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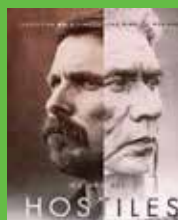
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Legendary Clinton Head Football Coach Bob Lewis Retires

After over four decades of coaching, most at the helm of the Clinton Dark Horses, Coach Bob Lewis notified his coaching staff on Monday that he would be retiring.

Throughout his career, Lewis led the Horses to four state championship titles (and six state finals) and also has state championships titles with East Bladen and Harrells Christian Academy. Many who have played under him have gone on to have college and NFL careers.

The legendary coach, now 75, said Tuesday that he felt like the time was right for him to retire.

"I don't really want to talk about anything at this time other than to say, people always told that I would know when it was time to stop and this felt like, to me, the time to stop," Lewis said.

That decision quickly reverberated throughout the county.

"I had the pleasure of working for Coach Lewis as an assistant from 95-97," said Robert Hill, Jr., current Hobpton High head coach. "My dad worked as an assistant to him for 13 years and enjoyed every minute of it. I am going to miss seeing him on the sidelines on Friday nights. I have never had to coach against him in anything other than a controlled scrimmage and that was enough for me. I have seen many players walk into Dark Horse stadium and be in awe of the stadium. It was like that in the scrimmage knowing that one of the best coaches in the state was standing across from me."

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Structure Fire and Fatality at 3172 Harnett-Dunn Highway

On January 23, 2018, around 2:45 AM, the Sampson County E-911 Center received a report of a structure fire at 3172 Harnett-Dunn Highway, Newton Grove, NC. Fire departments from Newton Grove, Spivey's Corner, Plainview, Vann's Crossroads and Meadow responded along with Sampson County EMS, Newton Grove Rescue and Suttontown Rescue.

Firefighters discovered a body in the residence while extinguishing the fire. The deceased was identified as Jimmy Lee, age 52, who is also the owner of the residence. Due to the unknown origin of the fire, investigators from the Sampson County Sheriff's Office, the Sampson County Fire Marshal's Office and the NC State Bureau of Investigation were called in to conduct an investigation.

Mr. Lee's official cause of death is pending the Medical Examiners autopsy. No additional information will be released, pending the results of the autopsy, analysis of the physical evidence and potential witness interviews.



Opioid Epidemic Major Health Issue in 2018



It seems that through much of recent history, each generation has faced a drug problem specific to the times. In the 60's it was LSD, Marijuana and Amphetamines. The 70's were known for Heroin and Cocaine. Crack was big in the 80's and 90's until giving way to Meth. In the early 2000's Opioids began to make their way to the family medicine cabinet and today, opiates and opioids are causing a health crisis like nothing the world has ever faced before.

So bad is the current opioid abuse that it's been called an epidemic. The federal government, along with state agencies and other organizations are racing for answers and bracing for overdoses and death.

President Donald Trump said: "Nobody has seen anything like what's going on now, declaring the opioid crisis a national public health emergency." This is the most widespread and deadly drug crisis in the nation's history.

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WEEKLY VERSE

"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong."
1 Corinthians 16:13

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LOCAL NEWS

Superior Court Judge Albert Kirby Takes Oath of Office-Makes History

On Monday morning at 9:30am, there was a packed courtroom in the Sampson County Courthouse. There was no one waiting to see the judge to get out of a parking ticket or a misdemeanor charge. Everyone present on Monday morning was there to watch history being made in Sampson County. The first African American Superior Court judge was getting ready to take his Oath of Office, Albert D. Kirby Jr. The second-floor courtroom was standing room only with local law enforcement, attorneys, friends and family, all present to support their colleague.

Kirby marks the third Superior Court judge appointed from Sampson County, including Judge Howard Hubbard and Judge Doug Parsons.

The special ceremonial session was opened by James H Thornton, Sampson County Sheriff. Sheriff Thornton was the first to remind the audience that history was being witnessed that morning. The Mistress of Ceremonies, Rev. Judy Johnson-Truitt, Interim pastor of First Baptist Church welcomed visitors and guests. The invocation was given by Bishop Varnie Fullwood, Senior Pastor of Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church.

Clinton City Mayor Lew Starling addressed the crowd, sharing his brotherhood with Albert Kirby and their closeness and successes over their 40 years of friendship. "Everything he has gotten, he has had to fight for and that will make him a better man on that bench," stated Mayor Starling.

Remarks concerning the character and fortitude of the Honorable Mr. Kirby were given by the Honorable Paul Hardison, Chief District Court Judge over the Fourth Judicial District. Hardison gave Kirby words of wisdom to always be fair and impartial from the bench. "You will develop some enemies, but you do what is right and the law will give you guidance and direction and God will do the rest."

NC Senate (retired) N. Leo Daughtry also addressed the crowd about the service of Albert Kirby and how appropriate the decision made by Governor Roy Cooper on December 22nd, 2017 was to appoint Attorney Albert Kirby as the next Superior Court Judge for District 4A. The seat was left vacant after the unexpected passing of the Honorable Doug Parsons back in September.

Administering the Oath of Office to Albert Kirby was the Honorable Charles H Henry. Judge Kirby's mother held the Bible for her son as he took the oath.



Clinton Mayor Lew Starling speaks to those in attendance about the friendship he has had with Albert Kirby for over 40 years.



Honorable Charles H Henry gives the Oath of Office to Judge Albert Kirby. Kirby's mother was by his side holding the Bible.

The newly robed Judge Albert Kirby then addressed the crowd with words of thankfulness and humility. He was greatly touched by the outpouring of support on Monday morning from friends and family. He thanked his friends, his classmates from Wake Forest and Campbell University, and most importantly his family. With tears in his eyes, he addressed his mother, and thanked her for her sacrifice. Kirby noted that when he was younger, that his family was really poor. Kirby stated, "Thank you mother. You did not get to eat so we could eat. This is your day!"

Kirby has been a public servant and attorney for more than 25 years. He served as a Sampson County Commissioner until stepping down on January 2nd and has also served as president of the Sampson County Bar Association. Kirby holds degrees from Wake Forest University and Campbell University School of Law. He is currently enrolled in the Campbell School of Divinity.

A Clinton High School graduate in 1976, Albert Kirby attended Wake Forest University on a full football scholarship. After graduating from Wake Forest with a BA degree in History, he attended Campbell University School of Law (now the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law).

"I graduated from Campbell in 1986, and was licensed to practice law in 1987," states Kirby. "My first job after passing the North Carolina State Bar was Assistant District Attorney in Fayetteville. I worked primarily in district court handling misdemeanor cases. One of the greatest experiences I had as an assistant district attorney in Fayetteville was my job as the juvenile prosecutor. For two years I was responsible for prosecuting cases against juvenile offenders. I learned a great deal about how to handle children. Many of the cases involved children simply crying out for help, so my means of punishment were not simply to 'throw the book at them'. I learned to be creative. It taught me a lot about the way children think."

"I left the district attorney's office in Fayetteville and became an assistant district attorney in Greenville, North Carolina. With that move, I also became an adjunct professor of criminal justice at East Carolina University. In the DA's office in Greenville, I handled all types of cases including serious felony cases in Superior Court such as rape, burglary, drug offenses, and murder."

Third Annual Sampson County Job Fair

**Bringing New Opportunities*

Are you looking for a job or know someone who needs a job? Are you looking for a better paying job or a more fulfilling job opportunity? If so, make sure you mark your calendar for Saturday February 10th for the Third Annual Sampson County Job Fair. The event will be held at the Sampson County Agri-Expo Center on Warsaw Road from 9am- 12 noon.

According to event coordinator John Swope, there were 271 job seekers at last year's Job Fair, ten percent more than the previous year. In 2017, there were 20 employers seeking applicants for available job openings.

This year's participating business and industries will include the following: Big Blue Stores, Clinton Police & Public Safety, Enviva, Ezzell Trucking Inc., Hog Slat Inc., NC Works Career Center, Performance Automotive Group, Prestage Farms, Rheinfelden Americas, Sampson Community College, Sampson County, Sampson County Health Department, Sampson County Department of Social Services, Schindler Elevator Corporation, Smithfield, Smithfield Hog Production, Southwood Nursing & Rehab, Telamon, Temporary Con-



nections, and Triangle South Workforce Development.

This will be a great opportunity for anyone searching for a new job to have all these employers under one roof, with the ability to see what jobs are available and to be able to fill out applications on site. A great opportunity that only comes around once a year during the Job Fair.

Mr. Swope discussed the importance of the event, "It provides both the job seekers and employers the opportunity to meet and start a conversation they otherwise do not have at a job fair within Sampson County."

"It is an excellent opportunity to meet with employers and learn what job opportunities are available as well as what skills employers are in need of. It also will provide the opportunity to participate in one of 3 workshop sessions for 'Interviewing for Success', 45-minute workshops for career minded individuals that wish to enhance their job seeking skills," concluded Swope.

The co-hosts of the Job Fair as well as the financial sponsors include: Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce, NC Workforce Development, Sampson County Exposition Center, and Triangle-South Workforce Development Board.

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Mourning Family Offers \$5k Reward



The mourning family of a 39-year-old man that was struck and killed as he was walking down the road to a friend's house is now offering a 5k reward in hopes that someone will come forward with information leading to the arrest of the person driving the vehicle that struck their son.

Brian Keith Graham, 39, of Dunn formerly of Rockingham, was walking south on Ira B Tart Road in Sampson County near the Harnett County line when he was struck by a newer model Ford Mustang, according to reports. The Mustang was travelling south on Ira B Tart Road as well. The collision was reported at approximately

9:30 Saturday night. There were shards of glass at the scene that leads officials to believe

that the windshield of the car was broken during the collision.

Highway Patrol are urging the public to be on the lookout for a silver or gray newer model Ford Mustang with a black pinstripe down the side.

Phillip Graham, Brian's father, is now offering a 5-thousand-dollar reward to anyone that comes forward with information leading to the arrest of the driver. Mr. Graham stated that Brian had only lived in the area for about 3 weeks when he moved to secure a new job in Dunn at PJ's Trucking in Dunn. The father said that his son had been living in a camper so that he could save enough money to get a bigger place, so he could see his 5-year-old son, Titus, more often.

Graham said that the family was just devastated. "We are just at a standstill. We don't know what to do."

"Brian was a loving father," noted Phillip. "He was working to get his life straightened out. He loved his son very much. He tried to see him as much as he could."

Mr. Graham received a credible tip on Thursday morning and the family hopes that the tip leads to an arrest. According to Hwy Patrol there had been a couple of leads but nothing that had panned out so far.

Anyone with any tips or information please contact Mr. Graham at (910)817-7125, the Highway Patrol at (800)334-7411 (Sgt. David Kenlow), (910)592-3141 (Sgt. Cotton) or the Sampson County Sheriff Department at (910)592-4141.



Tactical Medic Training Saving Lives

Dr. Tim Smith, a Red Springs native who currently resides in Clinton, NC, has worked as an emergency medicine physician in Southeastern Regional Medical Center's Emergency Department in Lumberton, NC, for the past four years and, before medical school, for three years as a physician assistant.

He, along with Nestor "Rico" Rivera, who was recently credited with helping to save a law enforcement officer following an accidental shooting in Lumberton, joined forces two years ago to create an agency to train paramedics and law enforcement officers how to handle active shooter situations, focusing specifically on the immediate treatment of gunshot, knife and other types of critical wounds. Their agency has now trained several hundred EMTs and officers throughout Robeson and Sampson counties on lifesaving skills including rescue taskforces, injury treatment and triage. Dr. Smith recently completed basic law enforcement training and uses his medical education and skills used as a former marine physician to guide the training. Rivera is a trained, seasoned paramedic and Maxton police officer.

"Our goal is to teach law enforcement and first responders how to

care for wounds like gunshot wounds, where timing is critical, and we know this training is saving lives," said Dr. Smith. "The average time for a victim in an active shooter situation to receive medical care is typically 25 minutes. We hope to cut that time to four to six minutes with these secondary, specially-trained teams of professionals."

Specific aspects of the tactical medical training, which can span one to five days, depending on the training level, includes how to apply dressings and tourniquets, administer IV fluids, and the application of TXA clotting medication, which was recently added to Robeson County ambulances.

"Tactical medics provide care to officers and victims during tactical law enforcement situations," said Dr. John Reed, medical director for SRMC Emergency Services and Robeson County EMS. "The training and skills of tactical medics exceeds that of other EMS technicians. They can initiate care so that injured individuals arrive at the ED with improved odds of survival from critical injuries."

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Hill added, "I wish Coach Lewis nothing but the best in his retirement. It is well deserved. HIP-HIP (former players and Coaches will know what this is)."

Lakewood High Football Coach James Lewis stated, "Getting to be on the same field with Coach Lewis was always an honor. I was usually getting my butt whipped, but you knew you were competing with one of the best that ever walked a sideline. Great coach and even better man."

Al Britt, long-time Hobbton High head coach, one-time Clinton High head coach (2002) and current Athletic Director for Sampson County Schools, remembers Lewis as enjoying the position of coach.

"Coach Lewis just loved football," Britt said. "Everything about it. Coaching the kids, working in the weight room and Friday nights. Winning was important but I never heard him once mention his record or championships. He just loved coaching it. PERIOD."

Playing a Lewis coached team took plenty of preparation.

"When you played a Dark Horse team that was coached by Bob Lewis, you had better be ready to battle," said long-time Lakewood High assistant coach Telfair Simpson. "You knew what they were going to run, and you might stop it once in a while ... They were always the measuring stick as to where your team stood."

Long-time Union High head coach Doug Burley said Lewis will be missed. "Coach Lewis is a great coach," he said. "He is a great mentor to all of us younger coaches ... Clinton High School will surely miss him."

Midway Head coach Jason Fussell agrees. "Coach Lewis had a great career and was a positive influence on the lives of many student-athletes."

Jason Arnette, who played and coached under Lewis and is the current head coach of the Harrells Christian Academy Crusaders, said Lewis was a great mentor.

"He really was a great mentor, very dedicated to the game and the Clinton program," Arnette said. "He was big on the weight room and making kids stronger and always believed in doing things the right way ..."

Arnette played for Coach Lewis in the late 90s and was a member of the 97' and 98' State Championship teams. He also coached with him for 6 years and served as his defensive coordinator for the last 2 of those 6.

