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### WEATHER

**Fri** Partly Cloudy  
20%

Hi: 68° Lo: 41°

**Sat** Cloudy  
0%

Hi: 58° Lo: 41°

**Sun** Sunny  
0%

Hi: 65° Lo: 39°

**Mon** Sunny  
10%

Hi: 66° Lo: 42°

**Tues** Partly Cloudy  
20%

Hi: 73° Lo: 57°

**Wed** Rain  
70%

Hi: 64° Lo: 42°

## Proposal to Name Hwy 24 for Sampson's Only Medal of Honor Recipient



Rufus Geddie Herring (June 11, 1921 – January 31, 1996) was a United States Naval Reserve officer and a recipient of America's highest military decoration, the Congressional Medal of Honor, for his actions in World War II.

A Sampson County native and life-long resident of Roseboro, Geddie Herring has an astonishing list of accolades and accomplishments. A local group now seeks to honor Lt. Commander Geddie Herring by having a portion of Hwy 24 near Roseboro named for the Medal of Honor recipient.

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## CHRISTMAS WITH THE EMBERS



*\*Celebrate the Christmas Holidays The Embers featuring Craig Woolard bring Christmas Performance to Clinton at 7 PM on Tues., Dec. 5*

When local music fans think of The Embers, Christmas music probably isn't going to be the first thing that pops into their head.

This legendary North Carolina band is much more likely to have their music played at the beach than an ice skating rink, but on Tuesday, December 5th, the North Carolina Music Hall of Famers will perform their Christmas Holiday show at the Sampson County Exposition Center.

Bobby Tomlinson, the longtime leader and founding member of the band, says "the Embers are a perennial summer band that also can tour during the fall and winter months. All the clubs in Myrtle Beach, like the Alabama Theatre, have been doing Christmas shows for years, so we started performing one about nine years ago. This concert doesn't have anything to do with beach music; it's 100% Christmas music; its 'Christmas with the Embers.' We have all varieties of Christmas music and even a snow machine. It's exactly what you would expect at one of the Myrtle Beach venues, but we take our Christmas concert out on the road."

Tomlinson is clear that when the Embers perform the Christmas show, the audience will hear holiday standards, not the beach songs they play during the warmer months. The band enjoys switching up its musical choices during these shows, bringing the joy of the season to a new group of fans – just as it did when they were invited to entertain US Troops a few years back. "I got an email from the office of a general who was a big Embers fan, who had been transferred from Fayetteville to South Korea," Tomlinson said. "His cultural attaché asked if it would be possible for us to perform for the troops the following Christmas; I asked, 'What's wrong with this year?' We put it together real quick and flew over there, and we actually performed two years in a row."

For this family friendly performance, the stage will be fully decorated for Christmas and will feature all your favorite Christmas hits. The performance is suitable for patrons all ages and is sure to put you in the Christmas spirit.

Tickets for Christmas with the Embers are available online at [www.sampsoncenterstage.com](http://www.sampsoncenterstage.com) or by calling the Sampson CenterStage Box Office at 910-592-7200. The Sampson CenterStage Box Office is open Monday-Friday from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm and on the day of the concert until 7:00 pm.

## National Native American Heritage Month Celebrated the Entire Month of November



In 1990, President George H. W. Bush approved a resolution declaring November 1990 "National American Indian Heritage Month." The declaration stated in part, "the President has authorized and requested to call upon Federal, State and local Governments, groups and organizations and the people of the United States to observe such month with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities".

Successive United States presidents have continued to set aside the month of November as a commemorative month aimed to provide a platform for Native people in the United States of America to share their culture, traditions, music, **NATIVE HERITAGE, see P. 4**

### WEEKLY VERSE

*Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.*  
Isaiah 7:14

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**LOCAL NEWS**

# Sampson County Convention & Visitors Bureau Announces Capital Grant Program



The Sampson County Convention & Visitors Bureau (SCCVB) has revealed the newest tool in its arsenal aimed to assist in the development and growth of tourism throughout Sampson County. On November 28, 2017, the Sampson County CVB Board of Directors approved the implementation and funding of the Sampson County Convention & Visitors Bureau Capital Grants Program.

The SCCVB Capital Grant Program (CGP) was developed to stimulate economic growth by supporting non-profit visitor attractions in Sampson County, NC. The program allows the SCCVB to award capital grant funding to organizations whose projects are designed or developed to attract visitors to Sampson County. The program allows eligible organizations to receive funding for the development of new visitor attractions or to organizations that are working to enhance or restore existing structures and other projects whose primary mission is to serve visitors to Sampson County.

Capital Grant Funds may be granted for projects such as new brick and mortar construction, maintenance and preservation of historic attractions, cultural and historical acquisitions, conservation of artifacts, or other infrastructure that improves the CVB's ability to promote tourism and that assists in attracting visitors to Sampson County. "Primary consideration will be given to those projects that have the greatest potential for positive economic impact for tourism within the County. Highest priority will be given to those projects which are more likely to promote and generate travel from outside Sampson County and that lead to overnight stays among our local lodging establishments" stated Sheila Barefoot, Director of the Sampson County CVB.

CVB Board Member and Chair, Julie Stadig stated, "Projects performed under the CGP must be for travel and tourism development only and may not contain or include elements not related to destination development. Projects not adhering to this provision will not be considered. All projects approved for funding must prove that they attract and serve visitors to Sampson County as their primary purpose."

Organizations that may apply for CGP funding include any legally chartered 501-(c)3 non-profit Sampson County organization or chartered municipality representing a visitor attraction, which includes tourism promotion among its major activities. Documentation of legal status, tax exemption, federal identification number, budget, and organizational purpose are required with all applications. The organization applying for funds must show that they own the property, and it is not leased by the organization. However, if an organization making a request does not own the land or the structure to be preserved or built on a particular site, the organization may provide properly executed documents that state the organization has a permanent easement for the site, including ingress and egress.

The Sampson County Convention & Visitors Bureau CGP will use a matching grant formula whereby organizations may be awarded one grant dollar for each dollar spent by the organization, up to \$50,000 per project. Due to the potential number of grant applications that may be received annually, the full amount of an organization's grant request may not be awarded. It is anticipated that typical grant awards may average between \$5,000 and \$10,000. The SCCVB Capital Grant Program has a cap of \$50,000 per organization. Once this amount has been distributed to an organization, the organization must sit out of the grant application process for a period of three (3) years from date of final funding from the CVB. In addition, multiple non-profits may not apply to receive funding for the same project.

SCCVB Director, Sheila Barefoot stated, "the Sampson County CVB Capital Grant Committee will process Capital Grant Applications twice per fiscal year (August & January) or until such time that the annual allocation is exhausted. Applications for the first cycle may be submitted from July 1st until July 30th, and must be postmarked no later than July 30th for consideration during the August cycle. Applications for the second cycle may be submitted from November 30th to December 31st, and must be postmarked no later than December 31st for consideration during the January cycle. Capital Grant applicants must contain the written approval or a formal resolution of the organizations governing board, and include relevant municipal government endorsement, and a list providing other individuals or organizations that have made contributions to the proposed project."

Funding for the SCCVB Capital Grant Program is provided through room occupancy taxes (ROT) that are collected by Sampson County's lodging establishments which are generated as a result of overnight lodging by visitors to Sampson County. The SCCVB will allocate 33% of all room occupancy taxes collected to the Capital Grant Program on an annual basis.

"It is the mission of the Sampson County Convention & Visitors Bureau to market and promote Sampson County, its assets, and its industry partners to attract both business and leisure travelers to Sampson County," stated Julie Stadig, CVB Board Chair. "During the past year, the SCCVB contracted with Magellan Strategy Group to assist in developing a strategic plan created to identify Sampson County's strengths and weaknesses as related to tourism and tourism development and to create a roadmap that will allow the CVB to meet the objectives identified. Since the strategic plan was adopted, two of the primary goals identified in the strategic plan have now been achieved stated Stadig, including the recent adoption and approval allowing the ROT rate to be raised from 3% to 6% and now with the implementation of the CVB's Capital Grant Program."

The Sampson County CVB was approved and enacted to be a public authority established through legislation by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina and adopted, approved, and enacted by the Sampson County Board of Commissioners with the purpose of promoting the development of travel and tourism related activities in Sampson County, through state, regional and national advertising, marketing and promotional activities and campaigns.

For more information or details about the SCCVB Capital Grant Program or to receive grant guidelines and applications, contact Sheila Barefoot, Director at 910-592-2557 or via email at sbarefoot@visitsampsonnc.com. The Sampson County CVB's offices are inside the Sampson County Exposition Center located at 414 Warsaw Road, Clinton, NC.

**DANGEROUS DOG APPEAL HEARING**

The Sampson County Board of Health  
will hold a *Dangerous Dog Appeal Hearing* on  
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Sampson Community College's Building and Construction Trades department is known for its unique hands-on program that allows students to construct real houses that are later sold to the public. However, the group has branched out under the leadership of Barney Grady, head of that department. Lt. Marcus Smith of the Sampson County Sheriff's Department is heading up a project involving SCC students. The construction of a 30 x 60-foot shelter is underway to house a new armored truck the Sheriff's Department has recently acquired as well as other equipment that needs to be protected. Mr. Jimmy Sinclair, of J.E. Sinclair Construction company, partnered with the students and brought his crane to erect

trusses for the large building. Sinclair regularly participates in projects involving SCC and lends assistance and advice to the program. The project exposes students to a different type of construction, to include building layout, cranes, and metal roofing. In this photo, two students take a break between trusses.

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# 101 Birthday Celebration

Deacon William Richard Kornegay of Newton Grove, NC currently residing at Southwood Nursing Home celebrated his 101st birthday on November 11, 2017 at his favorite restaurant, Holts Lake. He was surrounded by family and friends.



Deacon Kornegay is a retired farmer and community activist. He enjoyed gardening and always share with neighbors and friends. He remains a member of White Oak Disciples of Christ Church where he previously served as Deacon, Trustee, Usher, Missions and sang in the Senior Choir.

He currently enjoys interacting and joking with his family and the nursing staff at Southwood.

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# LOCAL NEWS

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Leading that cause is Roseboro's Greg Butler. "I have always held the utmost respect for Mr. Geddie, not only for his amazing heroic accomplishments on that single day during the Battle of Iwo Jima, but for his lifetime of humble service to his community, his church and his family."

'That single day' Butler refers to is detailed in a harrowing account of Lt. Commander Geddie Herring's Medal of Honor Citation, which reads:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as Commanding Officer of LCI (G) 449 operating as a unit of LCI (G) Group EIGHT, during the pre-invasion attack on Iwo Jima on 17 February 1945. Boldly closing the strongly fortified shores under the devastating fire of Japanese coastal defense guns, Lieutenant (then Lieutenant, Junior Grade,) Herring directed shattering barrages of 40-mm. and 20-mm. gunfire against hostile beaches until struck down by the enemy's savage counterfire which blasted the 449's heavy guns and whipped her decks into sheets of flame. Regaining consciousness despite profuse bleeding he was again critically wounded when a Japanese mortar crashed the conning station, instantly killing or fatally wounding most of the officers and leaving the ship wallowing without navigational control. Upon recovering the second time, Lieutenant Herring resolutely climbed down to the pilot house and, fighting against his rapidly waning strength, took over the helm, established communication with the engine room and carried on valiantly until relief could be obtained. When no longer able to stand, he

## NATIVE HERITAGE, cont. from 1

crafts, dance, and ways and concepts of life.

That call, to set aside November in honor of the original inhabitants of what is now the United States, and their descendants, may be as dominate in Sampson County as anywhere in our state. The success of National Native American Heritage Month in Sampson County is in no small way due in part to the Richard Clinton Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

In October, Betty Lou Griffin and the Richard Clinton Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution petitioned the County and all municipalities within Sampson County, to proclaim November as National American Indian Heritage Month.

Those efforts were successful reports Griffin, with all of Sampson County united in observing November in honor of Native American Heritage.

"It is rewarding," states Griffin, "to see that your actions show unity for the entirety of Sampson County municipalities. I feel sure that your constituents share my enthusiasm. One hundred percent participation shows our county American Indian population that we honor and appreciate them, and their ancestral contributions. So important were these that many historians voice that the survival of the colonists depended upon them. Without their assistance, our history could have evolved differently."

Griffin goes on to say, "To my knowledge, we are the only Daughters of the American Revolution chapter that gets this done County wide. It is important since North Carolina has the largest Native American population east of the Mississippi River."



propped himself against empty shell cases and rallied his men to the aid of the wounded; he maintained position in the firing line with his 20-mm guns in action in the face of sustained enemy fire and conned his crippled ship to safety. His unwavering fortitude, aggressive perseverance and indomitable spirit against terrific odds reflect the highest credit upon Lieutenant Herring and uphold the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Of all the men and women that have served their country from North Carolina, only 33 have received the Medal of Honor. Geddie Herring was one of those few, and appears to be the single recipient from Sampson County. That's not surprising considering the award has been issued only 3,517 times, even though it remains the oldest continuously issued combat decoration of the United States armed forces.

But as Greg Butler explains, R. Geddie Herring was a hero in his own right, not just for his Navy service, but for service to his community when he returned home as well.

Herring returned to Roseboro where he pursued a career in business. He married Ginny Lee and the couple had three children: Max, Susan and Stanley.

When Herring left the Pacific to settle in Sampson County, he brought with him his leadership ability which he used to help further his community, his church and those he came to know. From 1947 to 1950 Herring served as Mayor of Roseboro. And in 1995, R. Geddie Herring received the highest award given to an individual from the State of North Carolina.

The Order of the Long Leaf Pine was bestowed to Herring at Duke University Hospital on October 20, 1995. It was presented by Major General, Gerald A. Rudisill on behalf of Governor James B. Hunt.

In 1999, Lt. Commander R. Geddie Herring was posthumously inducted into the Sampson County Hall of Fame.

Greg Butler says that almost all hurdles have been completed in getting the portion of Hwy 24 in Roseboro named for Herring. One of the last issue is to have the County sign a resolution in support. Butler will present that resolution Monday night at the next Sampson County Board of Commissioners meeting.

Given Mr. Herring's service in all aspects of life, one would expect a quick approval and nod of support.

Butler concludes, "Mr. Geddie and Ms. Ginny Lee, his dear wife of 47 years, were the epitome of grace, service, and class. Though his receiving the Congressional Medal of Honor was justly deserved because of his heroic actions during WWII, Mr. Geddie did not need a medal to identify him as a hero. For myself and many others, Mr. Geddie was a hero throughout his life and not just for those heroic acts off the shores of Iwo Jima in 1945."



## Christmas with The Embers

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# We Should Know . . .



