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SCC's Hutchins to leave for Presidency at Martin Community College



Dr. Hutchins speaks with students near SCC's landmark clock tower.

Dr. Paul Hutchins, President of Sampson Community College, says the main thing he wants to be remembered for from his time at Sampson Community College is that he always put students first.

Hutchins announced his pending retirement last year from SCC and has accepted a job offer just up the road at Martin Community College. Martin is located in Williamston, NC **HUTCHINS, see P. 4**

Williams Takes Oath of Office



Dwight Williams takes the Oath of Office for Clerk of Court. Also pictured is his family.

On Wednesday, the Honorable Judge Albert Kirby gave the Oath of Office to newly appointed Clerk of Court Dwight Williams. On Friday Judge Kirby chose Williams to fill the vacated seat of Clerk of Court; the seat has been open since the retirement of Norman Wayne Naylor on December 31, 2017. Williams was one of seven applicants whom Kirby interviewed to fill the position.

Before the Swearing-In Ceremony began, Judge Albert Kirby addressed those in attendance stating, "This has been a long process for everybody. We had an opportunity to talk to everyone that showed an interest in this position. We have spoken to them extensively. It was a hard decision to make, but it's made now."

Kirby went on to urge the employees to work with the new Clerk of Court in order to make the department the best it could be.

After being sworn in and swearing in the clerks and deputy clerks, Williams addressed the audience, "I very much appreciate this appointment. I understand that this appointment is a little bit interim. I understand fully that this is a test period for me as clerk of court. There will be an election coming up soon and you the people of Sampson County will decide if I or if someone else will continue in this office. I hope over the next 10 months that I will earn your support. I pledge to work hard for you in this office and to learn everything that I can from these ladies and gentlemen (pointing to the clerks and deputy clerks). That we work together harmoniously and that you can teach me all that I need to know and that is a lot. I pledge to work hard for you, not you for me."

Williams, a life-long resident of Vann's Crossroads in Northern Sampson County, attended Herring Elementary and Midway High School, graduating in 1969. He continued his education at North Carolina State University and graduated in 1973 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biological and Agricultural Engineering. Williams stated, "Post-graduation, I farmed in our family operation until 1987, producing tobacco, corn, **SWEARING IN, see P. 4**

WEATHER

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| Fri | AM | Rain | 80% | Hi: 46° | Lo: 24° |
| Sat | Partly Cloudy | 0% | Hi: 47° | Lo: 35° | |
| Sun | Rain | 100% | Hi: 59° | Lo: 38° | |
| Mon | Sunny | 10% | Hi: 58° | Lo: 32° | |
| Tues | Mostly Sunny | 10% | Hi: 64° | Lo: 48° | |
| Wed | Rain | 70% | Hi: 71° | Lo: 40° | |

Fire Takes Life of Man & His Beloved Pet



A 73-year-old man and his beloved companion, both perished in a house fire that occurred on Tuesday night at approximately 11:15pm. Multiple fire departments were dispatched when the call came in to 911 at 11:23 pm. The home, located at 1429 Isaac Weeks Road in Clinton, was engulfed in flames once the firefighters arrived on the scene. Departments were on the scene for hours trying to put out the flames and quell down hot spots.

The body of Paul Butler Sr, 73, was recovered from the fire. It is believed that he **FIRE, see P. 4**

WEEKLY VERSE

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord you God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. Deuteronomy 6:4-5

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LOCAL NEWS

From the Desk of Senator Brent Jackson



I hope you are having a great week and everyone stayed safe during the recent weather. I recently had the privilege to speak at the 56th National Sweet Potato Convention on Tuesday morning, January 23rd. The National Sweet Potato Convention alternates among the top sweet potato producing states in the nation, and North Carolina hosts the convention every five years. At the convention, I had a great time discussing one of our state's top cash crops with industry leaders throughout the nation, and addressing the importance the sweet potato has on our economy. North Carolina is the top sweet potato producer in the nation, accounting for 87,000 acres of farmland and \$342 million in production last year alone.

It was an honor to host such a prominent group of individuals at the 56th National Sweet Potato Convention and discuss the vital role the sweet potato plays in our agriculture industry.

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

Legislative Recap

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

Senate Bill 257: Appropriations Act of 2017

In last week's newsletter, we gave a high-level view of the Statewide Reserves section of the budget and this week we will go over the Capital Section of the budget. This section of the budget spends \$73.3 million in non-recurring funds on various capital projects across the state. It funds projects that agencies and other state government entities cannot usually fund through their base budget. This year's capital budget funds the following: numerous community college system projects, a new visitors center at Fort Fisher, a new helipad for the National Guard, a Youth Development Center in response to the Raise the Age legislation that will increase the age in which criminals are tried as juveniles.

The Capital budget also includes \$15.6 million for Water Resource Development Projects across the state and appropriates money to the DuPont Forest Training Center used by the Department of Agriculture and the National Guard. In addition to appropriations, the budget establishes the Pay-As-You-Go Capital and Infrastructure Fund. This fund will help finance and make affordable more projects. It uses 4% of state tax revenues and 1/4 of the unappropriated balance. The fund will be first used to pay for debt, second repair and renovations, and new construction third.

You can view the full bill and money report at the following link: Bill: <http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2017/Bills/Senate/PDF/S257v8.pdf> and Money Report: http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2017/Budget/2017/conference_committee_report_2017_06_19.pdf

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

From the District

2018 County Fire and Rescue Conference

Fire and rescue personnel throughout Duplin and its surrounding counties will have an opportunity to train and improve on their skills at the upcoming 2018 Fire and Rescue Conference at James Sprunt Community College on February 16 through the 18. The conference is hosted by the community college and the Duplin County Fireman's Association. Over the last couple of years, there have been an average of more than 100 fire and rescue personnel who have attended the conference. Some of the courses offered to those wishing to improve their skills are basic firefighting, orientation and safety, forcible entry, fire and life safety preparedness, and much more. All registration fees are waived for all active North Carolina Fire and Rescue members who qualify, and enrollment is operated on a

fire-come-first-serve basis. Those interested in attending the conference are required to submit a registration form which can be obtained by contacting conference coordinator Scott Justice at wjustice@jamesprunt.edu.