Lewis not only touched lives on the field, but also in the community, according to Dr. Steven Miller, principal of Clinton High School.

"Bob Lewis is a legendary coach who will leave a tremendous legacy at Clinton High and within the Clinton Community," he said. "Coach Lewis has won many championships and built many champions because of his deeply rooted faith, honesty, integrity, and ability to motivate others to succeed beyond their expectations! The measure of any successful coach and leader is the legacy they leave behind and how they empower others. By these standards, Coach Lewis is a great among greats!"

According to MaxPreps, in his years of coaching at Clinton High (1988-2000; 2011-2017), Lewis' record is 213-60 overall.



Clinton man to celebrate wedding anniversary with \$1 million lottery win

BY NCEL

Frank Singleton Jr. of Clinton said he plans to make his wedding anniversary unforgettable after he played the Big Money Super Ticket and won \$1 million.

"My wife and I have been married for eleven years," Singleton said. "We're going to the Dominican Republic for our anniversary, and I'm going to make it extra special for her."

Singleton's good fortune happened Friday when he stopped by the Friendly Mart on North East Boulevard in Clinton and bought the \$10 scratch-off ticket. He brought the ticket home and started scratching.

"I didn't think it was real," Singleton said.

It didn't feel that way until he claimed his prize Monday at lottery headquarters in Raleigh. He had the choice of taking an annuity that has 20 payments of \$50,000 a year or a lump sum of \$600,000. He chose the lump sum. After required state and federal tax withholdings, he took home \$417,009.

Big Money Super Ticket launched in December with four top prizes of \$1 million. One top prize remains.

Ticket sales from instant games like Big Money Super Ticket make it possible for the lottery to raise more than \$600 million a year for the state. For details on how lottery funds have made a difference in all of North Carolina's 100 counties, click on the "Impact" section of the lottery's website.

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On January 1st of this year Governor Cooper introduced the STOP Act which was intended to limit opioid prescriptions. "Nearly four people die every day from opioid overdose in North Carolina," stated Cooper. "Opioid-related deaths have risen from fewer than 200 in 1999 to 1,384 in 2016."

"Smarter, safer prescribing is one tool among many that we're deploying to combat the opioid crisis," said Governor Cooper. "Setting initial limits on these powerful drugs can help reduce the number of people who become addicted to opioids and it can ultimately save lives."

Just recently, the FDA announced labeling changes for prescription cough and cold medications to limit those products containing opioids to use in adults only.

And this week, Governor Cooper announced a next wave of funding and new tools to combat the opioid crises. "This next wave of funding, administered by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), targets direct services for treatment of opioid use disorder for new patients. The funds will: Increase the capacity of Opioid Treatment Programs to provide services such as medication to treat opioid use disorders, individual counseling, group counseling and other outpatient treatment services; Expand access to Medication-Assisted Treatment for the uninsured, which includes medications and behavioral therapies to treat substance use disorders; and Support Peer Recovery Specialists in Opioid Treatment Programs and Emergency Departments.

Since 1999, 130,000 people have died related to overdose deaths. So bad is the current state of abuse that EMS, Police, Sheriff Deputies and Highway Patrol carry naloxone - a medication designed to rapidly reverse opioid overdose. The health department will even give it out to citizens who request it without prescription.



Pastor David Chestnutt

Pastor David Chestnutt of Open Door Ministries explains, "I have worked daily for the last 13 years with men who have struggled with addiction. When we first started Open Door in November 2005 the struggle was with alcohol, cocaine, marijuana and meth. There were just a few cases of heroin addiction. However, over the next 5 years, I started noticing a rise in men who were struggling with addiction to prescription pain killers."

"Their stories were always the same," says Chestnutt. "I hurt my back playing high school football, or I broke my ankle playing church league softball. They got addicted to pills that started innocently, with a prescription from the doctor due to the injury. An example of these prescription pain killers is Percocet."

"No one takes that first drink of alcohol or that first pain pill saying, 'I want to be a drug addict one day'," stated Pastor Chestnutt, who has lost a family member to opioid addiction.

"After months the one prescription is not enough, and the doctor hopping starts. Doctor hopping is when you go to multiple doctors with the same story about your injury to get multiple prescriptions," explains Chestnutt.

"The reason for it is after months of not taking the prescription medication as prescribed, the body builds up a tolerance to it and now you need more and more to get the desired results. Over the years, though, doctors and new network computer systems linking doctors and pharmacies together have helped combat this practice. Now it is almost impossible to get multiple prescriptions."

"So," says Chestnutt, "the addict must hit the streets and pay up to 40 dollars a pill to get high. With the built-up tolerance, it's not unusual to hear of someone taking 15 to 20 pills at a time to just not get sick or go through withdrawals. When you do the math, 15 pills at \$40.00 dollars a pill you are looking at \$600.00 or more a day." This is when the crime part of the addiction usually starts to fuel this insatiable addiction.

"Now with heroin on every street corner at \$100.00 a bundle, and there are 10 bags in a bundle, and usually an addict injects 3 bags at a time, their tolerance of heroin builds quickly, in turn, this results in the mass amounts of overdoses that are occurring."

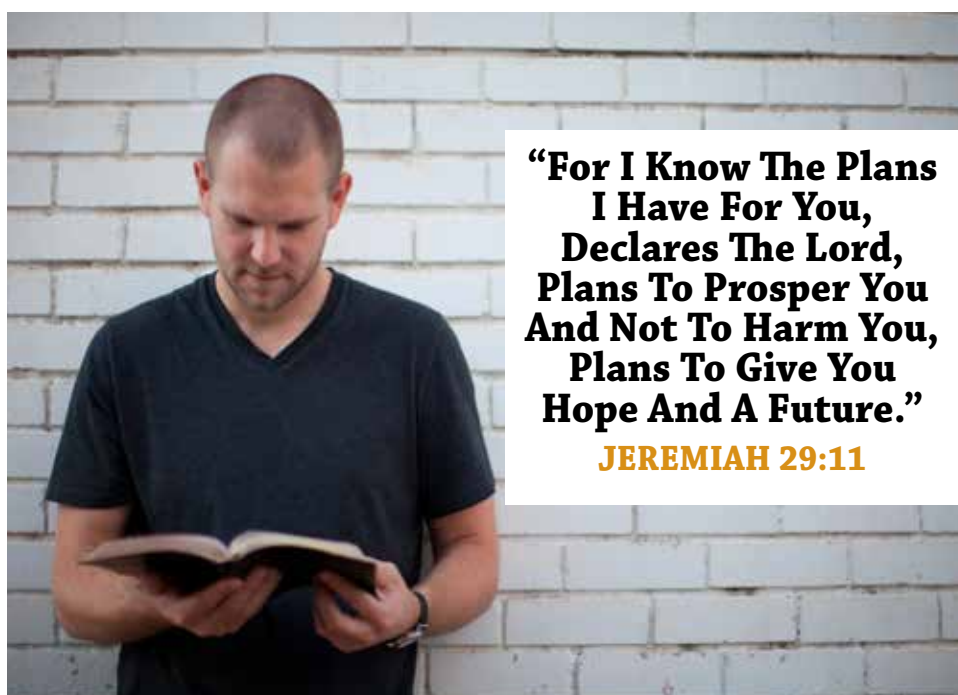
"Due to the preventive measures that have been taken to assuage the abuse of prescription pain medications by pharmacy companies, former abusers of those prescription pain pills have turned to heroin because of the easier availability. This has added to the problem because in some parts of the country, fentanyl, an opioid designed to sedate large animals, is being added to heroin heightening potency and its addictive properties leading to massive numbers of overdoses."

The good news in light of all this bad is that there are many treatment options available for those seeking help. The problem is helping friends and family understand that help is available and can be successful.

Treatment options range from secular, step programs to faith-based programs. In house and out treatment programs. Pastor David Chestnutt believes a faith-based approach to addiction is the best course of action in recovery, and has founded or helped found several such programs across southeast North Carolina.

To make sure men in Sampson County have easy access to a faith based recovery approach, Chestnutt founded Open Door Ministries in Delway, NC. It's a 30-day residential faith based program for men with any addiction issues.

For more information, please visit www.opendooraddictioncenter.org or call Open Door Ministries at 910-532-2175.



"For I Know The Plans I Have For You, Declares The Lord, Plans To Prosper You And Not To Harm You, Plans To Give You Hope And A Future."

JEREMIAH 29:11

We Should Know . . .



Darryl Strawberry with JW Simmons, Host of We Should Know

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

The topic for this week’s show deals with addiction and addictive substances, and the guest for the show this week’s show is a legendary right fielder, author, and ordained minister, Darryl Strawberry.

JW Simmons begins the show stating that his guest had been on the cover of Sports Illustrated as many as 7 times. “Yeah,” laughs Darryl Strawberry, “Baseball was fun!”

“I came up (to the Major Leagues) in 1983 and played all the way up to 1999 and had a chance to play for some pretty good ball clubs.”

Simmons asks Strawberry to discuss his label as a natural athlete and his batting prowess. “I think I just worked really hard at it,” replies Strawberry. “I think a lot of times people don’t understand athletes have to put in a lot of work, repetition to become good at what you do, over and over and over. Even though it looks good and sounds good, you just keep doing it. And that’s how you become good at what you do.”

“I did that for a very long time,” adds Strawberry. “I focused on working hard to be the best. If you want to play sports, you have to work hard to be the best. No one should have to tell you to go work out. You know you got to get up at a certain time and go work out. That’s how we train our mind, and when you train your mind that way you can be successful at anything you want to do.”

Next, Simmons asks Strawberry when it was that he realized baseball was going to be the sport he would excel in. Strawberry replies, “I think when I was 13-years-old I realized that I wanted to play. I always watched baseball on television. I grew up in Los Angeles and got a chance to see the Dodgers verses the Cincinnati Reds with those good Reds teams and Pete Rose. I saw Pete Rose play, and he was the guy I idolized because of the way he hustled, the way he played the game.”

In a later segment of the show, JW Simmons and Darryl Strawberry discuss the effects of addiction on Strawberry in his early life. Strawberry explains that he had a loving mother, but that his father was an alcoholic. “It made it very difficult as a kid,” states Strawberry. “You were petrified to go home because you didn’t know who you’re going to get. So, it was very challenging for us as kids growing up in that atmosphere.”

“We just kind of sheltered ourselves,” explained Strawberry, “and I found myself escaping with different things.” It was then that Strawberry says he first started using marijuana. “Of course, it makes you feel better, but it also alters your mind. I didn’t realize at the age of 13 that it would have such a tremendous affect on me later on in life.”

“Whenever a kid alters his mind, it changes who you are,” says Strawberry. He explains that as children use drugs to escape the pains of life, they learn a behavior or technique for escape that reinforces further drug use. “It stays with you and is a very hard place to get out of.”

“What I tell people,” warns Strawberry, “is that drinking and smoking pot is going to stop working one day. Then you graduate and go on to something new. People don’t understand, but you have to keep that feeling going. You’ve altered your mind and your mind is used to that. If you don’t use something to make you feel that way, then you don’t feel good inside.”

Darryl Strawberry, an outstanding MLB player, says that both he and his brother dealt with their father’s abuse, rejection and alcoholism by using drugs and alcohol at an early age.

He also explains that his success exacerbated his drug and alcohol use later in life. “It looks good from a distance, but at the end of the day when you’re at home, who are you?” A life full of fake friends and people hanging on for the good times led Strawberry to feel love was missing from his life, and drugs were the escape he learned as a kid.

“I felt like I was missing love,” says Strawberry. “I knew my mother loved me. She loved me to death. Mamma is always going to love you. But I felt like I didn’t have a male figure in my life to love, care and encourage me. And to show me, direct me in some ways. To tell me these are not the right decisions you want to make. I didn’t have anybody there, so I just kept making all the wrong decisions.”

“You can pick your sins,” says Strawberry, “but you can’t pick the consequences. And there’s major consequences behind all the action we do.”

“It starts off so innocently,” adds Strawberry, “but it always ends in such a disaster. That’s what we see happening to so many people who get involved with using drugs. Drugs are not the problem... Drugs are the symptom. The behavior is the problem. The behavior continues to go on because there’s something I’m not dealing with that I’m trying to escape from.”

Next, Simmons asks Strawberry to discuss what led him to eventually seek help for his addiction. “It was the help of others,” explained Strawberry. “That’s why it is so important

that we never give up on people. You never know whose life is going to change regardless of how far their life has gone down the scale.”

“Tracy came into my life,” says Strawberry. “She was the one, really I believe sent into my life. God will always send somebody into our life, and it’s just a matter of if we open up to that.”

“You have to open your heart to that,” adds Strawberry. “Not your mind, because your mind is broken. It’s about opening your heart. And when Tracy came into my life I opened my heart. She would never let go or give up on me.”

“That’s when I realized this journey could take a new road, but I have to do something different. I have to get serious about my walk, my faith, and become a different person.”

“The most profound thing Tracy ever said to me was, ‘For you to ever be the man that you need to be, you’re going to have to take the uniform off.’”

Strawberry says that to beat addiction requires you to be willing to walk away from a lot of things.

“I meant I had the wrong identity,” adds Strawberry. “We identify ourselves by what we do, not who we are.”

Strawberry says that it was Tracy, now his wife, that helped him see value in who he was. Not a baseball player, but a person. And that while he was still using, she wouldn’t give up on him.

Today, Darryl Strawberry’s purpose and passion is serving the Lord Jesus Christ by speaking a message of hope and helping others transform their lives through the power of the gospel. Darryl travels the country speaking and bringing a message of hope and restoration in Christ.

“I was once very lost and tormented, but now I am found and free in Christ Jesus. I want everyone to experience the saving and transforming power of Jesus Christ,” stated Darryl Strawberry.

Darryl Strawberry is a two-time cancer survivor who founded Strawberry Ministries in 2011. In 2014 he co-founded the Darryl Strawberry Recovery Center. He is also the author of “Don’t Give Up On Me” which skillfully weaves Darryl’s story of childhood abuse, anxiety, drug and alcohol addiction with easy-to-understand explanations of addiction from trained professionals. “Don’t Give Up On Me” offers hope, a path to healing, and speaks to all people by shedding the light on the addiction epidemic.

To view the entire broadcast of We Should Know please visit their YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/user/WeShouldKnowEDU.