Mary Rose and Kaitlin Adkins with JW Simmons, Host of We Should Know

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

This week's topic is shopping at home in downtown Clinton, and the guests for the show are Mary Rose, Planning & Development Director for the City of Clinton; and Kaitlin Adkins, Executive Director of the Clinton – Sampson Chamber of Commerce.

A special guest dropped by at the beginning of the show, Gary Wayne Hall, owner of Sessoms Jewelry, to discuss the recent success of Small Business Saturday which occurred this past weekend. JW Simmons asks Hall to discuss his experience with Small Business Saturday.

Hall begins, "Anyone in Sampson County appreciates the fact that we do spend their dollars here. If you work here and spend it generates our ability to help the schools, churches, and the local community. So, every dime spent at a small business is basically turned around to help other local causes we have."

"It keeps the Chamber going," adds Hall. "I'm fortunate in that I had an opportunity to go to work with a gentleman who had a family background, as well as myself, in Sampson County, and wanted to see things go on."

"Someone asked me the other day, Gary Wayne you about ready to retire? I said, I'm ready to retire, but who's going to take my place? I have a passion and love for Sampson County and I was lucky to marry a local girl whose dad gave me the opportunity to come work at Sessoms Jewelry. And I've work hard to make sure local people get an honest, trustworthy individual like myself and Deborah that will take care of them when they come in a timely matter and at a reasonable price."

Gary Wayne Hall says that at Sessoms Jewelry, they are more service orientated than product oriented. "We have several large corporations around here that depend on us to get them our watches, plaques and award gifts as recognition for someone. And I am proud to say that if they look on the back of it they see Sessoms Jewelry. It says they went to a local jewelry store to get it. They didn't go online to Amazon or somewhere else to get a cheap price for it."

"They wanted to get something they knew they would appreciate, get it wrapped and say I got mine at Sessoms Jewelry. And Gary Wayne and his wife have been good supporters of the community, and we look forward to seeing them for other things. At Sessoms Jewelry, in

downtown Clinton, we are proud to part of the community."

Next, JW Simmons says that we have past the Thanksgiving holiday and are in the Christmas season. A busy time of year for his next guests, Mary Rose and Katlin Adkins. He begins this segment of the show stating that of the nearly 4 million retail shops in our nation, as many as 99% of those are considered small businesses with less than 50 employees.

He asks Katlin Adkins to discuss how her efforts help fortify and bring in new business. Adkins explains, "Well, the Chamber always supports shopping small and shopping local. And also, the majority of our members in Sampson County are small businesses."

"We do have those big industry leaders," says Adkins, "but the majority of our members are small businesses. And we see that growing continuously through the year."

Next, Simmons turns to Mary Rose to ask as director of the planning and zoning department, often people think of her office as working to restrict business, but in fact, restriction is a very small part of what she does. Simmons asks Rose to comment on that assessment.

"It is a very small piece of it," says Rose. "In fact, for the longest time I've tried to get people to understand, we are the Clinton-Sampson Planning and Development department. And I try not to use the word zoning as much. Zoning is a component of it, but what most people don't realize is the rules and regulations are there to help the citizen."

Rose explains that her department's role is in the planning and development of the community, and zoning is a small part of that role. "I think it's a positive," adds Rose. "I think managed growth and planned development is a good thing."

Simmons next asks Adkins about how small businesses and downtown businesses often see people as more than just a customer, but rather most often these businesses often view people more as neighbors.

"Absolutely," says Adkins, "Especially in Sampson County because we are in such a rural area."

"I always tell our existing businesses, members of the Chamber, as well as new businesses, that people do business with people they know. So, those relationships you build with, not only your customers, but everybody in the community in Sampson County, you will really see that benefit in your business when they come in the door."

Adkins says that part of the Chamber's mission is to help build those connections between the community and small businesses so that people will shop at their neighbor's business rather than shopping at businesses in other counties.

Next, Simmons says that as much as 6 to 7 billion dollars will be spent online this week. He asks Mary Rose to discuss how downtown Clinton competes with that, and if the atmosphere of downtown shopping is worth not going online to make purchases.

"I think you have to build off what Katlin talked about," says Rose. "The sense of loyalty in shopping locally, just as Gary Wayne said. You may save a few more dollars by shopping online sometimes, but is that online company going to be there for you when you need a repair."

"Is it going to be easy, fast, with good service," asks Rose.

Rose also suggests that downtown merchants also have an online presence as well. "It's something that we, as staff, need to continue to work with the Chamber and the Small Business Center at the college. We need to make sure that our businesses have the tools they need to be competitive in that online market if they would like to do so."

In addition to their roles as Chamber Director and Planning and Development Director, Katlin Adkins and Mary Rose also play major roles in ensuring community events are successful especially during the holiday season.

Two such events, Christmas in the City and the Christmas in Clinton Parade, are slated for December 7th and December 9th this year.

Christmas in the City will be December 7th from 5:00 PM to 8:30 PM. This annual event features a community tree lighting, carriage and hay rides around downtown, Santa on the Courthouse Square, Kiwanis Secret Christmas Shop, live Christmas music at two locations (City Market and Courthouse Square).

Relive Christmas memories at the Sampson County History Museum. Entries from the Sampson Arts Council's gingerbread house decorating contest will be on display, and children are encouraged to come decorate a gingerbread treat of their own.

The Christmas in Clinton Parade will be December 9th at 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Come and enjoy home-made floats, professional floats, classic cars, new cars, area Queens, and Little Misses, clowns, bands, dancers, and of course Santa Claus! Enjoy the Christmas spirit at the Christmas in Clinton Parade! Bring your family to enjoy the parade that begins at the Exposition Center and goes through downtown Clinton. The Santa Float tosses candy to the children in the crowd.

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

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



## SAMPSON REGIONAL

### Welcomes Robert Kastner, MD Cardiologist

Sampson Regional Medical Center is proud to announce the expansion of cardiology services to include a full-time consulting specialist for inpatient care!

Through its collaboration with UNC Rex Healthcare, Dr. Robert Kastner joins Dr. Bill Newman for inpatient cardiology services at SampsonRMC and outpatient cardiology care at North Carolina Heart & Vascular's Clinton office.

Dr. Kastner is Board Certified in Cardiovascular Diseases and Internal Medicine and practices as a general cardiologist with specialization in consultive cardiology, cardiovascular imaging, and preventive cardiology. He will work closely with admitting physicians, hospitalists, ER physicians, and other specialists to focus on patients in the hospital with cardiac issues.

Dr. Kastner approaches his patients as he would want his family treated. Making patients feel at ease and well informed is his goal.



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## SCC Narrows Search for New President to Three



Dr. Camille N. Reese



Dr. Lannis Eugene Smith

Sampson Community College has narrowed its search for the next college President down to three finalists. The Presidential Search Committee is conducting final interviews Thursday, November 30, 2017, with a decision on the final candidate expected soon. The three finalists are:

Dr. Camille N. Reese currently serves as the Vice President for Instruction and Chief Academic Officer at Mitchell Community College in Statesville, NC. Dr. Reese has been employed at Mitchell Community College since 2003 and previously served the College as the Dean for Nursing, Health Sciences, and Public Service Technologies. After working as a registered nurse, Dr. Reese began her career in education as Associate Director of Nursing at Northwest Area Health Education Center and then as an Assistant Professor of Nursing at Winston Salem State University. Dr. Reese earned a Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Master's Degree in Nursing Education from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Winston Salem State University, and a diploma in Practical Nurse Education from Forsyth Technical Community College.

Dr. Lannis Eugene Smith currently serves as the Vice President of Academic and Student Services and Chief Academic Officer at Wayne Community College in Goldsboro, NC. Over the past 24 years, Dr. Smith has served as instructor of biology, department chair of math and science, division chair of arts and sciences, director of special instructional projects, associate vice president of academic and student services, and interim president, all at Wayne Community College. Dr. Smith received his Bachelor of Science in biology, Master of Science in biology, and Doctor of Education in educational leadership, all from East Carolina University.



Dr. William Joel Starling

Dr. William Joel Starling currently serves as the Vice President of Academic Affairs and Administration at Sampson Community College. Since 1979, Dr. Starling has served the college in many senior administrative roles, including finance and business affairs, accreditation and personnel, construction and facility administration, program development and academic affairs. Dr. Starling earned his Bachelor of Arts from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, graduating Phi Beta Kappa. He holds a Master of Arts in

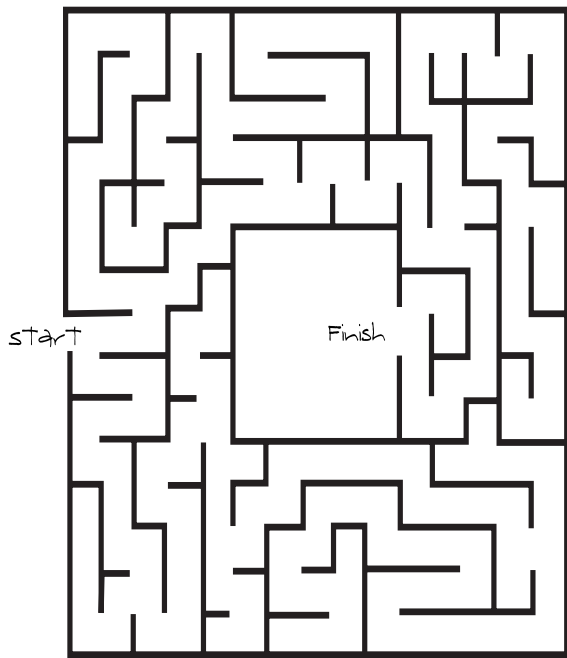
Education from East Carolina University and a Doctor of Education from North Carolina State University with a minor in public administration.

Dr. Lannis Eugene Smith currently serves as the Vice Pres-



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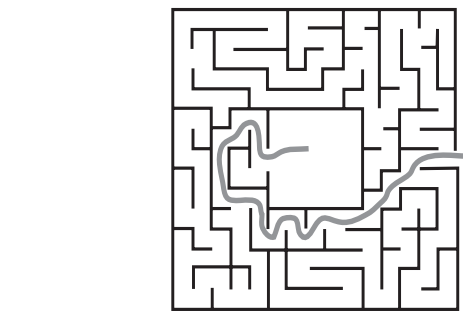


### THIS DAY IN...



### HISTORY

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- 1851: THE FIRST AMERICAN YMCA OPENS IN BOSTON, MA.
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### CAUTION

taking care to avoid danger

## VA Announces Rollout and Application Process for New Veterans ID Card



WASHINGTON - Today the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced that the application process for the national Veterans Identification Card (VIC) is now available for Veterans - yet another action honoring their service.

This has been mandated through legislation since 2015 to honor Veterans, and today's rollout of the ID card fulfills that overdue promise.

Only those Veterans with honorable service will be able to apply for the ID card, which will provide proof of military service, and may be accepted by retailers in lieu of the standard DD- 214 form to obtain promotional discounts and other services where offered to Veterans.

"The new Veterans Identification Card provides a safer and more convenient and efficient way for most Veterans to show proof of service," said VA Secretary Dr. David J. Shulkin. "With the card, Veterans with honorable service to our nation will no longer need to carry around their paper DD-214s to obtain Veteran discounts and other services."

The VIC provides a more portable and secure alternative for those who served the minimum obligated time in service, but did not meet the retirement or medical discharge threshold. Veterans who served in the armed forces, including the reserve components, and who have a discharge of honorable or general (under honorable conditions) can request a VIC.

To request a VIC, Veterans must visit vets.gov, click on "Apply for Printed Veteran ID Card" on the bottom left of the page and sign in or create an account.

Veterans who apply for a card should receive it within 60 days and can check delivery status of their cards at vets.gov. A digital version of the VIC will be available on line by mid-December.

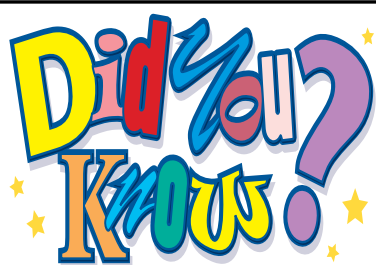


THIS BACTERIA CAN BE PRESENT IN RAW FOODS AND CAUSE STOMACH UPSET IF INGESTED.

ANSWER: SALMONELLA

### How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH:** Safety
- SPANISH:** Seguridad
- ITALIAN:** Sicurezza
- FRENCH:** Sécurité
- GERMAN:** Sicherheit



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Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: SMOKE ALARM





# Simple Seasonal Safety Tips

## Limit your home fire risk during the holidays

FAMILY FEATURES

It may be the most wonderful time of year, but it can also be one of the most dangerous. Along with the cooking and decorations that make the season magical, the holidays present risks for home fires and burns.

An independent survey conducted by Shriners Hospitals for Children® found that many Americans do not follow key fire and burn safety tips despite being aware of dangerous risks. For example, 25 percent of respondents reported leaving lit candles unattended, and 27 percent said they have left them in reach of children.

“Some of these findings seem alarming, but each year our burn hospitals see the unfortunate results – children who have been injured in cooking related accidents or in fires associated with holiday decorations or candles,” said Kenneth Guidera, M.D., chief medical officer for Shriners Hospitals for Children. “These injuries can mean years of ongoing treatments and extensive rehabilitation for a child. That’s why we encourage families to learn about fire safety and prevention before a tragedy occurs.”

Fire and burn hazards are prevalent in many homes throughout the holidays, and Shriners Hospitals for Children offers these tips to remind families how to stay safe:

- Never leave lit candles unattended. If you must use flame-burning candles, make

- sure to extinguish them when you leave the room.
- When cooking, turn pot handles toward the back of the stove, out of the reach of children.
- Never leave a hot stove or oven unattended.
- While cooking, keep a lid or cookie sheet nearby to cover a pan if its contents catch fire.
- If you decorate using a live, fresh-cut Christmas tree, water it daily.
- Keep trees and other flammable decor at least 3 feet away from heaters and flames.
- Discard decorative lights with bare wires, frays or kinks.
- Make sure your home is equipped with working smoke alarms and fire extinguishers.
- Have an escape plan in case of a fire and practice it with your family members so they know how to react if a fire does occur.
- Know the burn care resources in your community.

The Shriners Hospitals locations that specialize in burn care provide critical, surgical and rehabilitative care to children with varying degrees of new and healed burns. Their state-of-the-art burn facilities are staffed and equipped to provide reconstructive and restorative surgery for healed burns, as well as treatments for various other skin



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conditions. With 22 locations in the U.S., Canada and Mexico, the health care system provides advanced care for children regardless of the families’ ability to pay. Learn more at [shrinershospitalsforchildren.org](http://shrinershospitalsforchildren.org).