Upcoming Annual Sampson County Job Fair

The 3rd annual Sampson County Job Fair will be held on Saturday, February 10th, from 9am to 12pm at the Sampson County Agri-Exposition Center off Warsaw Road in Clinton. The Sampson County Job Fair provides the attendees the opportunity to network with many of Sampson County's businesses and industries, from various types of career fields. There are about 20 local employers from across the county that are participating in this year's event. The event is free, and open to all individuals. At this year's event, the N.C. Works Mobile Unit will be on site and open to assist attendees. This unit provides assistance during job fairs providing participants access to employment services such as career counseling, resume preparation, and online access so individuals can apply and search for jobs online. Also, the Sampson-Clinton Public Library System will host three, 45-minute workshops to help enhance job seekers' skills, such as interview and resume tips. For those interested in more information on the upcoming fair, please call 910-592-6451 or email info@sampsonexpoctr.com.

District Spotlight

Johnston County Emergency Services Director Kimberly Robertson has decided to retire after a 30 year career with department. Ms. Robertson served in the role as Director of Emergency Services in the county since January 2008. She began working for Johnston County in 1988, where she was one of the only two employees in the newly created emergency management office. Since beginning her career, the department has grown from two employees to over 200 workers in the Fire, Emergency Management Systems, and Emergency Management Divisions of Johnston County's Emergency Services. Through Ms. Robertson's dedication and leadership, the emergency services programs in Johnston County have improved providing the great care to the citizens they have today. Please, join me in thanking Kimberly Robertson for her strong dedication to Johnston County Emergency Services and its citizens. I wish you a happy retirement!

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

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available from the local library and other Sampson County agencies that can assist those seeking employment or those wishing to advance their careers.

“Sampson County continues to provide resources and to respond to the needs of its existing industry and business community,” said John Swope, Director of the Sampson County Economic Development Commission. “The job fair is one way the County can assist its residents and help to strengthen the local business community and the local economy,” stated Swope.

The theme of the event is “Cultivate Your Career” stated Ray Jordan, Executive Director of the Sampson County Exposition Center. Jordan stated, “the event is a partnership of five organizations whose objective is to bring potential employees and employers together and to inform the community of the career opportunities that are available throughout Sampson County.”

“The Job Fair is a partnership of the NC Works Career Center, Sampson County Economic Development Commission, Sampson County Exposition Center, Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce and the Triangle South Workforce Development Board, stated Kaitlin Norris, Executive Director of the Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce.

In Sampson County, the NC Department of Commerce aids both employers as well as those seeking employment at its one-stop NC Works Career Center located at 115 North Boulevard in Clinton where employment services are available throughout the year.

Employers or Jobseekers interested in more information should call 910-592-6451 or email to info@sampsonexpcenter.com.

If you are looking for a job, you should make plans to attend the 3rd Annual Sampson County Job Fair from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, Saturday, February 10, 2018 at the Sampson County Exposition Center, 414 Warsaw Road, Clinton.

The Job Fair provides those seeking employment, or those wishing to make a career change with access to many of Sampson County’s businesses and industries that are searching for motivated and talented candidates in every discipline, from hospitality and healthcare to finance, education, sales, agri-business, trucking, paramedics, manufacturing, agriculture, facility maintenance, and more.

Approximately 20 local employers and employment resource organizations are participating in this year’s event. The event is FREE for the public and open to all individuals who are actively seeking employment.

“In addition to bringing together top employers from throughout Sampson County, resources will be avail-

able for jobseekers that can assist in their search for employment or with a possible career change,” stated Sandra Webster, Director of the NC Works Career Center located in Clinton. In addition, Webster stated, “the state’s official “career center on wheels, the NC Works Mobile Unit will be onsite and open to assist individuals in finding jobs.” The NC Works Mobile Unit provides assistance during job fairs and other special events allowing jobseekers access to employment services including: career counseling, resume preparation, free internet access, and assistance in using www.NCWorks.gov, North Carolina’s official website where individuals may apply online for jobs and search for available jobs.

New for the 2018 Job Fair is the addition of the Sampson-Clinton Public Library System, who is sponsoring three (3), 45-minute workshops for career minded individuals that wish to enhance or hone their job seeking skills. The workshop will address: Job Applications “Do & Don’ts (What mistakes to avoid?); preparing for the interview; tips for a great interview; following up after the Interview; as well as sharing other resources that are

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- Quality Control/Assurance Managers
- Sales Associates
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- Welders (Mig, Tig, GMAW & Robotics)

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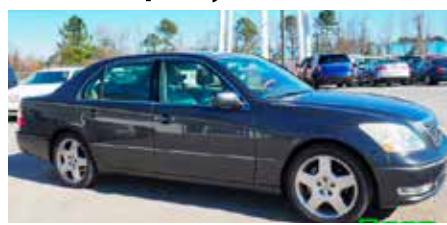
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LOCAL NEWS

SWEARING IN, cont. from 1

soybeans, wheat, and watermelons. We also provided custom harvesting services to neighbors for tobacco, row crops, and hay. In 1987 I did a short time of service in construction with H.N. Carr, Inc. of Clinton. For the next 27 years I worked for North Carolina Farm Bureau Insurance and American Farm Bureau Insurance Services in their Crop Insurance Divisions as a Field Supervisor, Manager, Regional Manager, and finally prior to my retirement in December of 2014 as a Sales and Marketing Manager. We served Farm Bureau Organizations in 15+ states. I was a member of the original start-up management team at the founding of American Farm Bureau Insurance Services in 1996."

In 2015, Williams joined the Congress David Rouzer team serving as District Director in the North Carolina 7th Congressional District.

Williams has served Sampson County in many capacities, "I have served Hopewell United Methodist Church at Vann's Crossroads in many capacities during my lifetime, including Music Director for more than 25 years," noted Williams. "I have served on the Advisory Board of BB&T Bank, and its prior local affiliates, since 1985. I have served the Sampson County Republican Party as a Precinct Chairman, Precinct Judge, County Treasurer, County Vice-Chairman, and Chairman. I also served a very short stint on the County Board of Elections. I have served on the Sampson County Waste Management Advisory Committee. I also served on the Sampson County Economic Development Advisory Committee at the time when the county water system was first conceived."

Williams was married to Kay Lindsay of Suttontown (now deceased) and married Debbie Larrick Hobbs of Lillington in 2008. According to Williams, "Between us we have two sons, two daughters, and four grandchildren. In order: Elizabeth Hobbs Langston, husband Justin, and daughter Ella, of Wendell; Derek Williams, wife Jenny Bradford Williams, and sons Ryan and Benjamin of Columbus, OH; Grant Williams, wife Hannah Holland Williams, and daughter Mattie of Vann's Crossroads; and, Courtney Hobbs of Wake Forest. We are one happy amalgamated family."