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

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LOCAL NEWS

Cadets Scuffle at Academy

The State Director for Tarheel Challenge Academy, Colonel (Ret) Edward W. Timmons, says recent reports of a large melee on campus is an exaggeration. "The incident was more of a scuffle at close quarters," says Timmons. "It was not a brawl or Melee (violate, confused, hand to hand fighting, pitch battle by opposing forces) as reported. There were no weapons involved!"

"The situation is extremely unfortunate, embarrassing and counterproductive to what all the Tarheel Challenge Academy (TCA) Cadre and Staff do 24/7, day-in and day-out", adds Director Timmons. "Our #1 Priority is Safety, Health and Welfare of every Candidate/Cadet/Student as they endure the 5 1/2 month process."

A scuffle ensued after rocks were tossed on one of the team barracks building. Law enforcement was called to the scene where 30 plus cadets had begun to fight. "Although there were 139 candidates total on the ground," adds Timmons, "there were only approximately 33 candidates involved resulting in 19 charged. The situation was contained in approximately 30-40 minutes."

Timmons goes on to explain, "When authorities arrive at the academy, there was no disturbance because the academy staff had already defused the situation. Authorities charged individuals after they failed to comply with whatever instructions law enforcement gave. You would have to ask Law Enforcement how things escalated to a point or level they needed to charge 19 teens that are already in a program to re-direct their life."

Lt. Marcus Smith with the Sampson County Sheriff's Office states, "We responded to reports of a large number of students fighting on the school grounds at Tar Heel Challenge Sunday evening. Upon arrival, officers discovered the staff had been able to separate those involved and contain the situation."

"Officers arrested 19 involved in the incident and transported them to the magistrate's office where they were charged," continued Smith. "There were a few students and staff members who received minor injuries from the disturbance, but none were serious. We hope that we have sent a strong message with these arrests, that we will not tolerate this type of behavior."

Director Timmons explained, "The current class started on Saturday, January 6, 2018. The TCA Staff is still learning these young men and women as they proceed through the toughest 4-weeks of the program as they adjust to dealing

with the unknown."

"The staff responded extremely well: Professional, immediately and according to training and policy. Not everyone can do this job! All TCA Staff are professional and passionate about these young men and women. It clearly doesn't matter what they did prior to TCA, only what they do here! There are no such thing as bad children. Simply just bad choices in which everyone needs a second chance or opportunity at some point in their lives. Just keep on living as my grandmother would say! Time will tell that they are our next greatest generation as they will rise to the occasion as the challenge arises."

"A total of 9-Candidates was dismissed," adds Timmons after the scuffle. "They were not dismissed because of this incident alone, but due to this being their second, third or fourth disciplinary infraction. As a privileged based program, there is a process in which we afford individuals



the opportunity to 'make mistakes' and recover as life allows. This is a part of individuals taking part, ownership and initiative in 'Redirecting their own life' as a part of the 'Second Chance' they are given at TCA."

Director Timmons concluded by stressing, "TCA has a great working relationship with the Sampson County Sheriff's Office. We will continue to partner with all agencies and communities that share our passion, mission and vision to serve North Carolina's at-risk youth."

History Museum - Military Building Still Seeking Funds

On November 11th, 2017 at 11am the Sampson County History Museum broke ground on a new building to house their military history artifact collection. To date, \$125,000 in funding has been raised to build the new facility, but more is needed as exterior construction wraps up and work on the interior of the project begins.

With an initial budget at \$225,000, key fundraiser Marshall Falatovich says they need another \$75,000 to complete the interior and properly outfit the 1,200 sq. ft. facility which will include an exhibit hall as well as proper storage space for artifacts not on display.

"We've had some very generous donations," states Falatovich. "I would hate to start naming names because you always leave someone out. But the community has been great so far with donations. But we do need to pick it up more to the tune of approximately \$75,000."

"We have some very rare artifacts that simply can't be replaced," added Falatovich. "Those artifacts deserve a proper exhibit hall. Individuals have entrusted some of their most treasured possessions to the people of Sampson County so that everyone can enjoy and appreciate them. We need to exhibit those artifacts with the respect they deserve, and our new state-of-the-art Military History Building will be that space."



"All we need now are the funds to finish," said Falatovich. "I'm positive the people of Sampson County will help us get there. Every dollar donated is greatly appreciated."

Donation levels for the new Military History Building are: Major General at \$25,000; Rear Admiral at \$10,000; Master Sergeant at \$5,000; Brigadier General at \$2,500; Patriot at \$1,000; Battalion at \$500; and Company at \$100.

Donations can be mailed to: Sampson County History Museum (Noted for Military History), PO Box 786, Clinton, NC 28329.

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Tips for **WINTER** Wellness

FAMILY FEATURES

When cold winds blow, it's essential to take extra steps to protect your health. There are a number of techniques that can help keep your immunity high and your body in good condition to support wellness all season long so that you can enjoy the chillier months.

There's no magic formula for feeling your best, but consulting your health care provider is always a good idea when you're contemplating new ideas to promote better health.

Get up and moving

Without frequent use, muscles and joints can weaken and grow stiff, limiting your mobility. Exercise is also an important step in balancing your caloric intake, and physical activity gets your blood pumping, which has numerous benefits for heart health. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends a minimum of 150 minutes each week (or 30 minutes per day, at least five days each week) of moderate activity, such as a brisk walk, yoga class or bike ride.

Additionally, winter brings fewer hours of sunlight during the day, and per the National Sleep Foundation, darkness naturally causes the brain to release melatonin, a hormone that triggers sleepiness. Exercise can counteract this drowsiness, as the endorphins released through physical activity cause a natural increase in energy levels. Studies show that endorphins can also elicit positive feelings and reduce the perception of pain, which can lower stress levels to help keep you mentally and physically well.

Spice up your routine with herbal supplements

Whether to supplement your diet with additional vitamins and nutrients or to give you a specific, targeted boost, herbal supplements can help support overall health. For example, the supplement turmeric, derived from root extracts of the *Curcuma longa* plant, is widely regarded to have numerous positive health implications.

"Since 2013, turmeric has dominated the market as the top-selling ingredient in herbal supplements," said Chris Oswald, licensed nutritionist at Nature's Way. "As research on turmeric grows, consumers continue to recognize the health benefits of this amazing botanical."

Turmeric can be added to several foods, but to ensure a steady, adequate dose, Oswald recommends a turmeric-based herbal supplement, like the Turmeric line from Nature's Way. The line combines a blend of premium ingredients in two unique formulas, Turmeric Heart and Turmeric Joint. Both supplements feature turmeric extract along with a strong suite of herbal and specialty ingredients for comprehensive, targeted support. Each supplement uses 400 milligrams of standardized turmeric root extract per serving to boost ingredient potency, maximizing potential health benefits.

Get ample rest

Adequate sleep allows the body to rejuvenate itself naturally, promoting a better mood, improved system function and increased stamina throughout the day. The National Sleep



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Foundation recommends older adults get at least 7-8 hours of sleep each night for optimal health. Beyond a good night's sleep, be sure to take some mental downtime, too, to minimize stress and anxiety, both of which can have a negative impact on your health. Find ways to relax through meditation, reading or listening to soothing music, which can help rest your mind and body.

Boost immunity

Fresh fruits and vegetables offer vitamins and minerals that can play an important role in immune health. Studies have shown that vitamin C, which is found naturally in several fruits, is essential for stimulating growth and repair in the body. During the winter months, when fresh fruit can be harder to find, supplements like Echinacea & Vitamin C from Nature's Way can be another source of vitamin C.

Maintain skin health

As the body's largest organ and the first line of defense against physical harm, the skin is particularly susceptible to wear and tear. During the winter, frequent exposure to harsh elements, from dry air to biting sleet, can have serious impacts on skin health.

You can take steps to minimize painful redness and flakiness or cracking by regularly moisturizing your skin with fragrance-free lotions and herbal oils. They can create a protective barrier between your skin tissue and potential pollutants and irritants, and should be applied generously to areas that are most likely to be exposed, like your hands and face. Also remember to bundle up to prevent the impact of stinging winds, and avoid unnecessary time outdoors when conditions are especially harsh.

Find more winter wellness tools at naturesway.com or [Facebook.com/NaturesWayBrands](https://www.facebook.com/NaturesWayBrands).

Fast Facts on Turmeric

As a root native to Southeast Asia, turmeric has played a role in Chinese and Indian medicinal traditions since ancient times. Here are some other facts you may not know about this botanical:

- Turmeric is a relative of the ginger root.
- Turmeric adds the yellow color to foods such as Indian curry and yellow mustard, and is often used as a dye for its rich pigment.
- When dried and ground, the underground stem of the turmeric plant can be used to make capsules, tablets, teas, oils and more.



FAITH

THE MUG THAT MISSED CHRISTMAS

Little Mug, I am so very sorry, it was certainly not in my plan for you to miss Christmas this year. You see, as was traditional after Thanksgiving Dinner our family drew names for Christmas, and I got my sister's name. Now for me that was a "no-brainer" since Mary Brown particularly loves chocolate candy, really enjoys reading, and is a gifted pianist all the way back to our childhood. So Onward-Ho for me, her gift would be so easy, I certainly had it covered this year!

I first saw your picture in a Christian Distributor's Catalogue. There you were, the perfect final gift for my sister, a Musician Mug. Yes, yes! I was so excited, just the right size, treble and bass clef staff lines reading "Amazing Grace", beautiful! Now everyone who sits to read and eat chocolate needs just the perfect coffee mug, you were exactly what I had "ordered", and indeed I promptly did just that. You arrived at our home with time to spare, and took up residence in my bedroom right in with the other Christmas "goings on", wrappings, packages, etc.

Now, Little Mug, I guess this is where the plot thickens, and I need to start explaining. You see, even though this was my first Christmas as a fully retired "lady of leisure", I was everything but that! I was plotting, planning, cleaning, shopping, and cooking. I was so excited to host a special Sunday School Class Luncheon. I was thoughtfully planning our usual "Christmas Grandma Meal". Also, I had such a good time se-

cretly putting together some useful and unusual gift items, a small surprise bag for each family.

Do you get the picture Little Mug? Busy, Busy, Busy! Participating in every church service, teaching Sunday School with such enthusiasm, visiting the nursing home, the list goes on and on. You see, I was doing all the right things in an effort to be the right person for everyone, and somewhere along the line I forgot about you.

Reality hit the morning after Christmas when I had a phone call from my precious daughter, Pam. During our conversation she very gently posed this question: "Mom, I noticed that you drew Mary Brown's name, was that tin of chocolate pecan candy, and the Ideals book all you gave her?" BINGO!!! Oh, I tried to justify my gift, naming some other special items I had put in her surprise bag, but all the while I knew something was missing, Pam was so right.

I promptly found you, Little Mug, there you were still in your shipping box untouched, unwrapped, ungifted, and unloved. I hastened to call my sister and sincerely apologized as I explained the whole situation. She was so gracious, we laughed together, and we decided that I would keep Little Mug until you could be properly presented and welcomed to the family.

As I have experienced so many times before in my Christian walk, sincere self-examination was definitely in order. How many times have I been so busy, oh yes going about doing, that I fell short of



being the person Christ would have me be? I have often taught and illustrated the difference in "Church Work" and in "The Work of The Church". You see, the Great Commandment given by Jesus in Mark 12:30-31 is very simple: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. And, you shall love your neighbor as yourself". That, my friends, is the Work of the Church. It is simply living as Christ our Savior taught; loving God, loving each other, being rather than doing as we live out the daily of our lives.

Dear Heavenly Father, keep me from getting so caught up in busy-ness, becoming so stressed and tired that I miss Christmas, may I never, Lord, forget YOU! Amen.

By Martha Pierce



The Hole in the Middle

Philippians 4:8 "Finally brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable—if there is any moral excellence and if there is any praise—dwell on these things."

Have you ever ordered a doughnut and noticed that something was missing? It might not seem like something all that important, but there is still something not there. If you said to yourself, "Yes, the center is missing" then you are one step closer to seeing and understanding this devotion.

In the March 1998 edition of the Smithsonian Magazine, there is an article titled, The History of the Doughnut. In this article, it states that Captain Hanson Gregory is the first known person to use the top of a round tin pepper box to cut into the middle of a doughnut, creating what we are familiar with today. Regardless of who came up with the idea of putting a hole in the center of a doughnut, we still can use it as a teaching tool.

Our life without Christ is like the missing part of the doughnut. We know something is missing, but often we lack the knowledge to understand what it truly is. The apostle Paul encourages Christians to seek out what is pure, just, honorable, lovely commendable and true. The reason for this pursuit is because a life without Jesus is one without these

traits found in Philippians 4:8.

It is very common that humanity seeks to fill the emptiness with worldly desires. The pursuit of pleasure for pleasure's sake is a sign of inner turmoil. Pleasure seekers throughout history have found over and over that the temporary diversions of life give way to a deeper despair. The nagging feeling that something is wrong is hard to shake off.

If we attempt to fill the void in our life with greed, lust or material possessions we will never be satisfied. We will always need more of the things of this world, but at the end of the day we are still left with an empty hole. We must desire what God desires, what He commands and what He expects to be part of our daily Christian life.

The apostle Paul wrote in Colossians 3:12-14, "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another and forgiving one another, if any man has a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness." When we do not know our purpose in Christ, we wander around ineffectively even though we expend so much effort. We move our feet on the treadmill of life, but we fail to cover the miles of terrain that are required to move toward our complete life in Jesus.



I encourage you to exam in your life what is missing. Don't ask a friend or compare your life to the world's idea of completeness. The only way we will know what is missing is seeking God's voice through the pages of our Bible. When we discover that we lack love, then we need to pray that God will guide us to become more loving and then act out that love towards others. If what we lack is forgiveness towards others, let us recall that we as God's children have been forgiven. Next time you look at the hole in the middle of a doughnut, may it remind you that if something is missing in your life, only the Messiah can fill it.



Rev. Ken Smith

WE CALL IT DUCK TAPE - THE ALL-PURPOSE FIX ALL

"Duck" (duct) tape is used for so many things. But as far as I know, no one has used it to actually tape up a duck! So I really don't know why most of us call it duck tape. It's not made from ducks. It doesn't look

like a duck. It doesn't quack like a duck. Who knows!

I've heard a lot of redneck jokes about duck tape. It's true, guys will use duck tape for just about anything.