Visit [beburnaware.org](http://beburnaware.org) to learn key fire safety practices to help avoid injuries this holiday season. You can find activity books, tip cards and a five-minute online quiz to help identify and eliminate potential risks.

### CANDLE SAFETY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

**Candles are one of the most common sources of holiday fires. Never leave lit candles unattended and take these additional precautions to have a safe and fun holiday season:**

- When candles are lit, make sure they are in stable holders and placed where they cannot be easily knocked over.
- Keep candles, matches and lighters out of reach of children.
- Be conscious of nearby surroundings. Never place a candle near drapery, decorations or other flammable items that may easily catch fire. Also avoid drafty areas or fans, which can accelerate flames or accidentally blow a flammable item onto a candle.
- Know that the safest way to extinguish a candle is with a snuffer.
- Consider using wickless or flameless candles. There are numerous options that cast a warm glow so you can enjoy the ambiance of a candle without the risk.

### Kids and Candles Don’t Mix

Julianna and her mother, Tracy, know firsthand how dangerous the holiday season can be. While at a family Christmas party, Julianna, just 20 months old, snuck away from the activities and was in the bathroom playing in front of the mirror. A lit tea light candle on the corner of the sink ignited her clothes.

Tracy heard Julianna’s screams from down the hall, ran to the bathroom and saw her daughter’s dress on fire. She patted out the flames and family members called an ambulance. Julianna spent three weeks at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Cincinnati to treat the third-degree burns that covered the left side of her body. Julianna, now 8-years-old, is doing well but faces ongoing treatment as she grows.

“We are very lucky,” Tracy said. “Julianna will be fine thanks to the care she received. We all get busy during this time of year, but it is so important for parents to make sure they are following basic safety tips to keep their kids safe.”



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**5:30pm Clinton Community Christmas Tree Lighting**  
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**5:30-8:00pm Gingerbread Decorating Activity** (free to the public)-104 E. Main St.

**6:00-8:00pm Kiwanis Secret Christmas Shop** (where kids shop for grown-ups)  
First Floor of the Sampson County Courthouse. Gifts from \$2-\$10

**5:30-8:30pm Train Rides** - on the Courthouse Square

**5:30-8:30pm Home for the Holidays at the Sampson County History Museum** -  
313 Lisbon Street (free to the public) with Music and Holiday Decorations

**5:30-8:30pm Live Christmas Music** - Sampson County Courthouse

**5:30-8:30 pm Carriage Rides** - (\$15 per person/reservations required)  
For reservations call Betty Holland at (910) 299-4904

**5:30-8:30 pm Hay Rides by Hubb’s Farm & Kyle’s Farm**  
(\$3 per person) City Market – 215 Lisbon Street

**5:30-8:00 pm - Southern Smoke food truck at the Clinton City Market** -  
215 Lisbon Street

**5:30-7:00 pm Candlelight Tours**  
with Lessons and Carols at 7:00 pm St. Paul’s Episcopal Church - 110 W. Main Street

The Clinton Main Street Program brings this event to you in partnership with the Clinton Kiwanis Club, the Sampson County History Museum, the Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce, the Sampson County Arts Council, and St. Paul’s Episcopal Church.



## FAITH



## The Free Doughnut

“Well let’s make this the perfect day and get you a free donut.” I thought to myself, “Wow, no shop has offered me one of their delicious donuts for free.” Perhaps the store manager was right and this was going to be the perfect day.

However, have you ever really thought what makes for a perfect day? Maybe it’s a promotion at work, making the final payment on your automobile, a chance meeting with some longtime friend or a complimentary donut. While there’s nothing wrong with those things, something really is missing for any of them to rank as a true perfect day.

The key to an authentic perfect day for a believer in Jesus Christ is being led by His Spirit that day. The apostle Paul gives us a clue when he distinguishes between things of the flesh and things of the Spirit. Things of the flesh merely gratify natural tastes and desires, like holding a new born baby, something I’m sure Paul would approve. The problem arises when these self-gratifying things, no matter how innocent, become an obsession for us. In that case, they keep us from demonstrating our faith by doing the things that Christ did.

Often, we must remind ourselves that we are Christians

and that Christ is at the core of our life. Unless we are careful, we can go from this moment all the way to the cemetery without ever adopting as a preeminent theme the presence of Christ in our lives. Have you taken the time to ask yourself, “Do I exemplify the essence of Christianity? Am I pervaded with kindness, service, humility, forgiveness and love?”

We are blessed when we have Christ within us, regardless of our income or the weather or if someone gave us a free donut. As a child of God, we have Christ living within us, we have the potential to have a blessing every day.

This week I encourage you to arrange your priorities so the Holy Spirit will take control of your life every moment. The presence of Jesus Christ can transform you from within, so that you might make a difference in the world outside. Also, if you were pondering about stopping by the Donut Inn, I would recommend doing so.

**Rev. Ken Smith**  
Atkinson Baptist Church



*Ephesians 1:3-5 “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will.”*

On a recent trip to Wilmington, North Carolina I took the time to stop by The Donut Inn. Many of my friends know of my joy in trying different donut shops. Nothing seemed very special about this donut shop, but I wanted to mark this donut adventure off my list. Glazing at the different selections that they had to offer, the manager asked, “Is this your first visit to the Donut Inn?” After answering this friendly gentleman’s question he then said,

## AUTUMN IS HERE!



I absolutely love this time of year! Autumn has always been my favorite season. The weather cools off and sweaters come out! The smell of wood burning travels up the chimney and out into the crisp fall air!

Leaves turn crimson, gold, and umber. Scarecrows and bright orange pumpkins pop up in yards like magic mushrooms! It’s time for hot apple cider and pots of chili or homemade vegetable soup simmering on the stove.

It’s a glorious time of the year. And it always brings back fond memories of my childhood. Growing up on our farm in southern Sampson county, we had plenty of beautiful natural decorations for fall. I really can’t recall any store-bought decorations for this wonderful season.

But Daddy grew several rows of “Indian Corn” and lots of pumpkins. We gathered Daddy’s “Indian Corn” just like we gathered his regular field corn to go into the corn crib, by hand. We walked down the rows of corn, grabbed an ear and gave it a twist, just like Daddy showed us. Snap, off it came and into the trailer behind Daddy’s red Farmall tractor it went!

The Indian Corn was kept separate. It was used strictly for decorating. Some family and friends looked forward every fall to getting a few ears to decorate with. Daddy fixed them right up! And, of course he kept a few ears for seed.

We placed the brightly colored ears of “Indian Corn” around here and there, tied dry corn stalks into bundles and placed orange pumpkins in front of them! Fall was officially here!

We children knew that meant Christmas wasn’t far behind! The wood fires in the heaters, the smell of pumpkin pie and sweet potatoes baking in Mama’s oven sent a happy, warm feeling all through me!

Around Thanksgiving sale papers started arriving in the mail from the Western Auto in Wallace. What a thrill I got looking at all the toys in there! I spent many of a happy hour “ooohing and ahing” over the toys in that sale paper, and in the Sears Christmas catalog. There were some of the most beautiful dolls I had ever seen in there!

It was a wonderful time to get ready for the excitement of Christmas that was heading our way!

Mama would take some pumpkins and take her Old Hickory butcher knife and split them in half. Then she pulled out all the seed and “guts.” She covered the top rack of her oven with tin foil and placed the pumpkins on it. She baked them until the pumpkin was done. Then she took them out of the oven, let them cool and scooped out the delicious pumpkin. That is how she made her pumpkin pies. No pumpkin in the can for her!

Most often she would replace the pumpkin halves with sweet potatoes in the hot oven. They baked up golden and delicious. Mama always kept a plate of sweet potatoes on the kitchen table in the fall and winter. My daddy loved a baked sweet potato with a glass of cold buttermilk or a steaming hot cup of coffee for a snack!

Those wonderful autumn days of my childhood are long gone, faded into the past. But the sweet memories linger on, brought to my mind with the first glimpse of fall.

Yes, I love this time of the year. I long for simpler days and loved ones gone now. But, at the same time, I thank God for family and friends and sweet memories. And for the wonderful taste of pumpkin pie!



*Written by*  
**Carolyn Horrell Mintz**

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# Now is the Time to Sign Up for Health Insurance



If you currently have a plan from CuidadoDeSalud.gov, the Open Enrollment period is the time for you to compare plans to make sure you have the best plan for you. This is the only time you can change your health insurance plan. Visit CuidadoDeSalud.gov today to shop and compare plans and find out if you qualify for assistance.

Marketplace plans cover a range of services, including preventive care, doctor's visits, prescriptions and hospitalizations. Even if you were enrolled last year you should still visit CuidadoDeSalud.gov to shop and compare plans. You might find a plan that better fits your needs. CuidadoDeSalud.gov has tools to help you figure out which plan will work best for you for the upcoming year, and you can see if you qualify for assistance.

Remember, if you want health coverage in 2018 enroll by Dec. 15. While online at CuidadoDeSalud.gov is the easiest way to apply, select the right plan, and enroll all in one sitting, you can also call 1-800-318-2596 for help.

Don't wait until it is too late to be covered. Visit CuidadoDeSalud.gov or call 1-800-318-2596 to shop for the best plan for you. Enroll by Dec. 15.

The time to sign up for 2018 health coverage is here, and unlike previous years, there is only one deadline. The Health Insurance Marketplace Open Enrollment period

starts on Nov. 1 and runs until Dec.15. During Open Enrollment, you can enroll for health insurance or, if you already have coverage, you can re-enroll for 2018 coverage.

## You'll Shoot Your Eye Out Kid!



by R. Thomas Barowsky, MD



These prophetic words from the movie "The Christmas Story" are ingrained in every parent's mind when their youngster starts thinking about how cool it would be to get a BB gun or air rifle for Christmas. Having survived Black Friday, Small Business Friday and Cyber Monday, the holiday shopping season is in full swing. I thought a few words of wisdom on selecting "eye safe" gifts might be helpful.

Since we don't typically worry about lead poisoning when it relates to eye safety and since the experts have already beaten it to death, I'll leave that discussion alone. What I'd like to talk about is some common sense observations on eye safety at Christmas time.

It is obvious that any gift that consists of small or large flying objects, whether propelled by a coiled spring, compressed air or rubber bands, has the potential to cause serious unintentional harm to the eye. Even the "safe" toys such as foam rockets and balls, ping-pong balls etc, all carry some risk of injury to someone on the wrong end of the toy. I recently saw an ad for a toy gun that will shoot up to three sponge tipped projectiles at a time. Imagine the amount of injury you could cause playing inside on a cold day with that marvelous toy.

When I was a kid my deepest wish was to get the Lone Ranger matched pistol set with roll caps for authentic gunfight sounds and action. Even these toys carried a certain amount of risk for the shooter. As the roll caps exploded there was always the risk of paper debris flying into your eyes if you held the gun too close to your face. When we graduated to BB guns I think it nearly sent my Mother over the edge. Her sons were going to kill each other or at least lose an eye before it was all over. Fortunately, that didn't happen because we were taught to properly respect any kind of firearm in



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our possession along with a stern warning from our Dad of what to expect from him if the rules were ignored (always very effective). Now there is at least one state that is threatening to throw children in jail for not registering their BB guns as firearms. How far we have come as a society.

Remember also that Christmas time is a time when we may not think as clearly about the things around us. Running into the Christmas tree could mean a nasty scratch to the eye from the pine needles. If you have a real tree there is also the risk of getting a serious infection from whatever happens to have taken up residence on the needles including bacteria, fungi and molds. Hanging decorations may seem out of harms way when you put them up, but If you are 5'4" tall and your cousin is 6'4" tall he may be right at eye level with your pretty and pointy decorations. Don't forget that aerosolized gifts such as body sprays and perfumes, Silly String or a whole host of other fun products can be accidentally sprayed in the eyes if you are not careful.

A few words to the wise about eye safety will help to keep the holidays happy and healthy.

1. BB guns, air rifles and pellet guns are not toys and should be treated as the weapons they really are.
2. Proper firearm handling instruction by a

responsible adult or parent even with a BB gun, air rifle or pellet gun is vitally important.

3. Always wear safety glasses when shooting BB guns, air rifles and pellet guns.
4. Never point something with any kind of projectile at anyone for any reason even if it has a soft sponge tip. Scratches on the eye are very painful and can cause additional problems later on.
5. Watch where you point that spray bottle of perfume. You might think its funny to have your brother or boyfriend smell like one of your girlfriends but he may not and end up with an eyeful of your favorite scent. That goes for you guys too. Not everyone wants to smell like your body spray.
6. Watch out for decorations and ornaments that, left unattended, could cause an injury to people who are not paying attention.

Next week I'll post my annual emergency eye care column so that you will be prepared for nearly any type of eye injury that may try to disrupt your holiday celebration.

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



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## ENTERTAINMENT

# What's Happening

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## The Musical JR.

By Angela Martin

### ELF JR. OPENS THIS WEEKEND!

Elf Jr. opens Friday, December 1 with over 50 young people from our communities ready to sing, dance and perform for you. This production is one that will get you in the holiday spirit. The production revolves around Buddy the Elf, portrayed by Coleman Simpson, who discovers he is not an elf but in fact a real human. He then sets out to find his actual father who lives in New York City. The production of Elf Jr. will be December 1-3 and 8-10 with Friday and Saturday performances at 7:30 pm and Sunday matinee beginning at 2:30 pm. The show is being directed by Angela Martin and is sponsored by Performance Dodge/Ford of Clinton.

Our final audition for the first show of the 2018 season will be for Disney's Beauty and the Beast. This musical will take a large group to produce and our director, Linda Carr is looking for actors and actresses from ages 5-and up. Our last audition is set for: Wednesday, December 6 at 6 pm.

Show performances will be January 26-28 and February 1-4 with Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening performances at 7:30 pm and Saturday, January 27 at 2:30 pm and Sunday matinees at 2:30 pm.

If you are interested in becoming a patron of our theatre - we are now taking memberships. For a small fee of \$100 you can become an SCT patron and as a gift you will receive 2 complimentary tickets for each of our 6 productions during the year. Your name or business will also be placed in our program throughout the year. If you are interested please call Brenda Martin, 910-990-4510, Chairwoman of the Sampson Community Theatre for more details

Our elves are ready to greet you at Santa's Workshop - as Sampson Community Theatre presents Elf, Jr. Our elves are from left to right - Avery Jones, Emma Paisley Rosario, Emma Kate Horne, Lacey Pearson, Gavin Prenda, Ryder Smith, Patrick Hardison, Nathan Hardison, Summer Davis, Trace Jones, Brady Warren, Sasha Herring, Adaleigh Snell and Griffin Floryan



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Fueled by his restored faith in humanity and inspired by Superman's selfless act, Bruce Wayne enlists the help of his newfound ally, Diana Prince, to face an even greater enemy. Together, Batman and Wonder Woman work quickly to find and recruit a team of metahumans to stand against this newly awakened threat. But despite the formation of this unprecedented league of heroes—Batman, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, Cyborg and The Flash—it may already be too late to save the planet from an assault of catastrophic proportions.