"I have had a desire most of my adult life to serve the people of Sampson County in any way that I could. I have done so in several ways as opportunity has availed itself. I now seek to serve the people of Sampson County as Clerk of Superior Court. I humbly ask your support and help to elect me to this office. My management style is simple, listen to those you serve first. Listen to those you employ second. Then, strive to fulfill the needs of both without conflict"

When asked how he felt when Judge Kirby notified him that he had been chosen, Williams stated, "Very happy to have been selected. Most of my career, I have worked away from home, outside my county. I have wanted to get back to Sampson County for some time. I have come full circle. I appreciate the process by which Judge Kirby has made his selection. He has been very methodical in allowing all who had interest in the position the time and the opportunity to appear before him. He has been quite pro-active in this endeavor. I appreciate his due diligence. It has been a fair and equitable process."

In closing Williams said, "This selection process has been affected by a single individual. This is all good and proper, as law prescribes when vacancies occur. However, the true electoral selection process begins soon, with the filing of candidates for the Clerk's Office. Then, The People's selection process begins, the decision by the people of Sampson County as to who will serve them. The next few months is my opportunity to provide The People a basis upon which to make such a decision. I will work hard to make that an easy decision for them."

FIRE, cont. from 1

succumbed to smoke inhalation or injuries from the fire. Even though his beloved companion and dog Mister's remains were not found, it is believed that he was a victim of the fire as well.

Paul Butler Sr's daughter Yashica Butler and her fiancée Willie Woods Jr were also home at the time of the fire along with their three children. They were able to escape the burning home with no serious injuries.

According to the family, the fire had started in a bedroom downstairs when a space heater that was being used caught fire or possibly came in contact with something else that caught on fire. Their daughter Brianna saw it spark and burst into flames immediately. Grandfather Paul Butler Sr tried to extinguish the flames with water but to no avail.

At this point the family just tried to escape the burning house. It was believed the Mr. Paul Butler Sr. was directly behind them but he did not make it out alive.

Please be in prayer for this family as they try to pick up the broken pieces of their lives and grieve for their lost loved ones.

HUTCHINS, cont. from 1

about two hours northeast of Clinton, close to the outer banks.

"It has been a wonderful six years serving as President of Sampson Community College. I leave this position with a profound sense of gratitude for each of you who have supported me, and made my job so rewarding," Hutchins said.

In a message sent to all SCC employees, Hutchins added, "I have been fortunate to work with superb staff, committed to excellence in their work, and a dedicated faculty who are committed to their students' success. Finally, I leave inspired by the students I met during my tenure here at SCC and the many community leaders and organizations that work tirelessly to make Sampson County a better place to live and work".

He will begin his new position on March 1st of this year but not before wishing the new SCC President well. "I congratulate Dr. Bill Starling who will begin his Presidency here at SCC on March 1st and ask that you support and work diligently with him to move this great institution forward." Starling, who has served in an executive capacity at SCC for more than three decades was selected by the board of trustees a few months after Hutchins announced his retirement.

Among achievements Dr. Hutchins remains most proud during his tenure at SCC were reaffirmation of accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, the implementation of the college's Quality Enhancement Plan and for bringing WebAdvisor to SCC.

WebAdvisor, the online advising system used by both students and faculty for grades, schedules, unofficial transcripts, and academic audits was implemented under Hutchins' tenure. During pre-registration periods, students will also use the system to sign up for petition courses and register for courses. Faculty also has access to a listing of their advisees, rosters, and academic audits for the active students within their departments within the system.

Hutchins created a Career and College Promise position at the college which allowed a staff member to spend more time within local high schools recruiting students for the CCP program, which allows high school students to earn college credits at no charge while still in high school.

SCC Achievements Under Dr. Hutchins:

- Reaffirmation of accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).
- Forming a new committee at SCC called the College Planning Council to lead the institution's long and short range planning functions.

- The implementation of Web Advisor to support online functions for students, faculty and staff.

- Implemented Personal Wellness program which allows employees to take 30 minutes three times per week for personal fitness activity.

- Initiated a summer four-day work week schedule which provides a three-day weekend for employees while saving them some travel expense.

- Enrollment growth the last three semesters. Indications are that enrollment will increase again this summer and in the fall which will mark five semesters in a row of enrollment and FTE growth for the College.

- Developed a new Career Coach position at the College directly responsible for growth in SCC's Career and College Promise program.

- Both RN and LPN Nursing programs have become nationally accredited and partnered with UNCW to implement a Bachelors degree option for ADN Nursing students.

- Developed great working relationship with Dr. Stuart Blount and Dr. Eric Bracy which led to more opportunities for high school students to benefit from SCC classes while in high school.

- Implemented in partnership with the Sampson County School System and the Clinton City Schools a summer STEM Camp for rising 9th graders designed to excite and motivate students to explore careers in science, engineering and mathematics.

- Served for the last four years as the Vice Chair of the North Carolina Presidents Association's Committee on Personnel and Professional Development.

- Selected by the North Carolina Community College System and the Presidents Association in 2016 to serve as a mentor to the new Pamlico Community College President, Dr. Jim Ross.

- Through presentations, interviews, submitting articles and sharing information, helped secure passage of the \$4.7 million Connect-NC Bond, which provides the opportunity for new construction and renovations that will better position SCC to serve our community for the 20 years and beyond.

- Worked with the County Commission to secure needed funds to put new roofs on the Activities Center and the Technology Building which suffered major water damage.

- Implemented a Crisis Management Team for the College to prepare for disasters and crisis situations that can happen on college campuses for the safety of students, faculty and staff.
- Strongly supported the College Foundation that included personal annual \$1,200 donations to support scholarships for our students.

- Member of the Clinton-Sampson Rotary Club; President in 2015-2016; U Care Board member; Sampson County Partnership for Children, Board member; Sampson County Local Emergency Planning Council member; Sampson County Schools Career and Technical Education Committee member; Sampson County Amateur Radio Club, member.

- Hosts "The President's Corner" TV show which is shown on STAR's SCC channel and on social media.

- Worked to develop grant application with Duke Energy for a \$250,000 grant for new equipment for our Industrial Systems Technology program.