Recently, I saw camouflage duck tape for sale in a catalog. I hid the catalog from my husband. You see, he's one of those guys who uses duck tape for just about anything. Lord only knows what he would think of to use camouflage duck tape for!

I saw a book entitled 1000 uses for duck tape. Please, my husband knows at least two or three thousand on his own! No matter what breaks, falls apart, hangs down, or rolls away, duck tape can fix it. Lawn mower seat split? Duck tape takes care of that. That five-gallon plastic bucket filled with nails, washers, and screws of various shapes and sizes, cracked down the side? Duck tape to the rescue. Antenna falls off the roof? Duck tape will keep that sucker up there through a hurricane.

I thought I had seen my husband fix about everything there was



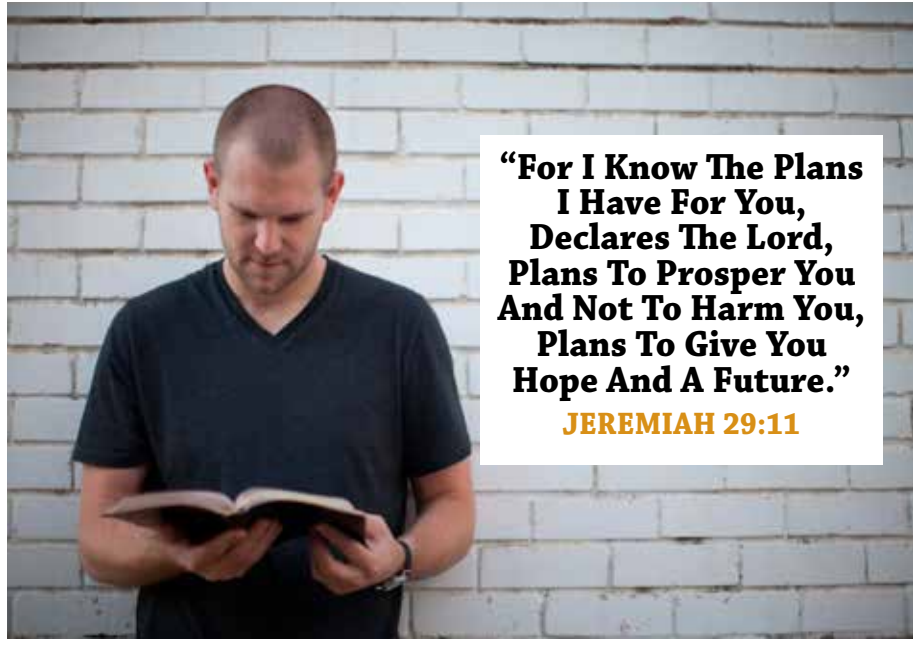
to fix with duck tape. But, one night when the handle on our toilet broke and the toilet wouldn't flush, I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw my husband duck taping the handle back together (on the inside of the tank), until he could go to the hardware store to get the parts to fix it! But, I have to say - it worked.

But, the prize-winning use of duck-tape for all time is held by a fellow down the road apiece. I guess he got tired of rehangng those pesky Christmas icicle lights back up around the house each time the wind blew them down. Because, there they were - put up nicely and securely - with duck tape! Now if that don't take the cake for duck tape use! I bet that's one use you wouldn't find in that book! (No word on what his wife's opinion on his homegrown solution was. I can only guess!)

Written by
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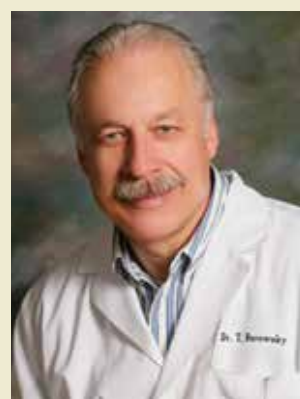
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Itchy Watery Eyes and My Furniture Is Falling Apart



by R. Thomas Barowsky, MD



purposes. It moves tear across our eye, pushes debris to the tear duct to be washed from the eye, allows us to reset our fixation and any of a number of other duties. Whenever we are doing close up tasks such as reading, working at the computer, sewing, tying dry flies, painting lead soldiers, etc., etc. our eyes tend to blink much less. As a result they are exposed to the air more and less tear is moved across them for moisture and lubrication.

When tears are not moved across the eye, the surface of the eye starts to dry. Since the tear film is one of the most critical layers for refracting light (check back to your high school Physics textbook for proof) our vision starts to blur. This causes us to blink several times and rub our eyes moving tears over the eye and clearing up the vision. With constant irritation the eyes start to get red and they feel gritty like there is a handful of sand in them. The response from the eye is to pour out “reflex” tears to try and wash the grit out of the eye. This is why dry eye patients have watery eyes.

To protect our eyes and our furniture it is important to keep the humidity in the house at around 50%. In addition, frequent use of a good quality lubricating eye drop will help keep the eye moisturized and lubricated.

There are a myriad of eye drop products on the market today. Some are worthless, some are barely adequate but many do a very good job of protecting the eyes from the drying effects of the season. Avoid drops that promise to “get the red out.” These typically work by adding an antihistamine to the solution and causing the vessels on the eye to constrict. When used frequently or over a long period



of time the blood vessels become refractory to the effect of the vasoconstrictor and the eye will actually become even more red. In addition, antihistamines have a drying effect on the eye causing a vicious cycle of increased drying to require an increase use of the tears, etc, etc. A good quality eye drop, or artificial tear, will cost a little more but you will be able to tell that it is working and the eyes will be more comfortable.

The important thing is to use the drops frequently. Typically, there is nothing in them that can harm the eye so don't be afraid of becoming dependent on them or that you are risking your eye's health by using them.

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.

January is designated National Eye Health Month by the National Eye Institute of the National Institutes of Health. For the past several weeks we've discussed how to protect our eyes from the ravages of aging, and from the elements we deal with outdoors. In addition, we discussed some of the myths and facts about eye health. In this final installment I'd like to talk about how the humidity affects our vision, eye comfort and health.

Winter is tough for our eyes and for our furniture because the cold air of the season holds much less water (i.e., humidity). In addition, we heat the outside air up and blow it into our homes and workplaces to make everything nice and toasty warm. The problem here is that the affect of heating causes the air to become even more dry. Our skin feels drier, our eyes tend to burn and itch and blur up with reading or computer work or other indoor activities. This drying effect also dries out our furniture causing it to fall apart but, that's another story for another part of the paper.

The blink of the eyelid is a simple act that serves many

New Year, New Family Habits



Simple ideas to make healthy eating easier

When your family is transitioning back into a regular routine in the new year, it's the perfect time to recommit to healthy eating habits throughout the day. Getting the whole family on board may be easier than you think – just keep the focus on flavor and fun.

If you're short on ideas to jumpstart better family eating, try these tips:

Keep it simple. Busy families often rely on the convenience of boxed meals, but you can get the same easy, delicious meal in a much healthier way. Everything cooks in one pot for easy clean-up, and this Cheeseburger Mac recipe swaps ground beef for leaner ground turkey. Not only is this an easy weeknight dinner, but leftovers can be packed in a thermos for lunch on chilly days.

Have fun. Try using creative shapes, textures and colors to make mealtime and lunchboxes more fun. Use cookies cutters to easily create butterflies, flowers, dinosaurs and more. Allow your kids to get involved in packing their own lunchboxes or helping with a meal. If your kids have a love of space or are learning about it in school, this bento box is definitely out of this world. Grapes create the dark backdrop while Swiss cheese is the perfect place for a moon landing. Clementine crescent moons and mini sweet pepper planet rings round out the meal.

Make a family promise. To keep the momentum going, rely on a resource like the Power Your Lunchbox Promise website, which offers everything from healthy lunchbox ideas to after-school snacks and dinners. All meal ideas have been approved by a registered dietitian, meet USDA guidelines and are kid-friendly. What's more, for every Power Your Lunchbox Promise made on the website, health-conscious companies supporting the initiative will make a \$1 donation to Feeding America's programs that support families and children. Learn more at poweryourlunchbox.com.

Cheeseburger Mac

Recipe courtesy of Produce for Kids

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 pound lean ground turkey
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 1 cup mini sweet peppers, chopped
- 1 1/2 teaspoons paprika
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 1 cup milk
- 3 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 1/2 cups whole-grain dry macaroni
- 1 cup shredded low-fat cheddar cheese

In large skillet over medium high heat, heat oil. Add turkey, onion and peppers. Cook 7-10 minutes, or until turkey is cooked through.

In small bowl, mix paprika, sugar, salt and chili powder. Add to turkey and stir. Add water, milk, tomato paste and pasta. Mix well. Bring to boil, reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes, or until pasta is cooked and liquid is absorbed. Remove from heat and top with cheese.

Space Exploration Bento Box

Recipe courtesy of Produce for Kids

- 1/2 cup red seedless grapes
- 1 whole-wheat sandwich round
- 2 slices low-sodium deli-sliced turkey
- 1 slice Swiss cheese
- 1/2 slice low-fat cheddar cheese
- 1 clementine, peeled and segmented
- 3 mini sweet peppers, sliced into rings
- 1 package freeze-dried fruit

Add grapes to bottom of large section of bento box to create space background. Place bottom of sandwich round on top, add turkey and sandwich round top.

Lay Swiss cheese on cutting board. Using small bowl or other round object, cut into circle. Place on top of sandwich to create moon.

Lay cheddar cheese on cutting board. Using small star cookie cutter, cut out stars. Add to space around moon.

Pair with clementine “crescent moons,” pepper “planet rings” and freeze-dried fruit.



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ENTERTAINMENT

What's Happening

at SCT

By Angela Martin

Beauty and the Beast opens this weekend!

Beauty and the Beast opens this weekend amongst excitement from the actors, theatre and community. The Disney classic tells the story of a prince who was transformed into a Beast due to being selfish with no love in his heart. We also meet the young heroine, Belle who ends up at the castle of our Beast. Along the way you meet enchanted objects and villagers young and old. This production is filled with magic, fun and wonder. This is also our very first show of the 2018 season.

The production is directed by Linda Carr and is sponsored by the Clinton Rotary and the Sampson County Arts Council. The production will feature people - young and old - from all over the region and I am sure you will love this timeless classic. Show dates are Friday, January 26 at 7:30 pm, Saturday, January 27 at 2:30 pm and 7:30 pm and Sunday, January 28 at 2:30 pm and then again on Thursday, February 1 at 7:30 pm, Friday, February 2 at 7:30 pm, Saturday, February 3 at 7:30 pm and then Sunday February 4 at 2:30 pm. Be sure to purchase tickets in advance so you will not miss your chance to see this wonderful production.

We are also offering the opportunity for you to become a Patron of our Theatre. This will allow you to receive two complimentary tickets to each one of your six productions per year and your name or your business name will be placed in our program. For more information on this tax-deductible donation please call, Brenda Martin 910-990-4510.

We are also offering a Theatre Camp this summer for children ages 5-15. If you would like information on this camp - the camp is limited to a number of campers and we would love to send you information. If you are interested, please email - Angela Martin at alm2sing@yahoo.com for camp application or more information.



"Beauty and the Beast" Stage this Weekend

Sampson Community Theatre's presentation of Disney's "Beauty and the Beast", opens this weekend at YOUR community Theatre. Proudly sponsored by The Clinton Rotary Club, music by Alan Menken, lyrics by Howard Ashman & Tim Rice, book by Linda Wolverton, originally directed by Robert Jess Ross, originally produced by Disney Theatrical Productions, and directed by Linda Jewell Carr. Show dates are evenings: January 26, 27, February 1, 2, 3 at 7:30pm, with matinees on January 27, 28 and February 4 at 2:30pm, 2018. General admission is \$10.00. The theatre is located at 115 Fayetteville Street in Clinton, North Carolina. For more information call 910-592-8653. Check out our website at sampsoncommunitytheatre.org/

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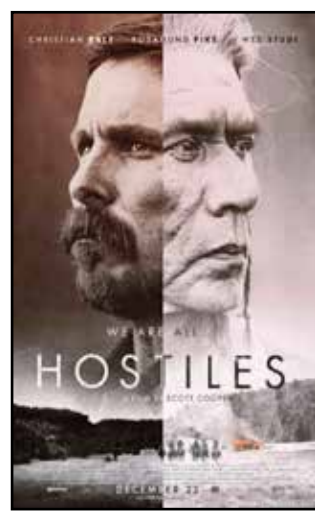
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Fri 7:00p Mon-Wed 6:30p

Sat & Sun 2:00p 4:30p 7:00p



PROUD MARY

NOW SHOWING

Rated: R for violence

Mary is a hit woman working for an organized crime family in Boston. Her life is turned around completely when she meets a young boy whose path she crosses when a professional hit goes bad.

Starring Taraji P. Henson, Billy Brown, Jahi Di'Allo Winston, Neal McDonough, Margaret Avery, Xander Berkeley, Danny Glover.

Fri 6:30p 8:30p Mon-Wed 6:30p

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



MAZE RUNNER

NOW SHOWING

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In the epic finale to the Maze Runner saga, Thomas leads his group of escaped Gladers on their final and most dangerous mission yet. To save their friends, they must break into the legendary Last City, a WCKD-controlled labyrinth that may turn out to be the deadliest maze of all. Anyone who makes it out alive will get answers to the questions the Gladers have been asking since they first arrived in the maze.

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JUMANJI

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In a brand new Jumanji adventure, the tables are turned as four teenagers are sucked into Jumanji's world - pitted against rhinos, black mambas and an endless variety of jungle traps and puzzles. To survive, they'll play as characters from the game. To beat the game and return to the real world with their lives, they'll have to start seeing things in an entirely different way.

Fri 7:00p Mon-Wed 6:30p

Sat & Sun 2:00p 4:30p 7:00p



FOREVER MY GIRL

NOW SHOWING

Rated PG for thematic elements including drinking and for language

Forever My Girl tells the story of country music superstar Liam Page who left his bride, Josie at the altar choosing fame and fortune instead. However, Liam never got over Josie, his one true love, nor did he ever forget his Southern roots in the small community where he was born and raised. When he unexpectedly returns to his hometown for the funeral of his high school best friend, Liam is suddenly faced with the consequences of all that he left behind.

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Midway's Leah Williams Driving Toward Success On and Off the Court



Midway High School's Leah Williams is having an incredible senior year.