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### COCO

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Rated: PG thematic elements

Despite his family's baffling generations-old ban on music, Miguel dreams of becoming an accomplished musician like his idol, Ernesto de la Cruz. Desperate to prove his talent, Miguel finds himself in the stunning and colorful Land of the Dead following a mysterious chain of events. Along the way, he meets charming trickster Hector, and together, they set off on an extraordinary journey to unlock the real story behind Miguel's family history.

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### THE STAR

NOW SHOWING

Rated: PG for some thematic elements

A small but brave donkey named Bo yearns for a life beyond his daily grind at the village mill. One day he finds the courage to break free, and finally goes on the adventure of his dreams. On his journey, he teams up with Ruth, a lovable sheep who has lost her flock and Dave, a dove with lofty aspirations. Along with three wisecracking camels and some eccentric stable animals, Bo and his new friends follow the Star and become unlikely heroes in the greatest story ever told - the first Christmas.

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Sat & Sun 2:00p 4:00p 6:00p 8:00p

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### WONDER

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Rated: PG for thematic elements including bullying, and some mild language

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# Sampson County Football Season Ends

## Lakewood Leopards End Season After Third Round Loss



With the Aces in total control (49-0 after three quarters) Lakewood's sole score of the game came in the fourth after an impressive drive by the Leopard offense that was capped by a 6-yard run by Jahdon Smith (Smith finished the game with 78 yards rushing).

Despite the loss, the Leopards had another successful season with highlights that included tying the school record for wins (at 11); a 7-0 shutout record at home; eight shutouts this season; scoring an average of 34 points per game; and gave up a paltry 12 points per game.

"This was a great group of young men," Lewis said proudly. "They have high character and were very hard workers."

The team consisted of: Hayden Carter; Cameron Sesoms; Dylan Ivey; Jawaun Johnson; Andre Rich; Taurion Owens; Tillyon Williams; Shemar Tucker; Elijah

After beating Pender (34-0) and East Carteret (41-40 OT) in the first and second rounds of the NCHSAA 1-AA State Football Playoffs, respectively, the Lakewood Leopards fell to John A. Holmes (49-7) in the third round of the playoffs last week.

"The game Friday was a rough one," notes Leopard Head Coach James Lewis. "However, one game does not define a season. This team had a great year."

The Aces took an early 7-0 lead after the first quarter and then exploded in the second quarter scoring 35 more points to take a 42-0 lead into the half.

Holmes' senior Keimon Bailey finished with 15 carries for 166 yards and 2 touchdowns, while Dequantae Spruill finished with 132 yards and 3 touchdowns.

Davis; Tyler Hobbs; Immanuel Mitchell; Ethan Holmes; Jameek Johnson; Jaylen Torres; Harold Faison; Bryce Tanner; Jahdon Smith; Allen Faircloth; Luke Brewer; Calab Hardison; Hunter Culbreth; Joshua Carter; Tristan Holmes; Jaylin Avery; Chris Perez; Michael Thames; Julian Sandoval; Dyllan Edge; Chris Smith; Pablo Marcias; Kevin Holley; J.J. Johnson; Christian Logan; Kristopher Teasdale; and Michael Owens.

The coaching staff consisted of: Lewis; Telfair Simpson; Darren Hulen; Jonathan Hall; Darius Powell; Jake Davidson; Larry Bass; and Austin Tanner (first responder).

The Aces (12-1) will battle Tarboro (13-0) tonight in the Regional Finals. The winner will face the winner of the Mt. Airy/Murphy game on December 9 for the State Championship.



### Lakewood Leopards 2017 Varsity Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE	RECORD
Aug 18th	S Pender High School	HOME	7:00	W 22 - 00	1-0
Aug 25th	Rocky Mt Prep	HOME	7:00	W 44 - 00	2-0
Aug 31st	Camp Lejeune	HOME	7:00	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
Sept 22nd	Western Harnett	HOME	7:00	W 42 - 09	5-1
Oct 6th	North Duplin	Away	7:00	L 14 - 21	5-2
Oct 13th	Rosewood Eagles**	HOME	7:00	W 35 - 14	6-2
Oct 20st	Hobbton Wildcats	Away	7:00	W 48 - 00	7-2
Oct 27th	Princeton Bulldogs (Sr Night)	HOME	7:00	W 47 - 00	8-2
Nov 3rd	Union Spartans	Away	7:00	W 28 - 00	9-2
Nov 10th	Pender	HOME	7:00	W 34 - 00	10-2
Nov 17th	East Carteret	Away	7:00	W 41 - 40	11-2
Nov 24th	John A Holmes	Away	7:00	L 07 - 49	11-3



### Clinton Dark Horse 2017 Varsity Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE	RECORD
Aug 11th	Sampson Co Jamboree	HOME	7:00		
Aug 18th	Cape Fear Colts	HOME	7:00	L 07 - 13	0-1
Aug 25th	East Bladen Eagles	HOME	7:00	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
Oct 6th	Midway Raiders	HOME	7:00	W 49 - 00	3-3
Oct 13th	Goldsboro Cougars**	HOME	7:00	W 21 - 06	4-3
Oct 20st	Spring Creek Gators	Away	7:00	W 56 - 00	5-3
Oct 27th	Wallace-Rose Hill Bulldogs	Away	7:00	L 22 - 28	5-4
Nov 3rd	East Duplin Panthers (Senior Night)	HOME	7:00	L 21 - 41	5-5
Nov 10th	First Flight	Away	7:00	W 21 - 15	6-5
Nov 17th	Northeastern	Away	7:00	L 00 - 35	6-6

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# Clinton High's Ashlyn Williams Delivers Career-High Performance, Earns POW Honors



On Tuesday night, Clinton High School junior Ashlyn Williams delivered a career-high 32 points in a 52-51 season opening victory over Southern Wayne.

In addition, the standout captain added 9 rebounds and 5 steals.

"It seemed like I was hitting everything," the 16-year-old Williams said Wednesday night. "I was just 'on' last night."

In addition to her stellar play in the opener, Coach Chris Owens nominated her to be this week's Performance Auto/Sampson Weekly Star Athlete of the Week.

"No, he didn't tell me anything about it," Williams said. "I am really honored that he thought that much about me to nominate me for this award."

One of just three juniors on this year's Dark Horse squad (with Alexcia Boykin and Jaida Lee, respectively), Williams said that even though the team is young (Clinton is led by three seniors this season - Alex Canady, Destiny Faircloth and Mariah Whitted) their chemistry

was evident during pre-season workouts.

"We knew that we were going to be young this year," Williams explains, "we lost a lot of seniors last year, so we knew coming in that we would need to work on that chemistry. We worked that out and then needed to just play together and get a feel for how we would play together ... we played in Wilmington and worked hard over the summer, so we put in the work."

Although Williams says the team is taking each game "one game at a time" this season, she acknowledges that the way the team played in the opener was a good first step.

"We worked really hard over the summer," she said. "We seemed to get things flowing last night and once we did, it was easy to work with each other."

Born and raised in Clinton, Williams, also a star soccer player for Clinton High, said that she began playing sports when she was little.

"I have played soccer ever since I could walk," she said with a laugh. "I played soccer with all boys when I played on my travel soccer team [a team she played on until she was 12] and I played recreation basketball with boys and girls when I was little."

Williams never looked back, continuing to play both sports throughout middle and high school.

"I don't have a favorite," she insists. "I really enjoy playing both of them."

A straight 'A' student with a 4.13 GPA, Williams has played on Clinton's varsity basketball team since her freshman year.

"I always looked up to Mikayla Boykin," she said. "When I came in as a freshman, the older girls took me under their wings ... that is what I am trying to do to the younger girls. I want to pass it down, like it was done to me."

Even though she is in her junior year, Williams is already getting looks from colleges, although she hasn't decided on any school just yet.

"I would like to go to Chapel Hill," she said, "and I have been to some colleges in New York that are very nice ... but I haven't decided

on anything yet."

In other words, she is weighing her options.

"I am looking to play sports in college," Williams admits. "It just all depends on what I go for. Honestly, I would play either one (soccer or basketball)."

Would she rule out playing professionally? "No. I mean, if I had the opportunity to play professionally, I would ... but, sports aren't my entire life."

Williams said that while in college, she plans on studying pre-med to become a pediatric oncologist.

"Two years ago, my cousin was diagnosed with leukemia," Williams explains. "I was just in awe and inspired with the way the doctors treated him and took care of him while helping him get better. I just loved watching him with them while he kept getting better. I knew that's what I wanted to do."

However, for now, Williams said she is going to enjoy her final year and a half at Clinton High School.

"I know it is going to be hard to leave this school," she admits with honesty. "It is like family to me, really. While it is going to be hard, it is also going to be exciting to move on with the next chapter in my life. So, I am just going to enjoy it."

That will start with a quick rematch with Southern Wayne tonight and then battle with cross-town rivals Lakewood in two games next week.

"We really want to get to the playoffs this season and make a run at it," Williams said about her team's chances making it to the playoffs this season. "It would be nice to finish strong this season."

When asked who she would like to thank, Williams said that she is blessed to be surrounded with support.

"I would just like to thank all of my family members, my coaches and my teammates for everything," she said. "They have always been there and have always been a great source of support for me."

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## HCA Golfer Breaks National Record In Fundraising Competition



**Cade Hancock is in dark blue shirt, Ricky Fowler is in teal blue shirt.**

November 15, 2017, Harrells, NC - Cade Hancock of Elizabethtown, a junior at Harrells Christian Academy, has raised more than \$25,000 for two charities in the American Junior Golf Association's Leadership Links competition. In recognition of his accomplishment, Cade was invited to play golf with PGA Pro Ricky Fowler at one of his home courses in Jupiter, Florida last month.

Over 100 junior golfers participated in the competition, started in 2009 by AJGA to encourage young, talented golfers to gain real-world experience in how to connect their sport to helping others and giving back. Cade's first step was to identify a charity of his choice to receive 50% of any donations he raised, with the other 50% going to the AJGA grant program for underprivileged junior golfers. Cade's choice of Operation Smile was simple and swift. Having watched his sister Cassie undergo more than ten operations to repair the cleft palate she was born with, he was eager to support an organization that provides those repairs to other kids with a similar need.

That eagerness didn't mean that the work of raising funds was easy, or that Cade didn't have fears about joining this competition. When his father first proposed that he sign up, Cade felt mostly hesitation. Then, as he later testified in church, "I heard a still small voice telling me to do it, and I got on board." Setting what seemed an unreachable goal of \$1,000,

Cade started writing letters, knocking on doors, and making phone calls. When he reached \$1,000, he set a new goal, and kept going.

Cade's golf coach and HCA's Assistant Headmaster Andy Wells could not be prouder of his player. He says, "I am truly excited for Cade, not only for the money that he raised for these charities, but that he was able reap the rewards of his work by winning the competition. It's the same work ethic that has made him such a good golfer with such great potential."

By the end of the competition, Cade's \$25,000 in donations from 118 donors topped the amount raised by any other young golfer in the history of the Leadership Links competition. "It's been amazing to watch," said Cade's father Jim Hancock, "but not unbelievable. We said just turn this over to the Lord, do the best you can, and see where it goes." Cade adds, "At the beginning I definitely did feel some hesitation. And if it weren't for that still small voice I would not have reached anywhere near that amount. I've gained a whole lot of new confidence and skills, and my sister was real tickled that I chose Operation Smile. I'm so glad that AGJA does this."

## The Power of Sports



The power of sports. It's something we often take for granted. We get so lost in how our favorite teams are playing at any ranks. Admit it, you've got into a hollering contest with parents from the other team in your child's little league baseball game, haven't you?

We've all done something crazy that we wish we hadn't because of sports. What does that in itself tell you? We take them pretty seriously.

What is it that binds us so closely to these so called "games"? Is it that we really get that much joy from being able to talk trash to those who cheer for another team? Yeah, maybe that is part of it.

But the part that we often take for granted is the camaraderie of it. Whether you are playing, or cheering, sports helps to create a family atmosphere. It could be relationships built in the golf course, playing church league softball, or cheering on your children in the recreational, middle school, or high school sports.

With the divisiveness that comes with being an American today, it is nice to be able to identify with a group of people on one side of the stadium or gym, and be able to be passionate about something together.

No democrats. No republicans. Just fans. Just athletes. And a common goal.

That's the underappreciated power of sports. Its innate ability to bring people together, without anyone ever really knowing it. No dispute over politics or religion. Nothing more controversial than a strike or a ball.

We may not even realize it, but it's part of the reason we are so drawn to sports. And when your team succeeds, being able to share that feeling of exuberance with the people that you have cheered along with for so long. There's something special about it.

So, next time you're out there, take a second to quietly think about how nice it is to have something that allows us to escape from that stress from your job. You can escape from turning on the news and hearing what else went wrong.

We're lucky to have it. And while it can and will drive us crazy, it can and will make us inexplicably happy. So, thank you sports, we don't think about it enough, but we don't know what we would do without you.

## MCA Opens Basketball with Big Wins



FCA closed to 12-6 before MCA opened the lead at the half to 9 points. The third quarter saw back and forth action, with the Lions still maintained at a 9- point advantage. The Lady Lions held off an FCA surge and expanded the lead to 11 points to cap the win at 30-19. Taylor Faircloth lead all scoring with 16 points and 1 assist followed by Emma White with 9 points and 4 assists. Coach Heinz said, "Our girls worked hard tonight. FCA has several strong players, but we stayed with what was working, and FCA didn't have an answer."

The varsity boys game was an intense physical match-up. The Lions jumped out to an early lead and controlled the first quarter by 8 points. The second quarter saw FCA narrow the lead to 4. The second half was tight, but the Lions held on to finish the win by a score of 47-42. Senior Josh Davis lead all scoring with 22 points and 3 assists, with Daniel Matthews and Evan Plant each adding 8, and Grant Horne with 7. Coach Joe Hedrick praised the boys' effort saying, "I was really proud of a total team effort tonight. FCA was big and fast, but we were able to compete by playing team defense and working the ball."

The Lions with travel to Laurinburg on Thursday to face Scotland Christian and home on Friday to host Grace Christian from Loris, SC.



**Pictures by Sarah Beth White, MCA Yearbook Staff**  
**Joshua Davis, 12th grader**  
**Taylor Faircloth, 9th grader**

Mintz Christian Academy opened its basketball season with the varsity girls and boys notching wins against Falcon Christian Academy.