- While the Ammonia Refrigeration Program was struggling with low student enrollment, formed partnership with Lanier Technical College in Georgia which led to increased enrollment with next class scheduled this month completely full.

- In 2016, presented at the ACCT National Leadership Congress in New Orleans. The presentation focused on support services provided by community colleges.



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We Should Know . . .



Dr. Arthur Apolinario with JW Simmons, Host of We Should Know

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

The topic for this week’s show is total health care or holistic health care and the guest today is Arthur E Apolinario MD, MPH, FFAFP. Dr. Apolinario is a board-certified family physician and graduate of Tulane University School of Medicine in New Orleans, LA. Dr. Apolinario completed his residency in family medicine at Saint Vincent Health System in Erie, PA. He currently sits on the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Medical Society as the Region 3 representative and has special interest in weight loss and mind-body medicine including hypnotherapy.

Dr. Apolinario is a co-author of the book, “The Absolute Last Weight-loss, Diet, & Exercise Book You Will Ever Need To Read”.

JW Simmons begins the show pointing to Dr. Apolinario’s special interest in weight loss and mind-body medicine including hypnotherapy. He asks Dr. Apolinario to discuss the holistic approach to medicine and if he sees more doctors taking a more holistic approach to medicine and health care in general. Simmons stresses the idea of this approach championed by the Secretary of the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services, Mandy Cohen, MD.

Dr. Apolinario replies, “The key right now is doctors are going through a strong transition, and the reason why Mandy Cohen is focusing on these things is when she worked for the federal government (and I’ve gotten to meet with her working with the Medical Society so, I know a lot about her philosophy) but, we’re going towards value based care where, as a primary care physician, the value that I provide to a patient is their health – Not taking care of their sickness.”

“In the old days,” explains Apolinario, “it was fee for service. I got paid for the more sick patients I got to see. But now days its value-based care so, I will start getting paid based on the value I give to a patient that prevents them from getting sick.”

“So, I’ll get paid for how well I do immunizations, if I get somebody their colonoscopy or their prostate exam, if I get the pap smears done. But, in my entire career, when we had our psychiatry rotations they were two or three months. It was never like a bulk of six months like internal medicine time of rotation, so even in our training, psychiatric training, mental health, mind-body medicine, those things were put to the side because we needed to learn about

medicines and we needed to learn about disease and how to take care of diseases.”

“Health,” Apolinario explains, “I really didn’t learn much of that stuff until we got to the nitty gritty of family medicine residency where they taught us how to do screenings, etc. We did some of that in medical school, but it wasn’t as important as learning about disease. Because the first year you learn about anatomy. You learn about the healthy body. The second year you learn pathology. You learn about the diseased body. And then, from then on its really intense treatment of the diseased body.”

“So,” says Apolinario, “our training itself isn’t based on value-based care. Now, what does value based care mean? It means that the healthier I keep you, the more money I make. It’s called shared savings. Say I take care of a Medicaid patient and the average Medicaid patient would go to the ER 3 or 4 times and diabetes or hypertension, if as a primary care doctor my average patients from the general population compared to everybody else comes out healthier with less diabetes, thinner, I’ll get paid more because I’ll get the shared savings that the government doesn’t have to pay for them going to the hospital.”

Apolinario goes on to add, “No doctors have been trained in this out of Med school, but we are now training to do this. The Medical Society has taken a big initiative teaching doctors how to do this. So, most doctors in North Carolina have a very strong resource in the Medical Society to teach them how to become value-based doctors.”

“One thing we do at the (Clinton) Medical Clinic is we’re doing this thing called a Patient Centered Medical Home where we’re bringing in these other things. These things to keep people healthier. We’re going to do depression screenings on all our patients. Just that alone, asking a patient if their depressed can reduce ER and hospital visit by 60%.”

“And some of these experimental programs the federal government has already put together, their seeing these numbers, and their seeing so many patients just from asking one basic question, are you hungry. Can you even afford food? I had one patient that was going to a cancer specialist that was getting medicine after medicine because they were losing weight. They got all these expensive medicines to get them to eat more because they had cancer therapy. Well, I asked that simple question, can you afford food? They said no, all these medicines cost so much I can’t buy food. So, I stopped these medicines that cost so much and showed them where a food shelter was in Sampson County, and they gained weight.”

Apolinario explains that the patient wasn’t losing weight because of cancer, or the treatment, but because they couldn’t afford food to begin with. “That’s value-based care, where you find out the real reasons why people have problems and you get to the bottom of it, rather than spinning wheels and throwing medicine at it like we traditionally do, and actually find the foundational problem.”

Apolinario says the number one reason many patient’s problem aren’t being resolved is because doctors are just not asking the right questions. “We’re just not asking the questions. So, we’re now training ourselves at the (Clinton) Medical Clinic – and the Medical Society is encouraging this as is Dr. Cohen – that we get to the bottom of these psychiatric issues before they extend the person pain and they get hooked on opiate medications, before the end up on all these medications and treatment plans that try to help all these problems that would have been nipped in the bud had we just diagnosed the depression in the first place.”

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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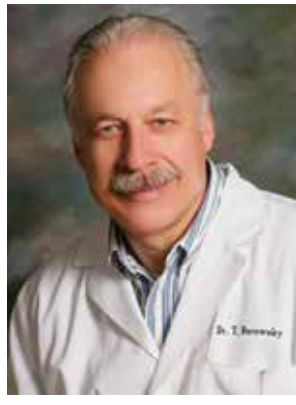
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Age-Related Macular Degeneration



by R. Thomas Barowsky, MD



smoke, are obese, have high blood pressure, or have family members with AMD. It is also more common in people of Northern European decent and in women.

There are two forms of ARMD: wet and dry. In both cases, a blind spot forms in or near the center of vision. The wet form of ARMD occurs when new, fragile blood vessels grow under the macula. These vessels leak blood and fluid and cause unwanted scarring. This can cause rapid vision loss. In the dry form, the light-sensitive cells in the macula gradually break down. The dry form is more common and causes a much slower and often less severe loss of vision.

