses got another quick score to increase their lead to 42-0. With a 42- point margin the high school rule in N.C. is a continuous clock. The rest of the third quarter as well as the fourth was played with the clock running and the Horses up 49-0. Coach Lewis emptied the Clinton bench with sophomore Trey Warren at quarterback. The Horses kept the ball on the ground and were able to run out the clock with a 49-0 Dark Horse victory.

Clinton celebrates Homecoming next Friday night as they host Goldsboro High School in another conference game at Dark Horse stadium. Game time is 7:00 pm.



## Crusader Chronicle



By Aidan Kunst

It was another good week for HCA athletics, as all four teams saw action:

The Crusaders football team went into Friday's matchup with Fayetteville Christian looking to even their record to 4-4 on the season. In front of a loud crowd for Homecoming, they blew out their opponent, winning by a score of 47-0. Senior Captain Shaquor Newkirk once again led the Crusaders to victory, picking up 134 yards and a score on the ground to go along with six tackles and one for loss. Junior Tyshon Newkirk had an incredible performance as well, as he scored two different types of touchdowns (punt return, INT return) and tacked on 170 all-purpose yards. Juniors Mar'chris Jackson and Malik Williams, as well as sophomores Jack Laslo and Aaron Smith, all scored touchdowns for the Crusaders, who look to extend their winning streak on October 20th at home vs. Wake Christian Academy.

The HCA volleyball team split their two games this week, which brought their record to 8-9 on the year. On Thursday, October 5th, the team lost to Arendell Parrott by a score of 3-0. However, they bounced back on Tuesday, October 10th with a convincing victory over Clinton High, 3-0. The girls wrap up their regular season on Thursday, October 12th, as they travel to Coastal Christian for a 6 p.m. start. The Crusader soccer team had a tough week, losing both their games to bring their record to 3-12-1 for the season. On Thursday, October 12th, senior night for the team, they lost a heartbreaker, 2-0, to rival Arendell Parrott. After the tough loss, the team lost 9-0 to East Bladen High on Tuesday, October 10th. The team finishes their season looking for a win at rival Coastal Christian this Thursday, October 12th.

The HCA tennis team went 1-1 on the week, taking their season record to 3-11. Coach Carol Luanne Johnson's girls lost 9-0 to Parrott on Thursday, but were able to knock off Clinton High on Tuesday, October 10th by a score of 6-3. Picking up wins for the Crusaders were juniors Cameron Blue and Taylor Brinson, Senior Caroline Jones, and 7th grader Meredith Tatum. In doubles, the teams of Caroline Jones and 7th grader Amber Jones, as well as Senior Miranda Wells and 8th grader ViviAnn Johnson, picked up wins for the team. The Crusaders look to finish their season on a high note, as they take on Coastal Christian on Thursday, October 12th.

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## EDUCATION

## Hairr, Wiley EXCEL at SCC



*Blair Hairr, Dean of Student Services, with Dr. Bill Starling, Vice President of Academic Affairs & Administration*



*Lisa Turlington, Executive Director of the SCC Foundation with Jennifer Wiley, Division Chair of Business and Occupational Technologies Programs*

Each year, two Sampson Community College employees are recognized by their peers for excellence in the workplace and the winners are announced at the SCC Foundation's Campus Drive luncheon.

This year's EXCEL award winners are Dean of Student Services, Blair Hairr and Division Chair of Business and Occupational Technologies Programs, Jennifer Wiley. Hairr and Wiley were recognized at the luncheon.

"Blair and Jennifer are truly committed to our students and work hard to make education and training available," said Lisa Turlington, Executive Director of the SCC Foundation. "They are both caring and nurturing at Sampson Community College and in communities that need them most. Blair is a leader in her church and is involved in mission work in and around our state. Jennifer serves locally as well as in communities in Kenya and Mexico. We are lucky to have them at SCC, and I am happy have to have them as friends."

Turlington said the nominations for the EXCEL award were so strong this year that the committee wanted to recognize two other nominees who are outstanding at work and beyond. Fred Stamey and Sharon Herring were also recognized as finalists as well.

Dr. Paul Hutchins, President of SCC was pleased. "Annually our EXCEL awards recognizes two SCC employees for their great work at the College," he said. "This

year's recipients, Dean, Blair Hairr and Division Chair, Jennifer Wiley work tirelessly to help our students reach their educational goals. I think it was very important to recognize Fred Stamey and Sharon Herring at this event as well. We are fortunate to have both of these gifted and dedicated educators as part of our staff."

Mrs. Amelia Surratt, VP of the Foundation and chairman of the EXCEL Committee explains the awards. "In an effort to recognize outstanding employees, both instructional and non-instructional, the SCC Foundation sponsors a special award of merit for colleagues who go beyond expectations in the workplace and in the community," she says. "Nominations are received from full-time staff and faculty members from across the campus. To participate in the program as a nominator or a nominee, one must have been employed on a full-time basis for at least three years."

Each year, winners are added to the EXCEL recognition board in the reception area of the North Building at the college.

The Campus Drive is the fundraiser by the SCC Foundation that focuses on the faculty and staff at the college who decide they too want to donate towards the cause of sending people to college who otherwise wouldn't be able to afford it. Sampson Community College is the only community college in the state of North Carolina whose employees all donate 100% to support the cause, which demonstrates how important employees feel the college's mission is.

## SCC Instructor Puts Dent into Number of Car Crashes

Sgt. Wayne Dienhart is best be known in the community through his work with the Sampson County Sheriff's Department for more than two decades. What some may not realize is that he has taken his skills into the classroom as well. He has been teaching in Sampson Community College's Basic Law Enforcement Training Academy for various blocks of instruction over the years.

A Sampson Community College graduate himself, Sgt. Dienhart teaches classes about Civil Process, Domestic Violence, Court Duties, Detention Duties, Hazmat, In-Custody Transport and Mental Illness/Developmental Disabilities. His goal is to prepare students in these areas for future work. In addition to these duties, Sgt. Dienhart heads up Sampson County's Alive at 25 program at SCC.

Alive at 25 is a program that the National Safety council has developed to educate drivers from 16 to 25 on the hazards and distractions while driving. Designed to prevent the #1 killer of teens, automobile crashes, it is usually taught by off-duty deputies, municipal police and Highway Patrol officers. The course focuses on the behaviors, decision-making and risks facing young drivers every time they get behind the wheel.



*Sgt. Wayne Dienhart*

twice the rate of all others. The first year for a newly licensed teenage driver is the most dangerous, with more than one in five involved in crashes. Each year nearly 6,000 teens are killed in vehicular accidents; more than 3,800 are drivers aged 15-20. Annually, more than 326,000 young drivers are seriously injured. More than half the deaths occurred between Friday and Sunday; 41% occurred between 9:00pm and 6:00am. Exceeding the posted speed limit or driving at an unsafe speed is the most common error in fatal teenage accidents. More than 1,000 young drivers lose their lives each year in crashes because of an impaired driver, be it themselves or someone else. Although this group represents about 7% of the nations' licensed drivers, they are involved in nearly 15% of all fatal crashes.

Sgt. Dienhart says it is his mission to turn these trends around. SCC is grateful for service and welcomes anyone else in the community wishing to make a difference to consider a career in law enforcement. SCC expects a Spring 2018 Day Academy to begin in February where seats are limited to just 24. If you are interested in joining the next BLET academy, please contact Jennifer Wiley, BLET Director at [jwiley@sampsoncc.edu](mailto:jwiley@sampsoncc.edu) or Sharon West at [swest@sampsoncc.edu](mailto:swest@sampsoncc.edu) or 910-592-8081 X2500 for a BLET admissions packet and information.