The three-sport standout (basketball, softball and volleyball) is currently enjoying the Lady Raider basketball team's undefeated season (14-0 overall/4-0 in the conference - at press time) and has been named this week's Performance Auto/Sampson Weekly Star Athlete of the Week.

"I had absolutely no idea about the award," the 18-year-old said. "It's great. It feels really good to know that my coaches thought that much about me to even nominate me ... It's an honor and a blessing."

It should come as no surprise to Williams, the guard/point guard for the Lady Raiders has been on a tear - through the past 14 games, she is averaging 21.9 points per game; 4.7 assists; and 4.1 rebounds.

"I spent a lot of time in the gym shooting and trying to perfect my shots," she admits. "I try to push myself to be the best I can be, and I am lucky enough to be surrounded by a great, supportive team."

Williams praises her team, most of whom she has played with since they played recreation ball as kids.

"We have a great team bond," she explains. "We have all played together so long and that is helpful. We have a great chemistry and we

are much like a family unit ..."

The team captain continues, "To be successful and win a championship has always been our goal; it's what we have always worked towards. Especially us seniors. We want to continue to be unbeaten, we are just taking it one game at a time."

However, the team knows that their opponents want to be the team that ends their streak.

"It does put a little more pressure on us to keep that streak going," Williams says. "It is important for us to keep doing what we are doing - to go out and play and have fun."

A Sampson County native, Williams was raised around Midway High athletics.

"When I was little, my dad (Clint) was a basketball coach here," she explains. "I would always go to practices with him. When I was old enough, I played rec basketball. I also played softball and volleyball, but basketball has always been my favorite."

While she developed her own style of play, Williams said that she enjoyed watching college teams play.

"I always liked watching Duke play because of the crazy fans," she says with a laugh. "I can always remember dreaming of being able to play that well one day, so I would be able to play college ball."

That dream is about to come to fruition for the straight 'A-B' student, whose favorite subject is Science/Chemistry.

"I have wanted to play college ball for as long as I can remember," Williams says. "Right now, I am deciding where I want to go, hopefully, I will decide soon."

Williams said that she wants to study Agri-Business, Business Management and Marketing while at college.

"Well, my family owns a farm (Williams Produce) and I want to keep it going," she said. "That's what I want to do."

For right now though, Williams is enjoying her final year of high school.

"I know that it will be hard for me to leave," she says about leaving the only school district she has ever known. "There are a lot of memories that I have made here, so, yeah,

it is going to be bittersweet when it's time to say goodbye."

When asked if she had a piece of advice for an upcoming freshman, Williams says, "I would tell them to do everything to their abilities. Don't be afraid to try new things and push yourself. The worst thing you can do is wish it away, because it just flew by."

In addition to her family (Clint; mother, Carol; and younger brother Davis), grandparents, coaches, teammates and friends, Williams wanted to thank God.

"I would like to thank God for giving me the ability to play all three sports and for allowing me to have the opportunities I have and had throughout all the years of me playing," she said. "And I give all the glory and praise to him!"



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Local Area High School Basketball Results

Clinton High School

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 01/24 Midway
 76-34 (W)
 01/22 Spring Creek
 67-45 (W)

Women

01/24 Midway
 45-72 (L)
 01/22 Spring Creek
 54-50 (W)

Harrells Christian

Men
 01/23 APA
 61-51 (W)
 01/16 Coastal Christian
 56-84 (L)

Women

01/23 APA
 19-35 (L)
 01/16 Coastal Christian
 30-23 (W)

Hobpton High School

Men
 01/24 Neuse Charter
 70-36 (W)
 01/15 Union
 55-63 (L)

Women

01/24 Neuse Charter
 70-36 (W)
 01/15 Union
 55-63 (L)

Lakewood High School

Men
 01/24 Union
 54-61 (L)
 01/12 Princeton
 40-47 (L)

Women

01/24 Union
 69-41 (W)
 01/12 Princeton
 42-38 (W)

Midway High School

Men
 01/24 Clinton
 34-76 (L)
 01/20 East Duplin
 38-50 (L)
 01/11 James Kenan
 52-76 (L)

Women

01/24 Clinton
 72-45 (W)
 01/20 East Duplin
 49-46 (W)

Union High School

Men
 01/24 Lakewood
 61-54 (W)
 0/201 Princeton
 49-62 (L)
 01/15 Hobpton
 63-55 (W)

Women

01/24 Lakewood
 41-69 (L)
 01/20 Princeton
 32-48 (L)

Crusader Sports Chronicle

By Aidan Kunst

This week at HCA each basketball team traveled to Kinston to face off against rival Arendell Parrott Academy.

The varsity boys team defeated Parrott by a score of 61-51. Senior Jalen Miller scored 20 points, while Junior Malik Killett had 18 points and 7 rebounds. Sophomore Marcus Boykin chipped in 9 points for the Crusaders (10-7). They will take on Cape Fear Academy on Friday, January 26th.

The varsity girls team lost by a score of 35-19 to Parrott, taking them to 3-10 on the year. They'll attempt to get back in the win column Friday vs. Cape Fear Academy.

The boys' JV team extended their now 12-game winning streak against Parrott, as they won 40-25 over the Patriots. They'll look to keep the streak alive Friday at home against Cape Fear Academy.



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Little and Tiny Miss UES Contestants



Tiny Miss UES Contestants



Little Miss UES Contestants

The Union Elementary School PTO is sponsoring the Tiny Miss and Little Miss Union Elementary School pageant on Saturday, February 10th at 4:00pm at Union Elementary School. There are 14 young ladies vying for the title of Tiny Miss UES and 19 for Little Miss UES. We invite everyone to come out and support these contestants as they compete for the title of Tiny Miss and Little Miss UES and help the UES PTO as we raise money to assist our school. All currently reigning queens are invited to attend and will be admitted free of charge with the presentation of their crown and sash. Admission is \$5.00.

Student Art Show on Display at Small House

The Student Art Show is currently on display in the Small House Gallery through February 8, 2018. Gallery hours are Monday – Friday 10am-2pm or by appointment by calling the SAC (910-596-2533).

Director of the Arts Council, Kara Donatelli, stated, “We have so many talented art students and art teachers in Sampson County! This is an annual show presented by the Sampson Arts Council.”

Art Teachers throughout Sampson County and Clinton City Schools are asked to submit up to 15 pieces of student art for the show with a total of 13 schools participating this year in grades K-12. There were 98 pieces of art submitted this year by 98 students in 4 age categories- (K-2) (3-5) (6-8) and (9-12).

The artwork was judged by a local artist with 1st, 2nd, 3rd and (2) honorable mention in each age category receiving ribbons with \$25 awarded to each first-place winner (\$100 in total awards).

2018 Student Art Show Participating Schools/ Art Teachers

- LC Kerr Elem. – Emily Colt
- Plain View Elem. - Tina King
- Hargrove Elem. and Hobbton Elem. - Angela Thornton
- Roseboro Elem. and Salemburg Elem.– Lynne Spell
- Sampson Middle – Megan Whichello
- Midway Middle – Lesley Allen
- Hobbton Middle – Carla Taylor
- Roseboro Salemburg Middle – Alan Brinson
- Union High – Krystin McPhail
- Hobbton High – Jennifer Jackson
- Clinton High – Michael Ray

According to Kara Donatelli with the Sampson County Arts Council, “We have so many talented young artists in Sampson County and we are proud to display their work! Our Art Teachers do a fabulous job of bringing out creativity in our students! We cannot thank them enough for all they do!”

Winners:

Grades K-2: 1st Place: Karolyn Maradiaga-Canterero- 2nd/Salemburg Elementary /Lynne Spell- art teacher
 2nd Place: Lilibeth Dolores-Carrillo- 2nd/Hobbton Elementary/Angela Thornton-art teacher
 3rd Place: Aubrey McCaskill- K/LC Kerr Elementary/Emily Colt-art teacher
 Honorable Mention: Ta’Nya Oates 1st/LC Kerr Elementary/Emily Colt-art teacher
 Honorable Mention: Elijah Torres 1st/Plain View Elementary/Tina King- art teacher

Grades 3-5: 1st Place: Kameron Gronau- 4th/Hobbton Elementary/Angela Thornton-art teacher
 2nd Place: Mireya Santiago-Hernandez- 5th/Hargrove Elementary/Angela Thornton- art teacher
 3rd Place: Will Brown- 4th/Salemburg Elementary /Lynne Spell- art teacher
 Honorable Mention: Rylin Griffin- 4th/Plain View Elementary/Tina King- art teacher
 Honorable Mention: Georgia Register- 5th/Plain View Elementary/Tina King- art teacher

Grades 6-8: 1st Place: Josue Villafranca- 8th/Sampson Middle/Megan Whichello- art teacher
 2nd Place: Jirah Deaver- 7th Sampson Middle/Megan Whichello-art teacher
 3rd Place: Zekira Best- 6th /Sampson Middle/Megan Whichello- art teacher
 Honorable Mention: Walker Dixon- 7th/Sampson Middle/Megan Whichello- art teacher
 Honorable Mention: Leon Corbett 8th-/Hobbton Middle/Carla Taylor- art teacher

Grades 9-12: 1st Place: Naomi Miller 12th/Clinton High/Michael Ray- art teacher
 2nd Place: Anaester Hernandez 10th/Union High/Krystin McPhail- art teacher
 3rd Place: Keelan Quinn 12th/Hobbton High/Jennifer Bass- art teacher
 Honorable Mention: Josue Valle 12th/Hobbton Hig / Jennifer Bass-art teacher
 Honorable Mention: Skylar Simmons 12th/Clinton High/Michael Ray- art teacher



First place winner Naomi Miller, 12th grade, Clinton High School



Second place winner Mireya Santiago-Hernandez, 5th grade, Hargrove Elementary



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EDUCATION

Butler Avenue School First Nine Weeks Dark Horse Leaders



Butler Avenue School First Nine Weeks Dark Horse Leaders for Second grade
 Back L-R: Makalya Oates, Anna Harrell, Zioanna Gonzalez, Osiel Rodriguez-Ortiz, Terrell Scott, Dream Canady, Suany Figueroa, Front L-R: Isaiah Sampson, Emma Honeycutt, Laken Montgomery, William Parsons, Kaylin Jones, Karson Wilson



Butler Avenue School First Nine Week Dark Horse Leaders for Third Grade
 Back L-R: Syria Brinson, Nicole Robles, Samuel Meza, Ethan Royal, Victoria Galloway, Daiyona Miller Singleton, Gabriel Ramirez, Front L-R: Graham Dirks, Elizabeth Lee, Jaden Garner Emmanuel, Jamahri Wade, Haley Matthis, Camello Bell, Alanna Fortner

LC Kerr SOM & EOM



As November comes to a close, L.C. Kerr School would like to share "Thanks" to our Employee and Student of the month that show true "Dark Horse" Spirit.

Employee of the Month- Nikki Melvin Ms. Nikki is

the Tech Lab assistant and helps everyone at the school.



Student of the Month- Asaru Muhammad Asaru is the 6-year old son of Dana and Faheem Muhammad. He is a first-grade student in Mrs. Howell's class.



Law Officers in Training at SCC

Sampson Community College student, Caroline Brewer participates in the college's Basic Law Enforcement Training on campus this week. In this exercise, Brewer and her peers must drag a 175-pound "victim" to safety during a simulated emergency under fire and within a set time limit. The college's next BLET Academy is February 20th and anyone interested in a law enforcement career, should call 910-592-8081, ext. 2005 to inquire about required paperwork.

SGA Welcomes Students Back



Sampson Community College SGA President, Shadavia Pridgen-Boddie (R) serves cookies and coffee to students returning for Spring Semester at SCC on Tuesday. In addition to the sweet treats, students were asked to provide suggestions in a box with ideas of how to make student life better on campus as the semester goes forward.

LC Kerr Student of the Month Nominees



LC Kerr Kindergarten Student of the Month Nominees

Zoey Almendarez, Alim Reyes, Gia Jasso-Steele, Toby Holland, Stephanie Lopez Sanchez, Keyla Cabrera, Emma Robinson, Jazmin Lopez, Joseph Chavez Guevara, Liam Miller, Shaniya Wyche, Shirley Aguilar, Cristian Lopez, Elijah Boone

Farm Bureau Honors RES Cafeteria Employees



From left to right:
 Robeania Hobbs, Rebecca McLamb, Teresa Walker, Ashley Melvin, Linda Owens, Felicia Williams

On January 24, 2018, Sampson County Farm Bureau presented Roseboro Elementary School Cafeteria Staff with gift cards from Bojangles in honor of all they do for the children. The cards were presented by Robeania Hobbs, a member of the Women's Committee.



LC Kerr First Grade Student of the Month Nominees

Skylar Faison, Jacob Hernandez Ramirez, Elizabeth Hernandez, Lewis Wescott, Zaniya Wynn, Keymya Artis, Ny'Sir Brewington, Paola Arcos, Raegan Blackmon, Asaru Muhammad, Jaleska Alba, Mirakole Monroe

PUZZLES & GAMES

The Weekly Crossword by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

1 Fictitious, with "up"

5 Song and dance, e.g.

9 Percolate out

14 Agenda entry

15 Had on

16 Even if, briefly

17 "Eh"

18 Holiday carol

19 Handle the food for a party

20 Forger

22 Brewer's need

24 Low pitch

25 Clock part

27 Fish that swims upright

29 Follett or Kesey

31 Advocate for change

33 "Casino Royale" actress

35 Surgery tool

39 Scare badly

40 Ecstasy

42 Tire feature

43 Go under

44 Like certain assets

47 Campaign pro

48 Iron-horse driver

51 Four quarters

53 Preserve, in a way

54 Untamed

56 Cocktail garnish

59 Highway headache

61 Potting need

63 Grayish

64 Give the slip

DOWN

1 Shoot wide

2 Quark's place

3 Appoint

4 Wax theatrical

5 Beard on grain

6 Motel offering

7 Turncoat's crime

8 eBay party

9 Resinous deposit

10 Involved

11 ____ of roses

12 Game with kings and queens

13 Hoops game for two

21 Bossy old woman

23 Tasseled hat

26 Atoll protector

28 Biblical wife

29 Set aside

30 ____ and anon

32 Tina of "Date Night"

34 Thankfulness

36 Caught unawares

37 As a result

38 Casting need

40 BBQ spices

41 With proficiency

43 Steakhouse choice

45 Avant-garde

46 Obi wearer

48 Perfume compound

49 Unsophisticated

50 Gather bit by bit

52 Hardly oblivious

55 Lowdown

57 Lively dance

58 Hunt and peck, e.g.

60 Nave bench

62 Waikiki welcome

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STR8TS

No. 369 Easy

You can find more help, tips and hints at www.str8ts.com

Previous solution - Medium

How to beat Str8ts – Like Sudoku, no single number can repeat in any row or column. But... rows and columns are divided by black squares into **compartments**. These need to be filled in with numbers that complete a 'straight'. A **straight** is a set of numbers with no gaps but can be in any order, eg [4,2,3,5]. Clues in black cells remove that number as an option in that row and column, and are not part of any straight. Glance at the solution to see how 'straights' are formed.