ARMD does not cause pain. Most people with ARMD in an early to intermediate stage do not have any symptoms and have good vision. Only people with advanced ARMD have symptoms. These symptoms may include:

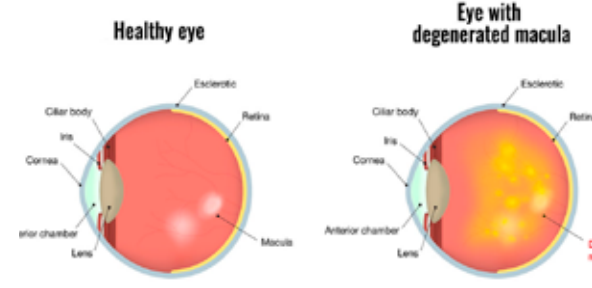
- blurred vision
- wavy appearance to straight lines (for example, a telephone pole may appear to be bent)
- a dark patch in the middle of words as you read
- a worsening of your color vision.

If just one eye is affected, you may not notice the loss of vision immediately because you are using both eyes together. Since this condition only effects the central vision your side (peripheral) vision is not affected.

Your eye doctor can diagnose this disease with a complete eye exam including dilation of the pupil. Some eye doctors feel that they can diagnose ARMD without dilating the eye by using a camera that takes pictures through the undilated pupil. This is a very inaccurate way to evaluate the retina in ARMD and should not take the place of a dilated retina exam.

Sometimes a special test called fluorescein angiography is needed. In this test a dye is put into a vein in your arm. The dye travels to

Macular Degeneration



blood vessels in your retina while a special camera takes pictures of the retina. These pictures can show where the leaking blood vessels are or where the retinal cells are wearing away.

A newer test on the market uses an analyzer called an OCT. Photographs are taken of the retina with a special laser scanning camera. Because of the sensitivity and accurate focusing ability of this camera your eye doctor can get detailed images of the layers of the retina where ARMD does its damage. When combined with a dilated eye exam the eye doctor has a ready reference to allow him or her to better evaluate the extent of damage caused by ARMD.

Next week I'll talk about how to watch for changes in your vision caused by ARMD and how we treat the changes to preserve vision. In the mean time, sit back and cheer for your favorite team or Super Bowl commercial this evening.

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.

Sampson County Health Department Maternal Health Program



By Mary Anne Johnson, RN ERRN

As the New Year has begun, there are many things that we can do to stay healthy.

For those that are planning pregnancy or that are pregnant, there are steps that can be taken toward a healthy pregnancy.

Starting a family can be a time of happiness, as well as, a tremendous responsibility!

Once you are pregnant, keep up your new and acquired healthy habits and see your provider regularly throughout your pregnancy. Your provider will discuss this with you.

We provide early and continuous prenatal care to expectant mothers who are residents of Sampson County. The health department functions as a Pregnancy Medical Home. Therefore, we communicate with our OB Care Manager Nurses to provide caring and effective prenatal care. We accept private insurances, Medicaid, and services may be based on a sliding scale fee. For more information, or to schedule an appointment to begin prenatal care, call Sampson County Health Department at 910-592-1131, extension 4001 or 4220.

There are things that a woman does before and during pregnancy that can affect her health and any children she may have. It is important to take care of yourself physically and emotionally. For those of you that are trying to have a baby or are just thinking about it, it is not too early to begin getting ready. Two things that you can start with to increase your chances of having a healthy baby is to focus on having preconception health and health care.

First, make a plan and take Action! Setting goals in life is very important, no matter what we are doing. Talk to your provider about preconception health care and discuss your health history and current medical condition. Collect information about your family's health history to take with you to your first visit, because it may be important for your child's health. If you smoke, drink alcohol, or use "street" drugs, live in a stressful and/or abusive environment; or work with or around toxic substances, then professionals can help with counseling, treatment, and support services. Smoking, drinking alcohol, and using street drugs can cause many problems such as premature birth, birth defects, as well as, infant death. If you are trying to get pregnant and cannot stop these behaviors, then get help!

It is recommended to take a folic acid, which is a B vitamin at least a month before and during pregnancy to help prevent major birth defects of the baby's brain and spine. There are certain medicines during pregnancy that can cause serious birth defects. Always talk with your provider before taking prescription, over-the-counter medications or dietary and herbal supplements.

Reaching and maintaining a healthy weight has many benefits. People who are overweight or obese have a higher risk for many complications. The key to achieving and maintaining a healthy weight involves a lifestyle that includes healthy eating and physical activity for years to come.

Mental Health is important in everyday life. It is how we think, feel, and act as we deal with life. To be at your best, you need to feel good about your life and value yourself. This is especially important when you are pregnant.

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THROUGH

When I saw what lay before me,
"Lord," I cried, "What will You do?"
I thought He would just remove it,
But He gently led me through.

Without fire, there's no refining,
Without pain, no relief,
Without flood there's no rescue,
Without testing, no belief.

Through the fire, through the flood,
Through the water, through the blood,
Through the dry and barren places,
Through life's dense and maddening mazes,
Through the pain and through the glory,
Through it all we'll tell the story,
Of the God whose power and mercy
Will not fail to take us through.

I knew He could part the waters,
At His voice, a mountain move,
But His love would crowd me to Him,

Through my need His presence prove.

Come, my child, I'll take you through;
When you faint, I'll carry you.
Cast on Me your fear and weakness
Trust My heart, I'll take you through.

One of my favorite Bible verses, one we all know and quote, is Romans 8:28:

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God:
to those who are the called according to His purpose".

God always has your best interest in mind. Even when life seems to be falling apart, God is working with you and through you. God doesn't waste anything – not even our heartaches and trials. As hard as they may be when we are living through them, they have a purpose in God's eternal plan.

I am learning to rely on two simple words, "Trust Me", spoken by the Holy Spirit to a dear friend who was in a particularly difficult situation. What a Blessing those two words were to her. What JOY to know that God can handle anything and everything that we encounter in this journey called life. Let's rely on those two words for our personal situations, whatever we are trying to get through Jesus simply says, "Trust ME". Martha Pierce

God Gets Us Through Stuff



Whatever it is – you'll get through this! You think you won't. But we all do! We fear the depression will never lift, the pain will never leave, we wonder will this gray sky ever brighten? Will we ever exit this darkness?

Yes! Deliverance is to the Bible like jazz music – big, bold, and everywhere. Out of the lion's den for Daniel, the prison for Peter, the whale's belly for Jonah, the grave for Lazarus, the shackles for Paul. God gets us through stuff! Through the wilderness, through the valley of the shadow of death - through is a favorite word of God's! Isaiah 4:32 says, "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, when you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned..." You will get through this! Max Lucado



By Martha Pierce

The Big Bird Christian

James 1:5-7, Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives to all generously and without criticizing, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith without doubting. For the doubter is like the surging sea, driven and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

This question might date you, but do you remember as a child watching the television show Sesame Street? The purpose of the program was to educate children using friendly puppets that would make learning fun. I'm positive if you watched this famous family friendly program you know the characters by name and probably have a favorite episode. If you started to list the cast many would start with Big Bird, the eight-foot-two-inch tall yellow bird, which first appeared in 1969.