"When I went to Raleigh to take the instructor part to this course it kind of hit home," says Sgt. Dienhart. "Being a former fire-fighter, responding to car crashes with teenagers involved, I felt that this course will and has helped people understand the hazards and the distractions of driving love teaching this class because this class can save lives of our young people"

Some facts about young drivers that many may not realize; Young drivers are involved in fatal crashes at more than



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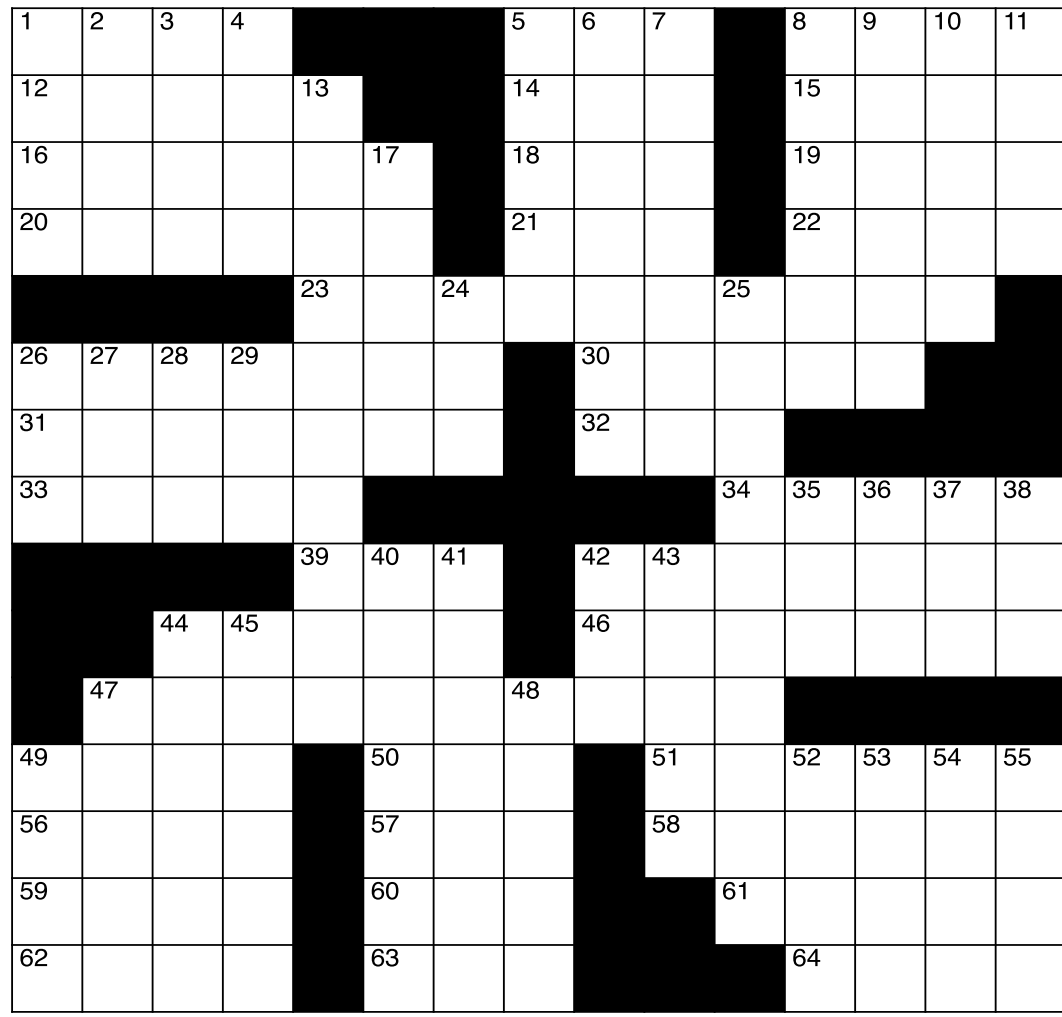
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PUZZLES & GAMES

# Crossword Puzzle

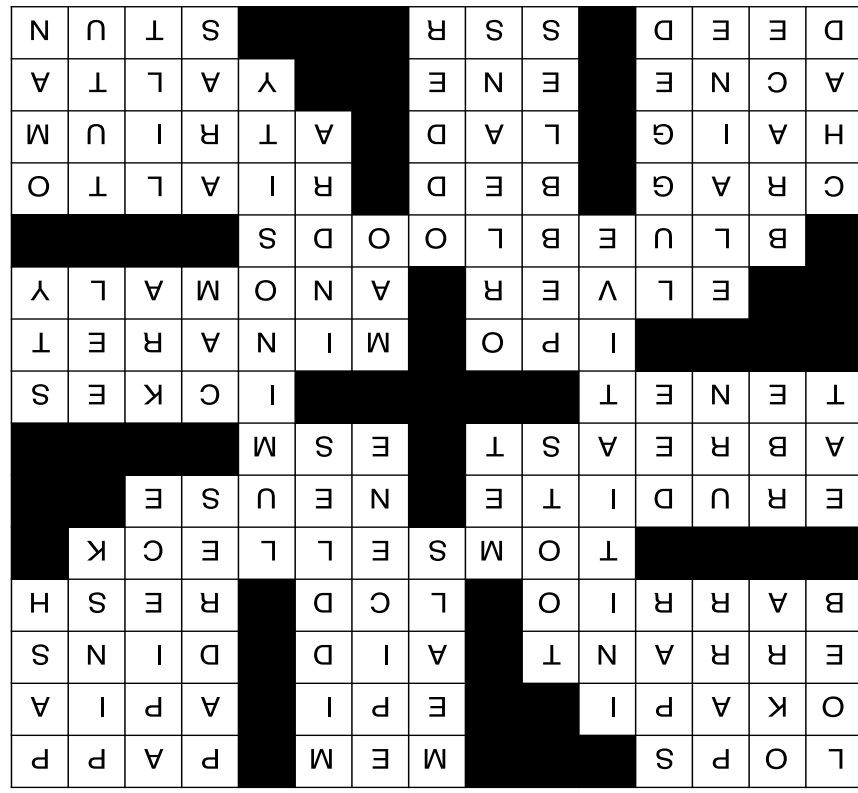


**CLUES ACROSS**

1. Cuts off a branch
5. 13th Hebrew letter
8. ÓHairÓ producer Joseph
12. Giraffa camelopardalis
14. Indicates near
15. Capital of Samoa
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
59. Oily skin disorder
60. East northeast
61. 1945 Crimean conference city
62. Transfer property
63. Used to be United \_\_\_
64. Daze