SUDOKU

No. 369 Tough

The solutions will be published here in the next issue.

Previous solution - Medium

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ANSWER: THE EQUATOR

Winter Word Find

Find the words hidden in the puzzle.

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| BLANKET | FIREPLACE | SNOW |
| BLUSTERY | GLOVES | SOUP |
| COCOA | HAT | WARMTH |
| COLD | SLEDDING | WINTER |

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Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

DIWN ILCHL

Answer: Wind chill

SLIDE
move along a smooth surface

How they say that in...

ENGLISH: Ice

SPANISH: Hielo

ITALIAN: Ghiaccio

FRENCH: Glace

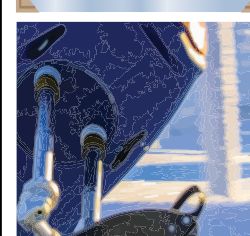
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OBITUARIES

CLINTON

Bishop James Barker, Jr., 86, of 362 Southwood Drive, passed away peacefully on Monday, January 22, 2018 at Sampson Regional Memorial Hospital with his loving family by his side. A Funeral Service celebrating Bishop Barker's life was held Wednesday, January 24th 2018 at 11:00 am at Royal-Hall Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Jimmy Honeycutt and Rev. Jeff Stewart officiating. Burial was held privately at Grandview Memorial Park. Born on March 10, 1931 in Pamlico County, North Carolina, Bishop Barker was the son of the late James Candler Barker, Sr. and Lillie Gibson Barker. After childhood he moved to Washington, North Carolina to farm with his sister, Carol. It was there that he met the love of his life, Rebecca Louise Crisp, also known as "Sugar Babe". They married in 1950, when he was nineteen and she was only fourteen. They recently celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary on December 2, 2017. Bishop Barker began his ministry in 1954, by doing mission work, prayer meetings and being an interim pastor at churches when he was called upon. He attended Bible Training Institute of Cleveland, Tennessee, graduating in 1967. He was an evangelist for eight years and was a pastor for forty-six years before retirement. He is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Rebecca Louise Barker, of the home; a daughter, Arzella Stephens of Laurens, SC; three sons: Jimmy Barker of Clinton, David Earl Barker of Seneca, SC, and Michael Wayne Barker of Florence, SC; four sisters: Ethel Warner, Margie Peaden, Lillie Mae Pegrum and Beatrice Apple; and two brothers: Roosevelt Barker and Candler Barker. God also blessed their family with eleven grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren. What a legacy he leaves behind! In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by two sisters: Christine Modlin and Edna Lancaster; a brother, Floyd Barker and a great-grandson, Breden Stephens. The family received friends one hour prior to the service, beginning at 10am at Royal-Hall Funeral Home; and other times at his home. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.royalhallfuneralhome.com. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Barker Family.



CLINTON

Mr. Embrey "Cat" Boykin, 64, of Greensboro, NC, formerly of Clinton, NC, passed away Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at Maple Grove Health and Rehab Center, Greensboro, NC. The memorial service was held at 12 p.m., Saturday, January 20, 2018 at Lisbon Street Missionary Baptist Church with Elder Derek King officiating. There will be no public viewing.



FAYETTEVILLE

Edna Farmer, age-91, 1186 Derbyshire Rd. died Tuesday Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. Funeral services were Tuesday 1/23/18 1 am, Butler & Son Funeral Home, Roseboro, N.C. Interment in the Roseboro Cemetery. Visitation was from 9-11am Tuesday at the funeral home. She is survived by her husband of 70yrs. Walter Farmer, 3 children, 11 grandchildren.

NEWTON GROVE

Mary Berneice Godwin, 94, of Newton Grove passed away Thursday, January 18th with her family by her side. Mrs. Godwin's funeral service was Monday, January 22nd at 5 p.m. at Oak Grove FWB Church in Newton Grove. Burial was Tuesday, January 23rd at 11:00 a.m. in Warren Oak Grove Church Cemetery. The family received friends on Monday, January 22nd from 4 till 5 p.m. at the church prior to the service. Mrs. Godwin is survived by her daughter Mary Ethel Britt (Maurice Stanley) of Newton Grove, sons William David Godwin, Philip Godwin and wife Diane, Charles Godwin and fiancée Myra Britt all of Newton Grove. Grandchildren Kirk Godwin and Tabitha Parker, Carson Godwin, Allen Britt and Christina Corbett and husband Steven. Great Grandchildren Logan Godwin and Ace Godwin. Sister Helen Finch of Wilson, NC. Mrs. Godwin was preceded in death by her husband C.I. Godwin, parents William Rozier and Emma Langston Daughtry. Siblings Muriel Blanchard, Jean Ray, Earle Lee Atkins and Donald Daughtry. Also, left to cherish her memory are several nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers the family requested Memorials be made to Oak Grove FWB Church PO Box 389, Newton Grove, N.C. 28366. Online condolences may be made at www.westanddunn.com. A Service of West & Dunn Funeral Home of Newton Grove, North Carolina.



STEDMAN

Mrs. Judy Mae Hammond, 66 of Stedman, passed away on Friday, January 19, 2018 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. The funeral service was held at 2:00 pm Monday, January 22 at Butler Funeral Home in Stedman with the Rev. Stan Carter officiating. Burial followed in the Salemburg Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church Cemetery. She was a native of Cumberland County, the daughter of the late James Riley and Marie Faircloth Haitcock. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Mary Ann Autry and brother, Clarence "Peedab" Haitcock. She was a homemaker. Mrs. Hammond is survived by her husband, Dennis Hammond; two daughters, Sheila Brown and fiancée, Shane McLamb and Kasey Hammond Holmes; two granddaughters, Katelyn Brown and Madison Holmes; two grandsons, Jonathan Robinson and Ruffin Holmes; three sisters, Doris Melvin and husband, Doug, Betty Faircloth and husband, James Earl and Mandy Leftwich and husband, Brent; one half brother, Herman Faircloth and numerous nieces and nephews. The family received friends from 5:00 - 7:00 pm Sunday, January 21 at Butler Funeral Home in Stedman and at other times at the home. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 6535 Clinton Road, Stedman, NC.



ROSEBORO

Joy Ann Tatum, age-57 407 Dowdy Rd. died Saturday 1/10/18 at UNC Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were held on Thursday 1/25/18 at 1pm, Mingle Hill Disciples Church, Salemburg, N.C. Interment in the Bearskin Church Cemetery, Clinton, N.C. Public Visitation Wednesday 1/24/18, 1 to 6pm, Butler & Son Funeral Home, Roseboro, N.C.



CLINTON

Mrs. Julia Marie Peacock Lockamy, 75, of 3324 Odom Rd., passed away Saturday, January 20, 2018 at her home. Funeral services were held Monday, January 22, at 2:00 PM at Royal-Hall Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Charles Ray Jernigan officiating. Burial followed at Grandview Memorial Park. Born on March 15th, 1942 in Vance County, Julia was the daughter of the late David and Essie Davidson Peacock. Julia enjoyed being a homemaker where



she loved caring for her grandchildren & great-grandchildren. Julia is survived by her loving husband, Billy C. Lockamy; two daughters, Angela Mercer & Linda Edwards, husband, Jason all of Clinton; step-daughter, Michelle Skozlas of New York; four grandchildren, Cassidy Edwards, Turner Edwards, Christopher Royal & Michaela Mercer; two great-grandchildren, Savannah Lucas & Carson Royal. The family received friends two hours prior to the service beginning at 12:00PM at Royal-Hall Funeral Home Chapel and other times at the home of Linda & Jason Edwards, 82 Oxendine Lane Clinton, NC. Condolences may be sent by visiting www.royalhallfuneralhome.com. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Lockamy.

CLINTON

Mr. Troy Lasiter McDonald Jr. 70, of 521 Cabbage Patch Rd. Clinton, NC died Thursday January 18, 2018. Mr. McDonald was preceded in death by his parents, Troy L. McDonald Sr. & Juanita S. McDonald, one brother, Mark McDonald. He was Navy veteran, having served in the Vietnam War. Funeral service was held at 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at Carter Funeral Home. Burial followed in the Garland Cemetery. Mr. McDonald is survived by one son, James McDonald, one daughter, Melanie McDonald, three sisters, Peggy Morgan, Gloria Williams, Marie McMahon, two brothers, Bruce McDonald, Carl Vallese, 3 grandchildren, Deborah Johnson, Charles Quick, Nicklas Miller. The family will receive friends, on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 from noon-1:45P.M. before the service at the funeral home.



STEDMAN

Mrs. Barbara Jean Nunnery Parnell, 55 of Stedman, passed away on Friday, January 19, 2018 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. The funeral service was held on Tuesday, January 23 at 1:00 pm at Concord Baptist Church with the Rev. Larry West officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Mrs. Nunnery was a native of Cumberland County and a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her mother, Virginia Page Nunnery. She was a homemaker. She is survived by her husband, Larry Parnell; her father, Truitt Nunnery; a daughter, Crystal Smith and husband, Brandon; a son, Larry Parnell, Jr. and wife, Haley; four grandchildren, Leila Smith, Amber Smith, Addison Parnell and Caleb Parnell; two brothers, Allen Nunnery and Douglas Nunnery; and a sister, Norma Nunnery. The family received friends from 6:00 to 8:00 pm Monday, January 22 at Butler Funeral Home in Stedman. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 6535 Clinton Road, Stedman, NC.



SALEMBURG

Mr. James Bishop Sessoms, 85 of Salemburg, passed away on Sunday, January 21, 2018 at Southwood Nursing and Retirement Center in Clinton. The funeral service was held at 3:00 pm Tuesday, January 23 at Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro. Burial followed at Salemburg Cemetery. Born September 19, 1932 in Sampson County, he was the son of the late Bishop and Mary Beale Sessoms. He was a Veteran of the US Air Force and worked as a Mechanic with Warren's Service Center. The visitation was held from 2:00 to 2:45 pm Tuesday at Butler Funeral Home in Roseboro. Services are by Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.



SALEMBURG

Mr. Charles Lamar Sills, Sr, 84, of Salemburg died Thursday evening, January 18, 2018, peacefully at his home. Charles was born May 10, 1933 in Harnett County, to the late William Lattice and Velna Jackson Sills. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Virginia Sills, and brother Jeral Sills. Charles was retired from the Civil Service at Fort Bragg and a local plumber, always willing to provide help where needed. Charles loved being outdoors and most of all, working with horses. Charles operated a horse and carriage service for years that included weddings and parties. He even tried his luck in the restaurant business. His love for his family far exceeded his love for the outdoors and horses. He will be truly missed, but the family rejoices in knowing that his suffering is over and he will forever more be with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. A funeral service was held 3 P.M. Sunday, January 21, 2018 at Corinth FWB Church with the Rev. Paul Honeycutt officiating. Burial followed at Union Grove Church Cemetery. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Grace Sills; daughters, Lesi Naylor Kinton, and Sarah Sills Brown and husband Scott; son Charles Lamar Sills, Jr; brothers, Dwayne "Billy" Sills and wife Sylvia, Gail Sills and wife Joan, and Kenneth Sills and wife Joyce. Charles has 5 grandchildren - Travis Kinton, Taylor Brown, Caleb Brown, Ashton Brown and Rachel Brown. Visitation was held Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 5 to 7 P.M. at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home in Dunn.



RALEIGH

Mrs. Alma Doris Hope Strickland, 84, of Raleigh, formerly of Clinton, passed away Saturday, January 20, at UNC Chapel Hill Hospital. Visitation with the family was held at 1-2 PM, Wednesday January 24, at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home with a funeral service following at 2 PM, at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. E.C. Mattocks officiating. Interment followed in the Plainview Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church Cemetery. Alma, a native of Sampson Co., was the daughter of the late Franklin Deleon Hope and Athea Ester Shipp Hope and was the wife of the late Paul Strickland. She was also preceded in death by siblings Carl, Robert, Willard, W.T., Victor Hope, and a daughter-in-law Terria Strickland. Alma was a Recreation Therapist at Dortha Dix, and was very hardworking lady who loved to cook and became a grandmother to many. She was a member of Plainview Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church. Alma is survived by: two sons, Ronnie Strickland of Garner, and Donnie Strickland and wife Debbie of Youngsville; brothers and sister: Perry Hope, Gracie Bowman, and Billy Hope, three grandchildren: Amber Dabrowski, Brittany Strickland, and Michelle Barnard, four great-grandchildren: Emmett Dabrowski, Isac Dabrowski, Ava Barnard, and Jack Barnard. Memorials may be made to Plain View Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church, PO Box 1261 Clinton, NC 28329. Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville St. Clinton, NC is in charge of arrangements.



ROSEBORO

Harvey Williams, Jr., 96, of 1492 Bass Lake Road, passed away Sunday, January 21, 2018 at Southwood Nursing Center. A funeral service was held at 2 P.M., Thursday, January 25, 2018 at Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church with Reverend John Hobbs and Reverend Dudley Neal officiating. The family received friends one hour before the service at the church and at other times at the home. Interment followed in the church cemetery. Harvey, born in 1921 in Sampson County, was the son of



the late Harvey Williams and Vennie Porter Williams. Harvey was a WWII veteran and served under General Patton. He retired from the Telecommunication industry and was a member of Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by: wife, Fannie Pope Williams; grandson, Allen Williams; and siblings, Charles Hayward Williams, Elise Gray Williams, James Marshall Williams, Lula Elma Williams, Mimie Thelma Williams, Evelyn Dawn Williams, Alton Brewer Williams, and Peggy Jean Williams. Survivors include; sons, Ronnie Harvey Williams and wife Bonnie and James Michael Williams and wife Denise; grandchildren, Ronnie Warren Williams, Laura Michelle Williams, Bethany Nicole Williams and Sarah Paige Williams; and siblings, Paul Williams, David Williams and Inez Overton. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church, (Prayer Garden), 1481 Fleet Cooper Rd., Roseboro, NC 28382. The family would like to express their sincere thanks to the Southwood Nursing Center staff (300 Hall) and to Liberty Hospice for their kindness shown during this difficult time. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com. Arrangements are by Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home 118 Fayetteville St., Clinton, NC 28328.