Big Bird portrayed the inquisitive nature of every child. He asked all the questions children were experiencing at the same time, and he learned as they did. His philosophy in life was there's no such thing as a stupid question. He was willing and humble to ask the questions, because he wanted learn more about life. Maybe Big Bird had the attitude of Psalm 25:9, "He leads the humble in what is right and teaches them His way."

I have heard that as children of God we shouldn't question

the Creator of the universe. However, it seems that not asking questions of our Heavenly Father is not only unproductive, but unusual. As a father of two, I would think it was strange if my children didn't ask me some question almost daily.

When we seek out God with the questions that dwell in our mind we can have faith that we are not bothering him. We can ask God anything about life since He is the creator of all things. When we seek out an answer from God we should turn to His Holy Word to know that He is still speaking to us. God's Word is alive and powerful and can give us answers to our specific questions. We have the hope found in Psalm 119:18 "Open my eyes so that I may contemplate wonderful things from Your instruction." When is the last time you asked God to open your eyes to His direction in your life?

We should remind ourselves that God doesn't ignore the prayers from His children. A proven scripture that should motivate us to pray and ask God with confidence that He will answer our questions is found in Matthew 7:7-12, "Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know



how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him? Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets." This promise from Jesus was not only true two thousand years ago, but even now for His children. I encourage you this week to reassure your children that it's okay to turn towards God with any question. God loves all His children and wants them to find their own genuine, rewarding relationship with Christ even more than we can imagine. If a big yellow bird on Sesame Street can feel free to ask questions, then you can be confident you can also.



Rev. Ken Smith

Numbers 5:1-10 The Moral Purity of God and His People

The first four chapters of Numbers are about people. God is numbering people, arranging people into an army, and then further arranging other people as priests; people who would stand between man and God. This isn't merely historical data, it is God teaching this new society spiritual lessons about His ability to rescue, His ability to protect, and His ability to keep the promises He has made to previous generations. Now that everyone is arranged the way God wants it, chapter five begins with commands. Verses 1 and 2 start, "The LORD said to Moses, 'Command the Israelites

to send away from the camp anyone who has a defiling skin disease or a discharge of any kind, or who is ceremonially unclean because of a dead body."

In verses 1-4, God gives three reasons why someone would be excluded from the community: 1) Skin disease, 2) "Discharge of any kind" (in Hebrew, "zab," which is a sexually transmitted disease) or 3) Contact with a dead body. In verse 5-10, God commands restitution for an injustice made by one person to another. He doesn't send them out of the camp for these sins, He just wants things to be made right.

These three impurities in verses 1-4 result in being sent out of the camp. This seems harsh until you realize that this is for the physical protection of the community. There were no Walgreens, Rite Aids or CVS pharmacies at every corner of the wilderness. There are no antibiotics. Disease could spread fast in the conditions of the wilderness, so the whole community was at stake. As a matter of physical utility, God set up a system where hurtful things could be isolated. It's kind of like The Walking Dead (Spoiler alert). In the show, the survivors have to kill people who have been infected by the disease that has wiped out half the population. If they don't, the dead will come back as "walkers" and kill all of their loved ones. God doesn't send these people outside of the camp to be killed, but rather to protect the healthy, but also to protect them.

They are sent out not only for physical protection, but spiritual protection as well. Verse 3 tells us, "Send away male and female alike; send them outside the camp so they will not defile their camp, where I dwell among them." God dwelled among the camp of the Israelites and was with the people. I believe He is teaching them something about His holiness. While we might not all have physical diseases, we are all sinners. This is a spiritual disease that we've inherited. Sending them outside the camp was the way that God symbolically shows them that He is morally pure and humans are not.

If you fast forward to the New Testament, we see that Jesus encountered people who would fall into all three categories of defilement: Mark 1, Jesus heals a leper, Mark

5 Jesus heals a woman with discharge and again in Mark 5, Jesus heals a demon-possessed man who lives among the tombs. We see that the things that defiled the Israelites, that made them impure, can be healed by Jesus. Jesus is what makes us pure. We can only be right with God and be in His presence if Jesus has made us pure.



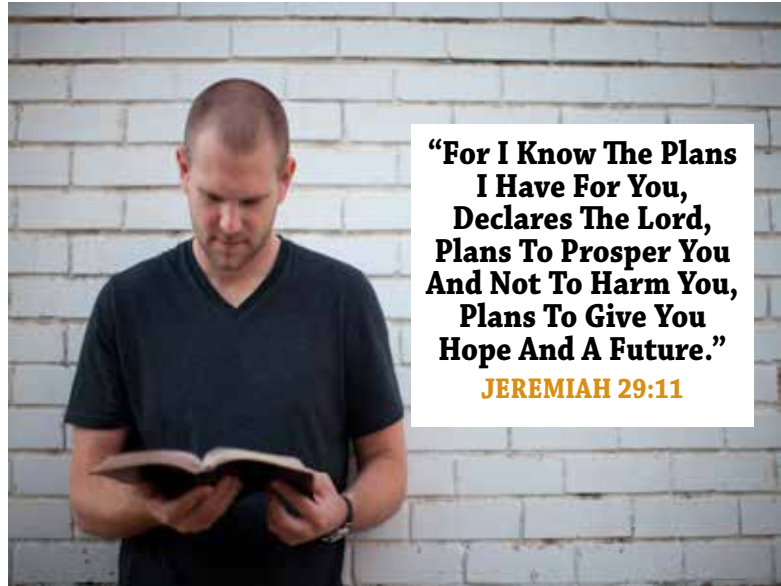
Just as there were physical impurities that God pointed out in the first four verses, the last five verses show us moral impurities. These were things that couldn't kill the community outwardly like skin disease, but heart issues that could kill the community inwardly. The personal wrongs against each other required repentance, which is what God is pointing them to. First, we see in verse 6 that if anyone had wronged someone, it was not only offense to that person but it was "unfaithful to the Lord." Second, we see that the guilty party must "confess the sin they have committed" in verse 7. And then in verse 8, they had to make "restitution." That means, they had to make things right. By using their relationships with each other, God is showing them something about man's relationship with Himself. We all need to repent. We all need to recognize that our sin is against a holy, pure God, that our sin needs to be confessed, and that we need to make things right. Of course, we can't make things right with God on our own. Being a better person won't make it right. We need Jesus to make us pure.