**CLUES DOWN**

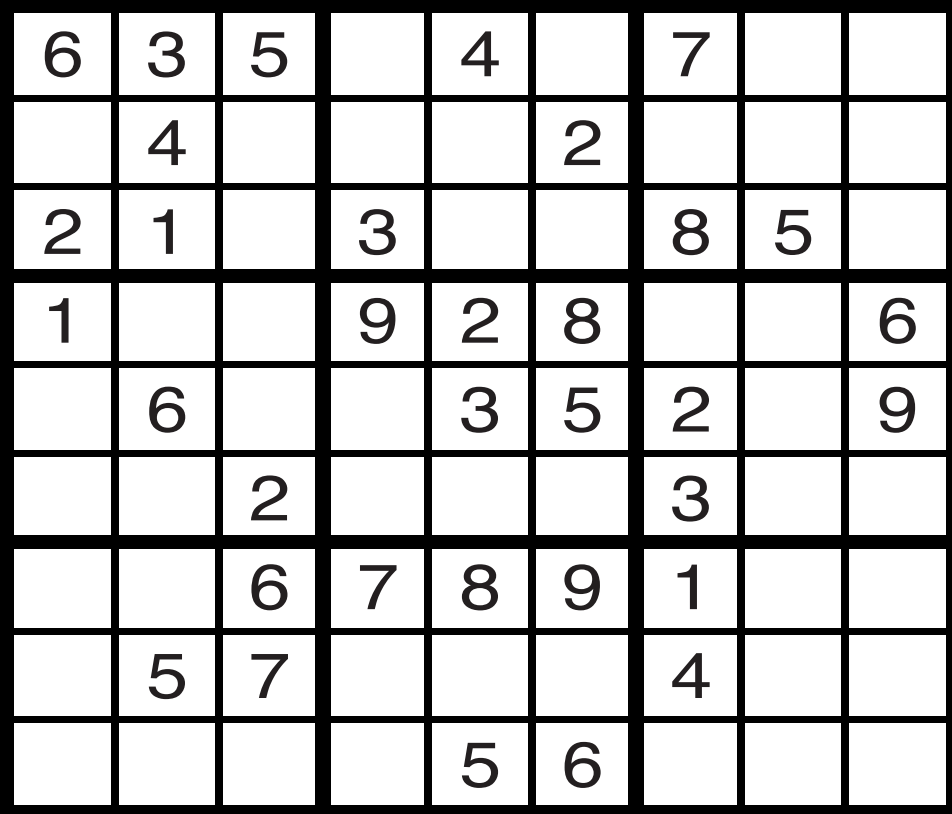
1. Murderers Leopold & \_\_\_
2. Southern veggie
3. HenryÓs 6th wife
4. Practice fight
5. Dinners
6. Hermaphrodite
7. Centers
8. Fathers (Spanish)
9. For each one
10. SW Belarus city
11. Australian slang for a kiss
13. Ability to begin
17. Short whistle blasts
24. Were introduced
25. Glowing quality
26. Ingest
27. Relative biological effectiveness
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
48. More peculiar
49. N. Central African country
52. Macaw genus
53. Rhythmic swing or cadence
54. Ballerina skirt
55. Arabian sultanate



# SUDOKU

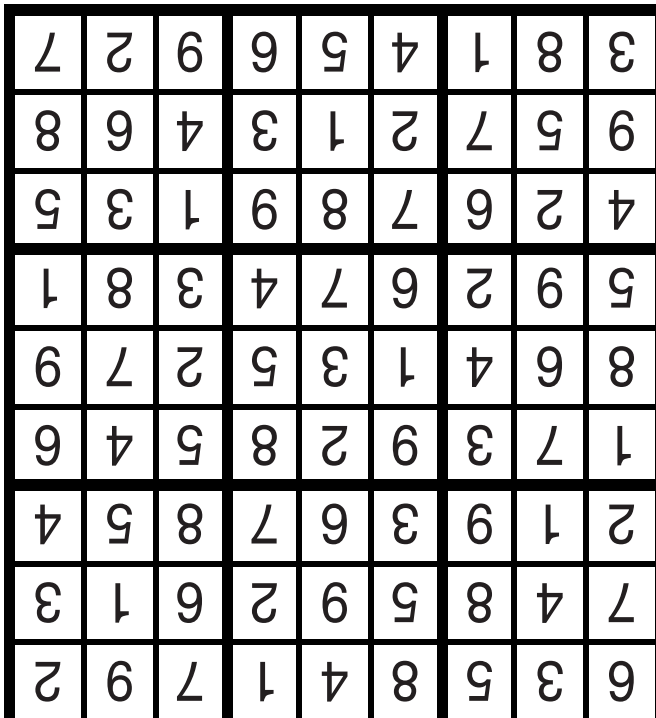
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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|-----------|---------------|-----------|--------------|----------|
| AIR       | CANCER        | ECLIPSE   | NATAL        | SIGN     |
| AQUARIUS  | CAPRICORN     | FIRE      | PISCES       | STARS    |
| ARIES     | CELESTIAL     | GEMINI    | PROGRESSIONS | SYNASTRY |
| ASCENDANT | CHART         | HOUSE     | RETROGRADE   | TAURUS   |
| ASTROLOGY | CONFIGURATION | INTERPRET | RISING       | TRANSIT  |
| BIRTH     | CONSTELLATION | LEO       | SAGITTARIUS  | VIRGO    |
| CALENDAR  | EARTH         | LIBRA     | SCORPIO      | WATER    |

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# OBITUARIES

## CLINTON

**Robert Bruce Adams, 85**, of 120 Southwood Drive, passed away at Mary-Gran Nursing Center on October 10, 2017. A Graveside Service will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2017 at 11:00 am at Clinton Cemetery with Dr. Robert Hunter officiating. Born on July 24, 1932 in Sampson County, Robert was the son to the late Mattie Bizzell and James Adams. He was a U.S. Army Veteran and a retired engineer with Westinghouse and Phillips Lighting. He is survived by his nephew, Larry Carter and wife, Betty of Clinton. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife, Mary Matilda Adams; his sister, Elizabeth Adams Carter and his brother, Henry Bizzell Adams. Condolences may be sent by visiting [www.royalhallfuneralhome.com](http://www.royalhallfuneralhome.com). Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Adams Family.



## SHELBY

**Mrs. Mary Lynn Beasley, 91** passed away Thursday, October 5, 2017 in Summerville, SC. Funeral services were held at 2:00pm Sunday, October 8, 2017 at Butler Funeral Home Chapel, burial followed at Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery in Garland. The family received friends from 6:00pm to 8:00pm Saturday, October 7, 2017 at the funeral home. She is preceded in death by her parents, Romley Mitchel Smith and Martha Irene Furnidge; husband, George Beasley; son, George Bradley Beasley; brother, Edgar Smith; sisters, Eloise Williams, Louise Cain, Vergie Starnes and Verbie Williams; and a grandchild, Amanda Tanner. She is survived by son, Larry Colon Beasley; daughter, Nicole Nettles & husband, Harry; sister, Resie Mae Wager and brother, Paul Mitchell Smith; grandchildren, Missy Blazier (Vance), Lori Griffin (Melvin), Larry Beasley, Jr. and Jonathan Beasley; and 6 great grandchildren. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro.