The Lady Lions jumped in front with a 9-2 lead, but



## EDUCATION

### Harvesting Dreams: Sampson Native Pursues Future in Agriculture

For many, career ideas and aspirations are discovered well into a college career. For others, plans for the future come from a childhood dream. For Roseboro native Amanda Kook, the foundation of her future was sown in the soil of Sampson County.

Unlike many agricultural students, Kook did not come from a farming family. However, that did not dissuade her.

"Growing up in a rural area allowed me to view farming differently than others," Kook said. "We are surrounded by agriculture."

Kook got involved with FFA at Lakewood High School. She took numerous courses under the instruction of engaging teachers. It was during these years that she discovered the depth of the industry and developed a passion for it.

Kook soon realized that the work of farmers is the foundation for the entire world. "Without it we would not be alive. I love being a part of that."

Wanting to pursue an education and a career in agriculture, Kook enrolled at the University of Mount Olive. She is majoring in agriculture production with a concentration in animal science.

"I love the sense of community between the students and

the faculty in the UMO Ag Department," she said. Kook's time at UMO has been full of academic success. She has made the dean's list for multiple semesters, worked as a campus tour guide, and served as a member of the Collegiate FFA.

Through the UMO Ag Department, Kook was able to land two internships with Prestage Farms in Clinton. Her first internship was on a sow farm working with sows and pigs. Her second internship was in one of the company's artificial insemination labs.

"I have really enjoyed both of my internships with Prestage Farms because they have allowed me to learn a great deal about the swine industry," She said.

Following the internship, Kook was offered and accepted a job with the Prestage.

Kook feels that many of her life choices have been influenced by her Sampson County roots, and she is grateful to have grown up in an area that could give her such an appreciation for the farming industry and those who are a part of it.

"Growing up here has allowed me to learn and see how much farmers care about their products and the people they are producing it for. It has allowed me to learn that I can be



happy in agriculture and help others while doing it."

Kook is set to graduate from UMO in May 2018. She is the daughter of Regina and Christopher Kook, and sister to twin brother, Andrew.

### Angel Tree at SCC



Sampson Community College believes in helping students in or outside the classroom. The college's SGA believes everyone should experience the JOY of giving and receiving during the holiday season. Therefore, the SGA has set up its annual Angel Tree for unprivileged students at the college. Individuals and departments on campus choose a name from the tree and purchase the gifts for the individual whose name appears on the back of an ornament. SGA President, Shadavia Pridgen-Boddie, leads students in setting up this year's tree.

### Eye of the Beholder



Sampson Community College held a design competition in its Cosmetology department. From left to right are Casey Foss with "The Christmas Tree", who won the competition's Most Creative award, Amber Clark and her entry "The Unicorn", Jordan Tew with "The New Year's Eve" and overall winner, Madelin Mendoza with "The Mermaid". Winners each received a gift card from Sally Beauty, which allows them to purchase additional supplies needed to perform routine Cosmetology services at SCC. If you would like to inquire about the college's services for your own use, call 910-592-8081.

### Mintz Christian Academy



#### 1st Quarter – Academic Awards

##### PRINCIPAL'S LIST (All A's)

**3rd grade:** Victoria Barrier, Landry Beasley, Victoria Crumpler, Liam Lambert, Cullen Lewis, McKenzie Street, Ava Waincott

**4th grade:** Hollin Autry, Jerryanna Butler, Aubrey Herring

**5th grade:** Mallory Edwards, Mackenzie Small

**6th grade:** Ashton Brown, Ciera Ellis, Zachary Honeycutt, Sydney Ross, Dakota Warren, Callie White

**9th grade:** Katelyn Fann, Daniel Matthews

**10th grade:** Emma White

##### TEACHER'S HONOR ROLL (A Average)

**3rd grade:** Kaylee Irvin, Caleb Harris-Honrine, Matthew Vallini

**4th grade:** Henry Bass, Joey Doan-Naylor, Jake Ezzell, Noah Faircloth, Gracie Honeycutt, Ben Neal, Nathan Neal, Audrey Rich, Emerson Smith, Abigail Walters, Kate Wanner

**6th grade:** Gabby Walters

**7th grade:** Leah Wheeler, Kassidy Rushing, Britney Christianson, Emily Hughes, Gracie Doan-McLean

**8th grade:** Rachel Lewis, Alexia Shirley, Madison Hall, Hanna Brown, JeriAnne Rushing

**9th grade:** Sarah Beth White



**10th grade:** Evan Plant, Kyndall Owens, Jacob Shirley

**11th grade:** Caroline Matthews, Lila White

**12th grade:** Erynn Sessoms, Veronica White

##### HONOR ROLL (B AVERAGE)

**3rd grade:** Brian Christianson, Gavin Hairr, Jesse Warren, Drake Sinclair

**4th grade:** Grace Faircloth, Tyler Faircloth, Lacey Komegay, Peyton Beasley, Caillou Crosby

**5th grade:** Blake Christianson, Eli Neal, Reeves Fretwell, Brayden Autry

**6th grade:** Brantley Butler, Olivia Pope, Meredith Herring

**7th grade:** Connor Bullard, Cayden Herring, Hunter Jackson, James Naylor, John Wanner, Jake White

**8th grade:** Hailey Davis, Matthew Davis, Lexi Melton, Nate Small

**9th grade:** Meredith Royal, Victoria Marshburn, Reagan Warren, Taylor Faircloth, Kaylee Johnson, Colman House

**10th grade:** Justin Lucas, Lane Thornton, Katelynn Owens, Zoie Warren

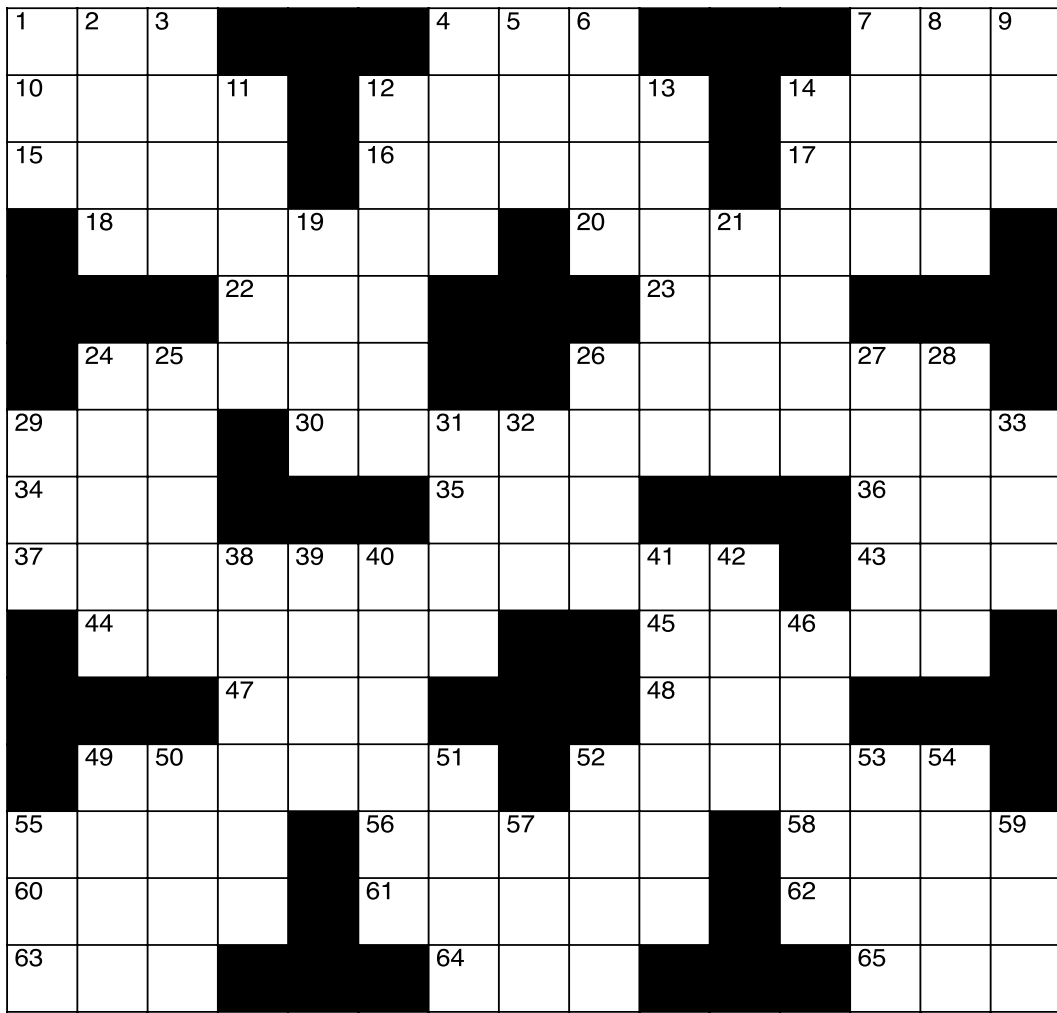
**11th grade:** Courtney Barber

**12th grade:** Cameron Knowles, Joshua Davis, Ashley Hayes, Grant Horne, Jarrett Rich



PUZZLES & GAMES

# Crossword Puzzle

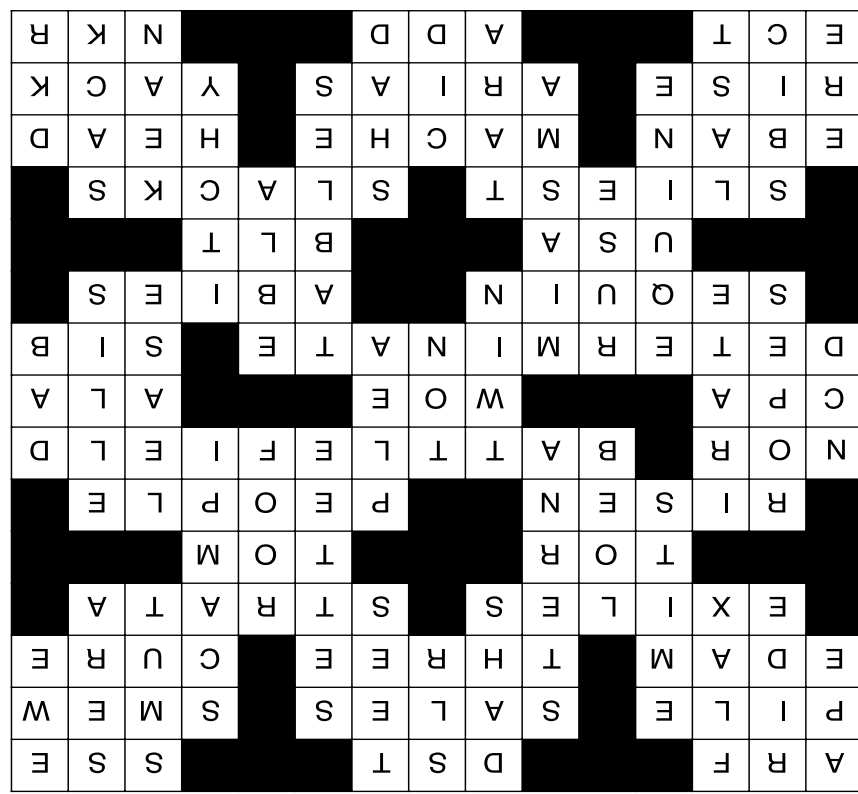


**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Dog's bark
- 4. Fall back (time abbr.)
- 7. Point midway between S and SE
- 10. Heap
- 12. Gross revenue
- 14. Smallest merganser
- 15. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
- 16. Small integer
- 17. Restore to health
- 18. Banishments
- 20. Layers of rock
- 22. Hill (Celtic)
- 23. Male cat
- 24. Past tense of 60 across
- 26. Humans as a group
- 29. Introduces a further negative
- 30. Area of conflict
- 34. A licensed accountant
- 35. Deep distress or misery
- 36. A winglike structure
- 37. Having defined limits
- 43. A brother or sister
- 44. A small shiny ornamental disk
- 45. True firs
- 47. No. Am. republic (abbr.)
- 48. Bacon-lettuce-tomato sandwich
- 49. Most guileful
- 52. Casual trousers
- 55. Abba \_\_\_\_\_, Israeli politician
- 56. Papier-\_\_\_\_\_, art material
- 58. Am. costume designer Edith
- 60. Stand up
- 61. Operatic songs
- 62. Talk incessantly
- 63. Shock treatment
- 64. Form a sum
- 65. Norwegian currency (abbr.)

**CLUES DOWN**

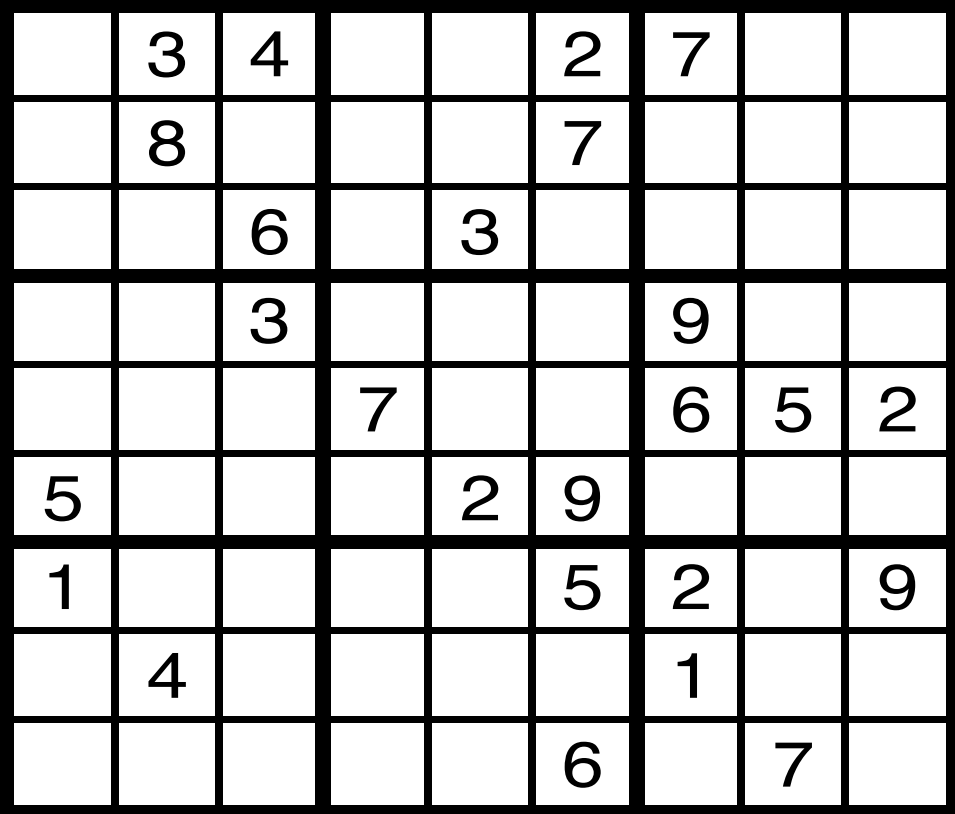
- 1. Mimic
- 2. Journey on horseback
- 3. Linen plant
- 4. Dashes
- 5. Single Lens Reflex
- 6. Golf ball stands
- 7. A particle of dirt
- 8. Clear blood fluids
- 9. Female sheep
- 11. Utters
- 12. Tern genus
- 13. Small sofa
- 14. Shrimp sauteed in butter and garlic
- 19. Leopold and \_\_\_\_\_
- 21. Top of motor vehicle
- 24. Securing devices
- 25. Highly incensed
- 26. Earnest entreaty
- 27. Rent
- 28. Am. immigration island
- 29. National Council on Disability (abbr.)
- 31. Same birthdate sibling
- 32. 2,000 pounds
- 33. A light stroke
- 38. Relating to a horse
- 39. A subterfuge
- 40. Unwholesome atmosphere
- 41. Dining, coffee and card
- 42. Cuneiform tablets found in 1974
- 46. Scratchy
- 49. Invests in little enterprises
- 50. Foot-shaped shoe form
- 51. Scarlett's home
- 52. Genus alosa
- 53. New Jersey university
- 54. Paper bag
- 55. Before
- 57. Castilian knight El \_\_\_\_\_
- 59. Denmark