In full transparency, reading this hit me hard this week. I'm almost positive I don't have any of the physical defilements that the early community of the Israelites faced, but that doesn't change the fact that I'm a sinner who constantly struggles with spiritual disease. I also need to struggle with repentance. If I don't struggle with repentance, then I'm like the defiled outside of the camp. I'm in isolation without hope. God gives us these stories not for us to gloss over, but for us to come to a realization that in our human nature, we all have work to do; not only for the sake of ourselves, but our witness as a community (the church) to an unbelieving world.

By Will Matthews



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What's Happening at SCT

By Angela Martin

Beauty and the Beast continues its successful run this weekend!



Beauty and the Beast began its second weekend run on Thursday, February 1 after record numbers of audience members came to see our first weekend of shows. 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 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. Our final show dates are Thursday, February 1 at 7:30 pm, Friday, February 2 at 7:30 pm, Saturday, February 3 at 7:30 pm and 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.

AUDITIONS FOR OUR NEXT UPCOMING PRODUCTION OF FAME is just around the corner.

We are looking for young people - high school age and people who can appear like high schoolers for roles in this production. There are a few adult ensemble roles too. If you are interested come to auditions - Monday, February 11 or Tuesday, February 12 at 7 pm.



Last weekend for "Beauty and the Beast"

Last weekend upcoming for Sampson Community Theatre's upcoming presentation of Disney's "Beauty and the Beast", 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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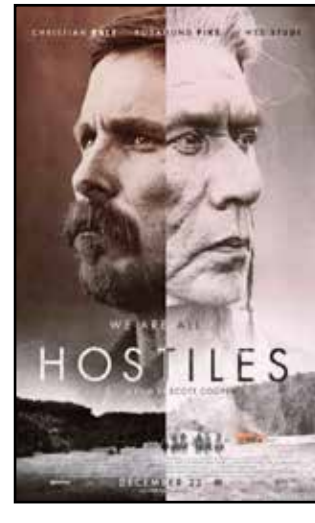
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Take your tailgate or home viewing party to the next level by setting up a topping station with a variety of both traditional and unexpected condiments and garnishes to let your fellow fans customize their grilled fare. Include options such as:

- Ketchup and mustard (with flavor variations for added zing)
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- Chopped fresh and grilled onions
- Chili (homemade or from a can)
- Pickle spears and relish
- Barbecue sauce
- Sriracha
- Assorted shredded and crumbled cheeses
- A variety of peppers



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Chow Down on Championship Snacks

A Game-Day Winner

Game time is no time to mess around when it comes to fast, savory snacks. Crispy and light, tangy and bold, these wings have you covered for all your game-day needs. These spicy hot wings pair perfectly with Litehouse Chunky Blue Cheese or Homestyle Ranch Dressing and may result in another game day rivalry: blue cheese vs. ranch. Whether you're hosting the game-day party or bringing a dish to a friend's bash, these wings can make mouths water from the opening kickoff to the final whistle. Find more game-day recipes at litehousefoods.com.

Crispy Baked Buffalo Chicken Wings

Total time: 1 hour, 25 minutes
Serves: 8

- 4 pounds chicken wings
- 2 tablespoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- nonstick cooking spray
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 1/2 cup hot sauce

- 1/2 cup Litehouse Chunky Blue Cheese or Homestyle Ranch dressing
- 1/3 cup Litehouse Blue Cheese Crumbles
- carrots
- celery

Lay wings on rack on rimmed baking tray and let dry in refrigerator overnight, or pat dry with paper towels. Heat oven to 250 F. Put one oven shelf in lower quarter of oven and one in top quarter.

Place wings in large re-sealable bag. Add baking powder and salt. Shake bag to coat wings evenly.

Line tray with foil. Spray rack on baking tray with nonstick spray. Place wings skin side up on rack. Bake on lower shelf 30 minutes.

Move tray to higher shelf and turn oven up to 425 F. Bake 40-50 minutes, rotating tray halfway through. Wings are done when they are dark, golden brown and skin is crispy.

While wings bake, whisk together butter and hot sauce; keep warm.

Remove wings from oven and toss with hot sauce; sprinkle immediately with blue cheese crumbles. Serve with blue cheese or ranch dressing, carrots and celery sticks.



Crispy Baked Buffalo Chicken Wings

Dip into Game Day

Game day is about huddling up with friends and family, and feeling good about the food you share. Kick off the big game with Sabra, the official dip of the NFL, and help the crowd go wild when you put a twist on traditional hummus by topping it with bruschetta. Available in more than a dozen flavors, Sabra Hummus is made with fresh chickpeas, a touch of garlic and smooth tahini, making it a wholesome and delicious accompaniment for your favorite game-day chips, crackers and veggies. Find more big-game recipes at sabra.com.

Bruschetta-Topped Hummus

Prep time: 5 minutes

Bruschetta:

- 2 cups multi-colored cherry tomatoes
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 10 fresh basil leaves, chopped
- 1 tablespoon olive oil, plus additional (optional)
- salt, to taste

- 1 container Sabra Classic Hummus (10 ounces)

To make bruschetta: Cut cherry tomatoes into quarters or eighths, if large. Place in small mixing bowl. Stir in garlic, basil and olive oil, and season with salt, to taste.

Scoop hummus out of container and swirl onto serving plate. Top with bruschetta and drizzle with touch of olive oil, if desired. Serve with fresh vegetables or pita chips.



Bruschetta-Topped Hummus

A Heaping Handheld

Snack like a champion during the big game with recipes that please palates without overfilling like these Smoked Pulled Pork Sandwiches. Since guests can pile their sandwiches as high as they like with sweet pork and optional toppings, there's no need to worry about serving sizes. Find more honey-infused recipes for tasty meal solutions at honey.com.