## WALLACE

**Sarah Lee Gideons Blanton, 88**, of Wallace left her earthly life for eternal rest on Friday, October 6, 2017 from New Hanover Regional Medical Center. She was surrounded by her loving children as she made the peaceful transition to her new home. She was born on May 6, 1929 in Pender County, the daughter of the late Leonard C. and Clyde Rivenbark Gideons. She was also preceded in death by her beloved husband, William Joseph "Joe" Blanton on May 3, 2017; her sisters, Lucille Proctor, Elizabeth "Mary" Brock, and Juanita Wells; brothers, William "Bill" Gideons, L. C. Gideons, and Cecil "Sambo" Gideons; son-in-law, Dean Hayes Rivenbark and special sister-in-law, Jean Gideons. Surviving to cherish her memory are her devoted daughters, Gloria Blanton and Jo Ann Rivenbark both of Surf City; her loving son, Roy L. Blanton and wife, Diane of Teachey; grandchildren, Lisa B. Gibson and husband, Chris, Jeridith P. Blanton and wife, Andrea, Deanna R. Taylor and husband Kevin, Jason H. Rivenbark and wife, Jennifer, and Darrell L. Blanton and wife, Amber; great grandchildren, Isabelle Gibson, Madeline Gibson, Tyler Blanton, Jake Rivenbark, Jenna Rivenbark, Bodie Taylor, Fisher Taylor and Brady Blanton; sister, Laura Johnson of Harrells; brother, Leophas "Possum" Gideons and wife, Annette of Wallace; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends that loved Sarah dearly. Sarah was a devoted wife and caring mother, grandmother and sister. She enjoyed the simplest things in life, but her greatest joy was her family, whom she loved with all her heart. Sarah was very talented in crocheting and knitting. For many years, she crocheted numerous head warmers (hats) that were given to new born babies at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. The highlight of Christmas-giving to her children and grandchildren was receiving Sarah's famous knitted dish cloths. Before retiring, Sarah and Joe were owners and managers of Little Farmers Seafood Market in Wallace. During that time Sarah made many friends that lasted a lifetime. She was a friend to all, a strong, yet gentle presence in the lives of those who were blessed to know her. Sarah was loved and will surely be missed, but treasured memories will remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved her. The family received friends at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at Quinn-McGowen Funeral Home Wallace Chapel with the service following at 3:00 p.m. The Rev. Dr. Dennis Bazemore will conduct the service. Burial followed at Rockfish Memorial Cemetery, Wallace, NC. The family would like to especially thank Dr. Jonathan Hines and Dr. Charles Neuwirth for their kindness and the compassionate care they gave to Sarah over the years. They would also like to extend their appreciation to the ER staff and 5th floor staff of NHRMC for the wonderful care they gave to Sarah her last few days on earth. To the staff of Woodbury Wellness, Sarah's family is very grateful for the love and care that was shown to both Sarah and Joe during their stay there. May God bless each of you for your dedication. Memorial gifts may be given to the Susan G Komen Cancer Research of NC, 600 Airport Blvd, Suite 100, Morrisville, NC 27560; online at [www.komennc.org](http://www.komennc.org) or to the charity of one's choice. Quinn-McGowen Funeral Home and Cremation Center of Wallace, NC.



## NEWTON GROVE

**Velma Louise Bryan, 90**, of Newton Grove, N.C., passed away peacefully on Friday, October 06, 2017 in Mary Gran Nursing Center, Clinton, N.C. Mrs. Bryan funeral service was held on Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel of West & Dunn Funeral Home in Newton Grove, N.C. Entombment will be in Wayne



Memorial Park following the funeral service. A visitation was held on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 from 6 to 8 p.m. Officiating the service was the Rev. Walter Gaskins. Mrs. Bryan is survived by her sons, Ronald Wynn and wife Patricia and Randolph Wynn and wife Linda all of Warner Robins, GA. Grandchildren, Lindsay Wynn Lanier, Clint Wynn, Shelly Wynn and husband Eric Harris, Randy Wynn and wife Melissa, Scott Wynn and wife Ashley, Carrie Wynn Luck, Sheri Wynn Self and husband Mickey and Suzanne Wynn Obst. Trusted friend, companion and worker Mr. Kelvin Williams. Mrs. Bryan was preceded in death by her husband Shelton W. Bryan and siblings Sara Gaultney, Thomas Oscar Jones Jr., Lucille Byrd, James Julious Jones and Sidney Jones. Online condolences may be made to [www.westanddunn.com](http://www.westanddunn.com). A Service of West & Dunn Funeral Homes, Inc., Newton Grove, North Carolina

## CLINTON

**Mrs. Jimmie Marie McCallop, 70**, of 784 Reedsford Road, Clinton, NC, died Tuesday at Cape Fear Health Center, Fayetteville, NC. The funeral service will be held at 11am, Saturday, October 14, 2017 at Lisbon St. Missionary Baptist Church, Clinton, NC with Elder Bobby Lamb officiating. Burial in Sandhill Cemetery, Clinton, NC.



Mrs. McCallop is survived by HUSBAND-Shelton McCallop of the home; DAUGHTER-Lassonja Allen of Henderson, NC; SONS-Omar McCallop of Raleigh, NC and Jamie McCallop of Mission Viejo, CA; SISTER-Wanda Townsend of North Charleston, SC; BROTHERS-Adolph Platt of Clinton, NC and Ronald Platt of High Point, NC; 10 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren. Visitation at the Church on Saturday, October 14, 2017, Public: 10am - 11am. Arrangements by Worley Funeral Home.

## CLINTON

**Meredith Keir Nordin, 27**

of Wilmington (formerly of Clinton) passed away on Monday, October 9, 2017. A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday evening, October 14, 2017 from 7-9 pm at Graves Memorial Presbyterian Church in the MacQueen Building, 201 Fayetteville Street, Clinton with Rev. Jerry Bron officiating. Meredith was born on June 2, 1990 in Montgomery, Alabama to her parents, David Charles and Brenda Bell Nordin. She was a 2008 graduate of Clinton High School and had passion for drawing, painting and music. She had so many friends who loved her free spirit and she had a zest for life that was contagious. She loved animals, especially her cat, Simon and dog, Piper. Those who had the pleasure of knowing her will miss her dearly. She is survived by her parents, David and Brenda Nordin; her brother John Nordin and Brittany Matthis of Clinton; her maternal grandparents, Ben & Diane Bell of Millersburg, Ohio; paternal grandparents, John & Lois Nordin of Frewsburg, New York; Uncles & Aunts: Brett & Deb Bell, Jeff & Jill Nordin, Mark & Becky Verhagen, Nancy & Kurt Cornfield and many cousins and friends. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Sampson County SPCA by visiting [www.animalshelter.org](http://www.animalshelter.org) or by mail to: SCSPCA, 435 Rowan Rd., Clinton, NC 28328; or to Graves Memorial Presbyterian Church Building Fund: 201 Fayetteville St., Clinton, NC 28328. Condolences may be sent by visiting [www.royalhallfuneralhome.com](http://www.royalhallfuneralhome.com). Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Nordin Family.



## CLINTON

**Ricky Hall Powell, 60**, of

5470 Taylor's Bridge Hwy, passed away at his home. A visitation was held at his home from 2 P.M. - 5 P.M., Sunday, October 8, 2017. Ricky, born in 1957, was the son of the late Remus Hall Powell and Mary Agnes Beck Powell. He was a retired farmer and a member of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a brother, Andy Powell. Survivors include; a daughter, Kaylyn Powell of Dunn; sisters, Tonya P. Pope and Cindy P. McLamb; brother, Jerry Powell; sister-in-laws, Wanda Powell and Kathy Powell; and brother-in-law, Deno McLamb. Memorials may be made to the Sampson County Friends for Animals, PO Box 1, Clinton, NC 28329. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.crumpler-honeycutt.com](http://www.crumpler-honeycutt.com). Arrangements are by Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville St., Clinton, NC 28328.



## ROSEBORO

**Mr. Harold Douglas Smith, Sr. 68** of 13207 NC Hwy

210, passed away Friday, October 6, 2017 at his home surrounded by his family. Funeral services were held at 3:00pm Monday, October 9, 2017 at Beaver Dam Baptist Church, officiating was Rev. Mack Roberts and Rev. Bryan Strickland. Burial followed in the church cemetery. The family received friends from 6:00pm to 8:00pm Sunday, October 8, 2017 at the funeral home. He is preceded in death by his father, Drew Simon Smith. Harold opened Harold's Automotive in 1994. He was a member of Beaver Dam Baptist Church, an avid drag racer, loved horses, loved his 1954 blue Chevy truck, classic cars and tractors. Harold loved many things, but most of all he loved his family. He is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Marilyn Riley Smith; son, Harold Douglas Smith, Jr. & wife, Cassie; daughter, Christy Smith Egan & husband, Jeremy; mother, Crystelle Mathews Smith; grandchildren, Callie Paige, Laney, Brycen, Callie Hughes and Claudia; siblings, Judy Haney, Franklin Smith, Leonard Smith, Marion Smith & wife, Janet, Mary Alice Underwood & husband, Donald Ray and Arnold Smith & wife, April and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro



Street, Roseboro.