IVANHOE

Mary Lou Bullock Martin Woodcock, age 88, of Elizabethtown, formerly of Ivanhoe and Cumberland County entered her heavenly home on Thursday, January 18, 2018. Mary Lou was born December 7, 1929 in Cumberland County, the daughter of Noah Marshall Bullock and Lou Eva Ward Bullock. In addition to her parents Mary Lou was preceded in death by her husband, William Mortimore Martin, Jr. (Married 28 years) and Gurney F. Woodcock (married 18 years); and sisters, infant Betty Zane Bullock and Madie Bullock Autry. Mary Lou is survived by daughters, Pat Martin Sholar (M.C.) of Ivanhoe and Jane Martin King (Neill) of Elizabethtown; grandchildren, Will King of Raleigh, Matthew King of Boca Raton, FL and Amanda King of Wilmington; sister, Doris Gardner of Wade and several cousins, nieces and nephews. Her loyal four-legged companion, Susie, will greatly miss her "mom". Mary Lou was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, and daughter who dearly loved her family. Putting others before herself was always a priority. Her quick wit, quiet demeanor, generosity, and kindness to all she met were just part of what made her the special person that she was. Her gentle and accepting spirit served her well during her fight with Pulmonary Fibrosis. Last, but not least, her love for her Lord kept her grounded and steady as she traveled life's many winding roads. She will be greatly missed and her memory will be forever cherished. Visitation with the family was from 1 to 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 20, at Black River Presbyterian Church, 65 Eddie L. Jones Road, Ivanhoe with the funeral service following at 2 p.m. C.R.E. Richard Wurtzell conducted the service. Interment followed in the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Boys and Girls Home of Lake Waccamaw, PO Box 127, Lake Waccamaw, NC 28450 or to Lower Cape Fear Hospice Foundation, 1414 Physicians Dr., Wilmington, NC 28401 or to a charity of your choice. Quinn-McGowen Funeral Home of Burgaw.



FAYETTEVILLE

Dorothy Garriss, Age-95, 716 Perley St. died Wed. 1/24/18 at home. Funeral services incomplete, Butler & Son Funeral Home, Roseboro, N.C.

ROSEBORO

Pearlie McLamb, Age-91, 165 Old Brick Mill Rd died Wednesday 1/24/18 at home. Funeral services incomplete, Butler & Son Funeral Home, Roseboro, N.C.

CLINTON

Miss Lula Bryant, 89, of 428 McKoy St., Apt. C, Clinton, NC, passed away Saturday January 20, 2018 at Rex Hospital, Raleigh, NC. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, January 28, 2018 at the Worley Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Joseph McLain, Sr. officiating. Burial in Sandhill Cemetery, Clinton. Miss Bryant is survived by her SISTERS-Janie Butler, Wanda Jacobs and Mary Lassiter all of Clinton, NC, Juanita Joyner of Faison, NC; BROTHERS-Rev Joseph McLain, Sr. and Willie McLean, Sr. both of Clinton, NC. Visitation will be held at the funeral home Saturday, January 27, 2018 from 4pm - 6pm. The family will be present from 5pm - 6pm.

CLINTON

Lambert "Bruce" Goodman, 81, of 556 Hubbard Butler Road, passed away at Rex Healthcare on the evening of January 22, 2018. A funeral service will be held at 2 P.M., Saturday, January 27, 2018 at New Bethel Baptist Church, with the Reverend Terry Cummings, Reverend Mike Cummings and Reverend Ken Simmons officiating. Interment will follow in Grandview Memorial Park. Bruce, born on August 7, 1936 in Clinton to the late, Reuben Ashford Goodman and Maggie Jacobs Goodman. After farming with his family for years, Bruce began working at Lundy Packing Company (now Premium Standard Farms). He worked and retired from there with over 40 years' service. Bruce is survived by his wife, Helen Goodman; daughter, Andrea Goodman of Clinton; son, Jamie Goodman of Raleigh; beloved granddaughter, Jana Goodman of Raleigh; sister, Onzie Edwards of Fayetteville; and, nieces, nephews and countless cousins. Bruce is preceded in death by his brother, Jeff Goodman; and his sister, Darlene Lupton. Bruce was active in his church and community and will be remembered as a kind soul who always had time to talk and loved his family deeply. The family will receive friends from 6 P.M. - 8 P.M., Friday, January 26, 2018 at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home and at other times at the home. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com. Arrangements are by Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville St., Clinton, NC 28328.

ELIZABETHTOWN

Mr. Kenneth Lee Smith 59 of 69 Barnes Loop Rd. Elizabethtown, NC died Monday, January 22, 2018 at Elizabethtown Nursing Center in Elizabethtown, NC. Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Carter Funeral Home in Garland.



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CRIME

Arrest Reports

01-19 Derrell Joshua Smith, 28; 104 Church St., Salemburg; Failure to Appear- Speeding; 2 Counts: Failure to Appear- DWLR Impaired Rev; Failure to Appear-Open Container After Consume Alcohol 1st; Secured Bod \$1,000; Court Date 02-15

01-19 Dulce Stephanie Reyes, 21; 1576 Pope Rd., Clinton; Failure to Appear- No Operators License; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 02-13

01-19 Daniel Blair Cordell, 32; 8490 Keener Rd., Clinton; Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear/Failure to Comply-Child Support

01-19 Shamol James Chavious, 24; 2780 Hayes Chapel Rd., Rose Hill; Failure to Appear- No Operators License; Failure to Appear- Drive Left of Center; Failure to Appear-Flee/Elude Arrest with Motor Vehicle; Failure to Appear- Fail to wear seat belt-driver/expired reg card; Failure to Appear- DWI/Reckless Driving-Wanton Disregard; Secured Bond \$10,000; Court Date 01-29

01-19 Alvin Eugene Hill Jr., 57; 1002 Renfrow Rd., Clinton; Failure to Appear- Possess Marijuana up to 1/2 ounce; Secured Bond \$2,000; Court Date 02-08

01-19 Eric Darrell Peacock, 29; 106 Hines Dr., Four Oaks; 3 Counts: Larceny; Larceny of a Motor Vehicle; Secured Bond \$6,000; Court Date 01-30

01-20 Jimmy Ernest Lee, 52; 3192 Harnett-Dunn Hwy., Newton Grove; DV Protective Order Violation; No Bond; Court Date 01-23

01-20 Bryson McCullen, 56; 120 E Kelly St., mount Olive; Failure to Appear- DWLR Not Impaired; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 02-13

01-20 Dulce Stephanie Reyes-Inestroza, 21; 321 Crab Apple Lane, Clinton; Failure to Appear- Hit/Run leave scene Property Damage; Failure to Appear-NOL; Failure to Appear-Fail to Stop Red Light; Cyber stalking; Secured Bond \$2,000; Court Date 02-20

01-21 Shane McKoy, 24; 513 Gold St., Roseboro; Assault on a Female (Domestic); Larceny; Injury to Personal Property; No Bond; Court Date 02-20

01-21 Gary Antonio Woodall Jr., 31; 109 Holiday Lane, Newton Grove; Habitual Impaired Driving; Secured Bond \$4,999; Court Date

01-28

01-21 Shawnette Nicole Arnold, 34; 2085 Turkey Hwy., Clinton; Assault with a Deadly Weapon; No Bond; Court Date 02-12

01-21 Michelle Abigail Pacheco, 18; 146 Patterson Lane, Salemburg; Harassing Phone Call; Communicating Threats; Unsecured Bond \$500; Court Date 02-13

01-21 Hayden Mark Gentry, 18; 6769 Mcpherson Clay Rd., Liberty; Public Disturbance; Simple Affray; Secured Bond \$5,000; Court Date 02-20

01-22 Jonathan Dale Thornton, 27; 154 Madeline Lane, Autryville; Failure to Appear- Possess Heroin; Failure to Appear- Possess Drug Paraphernalia; Failure to Appear- Probation Violation; Secured Bond \$10,000; Court Date 02-14

01-22 Dale Melvin, 63; 521 God St., Roseboro; Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear- Speeding, No Operators License; Secured Bond \$1,000; Court Date 02-08

01-22 Vincent Keith Bryant, 49; 7454 N US 421 Hwy., Clinton; Carrying a Concealed Gun; Court Date 04-25

01-22 Curtis Pugh, 29; 499 Old Cotton Gin Rd., Roseboro; 2 Counts: Possession with Intent to Sell/Deliver Marijuana; 2 Counts: Sell Marijuana; 2 Counts: Deliver Marijuana; Secured Bond \$50,000; Court Date 01-26

01-22 Sylndrell Shenice Blanks, 38; 491 Old Cotton Gin Rd., Roseboro; Possession with Intent to Sell/Deliver Cocaine; Sell Cocaine; Deliver Cocaine; Sell Marijuana; Secured Bond \$50,000; Court Date 01-26

01-23 Bernard Register, 64; 343 Loop Rd., Clinton; Failure to Appear-Operate Vehicle No Insurance; Court Date 02-01

01-23 Jennifer Janique Hickman, 34; 16 Waterhouse Circle, Clinton; Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear-DWLR; Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear- Possess Alt/Fict/Rev Drivers License; Secured Bond \$100; Court Date 02-07

01-23 Martrell Issac White, 31; 88 Archibald Lane, Salemburg; 2 Counts: Contempt of Court, Perjury, Court Violations; Secured Bond \$2,500; Court Date 02-22

01-23 William Kenneth Bradley, 28; 109 Hemm Lane, Clinton; Conspire to Sell Heroin; Conspire to Deliver Heroin; Maintain Dwelling; Secured Bond \$15,000; Court Date 01-26

01-23 Kimberly Krug Wilson, 50; 109 Hemm Lane, Clinton; 4 Counts: Possession with Intent to Sell/Deliver Heroin; 4 Counts: Sell Heroin; 4 Counts: Deliver Heroin; 4 Counts: Maintain Dwelling; Possession with Intent to Sell/Deliver Schedule IV Controlled Substance; Sell Schedule IV Controlled Substance; Deliver Schedule IV Controlled Substance; Secured Bond \$100,000; Court Date 01-26

01-23 Darrell Scott Naylor, 52; 626 Naylor Rd., Roseboro; Habitual Impaired Driving; Secured Bond \$4,500; Court Date 01-26

01-23 Clarence David Faircloth, 72; 861 Five Bridge Rd., Clinton; Communicating Threats; Resisting Public Officer; Secured Bond \$3,000; Court Date 02-14

01-23 Justin Lee Black, 28; 1105 Ridge Rd., Angier; Failure to Appear- DWI; Failure to Appear- Reckless Driving; Failure to Appear- Resisting Public Officer; Secured Bond \$9,000; Court Date 02-13

01-24 Destiny Marie Seward, 21; 154 Emerly Lane, Clinton; 2 Counts: Misdemeanor Probation Violations; Secured Bond \$10,000; Court Date 02-21

01-24 Michael Jamal Oates, 26; 422 Trappers Run Lane, Clinton; 2 Counts: Sell Cocaine; 2 Counts: Deliver Cocaine; Possession with Intent to Sell/Deliver Cocaine; Secured Bond \$75,000; Court Date 01-26

01-24 Johnny Edward Lucas III, 26; 3829 Hayne Stretch Rd., Roseboro; Larceny; Financial Card Theft; Secured Bond \$5,000; Court Date 01-26

01-24 Susan Ann Wilson, 30; 3829 Hayne Stretch Rd., Roseboro; Larceny; Financial Card Theft; Failure to Appear- Possess Drug Paraphernalia; Failure to Appear- Possession of Firearm by Felon; Secured Bond \$30,000; Court Date 01-26

01-24 Suzie Marie Cooper, 60; 1424 Garland Airport Rd., Garland; 3 Counts: Trafficking, Opium or Heroin; Deliver Schedule II Controlled Substance; 2 Counts: Possession with Intent to Manufacture/Sell/Deliver Schedule II Controlled Substance; Maintain Vehicle/Dwelling/Place for Controlled Substance; Sell Schedule II Controlled Substance; Secured Bond \$250,000; Court Date 02-02

01-24 Susan Wilson, 30; 1138 Hayne Stretch Rd., Roseboro; Order for Arrest- Child Support; Court Date 01-30

Incident/Investigation Reports

01-19 Elijah Smith III reported the Larceny of Pallets located at 2819 Autry Mill Rd., Godwin.

01-20 Rosewood Motel reported a Burglary located at 1555 Turkey Hwy., Clinton. Items reported miss-

ing included US Currency and car keys.

01-20 Mary Ingram reported the Theft of a Motor Vehicle located at 90 Pike Drive, Clinton.

01-20 Mark Walters reported a Burglary located at 48 Holland Town Rd., Salemburg. Items reported missing included a Play Station 4, Xbox and US Currency.

01-20 Elliot Faison reported a Burglary located at 2176 Needmore Rd., Turkey. Items reported missing included a weed trimmer and a TV.

01-22 Victor Flores reported a Burglary located at 10011 Taylors Bridge Hwy., Rose Hill. Items reported missing included gas, cordless drills, staple guns, tool set, compressor hoses, drill batteries, drill battery chargers and a router.

01-22 Purdy Enterprises reported a Burglary located at 7585 Turkey Hwy., Turkey. Items reported missing included a stove and a gas heater.

01-22 Margo Maraquin reported a Breaking and Entering located at 3517 N McCullen Rd., Faison. Items reported missing linoleum flooring and floor tiles.

01-22 Wellie Sutton reported a Larceny located at 3354 Boykin Bridge Rd., Clinton. Items reported missing included life jackets, 20 ft boat, boat trailer and boat batteries.

01-23 Michael Herring reported a Burglary located at 26 North Powell Ave., Garland. Items reported missing included US Currency, surveillance camera and equipment.

01-23 Franklin Morrisey reported the Larceny of a Handgun located on HB Lewis Rd., Clinton.