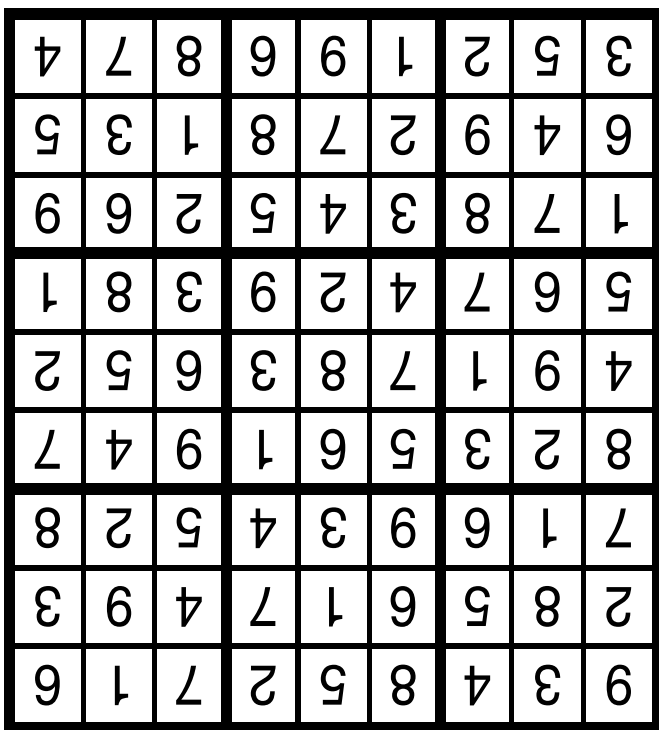
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"A few days later Mary hurried to the hill country of Judea, to the town where Zechariah lived. She entered the house and greeted Elizabeth. At the sound of Mary's greeting, Elizabeth's child leaped within her, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Elizabeth gave a glad cry and exclaimed to Mary, "God has blessed you above all women, and your child is blessed. Why am I so honored, that the mother of my Lord should visit me? When I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy. You are blessed because you believed that the Lord would do what he said."

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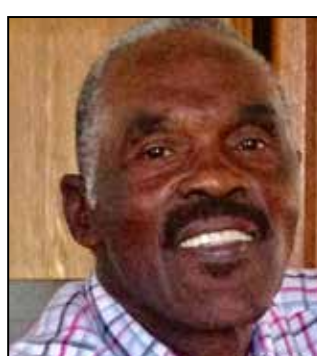
## GODWIN

**Mrs. Mildred Joyce Draughon Baggett, 82**, of Godwin died Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh. Joyce was born December 24, 1934 in Sampson Co. daughter of the late James Earl and Mildred Maedee Tew Draughon and was also preceded in death by a daughter, Joyce Elaine Baggett. Joyce was a 1953 graduate of Clement High School, a lifelong member of Baptist Chapel Church where she was a member of the Silver Bells and had worked at Belk in Dunn and Charlotte. A funeral service will be held 2 p.m. Friday, December 1, 2017 at Baptist Chapel Church with Rev. Joey Cantrell, Rev. Alan Roberts and Johnnie Draughon officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. She is survived by her husband, Howard O. "Billy" Baggett; son, Dwayne Baggett (Paula Sue Truesdale) of Godwin; daughter, Wendy B. Williams and husband Doug of Dunn; granddaughters, Allison Williams Huhmann and husband Troy, April Williams Crumpler and husband Garry; great grandchildren, Blake and Charleigh Huhmann and Rhiannon Crumpler. The family will receive friends 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the Skinner & Smith Funeral Home in Dunn and at other times at the home. Memorials may be made to Baptist Chapel Church 2256 Baptist Chapel Rd. Autryville, NC 28318.



## HOPE MILLS

**Mr. John "Pap" Walter Buie Jr. 67** formerly of Roseboro, died Monday, November 27, 2017 at Highsmith Rainey Specialty Hospital in Fayetteville, NC. Mr. Buie was born August 12, 1950 in Sampson Co. the son of the late, John Walter Buie & Mae Stiner Buie. He was a retired concrete foreman with Daniels Construction Co. Funeral service will be held at 11:00 A.M. Saturday, December 02, 2017 at First Missionary Baptist Church Roseboro 412 Johnson St., Roseboro, NC, by the Reverend John T. Oliver. Burial will follow in the Rockfish Memorial Park 4017 Gillespie St., Fayetteville, NC 28306. The public will be received from 1:00P.M.6:00P.M., Friday, December 01, 2017 at Carter Funeral Home, with family present from 4:00 P.M.-6:00P.M. Service by Carter Funeral Home in Garland.



## CLINTON

**Paul Crumpler Holland (Mr. Paul), 99**, passed away at Southwood Nursing & Retirement Center on Wednesday, November 22, 2017 after a period of declining health. A Funeral Service honoring the life and legacy of Mr. Paul was held Saturday, November 25th 2017 at 2:00 pm at Clinton Community Church with Rev. Dwight Dunning and Rev. Kenneth White officiating. Burial with military honors was held at Clinton Cemetery immediately following the service. Born on April 24, 1918 in Turkey, Sampson County, Mr. Paul was the son of the late Arthur Braxton Holland and Lottie Clute Shipp Holland. He was a WWII Veteran, having served in the Pacific Theatre in the United States Navy aboard the USS Borie, which was the last destroyer to be hit by a Japanese Kamikaze plane in the war. Following his service to his country, Mr. Paul spent most of his life in the car industry, retiring as Sales Manager from Go Automotive in Clinton. He loved and served his church, Clinton Pentecostal Holiness, as a deacon and also enjoyed the game of golf on the senior circuit with his buddies. Mr. Paul never met a stranger and was a true witness to his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He also had a special furry friend and companion, his Dachshund, "JoyBelle". He is survived by his beloved, Christian wife and best friend of 77 years, Doris Malpass Holland; son, Paul Holland, Jr. (Mickie) of Benson; daughter, Deborah Holland Byrd; son, James Braxton Holland (Melody); ten grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. He was loved by everyone who knew him and will be greatly missed. In addition to his parents, Mr. Paul was predeceased by his eldest daughter, Patsy Holland Norris and all of his brothers and sisters: William, James and Fletcher Holland; Doris Best, Florine Hatchell, Jacqueline Carter and Ruth Grice. The family received friends prior to the service, beginning at 1:00 pm, in the church sanctuary; or immediately following burial, at the home of Bill and Cindy Nance, 609 Fox Lake Drive, Clinton. The family wishes to thank the staff of Southwood Nursing & Retirement Center and Liberty Hospice for their compassionate care and kindness. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Holland Family.



## GODWIN

**Mrs. Lena Ruth Matthews House, 61**, of Godwin died Monday, November 27, 2017 at her home. Lena was born May 31, 1956 in Cumberland County, daughter of the late Robert and Katherine Fish Matthews. She was also preceded in death by her son, Joshua Lynn Stedman; brothers-in-law, Glenn



Lencall, Tommy Johnson and Tal Pybus; and sister-in-law, Doris Matthews. Lena was a graduate of Pine Forest High School and Sampson Community College. She had worked at Erwin Mills, Bonders, Curve Craft, Morganite and Senior Citizens Village in Dunn. A funeral service was held 2 p.m., Thursday, November 30, 2017 at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Doug Howard and Rev. Randy Beasley officiating. Burial followed at the Matthews Family Cemetery in Linden. Lena is survived by her husband, William Luther "Bill" House; sons, Roy Monds and wife Tracy of Plain View, Brooks Stedman of Linden, William "Squirrel" House and fiancée Opal Jenness of Newton Grove, Robert Dwayne House and wife, Tiffany of Dunn; daughter, Cindy Gooch of Roxboro; brothers, Bobby Matthews of Linden and Larry Matthews of Goldsboro; sisters, Ella Mae Pybus of Salem,

Alabama, Betty Johnson of Erwin, Gladys Swain of Dunn, Glenda Lencall of Linden, and Joanne Hixon of Santee, South Carolina; grandchildren, Dillon Stedman, Daniel Stedman, Buddy Monds, Dallas Monds, Andrew Stedman, Bridget Jenness, Tristan Hiesie, Bailey House, Faith House, Ricky Hales and Brittany Harrington. The family received friends 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the Skinner & Smith Funeral Home.

## NEWTON GROVE

**Mr. Joe Dan Rose, 77**, of Newton Grove passed away Sunday, November 26, 2017. Mr. Rose's funeral service was held on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at 3:00 P.M. at Pleasant Union Christian Church in Newton Grove, N.C. The family received friends at West & Dunn Funeral Home in Newton Grove on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 from 6 till 8 P.M. Mr. Rose was laid to rest in Hillcrest Cemetery following the funeral service. Survivors include his wife Vivian Rose, sons Joe Mark Rose and wife Luanne of Newton Grove and Stephen Paul Rose of Newton Grove. Grandchildren Carson Rose and wife Kayla of Newton Grove, Miranda Chambers and husband Travis of Spring Lake, Anna Rose and Joseph Rose both of Newton Grove. Great Grandchild Colton Rose. Sister, Margie Rose of Fayetteville and brother Jack Rose of Four Oaks. Mr. Rose was preceded in death by his parents, Willis and Vara Rose, sister Iris Honeycutt and brothers William Rose and Seth Rose. Memorials may be made to Pleasant Union Christian Church 1920 Mt. Olive Hwy, Newton Grove, N.C. 28366. Online condolences may be made at [www.westanddunn.com](http://www.westanddunn.com). Services have been entrusted to West & Dunn Funeral Home of Newton Grove, North Carolina.



## GARLAND

**Mrs. Ozel S. Lynch, 76**, of 153 W. 4th Street, Garland, NC, passed away on Monday, November 20, 2017, at Sampson Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held on Saturday, November 25, 2017, at 1pm, at Garland First Baptist Church, officiated by the Rev. Dr. Louis Hackett. Burial followed in Garland Community Cemetery. Survivors include her husband, Ralph Lynch, of the home, a son, James Smith, Jr., Cape May, NJ, sisters, Iris Johnson and Grace Bryant, Garland, NC, brothers, James Smith and Dancy Smith, Jr. Raleigh, 2 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. A viewing was held on Friday, November 24, 2017, from 2pm until 7pm at the Summerville-Boykin Mortuary.



## GARLAND

**Mrs. Effie Jane Storms 90** 15957 US Hwy. 701 N., died Sunday, November 19, 2017 at her residence. Mrs. Storms was born November 12, 1927 in Columbus Co., NC the daughter of the late Charlie Jones & Dora Britt Jones. She was preceded in death by her husband, George Albert Storms. Funeral service was held at 2:00 P.M. Friday, November 24, 2017 at Riverside Baptist Church, by the Reverend Scott Conner & Reverend Richard Wade. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Mrs. Storms is survived by one son, Myron Storms, of Garland, 2 grandsons, Michael Storms (Debbie), Brian Storms (Crystal) both of Clarkton, 2 great-granddaughters, Melynda Storms, Brittany Simmons. Online condolence maybe sent through [www.carterfh.com](http://www.carterfh.com). Service by Carter Funeral Home in Garland.



## GODWIN

**Mr. George Daniel Tripp, 39** of Godwin died Sunday November 26, 2017. Mr. Tripp was born in Lenoir County March 29, 1978 to George Washington and Jackie Carter Tripp. He was predeceased by his grandfather George Carter; brother, Benjamin Tripp; and sister Beth Tripp. Mr. Tripp received an Associates Degree in Applied Science from Sampson Community College. He worked with Coastal Protein as a mechanic supervisor and with Interstate Truck and Auto. He was a volunteer fireman starting with Spivey's Corner VFD at the age of 15. He loved Nascar, country music, and his special pets Dixie Mae and Tigger Trigg. A funeral service was held 11am, Thursday, November 30, 2017 at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home with the Rev. Tony Trogdon and Rev. Jimmy Honeycutt officiating. Burial followed in Old Mill Church Cemetery. Mr. Tripp is survived by his wife of 6 yrs, Cheryl Tripp; parents, George and Jackie Tripp; grandparents, Selma Carter and Gladys Watkins; brother, Nelson Tripp; sister, Renne Hill; uncle, Wayne Herring; aunts, Georgia Gallagher and Tammie Dupree; sisters in law, Brittany Atkinson and Nicole Watkins; and mother in law, Cheryldine Atkinson. Memorials may be made to Spivey's Corner VFD in memory of Daniel. Visitation was held 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home.



## HOPE MILLS

**Mr. William (Bill) Lee Johnson, Jr. 84**, of Hope Mills passed away on Friday, November 10, 2017. He was preceded in death by a son, Bennett Mitchell Johnson. He is survived by his wife, Mavis G. Johnson of the home; daughter, Laura J. Millinor and husband, Blake of Hickory; sister, Mary Lou Penny and husband, Tom of Youngsville; and six grandchildren, Mitchell, Christopher, Jennifer, Nicholas, Jack and Sarah. A funeral service was held at 1 pm Monday, November 13, 2017 in Hope Mills United Methodist Church with the burial following in Lafayette Memorial Park Cemetery. The family received friends from 11 am to 12:45 pm prior to the service at the church. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Hope Mills United Methodist Church.