## CLINTON

**Mr. Andrew Marson Warren, 19**, of 2650 Southeast Blvd.

Clinton, passed away Saturday, October 7, at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh. A committal service was held at 4:00 P.M. Tuesday, October 10 in the Clinton City Cemetery with a memorial service following at 5:00 P.M., at the Clinton High School Auditorium with the Rev. Matthew Barefoot and Dr. Gary Threatt officiating. Visitation with the family followed the service. Andrew, born in Wayne Co., was the son of William "Bill" Marson Warren and Lori Peterson Warren. Andrew was a 2017 graduate of Clinton High School where he was a member of the soccer team and the FFA. He was currently a freshman at N.C. State University Agriculture Institute majoring in animal science and was a member of The Vine Fellowship Church. He is survived by his parents William "Bill" Marson Warren and Lori Peterson Warren; brothers: Cole, Trey and Matthew Warren; paternal grandparents: Ronnie and Shelva Warren; maternal grandparents: Danny and Ann Peterson; uncles: Mark Warren, and Jeff Peterson and wife Kathy; aunts: Kimberly W. LaBorde and husband Nathan, and Dee Smith and husband Jeff; cousins; Ana Bateman, Kara Atkinson, Halee Smith, Hannah Smith, Gray Sutter, Sammy Sutter, Ally Sutter, Liam LaBorde, Rhys LaBorde. Memorial can be made in memory of Andrew to The Vine Fellowship, PO Box 581, Clinton, NC 28329.



## CLINTON

**Mrs. Mary Bullock, 89**, of Clinton, NC, passed away Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at Cape Fear Valley Health System, Fayetteville, NC. The funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time. Arrangements by Worley Funeral Home

## CLINTON

**Mrs. Esther Anna Smith, 87**, formerly of 502 Royal Lane, Clinton, NC, passed away Thursday, October 5, 2017 at Mary Gran Nursing Center, Clinton, NC. The funeral service will be held at 2pm, Saturday, October 14, 2017 at Wilson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Turkey, NC with the Rev. James Jackson officiating. Burial in Wilson Chapel Church Cemetery. Mrs. Smith is survived by DAUGHTERS-Annie Smith of Dunn, NC, Joyce Smith, Carrie Smith, Adaline Smith, Kathleen Smith, Darlene Smith, Julia Reyes, Cora Smith, Brenda Boykin and Linda Herring all of Clinton, NC; SON-Charles Smith of Clinton, NC; SISTERS-Mary Wilson of Magnolia, NC, Edna Wilson and Annie Smith both of Warsaw, NC; 31 grandchildren, 74 great-grandchildren and 7 great-great-grandchildren. Visitation at Worley Funeral Home, Public: 1pm - 6pm, Visitation: 5pm - 6pm. Arrangements by Worley Funeral Home.

## CLINTON

**Annie Grace Ezzell, 91**, of 120 Southwood Drive, passed away Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center. Annie, born in 1925 in Sampson County, was the daughter of the late Henry James Register, Sr. and Alice Elizabeth Hudson Register. She was a homemaker and a member of Warsaw Pentecostal Holiness Church. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by; husband, Tom Ezzell; daughter, Edna Jarman; and sister, Thelma Hatchell. A funeral service will be held at 3 P.M., Friday, October 13, 2017 at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home with the Reverend James Earl Herring officiating. Interment will follow at Devotional Gardens in Warsaw. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the funeral service at the funeral home and at other times at the home of her son, Ronnie, at 470 Carroll's Road, Warsaw. Survivors include; daughter, Linda Carroll of Warsaw; son, Ronald Ezzell and wife Brenda of Warsaw; grandchildren, Neil Carroll (Gail) of Clinton, Bonnie Joe Byrd (Floyd) of Turkey, Grace Carroll of Beulaville, Keith Ezzell (Shelia) of Clinton and Lisa Ezzell of Goldboro; seven great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; and brother, Henry Register Jr. (Helen) of Turkey; sister, Jean Tyler of Durham; and special brother-in-law, Roy Ezzell of Turkey. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.crumpler-honeycutt.com](http://www.crumpler-honeycutt.com). Arrangements are by Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville St., Clinton NC 28328.

## AUTRYVILLE

**Mr. Thomas John Falco, 70** of Autryville, passed away Friday, October 6, 2017 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington. A memorial service will be held at 3:00pm Saturday, October 14, at Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, with Reverend Linda McLymore officiating. Born December 10, 1946 in Brooklyn, New York, and was the son of the late John and Violeta Cirelli Falco. He worked as a Maintenance Supervisor with New York City Housing Authority. He is survived by his wife, Maria Aguilu; two daughters; three sons; several grandchildren; and one sister, Helen DeVane. The family will receive friends following the service. Services are by Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro.

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**Arrest Reports**

10-04 Gerard Andre Parker II, 23; 2500 Trinity Church Rd., Magnolia; Common Law Robbery; Simple Assault; 2 Counts: Communicating Threats; Second Degree Trespass; Secured Bond \$32,000; Court Date 10-06

10-04 Bobby Papazian Moore, 56; 205 Lenon St., Roseboro; Assault on a Female; No Bond; Court Date 11-13

10-04 Christina Eason, 36; 205 Lenon St., Roseboro; Simple Physical Assault; No Bond; Court Date 11-13

10-05 Elizabeth Joyce Sosebee, 32; 880 Baptist Chapel Rd., Autryville; Court Violations: Non Compliance; Court Date 10-25

10-05 Lazaro Javier Torres, 23; 507 East Chelly St., Warsaw; Speeding; DWLR; Secured Bond \$4,000; Court Date 10-23

10-05 Maria Darden Hicks, 34; 3204 Fayetteville Hwy., Dunn; Court Violations: Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear- Larceny; Court Violations: Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear- First Degree Trespass; Secured Bond \$3,000; Court Date 11-01

10-05 Chenelle Annette Stewart, 38; 21 Tarheel Dr., Clinton; Trespassing; Written Promise to Appear; Court Date 11-15

10-05 Maggie Vazquez, 51; 1596 W High Acres St., Lecanto; Larceny; Criminal Damage to Property; Secured Bond \$2,000; Court Date 10-31

10-06 Jimmie B Wilson, 51; 170 Dogwood Acres Lane, Clinton; 3 Counts: Obtaining Property False Pretense; 2 Counts: Larceny; Secured Bond \$15,000; Court Date 10-10

10-06 Carl Douglas Troublefield III, 36; 308 E Carter St., Clinton; Order for Arrest/Failure to Comply-Child Support; 2 Counts: Order for Arrest-Probation Violation; Secured Bond \$27,000; Court Date 10-06

10-06 Richard Allen Purdy Jr., 44; 131 Winn Dr., Louisburg; Simple Non-Physical Assault; No Bond; Court Date 10-31

10-07 Hailey Jordyn Eason, 19; 201 Underwood St., Clinton; 2 Counts: Contributing Delinquency of Juvenile; Child Abuse; Unsecured Bond \$1,500; Court Date 11-13

10-07 Brittany Montana Johnson, 28; 1333 Boren Brick Rd., Roseboro; Misdemeanor Larceny; Written Promise to Appear; Court Date 10-31

10-07 Leobardo Garcia Vega, 32; 671 Hollingsworth Rd., Mount Olive; DWI; Speeding; Drive Left of