01-24 Deborah Kiesewetter reported a Burglary located at 8106 Garland Hwy., Clinton. Items reported missing included a metal Pepsi sign and two gas pump signs.

01-24 Jason Pope reported a Burglary located at 5396 Garland Hwy., Clinton. Items reported missing included two chainsaws, power pole saw, power sidewalk edger, 2 power trimmers.

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

Sampson County VITAL STATS

Births

-Cristian Cabrera Escobar born on December 28, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Alexander Cabrera Rivera and Eva Regina Escobar Juarez
 -Oscar Daniel Funez Zuniga born on December 28, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Nolvin Yuviny Funez and Bery Secy Zuniga
 -Hadley Claire Matthews born on December 28, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Wyman Darell Matthews and Crystal Gayle Matthews
 -Royale Jadore King born on December 31, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Louis Rashawn Highsmith and Damara Niesha King
 -Celso Gabriel Yerbafria born on January 1, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Castulo Yerbafria Callejas and Glenda Lyz Rodriguez
 -Destiny Monroe Barrett born on January 2, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Janie Ann Marie Barrett
 -Harmony Raelynn Millen born on January 2, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Dustin Ray Millen and Samantha Lynne Hoover
 -Abril Victoria Torres Avalos born on January 3, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Luis Rafael Torres Rodriguez and Diana Victoria Avalos
 -Francis Oliver Mathews III born on January 4, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Adrian Nelson Mathews and Jennifer Lynn Mathews
 -Bryce James McNeese II born on January 4, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Bryce James McNeese and Selena Noel Anders
 -Emily Michelle Blanchard born on January 7, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Aaron Jackson Blanchard and Brittany Renea Blanchard
 -Melanie Marie Zapatero Lopez born on January 7, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Miguel Antonio Centeno Lopez and Jennifer Zapatero

Marriage Certificates

-Jose Guadalupe Jimenez Aguilar to Maria Margarita Gutierrez Santar
 -Fidel Carlos Dominguez
 -Bryan Alex Da'Quan Parker to Kellie Michelle Cowan
 -Jake Thomas Best to Emily Carol Barber
 -Ronald Todd Jackson to Monica Hope Strickland
 -Darrell Council Devane to Lydia Sandra Hayes

Land Transfers

-Cornell Chasten Jr, Levette H Chasten to Ricardo Ruiz and Margarita Velasco- Lot 1
 -Gloria Aparicio to Angelina Serrano Campos- South Clinton 1.13 Acres Lot 6
 -Angelina Serrano Campos, Laurencio Campos to Gloria Aparicio- South Clinton Lots 2, 3, 4
 -Jerry W Lucas to Crumpler Plastic Pipe Inc- 19.31 Acres Little Coharie
 -Mary Clare Rose to Pamela Gonzalez- Tract 4 0.93 Acres Westbrooks
 -Mary Clarer Rose to Pamela Gonzalez and Angela Warner- Tract 6 0.48 Acres Westbrooks
 -Mary Clare Rose to Angela Warner- Tract 7 0.86 Acres Westbrooks
 -Geraldine S Carr, Walter F Carr to William Jason Barefoot- Lot 1 Northgate Subdivision
 -Billy J Boyette, Sandra K Boyette, Tessa D Boyette, William Michael Boyette, Laura B Myers to William Nelson Parker- Two Tracts Piney Grove
 -Junius I Faircloth/By AIF, Travis I Faircloth/AIF, Phyllis F McArthur/AIF to Junius Faircloth, Travis Faircloth/Co TR, Junius Faircloth Irrevocable Trust, Phyllis McArthur/Co Tr -Little Coharie Three Tracts w/exceptions

-DMB Development Inc/FKA, DMB Partners LLC, Karen T Sutton/MGR to Hilda A Bass, Steven J Bass- Lot 138 Timberlake Subdivision Section 19 North Clinton
 -Hilda A Bass, Steven J Bass, DMB Partners LLC, Karen T Sutton/MGR to Jeffrey Scott Smith, Lisa Simmons Smith- Lot 138 Timberlake Subdivision Section 19 North Clinton
 -Mary Ann Hill/TR, MARY Ann Hill Revocable Trust, Deborah S Owen, Millard T Owen III to Yuridia Garduno Melgar, Fernando Benitez Ocampo- Lot 23 0.78 Acres Frontier Acres Subdivision Westbrooks
 -James Brett Faircloth, Kimberly D Faircloth, Matthew Todd Faircloth, Melissa T Faircloth to F&W Farms- 2 Parcels Little Coharie
 -Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to Wanda H Carlberg, William C Carlberg- 2.36 Acres
 -Nora H Strickland White, Nora Strickland White to John P Lockamy, Marguerite H Lockamy- Lot 1 4.01 Acres Lot 2 0.28 Acres Lot 3 1.17 Acres Plainview
 -James C Ingram, Mary McCain Ingram, Narcissue Ingram, Evelyn D McCalop, Cassandra D Raynor, Willa D Roseboro, Karolina Sampson, Nutrena Michelle Sampson, Lloyd T Thompson, Pamela Bryant Thompson, Sherrill Wint to Jay R Ingram- Lot 7 Little Coharie Township
 -Kay C Sinclair Basinger to Carlton Dewain Sinclair, Karen Barefoot Sinclair- Halls Two Tracts
 -Kay C Sinclair Basinger to Kay C Sinclair Basinger, Carlton Dewain Sinclair, Karen Barefoot Sinclair- Halls 1.53 Acres Lot 4 of the Paul H Sinclair Estate
 -Thomas Trent Norris to Sarah Lynn Woldstad- Plainview 0.380 Acres
 -Thornton Homes Co to Neraida Dalila Wooten- Belvoir Lot 9 Quail Run Subdivision
 -Brock & Scott PLLC/AIF, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation/By AIF to Marvin Moya Sarmiento, Mariely E Gutierrez Velasquez- North Clinton
 -Carl Graham Lamb II, Natalie R Lamb to Alston Glenwood Fryar Jr- 2 Tracts Lisbon
 -James S Sebrell, Judith K Sebrell to Dusty Austin Sanders, Tiffany Mae Sanders- Franklin 1.514 Acres
 -James B Darden IV, Paula E Darden to RLB Properties LLC- North Clinton Tract B 0.86 Acres
 -MTGLQ Investors LP/By AIF, Selene Finance LP/AIF to Peggy B Ammons, Tommy Edwards Ammons- 3.90 Acres
 -Darrell Barefoot, Helen Diana Barefoot, Helen Diana Simmons/AKA to Rafael Eduardo Gutierrez, Sarah Diane Gutierrez- 0.92 Acre North Clinton
 -Edith E Elmore, Edith Eason Elmore/AKA to Jason M Elmore- 7.06 Acres Plainview
 -Edith E Elmore, Edith Eason Elmore/AKA to Edith E Elmore Irrevocable Trust, Edith E Elmore, Michael Elmore/TR- 1.32 Acres Plainview
 -Daniel Richard Kornegay Jr to David A Jordan II, Rebecca K Jordan- Turkey Township LOt 3 2.87 Acres
 -Helen E Autry, Robert L Autry to Gail Haley Horne, William Leslie Horne- Lot 9 2.27 Acres Dismal
 -William Odell Jackson to Jose Elfego Martinez Leon- 3 Tracts w/exceptions
 -Thornton Homes Co to Leslie C Futch, William Robert Futch- 32 Acres w/exceptions Franklin
 -Thornton Homes Co to Edil Daniel Martinez Guifarro- 5 Acres Turkey
 -Beverly McLamb, Shelton D McLamb to Scott McLamb- Lot s 8 & 9 Block H of the Weeks Property Newton Grove
 -Audrey S Barefoot, Darrell Glenn Barefoot, Franklin Shelton Barefoot, Shannalei C Barefoot to Danny E Norris, Joan L Norris- 2 Tracts w/exceptions Plainview
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Chamber Chat



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

Can you believe February is among us? I know that I am excited that it is one month closer to Spring! With the new year I encourage any new businesses in town or current chamber business to get involved with the Chamber and participate in our events.

Here are our top 10 reasons why networking with the Chamber and other businesses are important.

- To increase your visibility.**
One of the most important elements—and one of the most overlooked—to getting the biggest bang for your networking buck is to make sure your face and your message get in front of the same—and the right—people on an ongoing basis.
- To start relationships that will lead to strategic alliances, joint ventures, and referrals.**
Meeting people at the networking function is merely the important first step towards reaching your client attraction goals. It's what you do after the event that is more important. Follow-up is key to deepening the relationships that will increase your bottom line.
- To stay current on trends in your industry (and those of your target market).**
Attending networking events given by your professional association—or associations related to your target market—allows you to glean information about current and future trends. The information you gather at these functions can easily give you a leg up on your competition.
- To become connected to key influencers in your industry and within your target market.**
Do some research. Find out which organizations attract the people you want to meet, and you will get the biggest return on your investment of time, money, and energy.
- To learn from and to be motivated by powerful speakers.**
Many business networking events have speakers who are experts in fields that will be of interest to you and to your target market.
- To find suppliers and solutions to your problems.**
Most people think of networking events as a place to pursue business. Networking events can be a great place to find accountants, printers, salespeople, etc. for yourself and your clients.
- To hone your marketing message.**
Use business networking events to practice and refine your elevator speech. Make sure it conveys in 30 seconds or less what solutions you provide, for whom you provide them, and the benefits of doing business with you.
- To socialize.**
Today, as more and more people work out of their attics, basements, or spare bedrooms, it has become increasingly important for us to socialize, recharge our batteries, and preserve our sanity.
- To recruit talent.**
If you are looking to expand your business and hire staff, business networking events are a good starting point for your exploration of the marketplace. You will be able to enter into conversations with potential employees and get clear on what your needs are.
- To uncover the “hot buttons” of your target market.**
Capitalize on the conversations you have at business networking events to uncover what makes prospective clients tick and what ticks them off. Then create products or services that will alleviate their pain and make you a hero/ine in their eyes.

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By Brenda Brown

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When hosting a game-day party, you'd think the focus would be on the score or the award-winning commercials, but it's actually a great reason to indulge in flavor-filled bites. When the big day rolls around, let your guests obsess over the game while you serve up ooey-goey dips, saucy wings and football-themed desserts that can keep them happily glued to their seats.

Dip into delicious. No watch-party menu is complete without a cheesy dip. This over the top dip brings big flavor and is perfect for kicking the party up a notch as your team works to post that next big win.

Slow cook your cornbread. Not only does this recipe for cornbread amp up the flavor with paprika, garlic powder and cheese, you can set it, forget it then enjoy it with your favorite chili or ribs.

Go ahead and wing it. Wings and football go together like quarterbacks and touchdowns. This year, try a south-of-the-border version and rub wings in cheesy taco seasoning. For extra flair, serve them on a platter with taco fixings.

Fan-favorite desserts. Win or lose, there's always room for dessert. It can be surprisingly simple to create fun and tasty football-themed treats. These bite-size truffles require just five ingredients and are the perfect finishing touch(down) for your game-day spread.

Find more flavorful game-day recipes and ideas for your party at McCormick.com.

Chocolate Raspberry Football Cookie Truffles

- 4 cups crumbled chewy chocolate cookies
- 1 1/2 cups marshmallow creme
- 2 teaspoons McCormick Raspberry Extract
- 12 ounces semi-sweet chocolate, chopped
- 1 ounce white chocolate, melted

In large bowl, mix crumbled cookies, marshmallow creme and raspberry flavor until well blended. Shape mixture into 1-inch ovals. Set aside.

Melt chocolate as directed on package.

Using fork, dip one cookie truffle at a time into chocolate. Tap back of fork 2-3 times against edge of dish to allow excess chocolate to drip off. Place on wax paper-lined tray. Refrigerate 30 minutes, or until chocolate is set.

Spoon melted white chocolate into small, re-sealable plastic bag. Cut small piece from one bottom corner of bag. Close bag tightly then pipe lines on truffles to resemble football stitching. Let stand until chocolate is set.

Note: Cookies can be stored in covered container at room temperature up to 5 days.



Big Flavor for the BIG Game



Texas Trash Dip

- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese
- 1 cup sour cream
- 2 cans (16 ounces each) refried beans
- 1 can (4 1/2 ounces) chopped green chilies, drained
- 1 package McCormick Taco Seasoning Mix
- 4 cups shredded Mexican cheese blend, divided
- nonstick cooking spray
- chopped cilantro (optional)
- tomatoes (optional)
- sliced olives (optional)
- avocado (optional)
- tortilla chips

Heat oven to 350 F.

In large, microwavable bowl, heat cream cheese and sour cream on high 1 minute, or until cheese is softened. Remove from microwave. Mix with wire whisk until smooth. Add refried beans, green chilies, seasoning mix and 2 cups cheese; mix well.

Spread bean mixture into 13-by-9-inch baking dish sprayed with nonstick cooking spray. Sprinkle with remaining cheese.

Bake 25 minutes, or until cheese is melted. Top with cilantro, tomatoes, sliced olives and avocado, if desired. Serve with tortilla chips.

Cheesy Taco Wings

- 2 1/2 pounds chicken wing pieces
- 1 package McCormick Cheesy Taco Mix
- nonstick cooking spray
- 3 cups chopped romaine lettuce

- 1/4 cup finely chopped tomato
- 2 tablespoons sliced green onion
- 2 tablespoons crumbled queso fresco

Heat oven to 450 F.

In large bowl, toss chicken wings with seasoning mix. On large, shallow foil-lined

baking pan sprayed with nonstick cooking spray, arrange wings in single layer.

Bake 30-35 minutes, or until chicken is cooked through and skin is crisp.

On large serving platter, arrange lettuce. Top with wings, tomato, green onion and queso fresco.



Slow Cooker Cheesy Cornbread

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 1 cup milk
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 2 packages (8 1/2 ounces each) corn muffin mix
- 1 teaspoon McCormick Paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon McCormick Garlic Powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup frozen corn
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese, divided

Spray inside of 6-quart slow cooker with nonstick cooking spray. In slow cooker, mix milk, eggs, corn muffin mix, paprika, garlic powder and salt until well blended.

Stir in corn and 1 cup cheese. Place clean kitchen towel over slow cooker and cover with lid.

Cook 2 hours on high, or until toothpick in center of cornbread comes out clean. Uncover.

Sprinkle cornbread with remaining cheese. Let stand, uncovered, 30 minutes, or until cheese is melted.



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