## PLAIN VIEW

**Mr. Vetron Junior Draughon, 70**, of the Plain View Community, died Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at Rex Hospital in Raleigh. He was born February 21, 1947 in Sampson County to the late Vetron and Larrie Bass Draughon. He was preceded in death by a son, Terry Allen Draughon; brother, Jerry Draughon; and sister, Faye Williams; and brothers-in-law, Douglas Hawley, and Harold Spell. Mr. Draughon worked for Tom's Snacks for 29 years and Food Lion grocery stores for 21 years. He was a member of Bethesda Friend's Meeting where he enjoyed singing in the choir and the Bethesda Men's Quartet. Mr. Draughon also enjoyed hunting, fishing, and going to the mountains. His favorite role was being "Papa" to the light of his life, his granddaughter Jessica. A funeral service was held Saturday, November 25, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. at Bethesda Friend's Meeting with the Rev. Lee Lane officiating. Burial followed in Lee's Chapel Williford Cemetery. Mr. Draughon is survived by his wife of 52 years, Judy Draughon of the home; daughter, Denise Ingram and son-in-law, Terry Ingram, of Dunn; granddaughter, Jessica Ingram of Dunn; brother, Johnny Draughon; sisters, Gertie Spell and Vickie Draughon; brother-in-law, Prentice Williams; sister-in-law, Pat Draughon, all of Autryville; sister-in-law, Lela Mae Hawley; and several nieces and nephews. Visitation was Friday, November 24, 2017, from 6-8 p.m. at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home in Dunn, and other times at the home of Denise Ingram. Memorials may be made to Bethesda Friends Meeting, 4955 Green Path Rd., Dunn, NC 28334.

## GODWIN

**White Lee Hamilton, 92**, of Godwin and McGees Crossroads, passed away on Tuesday, November 28, 2017. She was born in Sampson County to the late Craven Earl & Bettie Warren Lee. White retired from teaching 3rd grade in the Cumberland County School System after 33 years of service. Her summers were spent in planting a vegetable garden large enough to feed extended family and many Sampson Co. friends and neighbors. White was a lifelong member of Wesley Chapel UMC, but adopted Mt. Zion UMC for the last 6 years and, in particular, the ladies Bible Seekers SS Class. Funeral services for Ms. White were Friday, December 1, 2017 at 12 p.m. at West & Dunn Funeral Home in Newton Grove. The family received friends from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Officiating the service was Rev. Leonard Rex. Burial followed in the Hillcrest Cemetery. White was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Howard Hamilton. She is survived by daughter Danise Emory and husband John of McGees Crossroads; Sons, Kent Hamilton and wife Susan of Mt. Gilead, and Greg Hamilton of Raleigh; grandchildren, Kevin Rogerson & wife Laura, Lea Rogerson Cosentino & husband Steve, Bradley Hamilton and wife Lindsay, Kyle Hamilton & wife Leah, Kelly Hamilton Laraway & husband Patrick, Nicholas Hamilton & wife Kirsten, Alex Hamilton, Sam Hamilton & Noah Hamilton; great-grandchildren Caleb, Kaitlyn, Liv, Cooper, Bennett, Lucy, Henry, & Ada. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Wesley Chapel UMC, 3741 Fayetteville Hwy, Dunn, NC 28334. Online condolences may be made at [www.westanddunn.com](http://www.westanddunn.com). A Service of West & Dunn Funeral Home of Newton Grove, North Carolina.

## NEWTON GROVE

**Alice Elizabeth Topper, 73**, passed away on Thursday, November 23, 2017 in Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. Mrs. Topper was born in Adams County, Illinois on August, 15, 1944. Mrs. Topper is survived by her husband, Richard Topper. Step Children Barbara Ditmore of Roseboro, NC, Patricia Matthews of Beaumont, Ca., Ann Marianne Federline of Hagerstown, MD., Victoria Handsford of Beaumont, CA., Wayne R. Topper of Hagerstown, MD., Brian J. Topper of Beaumont, CA., Charles M. Topper of Westminster, MD., Sisters, Wanda Gooding of Quincy, Illinois, Joan Hardy of Rutherfordton, NC., and brothers Nick Kinman of Lorraine, Illinois, Charles Kinman of Lorraine, Illinois and Glenn Kinman of Golden, Illinois. Several Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren and 1 Great Great Grandchild. A Prayer service with Visitation was held Sunday, November 26, 2017 from 6 till 8 p.m. at West and Dunn Funeral Home, Newton Grove. A Funeral Service was held Monday, November 27, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with a burial at a later date in Ursa, Illinois. The Father Kevin Moley officiated the service. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, P.O. Box 100, Newton Grove, N.C. 28366. Condolences may be made at [www.westanddunn.com](http://www.westanddunn.com). A Service of West & Dunn Funeral Homes, Inc. Newton Grove, N.C.



## AUTRYVILLE

**Annie H. (MClean) Fort age-93**, 2461 Legion Rd. Fayetteville, N.C. formerly of Autryville, N.C. died Saturday 11/25/17 at Cumberland Nursing and Rehab Center. Funeral services will be Tuesday 11/28/17 at 1pm. Butler & Son Funeral Home, Roseboro, N.C. Visitation 1 hour prior to the service.



## FAYETTEVILLE

**Johnnie Stephens, age-39**, formerly of Roseboro, N.C. died Monday 11/28/17 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. Funeral services are incomplete, Butler & Son Funeral Home, Roseboro, N.C.

*Peace I leave with you;  
my peace I give you.  
I do not give to you as  
the world gives. Do not  
let your hearts be  
troubled and do not  
be afraid.  
John 14:27*



**Arrest Reports**

11-20 Dana Michelle Smith, 37; 386 Lucas Rd., Roseboro; Possess Marijuana up to 1/2 ounce; Possess Drug Paraphernalia; Failure to Appear-DWLR Not Impaired Revoke; Failure to Appear- Possess Open Container/ Consume Alcohol Passenger Area; Failure to Appear-DWI; Secured Bond \$4,000; Court Date 12-01

11-20 Matthew Thomas Denton, 25; 713 Deb Rd., Roseboro; Harassing Phone Call; Written Promise to Appear; Court Date 12-04

11-23 Markum Lou Saito, 28; Spicy Jane Lane, Autryville; Probation Violations; Secured Bond \$7,000; Court Date 12-19

11-23 Erica Renee Young, 33; 108 Minnie-Hall Rd., Autryville; 8 Counts: Failure to Appear- Simple Worthless Check; Secured Bond \$40,000; Court Date 01-03

11-24 Donnie Ray Sessoms, 58; 521 Hairr Lane, Salemburg; Trespassing; Misdemeanor Larceny; Written Promise to Appear; Court Date 12-19

11-24 Carina Rodrigez, 22; 4520 Mount Olive Hwy., Clinton; Failure to Appear- No Operators License; Secured Bond \$1,000; Court Date 12-07

11-24 Franklin Deray Boyd Priest, 44; 48 Parkwood Circle, Lillington; Failure to Appear-DWI; Secured Bond \$7,500; Court Date 12-17

11-24 Cajanda Tona Jackson, 27; 1107 Ford Rd., Autryville; Failure to Appear- Simple Assault; Failure to Appear- Communicating Threats; Secured Bond \$1,000; Court Date 01-04

11-25 Maurice Williams, 35; 31 Friendly Lane, Salemburg; Trespassing; Secured Bond \$2,500; Secured Bond \$2,500; Court Date 12-19

11-25 Maurice Logan, 45; 411 Douglas Ave., Roseboro; Failure to Appear-Unauthorized Use of Motor Ve-

hicle; Secured Bond \$1,000; Court Date 11-30

11-25 Antonio Leon Sinclair, 39; 198 Old Brick Mill Rd., Clinton; Fail to Comply with Monies; Court Date 11-30

11-25 Christopher Trevon Graham, 24; 788 Isaac Rd. Clinton; Failure to Appear- Assault on a Female; Failure to Appear-Larceny; Failure to Appear- Possess Marijuana; Failure to Appear- DWLR; Failure to Appear- Fail to Stop for Stop Sign; Failure to Appear-Speeding; Secured Bond \$13,000; Court Date 12-11

11-26 John David Parker, 45; 165 Wineberry Lane, Newton Grove; Resisting Public Officer; Secured Bond \$750; Court Date 01-24

11-26 Wilson Beard Jr., 30; 8789 Harnett Dunn Hwy., Dunn; Failure to Appear-Simple Assault; 2 Counts: Fail to Comply; Secured Bond \$7,500; Court Date 11-28

11-26 Ricardo Ramos, 19; 3305 North McCullen Rd., Faison; Breaking and Entering; 2 Counts: Larceny; 2 Counts: Possessing Stolen Goods; Secured Bond \$25,000; Court Date 12-01

11-27 Darius Terrell Register, 39; 324 Loop Rd., Clinton; Failure to Appear-DWLR Not Impaired; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 11-30

11-27 Joshua Michael Strickland, 30; 225 Barrow St., Castle Haynes; 2 Counts: Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear- Obtain Property by False Pretense; Secured Bond \$40,000; Court Date 11-16

11-28 Thomas John Gryka II, 34; 2560 Ebenezer Forest Rd., Garland; Order for Arrest- Child Support; Court Date 12-20

11-28 Timothy Junior Murdock, 31; 194 Pugh Rd., Clinton; Larceny; Written Promise to Appear; Court Date 1-22

11-29 Joshua Smith, 28; 716 Williams St., Apt 727, Clinton; Failure to Appear-Expired Registration Card/Tag; Failure to Appear- DWLR Not Impaired; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 12-04

11-29 Jose De Jesus Serrano, 47; 1122 Blueberry Lane, Ivanhoe; 4 Counts: Failure to Appear- DWLR; Failure to Appear- No Operators License; Failure to Appear- No Registration; Secured Bond \$2,300; Court Date 01-08

11-29 James Otis Duncan, 38; 338 Big Mama Rd., Varnille; Fail to Comply; Failure to Appear- DWLR; Secured Bond \$820; Court Date 12-01

**Incident/Investigation Report**

11-20 April Hill reported a Burglary located at 3838 Faison Hwy., Clinton. Items reported missing included an assortment of jewelry and a laptop.

11-20 McLamb Farm Service reported the Larceny of 8 commercial truck batteries located at 2755 Union Grove Church Rd., Dunn.

11-20 Edna Taylor reported a Breaking and Entering located at 93 Mitchell Loop Rd., Roseboro. Items reported missing included a hand level 3 foot, hand level 4 foot, stereo and jewelry.

11-21 Joann Owens reported a Burglary located at 1000 Warren St., Clinton.

11-21 Dolores Billarreal reported a Larceny located on Woodland Dr., Clinton. Items reported missing US Currency, Debit cards, smart phone and a cellphone case.

11-23 Mertie Smith reported a Breaking and Entering located at 69 Ruby Lane, Clinton. Item reported missing a Smart TV.

11-23 Eddie Snead reported the Larceny of a firearm located at 304 Dakota Lane, Dunn.

11-24 Brandon Boney reported the Larceny of batteries located at 1001 North Peavine Rd., Clinton.

11-24 Melinda Otway reported a Burglary located at 4780 Harnett Dunn Hwy., Dunn. Item reported missing US Currency.

11-25 Robert Price reported the Larceny of a Vehicle located at 2855 Hayes Mill Rd., Godwin.

11-25 Harry Halstead reported a Larceny located at 13418 Spivey's Corner Hwy.,

Roseboro. Items reported missing included a standard ESSO Dealer Sign, Pure Sign and a Texaco Sign.

11-25 Union Grove Church reported the Larceny of an Exhaust located at 7282 Keener Rd., Clinton.

11-25 Lewis Antonio reported a Larceny located at 21 Wild Iris Lane, Godwin. Items reported missing included a blower, hedge trimmer and a 5 gallon gas jug.

11-27 Sharon Bennett reported a Burglary located at 3900 Hobbton Hwy. Clinton. Items reported missing included US Currency and firearm.

11-27 Michael Edwards reported a Breaking and Entering located at 246 Bid Lane, Clinton. Item reported missing a tool set.

11-27 David Schaeffer reported a Burglary located at 432 Hubbard Butler Rd., Clinton. Items reported missing included a hedge trimmer, weed eater and an electric space heater.

11-28 Betty Murray reported a Breaking and Entering located at 1892 Roanoke Rd., Newton Grove. Items reported missing included a purse, medications, documents and US Currency.

11-28 Tommy Daughtry reported the Larceny of firearms located at 6839 Hobbton Hwy., Clinton.

11-28 Samantha Guin reported a Burglary located at 3200 Green Path Rd., Dunn. Items reported missing included firearms, jewelry, purse, safe and a Nintendo DS.

11-29 McDonald Preddy reported a Larceny located at 3334 Basstown Rd., Clinton. Items reported missing included a four wheeler and 50 pound bag of dogfood.