Center; Reckless Driving to Endanger; Secured Bond \$750; Court Date 10-25

10-07 Miguel Flores Gonzalez, 45; 11 Country Manor Lane, Dunn; Failure to Appear- DWLR Not Impaired Revoked; Secured Bond \$1,000; Court Date 10-26

10-07 Jamiel Antonie Wright, 34; 603 Pine St., Clinton; Larceny; Secured Bond \$1,000; Court Date 10-23

10-07 Clyde Earl Gallagher, 55; 3181 Hobbton Hwy., Clinton; Felony Possession of Schedule II; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Secured Bond \$5,000; Court Date 11-03

10-07 Craig Colin Watkins, 35; 39 Gill Lane, Clinton; Assault by Strangulation; Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear- Possess Marijuana up to 1/2 ounce; Secured Bond \$100; Court Date 10-27

10-08 Santa Imelda Mazariegos, 26; 4751 Newton Grove Hwy., Newton Grove; Simple Non-Physical Assault; Secured Bond \$1,000; Court Date 11-06

10-08 John Henry Browdy, 61; 60 Crumpler Lake Lane, Clinton; Failure to Appear- DWI; Failure to Appear- No Operators License; Failure to Appear- Fail Maintain Lane Control; Failure to Appear- Expired Registration Card/Tag; Secured Bond \$3,000; Court Date 10-26

10-08 Lisa Kay Simmons, 47; 1871 Chancey Rd., Clinton; Trespassing; Unsecured Bond \$500; Court Date 11-01

10-08 Claudia Maribel Gonzales, 43; 3873 Needmore Rd., Turkey; Simple Physical Assault; No Bond; Court Date 10-31

10-08 Daniel De Jesus Caceres, 29; 493 Futrell Pope Lane, Clinton; Simple Assault; Written Promise to Appear; Court Date 10-31

10-09 Charles Jermaine Boykin, 31; 416 East Bay St., Warsaw; Larceny; Written Promise to Appear; Court Date 11-06

10-09 John Ray Faison, 30; 1839 Browns Church Rd., Clinton; Failure to Appear- DWLR; Resisting Public Officer; Secured Bond \$2,000; Court Date 10-30

10-10 Angela Renee Vaught, 37; 98 Lisa Lane, Clinton; Failure to Appear-DWLR; Failure to Appear- Expired Registration Card/Tag; Secured Bond \$1,000; Court Date 11-01

10-10 Santiz Hugo, 27; 85 ET Lane, Clinton; No Operators License; Reckless Driving; Leave the Scene of an Accident; Unsafe Tires; Fail to Wear Seat Belt-Driver; Secured Bond \$2,000; Court Date 12-04

10-10 Windy Faircloth Furin, 40; 125 Dunwoody Dr., Pikeville; 2 Counts: Traffic Methamphetamine; Secured

Bond \$150,000; Court Date 11-03

10-10 Jonathan Mack Simmons, 46; 910 Jasper St., Clinton; Domestic Criminal Trespassing; No Bond; Court Date 10-24

10-10 Philip Michael Tyner, 31; 109 Old Peniel Church Rd., Roseboro; DV Protective Order Violation; No Bond; Court Date 10-31

10-10 Deborah Ann Newkirk, 56; 802 Lisbon St., Apt A, Clinton; DWI; Court Date 11-02

10-11 Donnie Martin Stewart Jr., 38; 4927 Welcome School Rd., Godwin; Warrant for Arrest-Assault on a Female; Warrant for Arrest- Communicating Threats; Warrant for Arrest- Threatening Phone Call; No Bond; Court Date 10-24

10-11 Jeffrey Dean Howard Jr., 26; 99 Ascension Dr E112, Asheville; Failure to Appear- Felony Possession of Cocaine; Failure to Appear- Possess Drug Paraphernalia; Secured Bond \$10,000; Court Date 11-06

10-11 Juan Fernandez Flores, 24; 195 Linda Jane Lane, Fuquay-Varina; DWI; Improper Passing; Reckless Driving to Endanger; No Operators License; Secured Bond \$750; Court Date 10-25

10-11 Samuel Lee Fields, 21; 2139 Parker Memorial Rd., Clinton; Larceny; Secured Bond \$1,000; Court Date 10-31

**Incident/Investigation Reports**

10-04 Bryan Tew reported the Larceny of Vehicle Parts located at 2230 Hobbton Hwy., Clinton.

10-05 Robert Faircloth reported the Theft of a Trailer located at 3351 Five Bridge Rd., Clinton.

10-05 Anthony Locklear reported a Burglary located at 68 Mill Stone Lane, Godwin. Item reported missing US Currency.

10-05 Henry Harris reported the Larceny of Checks located at 3155 New Hope Church Rd., Turkey.

10-06 Dixie Jordan reported a Larceny located at 605 Beaverdam Rd., Clinton. Items reported missing included a stove, oven, toilet, sink, shower faucet, fixtures, shower plumbing pipes, carpet and roof sealant.

10-06 Mary Surcy reported a Burglary located at 488 Longview Lake Rd., Garland. Items reported missing included clothing, can foods, stand up mirror, bicycle and a snare drum.

10-06 Shirley Bass reported a Larceny located at 11254 Keener Rd., Faison. Items reported missing included a chainsaw and a generator.

10-07 Ramiro Casas reported the Larceny of a Generator located at 951 Maynard Rd., Godwin.

10-07 Johnny Jackson reported a Burglary located at 1526 Autryville Rd., Salemburg. Items reported missing included US Currency, medication and combination safe.

10-08 Jane Capps reported a Burglary located at 1200 Wilmington Hwy., Harrells. Items reported missing included a music system with subwoofer, laptop computer, clothing, portable heater, Christmas village, recreational vehicles, baseball cards, pots, pans, silverware and an air compressor.

10-09 Brandon Messimer reported a Larceny located at 334 Belvoir School Rd., Clinton. Items reported missing included tires and rims.

10-09 Irene Hernandez reported a Larceny located at 3331 Easy St., Dunn. Items reported missing included a wallet, US Currency, debit and credit cards.

10-09 Katherine Strickland reported the Larceny of Golf Cart Batteries located at 340 Moses Register Lane, Dunn.

10-10 Joe Jordan reported the Larceny of a Firearm located on Warren Mill Rd., Godwin.

10-10 Augustine Farms reported the Larceny of Recreational Vehicle located at 213 Wilbur Pridgen Rd., Harrells.

10-10 Jessie Callahan reported the Larceny of a Utility Trailer located at 1809 Huntley School Rd., Roseboro.

10-10 Joanna Martinez reported a Larceny located at 105 Hillcrest Lane, Faison. Items reported missing included a tin snips and a volt drill.

10-10 Ramiro Casas reported a Breaking and Entering located at 951 Maynard Rd., Godwin. Items reported missing included a firearm, TV and US Currency.

10-11 Rillo Henry Jr reported a Burglary located at 870 Rackley Rd., Clinton. Items reported missing included a TV and Vehicle Rims.

10-11 Charlie Goodrich reported the Larceny of a Trailer located at 1605 Cooper Rd., Salemburg.

10-11 Carl Faircloth reported the Larceny of a Firearm located at 334 Ira B Tart Rd. Dunn.

10-11 John Pigford reported a Burglary located at 2735 Buckhorn Rd., Harrells. Items reported missing included two TV's.

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

-Seth Nathaniel Garber to McKenzie LaRosa Dick

**Land Transfers**

-William Sykes Butler, Martha Anne West Carver. Margaret Maness Butler Jernigan, Richard Edward Jernigan, Elizabeth Neill West to Dwayne Ellis Saunders- North Clinton Two Tracts

-Wade McMillan to Dwayne Ellis Saunders- North Clinton Two Tracts

-Tara Elizabeth Strickland to Jose Juan Pineda Hernandez- North Clinton 0.35 Acres

-Brenda Sutton Carpenter/AIF, Edna Earl Sutton/By AIF to G&C Swine Farms LLC- 9 Tracts Piney Grove

-Myrtice Marie Moore to Hemma Holdings LLC- North Clinton Township

-Elaine F Beatty, Gene T Beatty to Elaine F Beatty, Gene T Beatty, Jawan Rikim Beatty- Honeycutt Seven Tracts

-Brandon Parrish/MGR, PC Property LLC to Jessi Karen Maitland- Lot 19 Brookwind Subdivision Phase One

-Thornton Logging Co to Jose Salazar Hernandez, Tomasa Hernandez- 1.16 Acres South Clinton

-Judy Strickland David to Chuckie McKinney II, Melanie McKinney- 1.0 Acre Herring

-Jackie Allen King, Mary Ivey King to Jackie Allen King Revocable Trust, Jackie Allen King/TR, Mary Ivey King/TR, Mary Ivey King Revocable Trust- 7 Parcels

-Mary Dixon, Cora Lee Frink to Charles H Dubose Sr Estate, Benjamin R Warrick/ADMR- McDaniels Lot 14 0.56 Acres

-Richard Cullen West to Nancy Tart Tew, Patricia Tart White- 3 Tracts Plainview

-Lisa R Grant/AIF, Clara W Parker/By AIF to Clara W Parker, Robyn Benson Parker- Taylors Bridge 15.06 Acres w/exceptions

**Sampson County VITAL STATS**

**Deaths**

- Carl Branch Crumpler
- James Earl Hargrove
- Barbara Patterson Kerr
- Lillie Eleanor King
- Ricky Hall Powell
- Eva Eloise Rose
- Layla Ramirez
- Kenneth Thomas West

**Births**

- James Parker Brewington born on September 17, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to James Christopher Brewington and Sarah Osborne Brewington
- Kevin Paul born on September 19, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Fedline Fiseme
- Mia Victoria Ontiveros born on September 21, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Mario Ontiveros and Martha Maricela Diaz Olguin
- Bella Sofia Acosta born on September 26, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Sabrina Evans

**Marriage Certificates**

- Johnnie Randall Thornton to Staci Gorby Denning
- Davis Henry Allen Jordan to Brittany Sue Mooring



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# Chamber Chat

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

The Chamber is excited to continue to offer Matching Grant Opportunities to the members of the Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce for both façade improvements and capital equipment. With the second deadline approaching on November 30th, I encourage you to learn more about this opportunity by visiting [www.clintonsampsonchamber.org](http://www.clintonsampsonchamber.org).

The matching grant for outside improvements is a program designed to assist Chamber members with financial support in regards to the outside of their business. In an effort to help beautify our county and give back to the community, we are introducing this incentive to all Chamber businesses. The goal of the Matching Grant for Outside Improvements is to provide an economic incentive to renovate storefronts for Chamber members and/or to assist in the upkeep and appearance of their business to continue economic growth. Examples of Qualifying for Outside Grant include: Signage, Paint, Siding, Roofing, Awnings, Hand rails, Windows, Becoming handicapped accessible, Etc.

The second matching grant is designed to assist Chamber Members in the purchase of equipment that will increase their customer base and target markets. The goal of the Capital Equipment Incentive is that the addition of the equipment will expand their business, in turn, creating jobs.

To be eligible for this grant program, the business must be an Active Chamber Member for at least 2 years, requested by the owners and/or tenants (any tenant must have the owner's written permission included in the application). Grants are given on a 50/50-matching reimbursement basis

The reimbursement grant will be funded up to 4 times a year with a maximum limit of up to \$500 each grant, per recipient, per year – totaling \$2,000 to four separate chamber members each year. For example: if a business owner purchased, or plans to purchase, new signage that could improve the façade of their business that costs \$1,200, the Chamber Member could apply for the Outside Improvement grant and if accepted, would receive up to \$500 reimbursement grant to use towards the cost of the sign. Each project using grant funds must be complete within 90 days after the grant is funded or within the previous 6 months.

As always, I encourage you to let the Chamber work for you! For more information about the Chamber Grant Program, contact the Chamber office at (910) 592-6177, e-mail [info@clintonsampsonchamber.org](mailto:info@clintonsampsonchamber.org), or visit [www.clintonsampsonchamber.org](http://www.clintonsampsonchamber.org).

# Congratulations Chamber Member of the Week



Congratulations to the Chambers Member of the Week, Sandpiper Seafood!

## 13 FEARLESS THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER



While many of us look forward to Friday, with its end-of-the-workweek designation and our weekend plans, certain cultures consider it an unlucky day. Some people, suffering from triskaidekaphobia, are truly terrified of the number 13. Combine the two factors and it's not surprising that many believe that Friday the 13th is a frightening day.

While superstitions play an important part in the Friday the 13th jitters, we offer a different approach to this "unlucky" day with 13 fearless things to know about your Social Security number and card.

1. Your Social Security number is your link to Retirement or Disability benefits since we use it to record your wages and earnings.
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# NASCAR INSIDER

by RICK MINTER / Andrews McMeel Syndication

## Martin Truex Jr. continues his red-hot season

On several occasions this season — and in recent years as well — Martin Truex Jr. has seen other drivers surge forward in the latter stages and win races he'd dominated.

But on Sunday at Charlotte Motor Speedway, it was a slow-starting Truex who motored to the front and led the final 57 laps to get his sixth win of the season and one that guarantees him a berth in the playoff's Round of Eight, which begins after two more races — first at Talladega Superspeedway on Sunday and at Kansas Speedway the following week.

Truex qualified an uncharacteristically poor 17th and was unable to break into the top 10 in the first 90-lap stage. He did finish fourth in the second stage, earning seven points, as Kevin Harvick, who led a race-high 149 laps, won both stages.

Truex took the lead for the first time on Lap 234 of 377, then took the lead for good from Harvick just after one of several restarts.

Truex survived two late restarts, including the final one, which was an overtime run to the checkered flag, to secure his 13th career Cup victory.

Chase Elliott finished second, an increasingly familiar scenario for him, with Harvick third, followed by polesitter Denny Hamlin and Jamie McMurray.

Truex said in his winner's interview that if he'd had the same good fortune elsewhere that he had at Charlotte, his season win total would be much higher.

"I think, honestly, we could be sitting with 10, 10 or so, and that's a

realistic number," he said. "This is racing. A lot of times things aren't going to go your way. That's just the way it works."

He added that he's plenty happy with the six wins he does have.

"Just an amazing year, and thankful for everyone, and honestly we don't really think about the ones that got away, we just figure out how to not let it happen again," he said. "We've lost enough that we've learned enough from them, I think, and hopefully that makes us better going forward."

Truex became emotional in Victory Lane when he talked about his girlfriend, Sherry Pollex, who missed the race due to health concerns related to a chemotherapy treatment the Monday before.

"She probably could have come, but it was a little bit of the weather, and mostly that it's kind of risky for her to be around too many people right now after having chemo Monday," he said. "Germs and something as simple as a cold could put her in the hospital. It's not worth the risk."

Truex said that between his earlier career setbacks and Pollex's battle with ovarian cancer, he's learned to take the ups and downs of the sport in stride.

"You never know what can happen next week," he said. "You could win 10 races in a row and then all of a sudden you can't do anything right."

Thinking about that in Victory Lane led to the tears, he said. "There's just so many things that you're thinking about and so much emotion and so much you're thankful for, because this stuff is so hard, and you never know if you'll get another chance to do it," he said.