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

**Sampson County VITAL STATS**

**Deaths**

-Sara Elizabeth Baggett  
 -Frank Marion Dabb Jr  
 -Harry Lee Faison  
 -Myra Grey Keene  
 -Patrick Corneilius Mathis  
 -Mildred Erdice Rich  
 -OC Tyndall  
 -Carl Wayne Warren

**Birth Certificates**

-Yakelin Elizabeth Choc Hernandez born on November 5, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Arturo Choc Choc and Blanca Yesenia Hernandez Madrid

-Karen Bautista Martinez born on November 7, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Sergio Bautista-Martinez and Irma Martinez-Jose

-Shamarion Monzell Lofton born on November 7, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Lazarus Nathan Glaspie and Cadeija Wanda Mona Lofton

-Abraham Mateo Midence Flores born on November 7, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Robty Eduardo Midence Salgado and Prady Yecenia Flores Mendoza

-Dudley James Phillips born on November 7, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Ramell Xavier Phillips and Chelsea Renee Miskmen

-Mackenzie Gray Herring born on November 8, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Maxwell Glen Herring Jr and Kalyn Moody Herring

-Noe' Vah Zariel Vaughn born on November 8, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Jihad Yasine Vaughn and Ladecia Delentay Lee

-Roland River Renfrow born on October 28, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Patrice Glyn McDonald

-Kameron Adam Merritt born on November 5, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Wesley Adam Merritt and Ashleigh Reed Bowden

-Alexa Gonzalez-Ventura born on November 5, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Juanita Ventura Cruz

-Kerryona Ann Ny'Jae Logan born on November 9, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Chikina Simone McClendon

-Shamya Marie Thomas Owens born on November 9, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Shanice Terri Thomas

-Anjel Jacob Mora Aguilar born on November 10, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Noe Mora Alonzo and Claudia Aguilar Fernandez

-Javin Kameer Wilson born on November 10, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Antonio Doshan Wilson and Keonta Rochelle Wilson

-Gianluca Leo Zamarano born on November 10, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Omar Zamarano and Dominique Adrieanna Zamarano

-Malahnii Lovenia Hutchinson born on November 11, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Michael Leon Hutchinson Jr and Shakora Nichole McMillan

-Grayson Scott Rathburn born on November 11, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Christopher Andrew Rathburn and Taryanne Elaine Headen

-Kathryn Marie Keister born on November 12, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Ricardo LeLon Keister and Kristina Barbarajeon West

-Kelsey Brianna Ayala born on November 13, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Johanna Esmeraldo Ayala Rodriguez

-Valeri Sophia Diaz Miranda born on November 13, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to German David Diaz Inestroza and Nohemi Natali Miranda Miranda

-Tommy Edwin Turnage Jr born on November 13, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Tommy Edwin Turnage and Kennedy Cheyenne Jacobs

-Ayce Ja'Bril Parker born on November 14, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Jessica Shavon Parker

-Tanyah Amirah Jordyn Spencer born on November 14, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Bruce Jordan Spencer Jr and Letania Charisse Bannerman

-Jonathan Chavira born on November 15, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Isaac Lee Chavira and Julia Serrano Arroyo

**Marriage Certificates**

-Earl Randolph Bradshaw to Sandra Rose Jones

-Joshua David Byrd to Jacklyn Diane Parker

**Land Transfers**

-Juana Rocio Lopez to Fernando Daniel Antonio- Lot 28 Madeline Acres 1.49 Acres Dismal

-Bertie Adams Williams, Patricia Ann Williams to Mike J Sellers, Roberta L Sellers- Lot 91 0.94 Acres Williamsdale Subdivision Section One Part B Little Coharie

-Keith Brewington Tr, Terry Eads Tr, Linwood Ennis Tr, Donald Robinson Tr to Shiloh Pentecostal Holiness Church of Godwin Inc- 6.28 Acres Dismal

-Velva K Oliver to Betty O Warren- 11.50 Acres Halls

-Velva K Oliver to Cynthia O Gainey, Rebecca O Lockamy, Betty O Warren- 24.6 Acres Halls

-Velva K Oliver to Cynthia O Gainey, Rebecca O Lockamy, Betty O Warren, Velva K Oliver- 3 Acres Halls

-Shirley Randolph Jones to Dollie Bernice Peterson Jones- Lot 2 1.00 Acres Little Coharie

-DLJ Mortgage Capital Inc/By AIF, Selene Finance LP/AIF to Cristian Banegas Santos- Lot 5 Peterson Acres South Clinton

-Judith P Braun, Michael W Braun to Cashie Phillips Lee, John Ross Lee- Lot 36 Phase One Sandy Ridge Country Club Subdivision Plain View

-Amos A Love, Elizabeth Love, Gene Douglas Love, Jenny Love to DMNI Restoration Inc- Lots 4 & 5 Brookewind Subidvision Phase One

-Norman Marcus Jernigan to Norma Lisa Godwin- 2.75 Acres Plainview

-Terri O Gregory/FKA, Terri Gregory Turner to Kelly Brooke Martin- 0.64 Acres Newton Grove

-Linda C Matthis, Stephen Christopher Matthis to Jodi Ann Espana, Orrin David Espana- 5.14 Acres Belvoir

-Pride of Sampson Inc, Wayne Bailey Inc Successor in Interest by Merger to Vette Investments LLC- 4 Parcels w/exceptions North Clinton

-Jason A Chaney/MGR, Vette Investments LLC to Trinity Frozen Foods LLC- 4 Parcels w/exceptions North Clinton

-Diane O Fisher, Faye V Fisher, Lenon H Fisher Jr, Ray Clark Fisher, Gayle F Naylor to Phyllis R McLymore, Theoderick Moore- Lot Little Coharie

-Jean C Turlington to Lisa H Turlington, William F Turlington- Lot N Clinton

-Karen S Carter, Michael H Carter, Gwendolyn S Davidson, Steven H Davidson, Gary A Stewart, Linda Parrish Stewart to Clement Volunteer Fire Department Inc. - 5.99 Acres Dismal

-Hugo Lopez Del Rio, Rogelia Diaz Rio to Lucia Reyes Gutierrez, Adrian Montes Sanchez- Lot 63 Cobb Farm 1.01 Acres Newton Grove

-Barbara Webb Bowden to AG and AM LLC- 1 Acre Halls

-Jeremy Donald Sutton, Jonathan Andrew Sutton, Miranda Brinn Sutton to Elizabeth Sutton Ray - 2 Acres Little Coharie and South Clinton

-Wells Fargo bank NA to Eddie Ray Baldwin, Sherrie King Baldwin- Lot 51 Phase One Sandy Ridge Country Club

-Annie Grace Faison to Arizona Danielle Faison- Lots 5 & 6 Block E North Clinton

-Margaret K Reeves, Mark E Reeves to Prestage Farms Inc- Tract 3 7.77 Acres McDaniels

-Bryan Rhoads, Patricia Rhoads to Kevin R Kaufman- Lot 10 Southwinds Subdivision Phase One Plainview

-Brenda Talton Carroll to Robert C Bradshaw- 0.36 Acres Sampson

-Alice Faye Mercer Tew to brain Keith Tew, David Earl Tew, James Christopher Tew, Thomas Franklin Tew- 24.98 Acres Sampson

-Lettie Frances Gregory Estate, William Oliver Gregory/EXR to Linda E Gregory, William Oliver Gregory- 2 Tracts Newton Grove

-Charles Lemont Faison to Charles Lemont Faison, Lavoice Faison Stevens, Michael Anthony Stevens- Tract 12 Wentworth Faison Farm Turkey

-Peggy C Dudley to Barbara King, Herbert King- 0.46 Acres Lot 35 North Clinton

-Alfonza Lee Hooper, George Hooper Jr, Grover Allen Hooper, Jennifer Hooper to Virginia Hooper Bryant- Lot 6 Earl J Colwell Lots South Clinton

-Amadeo Ramirez Correa to Jose Alfredo Ramirez Correa- Lot Halls, Lisbon Lot 15 2.91 Acres

-Edwin Minor to Brenda Minor- 0.63 Acres Lot 8 Little Coharie

-Charles D Owens, Rina D Owens to Desiree Antionette Barnes, Shannon Liniere Coakley- 2.52 Acres Lot 1

-Linda Gail Carter/FKA, Linda Tatum Robinson, Ricky J Robinson, Linda Tatum Robinson to Cheryl Bellamy, Timothy Bellamy- 1 Acre Sampson

-Cape Fear Industries USA Inc to Heather Lynn Logan- Lot 5

-Jim Warren Mobile Homes Inc, T&W Development/G PTNR/DBA, Thornton Logging Company to Jose Guadalupe Avila Arroyo, Virginia Arroyo Isaac, Angel Salas Santana- Lot 15 1.19 Acres Green Acres Subdivision Honeycutt

-Jim Warren Mobile Homes Inc, T&W Development/G PTNR/DBA, Thornton Logging Company to Brian Anthony Perkins, Donna Marie Perkins- Lot 10 10.24 Acres Myrtle Woods Acres Section One Honeycuts

-Andrew Winton Johnson III to Gayle Rankin Johnson- 2 Tracts Halls

-Dorothy Jean Lucas, Phillip Dell Lucas Sr to Phillip Dell Lucas Jr- Lot 6 Sandy Acres Subdivision Plainview

-Peggy B Cottle, William T Cottle Jr to Johnson DeLeon Bass, William E Bass- 160.35 Acres w/exceptions South Clinton

-Caleb Trevor Johnson, Hailey C Johnson to Gary L Benton, Sylvia Gail Benton-McDaniels Township

-Wendy M Crumpler/MGR, Pigtails LLC to Margaret K Reeves, Mark E Reeves- 140.89 Acres w/exceptions McDaniels



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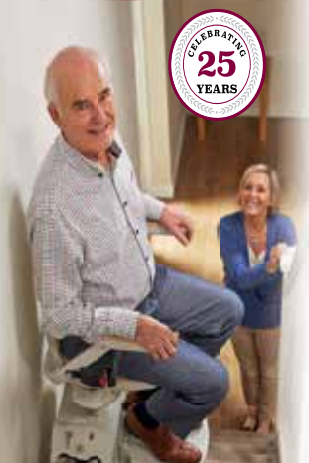
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# Chamber Chat



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

Can you believe that Thanksgiving is behind us and we are gearing up for everything Christmas?! This holiday season should be one for the books. With so many fun memories to be made, it is no wonder why they call it the most wonderful time of the year.

It is the last few days to get in your Christmas Parade Application! Join us and Santa on December 9th for a magical parade to help kick off the holiday season. Bring your friends and loved ones out at 10:00am to downtown Clinton to spread the joy!

We will be spreading more holiday cheer at our December Business After Hours with Performance Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram. Come on out on December 12th at 5:00pm for some delicious food and networking opportunities. This is your chance to let the Chamber work for you and your business and make those connections!

If you are looking to kick off this Holiday Season right then join us at Christmas in the City on Thursday, December 7th starting at 5:30pm. There will be music, hay rides, carriage rides, gingerbread houses, and santa! So much fun is to be had by all! We look forward to seeing you there!

For any information about upcoming events this holiday season you can email us at [info@clintonsampsonchamber.org](mailto:info@clintonsampsonchamber.org) or give us a call at 910-592-6177. We encourage you to get out and get involved in our community during this wonderful season.

## Congratulations Chamber Member of the Week



The Sampson County Convention and Visitors Bureau's primary mission is to market and promote Sampson County, its assets and its industry partners to attract business and leisure travelers.

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**Retirement benefits** provide you with a continuous source of income later in life. If you have earned enough credits, you can start receiving your full retirement benefits at age 66 or 67 — depending on when you were born. You may choose to claim these benefits as early as age 62 at a permanently reduced rate, but waiting until after your full retirement age increases your benefit amount by up to 8 percent per year to age 70. Plan for your retirement at: [www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/retire](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/retire).

**Disability benefits** offer a financial lifeline if you have a serious medical condition that makes it impossible for you to work and provide for yourself and your family and is expected to last at least one year or to result in death. Learn more at [www.socialsecurity.gov/disability](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/disability).

**Child benefits** support your minor children while you are receiving Social Security retirement benefits or disability benefits. This financial support also is available to adult children who become disable before age 22. Grandchildren and stepchildren may qualify in certain situations. Please see: [www.socialsecurity.gov/people/kids](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/people/kids).

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**Survivor benefits** ease the financial burden on your loved ones after you die by providing monthly payments to eligible widows, widowers, children, and dependent parents. It is likely the survivor benefits you have under Social Security carry greater value than your individual life-insurance policy. Read more about survivor benefits at [www.socialsecurity.gov/survivors](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/survivors).

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Currently, Social Security provides benefits to more than 61 million American workers and their families. We will be there for you and your family through life's journey.

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**By Brenda Brown**

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**FAMILY FEATURES**

The next best thing to baking cookies for many home chefs is baking cookies with friends. Dust off your favorite recipes, create a festive playlist and fill your home with the tantalizing aroma of baked goodies for the ultimate Christmas cookie party.

Turn things up a notch and swap classic sugar cookies for these festive Red Velvet Crinkle Cookies, Peppermint Truffle Cookies and Almond Gingerbread Cookies. Along with those tasty treats, don't let your guests go thirsty. Add peppermint extract to a slow cooker hot chocolate so guests can sip and be merry throughout the party. Find more holiday recipes at McCormick.com.

**Peppermint Truffle Cookies**

- 8 ounces bittersweet baking chocolate
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter
- 1 cup sugar, divided
- 1 egg
- 1/2 teaspoon McCormick Pure Peppermint Extract
- 2 cups flour
- 36 milk chocolate kiss-shaped candies, unwrapped

Heat oven to 350 F. In large, microwavable bowl, heat chocolate and butter on high 1-2 minutes, or until butter is melted. Let stand 10 minutes to cool slightly. Add 1/2 cup sugar, egg and peppermint extract. Beat with electric mixer on medium speed until well blended. Gradually beat in flour on low speed until well mixed. Shape dough into 1-inch balls. Press chocolate candy into center of each ball, forming dough around candy to enclose it. Roll in remaining sugar to coat. Place 1 inch apart on greased baking sheets. Bake 9-11 minutes, or until cookies are set. Cool on baking sheets 5 minutes. Remove to wire racks; cool completely.

# Throw a *Christmas Cookie* Party

**Almond Gingerbread Cookies**

- 3 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons McCormick Ginger, Ground
- 1 teaspoon McCormick Cinnamon, Ground
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon McCormick Nutmeg, Ground
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) butter, softened
- 3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup molasses
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon McCormick Pure Vanilla Extract
- 1 1/3 cups sliced almonds

In large bowl, mix flour, ginger, cinnamon, baking soda, nutmeg and salt. In separate large bowl, beat butter and brown sugar with electric mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy. Add molasses, egg and vanilla extract; beat well. Gradually beat in flour mixture on low speed until well mixed. Press dough into thick, flat disk. Wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate 4 hours, or as long as overnight. Heat oven to 350 F. Shape dough into 1-inch balls. Roll in sliced almonds, pressing almonds into dough. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheets. Bake 8-10 minutes, or until edges of cookies just begin to brown. Remove to wire racks; cool completely. Store cookies in airtight container up to 5 days.



**Red Velvet Crinkle Cookies**

- 1 2/3 cups flour
- 1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, softened
- 1 1/4 cups granulated sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/2 teaspoons McCormick Red Food Color
- 1 teaspoon McCormick Pure Vanilla Extract
- 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
- nonstick cooking spray

In medium bowl, mix flour, cocoa powder, baking powder and salt; set aside. In large bowl, beat butter and granulated sugar with electric mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy. Add eggs, food color and vanilla extract; mix well. Gradually beat in flour mixture on low speed until well mixed. Refrigerate 4 hours. Heat oven to 350 F. Shape dough into 1-inch balls. Roll in confectioners' sugar to completely coat. Place 2 inches apart on baking sheets sprayed with nonstick cooking spray. Bake 10-12 minutes, or until cookies are puffed. Cool on baking sheets 2 minutes. Remove to wire racks; cool completely.



**Slow Cooker Peppermint Hot Chocolate**

- 1/2 gallon (8 cups) whole milk
- 1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk
- 1 package (12 ounces) dark chocolate chips

1/2 teaspoon McCormick Pure Peppermint Extract  
Place whole milk, condensed milk, chocolate chips and peppermint extract in slow cooker. Cover. Cook 60-70 minutes on high, or until chocolate is melted and mixture is heated through, stirring every 15 minutes. Reduce heat to warm or low to serve.



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