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**Truex was visibly emotional after the race, as he commented on girlfriend Sherry Pollex's continued fight against ovarian cancer.**



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**Martin Truex Jr. celebrates his sixth race win of the season with a burnout at Charlotte Motor Speedway on Sunday.**

## Alex Bowman breaks through; four drivers eliminated from Xfinity playoffs

For some time now, Alex Bowman has been regarded as a driver with great potential, but until Saturday night's Xfinity Series race at Charlotte Motor Speedway, he didn't have the results to back it up.

But in the Race for a Cure 300, Bowman, making his first Xfinity start of the season, drove past William Byron with 32 laps remaining and scored his first major NASCAR victory.

Bowman, who is set to take over the No. 88 Chevrolet on the Cup circuit from the retiring Dale Earnhardt Jr., last went to Victory Lane on Oct. 19, 2012, at Kansas Speedway, when he scored his sixth career ARCA victory.

NASCAR racing, before Saturday, had been a struggle for the now-24-year-old Bowman. In fact, prior to Saturday, he'd run a total of 133 events in the Cup, Xfinity and Camping World Truck Series with just five top-five finishes, all in Xfinity.

He spent most of the past two seasons running racing simulators for Hendrick Motorsports, although he did fill in for Earnhardt last season, and nearly won a Cup race at Phoenix after starting from the pole.

For Saturday's race, he drove the No. 42 Chevrolet owned by Chip Ganassi, with sponsorship from his NASCAR boss, Rick Hendrick. It was just his third race of the season, the other two being the non-points Clash at Daytona for Cup Series pole winners from the previous season and a truck race at Atlanta, in which he finished sixth.

At Charlotte, Bowman raced among the top five for most of the race. On a restart with 34 laps remaining, he lined up ninth but took the lead for good from William Byron just two laps later and was never challenged for the remainder of the race.

"I can't thank Mr. (Rick) Hendrick and Chip Ganassi enough for letting me drive this car," Bowman said in his TV interview following the race. "It's been a long time since I've raced. My pit stops were terrible. I didn't do a good job on pit road, but I felt like my restarts were really good. It feels amazing to finally get us one."

Earnhardt tweeted his congratulations just after the race: "That @AlexBRacing can wheel. Pure talent. Can't wait to watch him do amazing things next year in the @nationwide88."

Completing the top five were Sam Hornish Jr. in second place, followed by Ryan Blaney, Austin Dillon and Brennan Poole. Daniel Suarez, who led the most laps (111), finished eighth after a slow pit stop hampered him in the closing laps.

The 300 was the final race of the first round of the Xfinity playoffs. Four drivers were eliminated after the race. They were Blake Koch, Jeremy Clements, Michael Annett and Brendan Gaughan, who missed making the Round of Eight by just one point.

"We had a decent season, but I wouldn't say great," Gaughan said. "We're going to go on and try to see if we can win a couple of races. ... Nothing ever comes easy around me and (crew chief) Shane Wilson, but we wouldn't want it any other way."



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**Alex Bowman secured his first-ever win in one of NASCAR's top series with a late surge past William Byron, then held on to take the checkered flag in Saturday's Race for a Cure 300.**

## NUMERICALLY SPEAKING

**7** Cup wins by Ford in the past 10 races at Talladega Superspeedway, including the past four

**9** Career laps led at Talladega by Kyle Larson — the fewest of any driver in the Round of 12 in the playoffs

**2,922** Laps run among the top 15 at Talladega by Matt Kenseth since 2005 to lead all active drivers

**12** Top-10 finishes this season for Daniel Suarez, whose sixth-place finish at Charlotte was his third straight finish of eighth or better

## Races at Talladega and Kansas will determine the remaining qualifiers for the Round of Eight

Points standings and race results from Sunday's Bank of America 500 at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

**1. MARTIN TRUEX JR.**

*3,106 points (finished first)*

The season's dominant driver started the weekend slower than usual, but rallied at the end to get his sixth win of the season and his fifth on a mile-and-a-half track. He's now assured of a berth in the Round of Eight and looking like a lock for a spot in the championship round due to his 64 playoff points, which he can carry into every round other than the final, one-race run to the title at Homestead.



**5. DENNY HAMLIN**

*3,056 points (finished fourth)*

Hamlin's pit crew capitalized on the pole position and the pick of pit stalls that comes with it. They took the first box and consistently gained him spots every time he drove down pit road.

"Definitely pit crew did a phenomenal job," he said. "We were decent in the long run, but ... not as fast as what we needed to be short or long."



**9. MATT KENSETH**

*3,043 points (finished 11th)*

At one point Kenseth was racing near the front; the next he was struggling to stay in the top 10. "It was just so loose you just couldn't drive it," he said. "We got a little bit better that last long run. ... I couldn't restart either. It was just a frustrating day all around."



**2. KYLE LARSON**

*3,072 (finished 10th)*

At times, Larson's No. 42 Chevrolet seemed fast enough to outrun Truex's No. 78 Toyota, but his tire carrier slipped on their final pit stop. Larson battled back only to have contact with Kurt Busch, which damaged his car and took away a chance to contend for victory. "Disappointing, but we fought hard," he said.



**6. KYLE BUSCH**

*3,055 points (finished 29th)*

Busch entered Charlotte riding a two-race win streak, but crashed on Lap 137 after leading 22 laps. He continued on despite high heat levels inside his damaged car and finished five laps down. He was treated by medical personnel immediately after climbing from his car for high carbon monoxide levels, but seemed fine afterward.



**10. BRAD KESELOWSKI**

*3,042 points (finished 15th)*

A so-so performance for a team that typically runs well at Charlotte. "It seems like Charlotte and Kansas we have just not been able to connect what we're looking for here the last two fall races," Keselowski said. "Hopefully, we can go to Talladega and connect with what we're looking for."



**3. KEVIN HARVICK**

*3,069 points (finished third)*

Harvick looked like a potential winner until the VHT that was sprayed onto the high groove to improve traction began to wear off. "That's about where we were going to run, second or third," he said. "We just kind of lost a little bit of the track there as the VHT started to wear off in the second half of the race."



**7. JIMMIE JOHNSON**

*3,051 points (finished seventh)*

Johnson recorded another top-10 finish, his second in a row and his fourth in the past five races, but he's yet to show the speed he did in winning seven championships since 2006. "I want to be great; I'm tired of being good," he said.



**11. RYAN BLANEY**

*3,039 points (finished eighth)*

He started 15th and was soon outside the top 20, but he battled back and scored a top-10 finish. Among the obstacles his Wood Brothers team had to overcome was a broken tether on the left rear of the car, which meant his jack man needed some extra, time-consuming pumps to get the car high enough to change the tires.



**4. CHASE ELLIOTT**

*3,059 points (finished second)*

Elliott wasn't nearly as let down by Sunday's runner-up finish as he was the one from the week before at Dover. It was the sixth second-place finish of his Cup career, his fourth of the season and more importantly his third since the start of the playoffs. His consistency, if maintained, should propel him into the finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway.



**8. JAMIE MCMURRAY**

*3,044 points (finished fifth)*

His best run in weeks puts him in position to advance to the next round of the playoffs if he can keep up the performance. He earned nine stage points early on, then recorded his third top-five finish of the season. And he's a two-time winner at Talladega.



**12. RICKY STENHOUSE JR.**

*3,034 points (finished 13th)*

Stenhouse overcame a penalty for speeding on his final pit stop but drove back into the top 15 at the finish. Now he heads to his best track, Talladega Superspeedway, where he's won the past two races and has an average finish of 10.4, best among active Cup drivers.