Smoked Pulled Pork Sandwiches with Honey Barbecue Sauce

Recipe courtesy of the National Honey Board
Servings: 8-10

Pork Rub:

- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 2 teaspoons paprika
- 1 1/2 teaspoons seasoned salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 1 1/4 teaspoons onion powder

- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper

- 1 bone-in pork shoulder roast (4 pounds)
- 2 cups hickory chips
- 1 cup water
- 1 1/2 cups barbecue sauce
- 1 1/2 cups honey
- 1 cup ketchup
- 8-10 rolls
- chopped jalapeno peppers (optional)
- chopped onion (optional)
- chopped pickles (optional)

To make Pork Rub: Stir together sugar, chili powder, paprika, seasoned salt, garlic powder, onion powder, salt, cumin, pepper and cayenne pepper.

Massage Pork Rub over surface of pork and let stand 30 minutes.

Soak hickory chips in water; drain well. Wrap chips in foil; punch holes in foil and place on top of gas grill set on high.

When chips begin to smoke, place pork on grill and cook until well browned on all sides with lid closed, about 30-45 minutes.

Heat oven to 300 F.

Remove pork from grill and place in turkey-size oven bag set in large, shallow baking dish. Add water and seal well; pierce bag several times with small knife. Cook 3-3 1/2 hours, or until meat is tender and pork bone can be removed easily. Remove from oven. Remove bone and set aside until cool enough to handle.

Shred meat into small pieces, removing fat. Add juices from cooking bag, skimming off excess fat.

In separate saucepan, stir together barbecue sauce, honey and ketchup, cooking until hot and honey has dissolved. Stir most of sauce into shredded pork and mix well.

Serve on rolls and drizzle with remaining sauce. Top with jalapenos, onions and pickles, if desired.



Smoked Pulled Pork Sandwiches

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Hobpton's Aneesha Dunn Prepared for Her Next Chapter



Last week, Hobpton High School's Aneesha Dunn played in her final high school basketball game.

"It was weird because I wasn't able to finish the regular season as part of the team," the 17-year-old guard said Wednesday. "I still feel like I need to be out there playing ... I'm like a second coach, cheering on my team."

She continues, "It was bittersweet for me because my teammates were still calling me and saying they missed me and everything..."

Dunn, who was a leading scorer on the Lady Wildcats, was able to finish high school early but will return to Hobpton High in June to officially walk the stage to get her diploma.

"I also want to return for our Senior Night basketball game," she admits. "Right now, I think they have like, five games left and one of those games is the Senior Night game. I would love to return, but I know that I couldn't play [in the game] because I am not enrolled in classes."

Before leaving high school, Dunn had already made a name for herself on the young team as one of three seniors, who was a four-year starter.

Dunn's coach, Tori Reynolds, nominated her to be this week's Performance Auto/Sampson Weekly Star Athlete of the Week.

"I am really excited about it," Dunn said of the honor. "It feels really good that I was even nominated."

The young team has struggled this season (at press time, the team is at 0-15), but Dunn said that each game was proof that the team was working hard.

"You know, everyone wants to win," she explained, "and put a lot of points on the board. But early on, we knew wins were not going to define us as a team because

we were so young. So, we wanted to work on being a team and working as a team, not stress so much on winning every game. We bonded that way, especially the seniors."

With each game, results were showing.

"We almost beat Clinton," Dunn says with pride. "As each game went on, we were getting better and that was very exciting. We could see improvement as we went along."

Born and raised in Sampson County, Dunn began playing sports when she was about 8-years-old.

"I played recreation basketball for a couple weeks," she remembers with a laugh. "But I really started playing in middle school. I developed my own style of play by just working hard and practicing on my shooting. I was determined to be the best player I could be, so I just kept working on my game."

Known primarily for her tenacious defense and precision from 3-point range, Dunn said she really began taking the game seriously in her junior year.

"I loved playing the game of basketball," she said. "I ran track, but I quit in my 10th grade year because I was getting in trouble. I really didn't appreciate the game and I was negative. I really settled down and got serious in my junior year."

Dunn said that she began to appreciate her team and the 'family atmosphere' that the school's athletic department set for the athletes.

"You have to realize that when you are playing on a team, you are part of something ... you play as one; you become one. When one player hurts, you all hurt. When someone has an attitude, you all have an attitude. You have to learn to work together. That is something that I took to heart, especially when I got to my junior year."

Although she is currently out of school, Dunn is keeping busy.

She plans on attending East Carolina University for two years before going into the United States Air Force (as a captain).

"I am going to get my BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing) in nursing," Dunn explains. "I have always wanted to help people. I was raised to help others. I love babies, I love old people ... I love everyone, and I want to help everyone I can. It is important to me."

So, is playing basketball in college out of the question?

"Well, if I could get a scholarship to play, that would be great," Dunn said. "But, at this point, I would have to be a walk-on player, which would be very difficult. So, I think I will focus on my studies and my future nursing career."

Now that she has completed high school, what piece of advice would Dunn give to a student/athlete coming into high school in the fall?

"I would tell them that it's sort of the same as middle school, you just have more freedom," Dunn said. "You have to take it seriously right when you come in. Take it seriously as a freshman, don't get behind. Stay on top of your work as soon as you come in and you will be alright."

Dunn has plenty of memories to comb through during her tenure at Hobpton High. From the great memories with her friends, coaches and teammates, to her favorite teacher to the memories made on the court.

"I had a great teacher in American History (Mr. Christopher Carroll), who would teach by telling us stories," she explains. "It was really easy for me to learn that way. Every event was exciting the way he taught, I just loved it."

When asked her favorite memory on the court, Dunn said that came last season in a game against cross-town rivals, the Union Spartans.

"We had about three seconds left in the game and I hit a jumper to tie the game up and send it into overtime," Dunn remembers. "My teammates went crazy; the crowd went crazy. I will never forget that feeling and how exciting it was. It was a great moment and it is something I will remember for a long time."

When she does get free time, Dunn likes to hang out with her family, friends, take her little brother anywhere he wants to go and play basketball with her boyfriend.

The support she has received over the years has been crucial to her development as a player and a person.

"I just really appreciate all of the support," Dunn said. "My mother (Wanetta) for always being there for me; Coach Leonard Henry, who helped build me up as a player; Coach Reynolds for everything. I know that I put her through a lot with my attitude, but I know how much she cared and I appreciate that. I also want to thank Mrs. Daughtry for everything - I just really love her; and, of course, I want to thank all of my friends, teammates and my family. I just really appreciate all of the love and support they have shown me."

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 74-46 (W)
 01/29 James Kenan
 88-65 (W)

Women
 01/24 Goldsboro
 42-68 (L)
 01/29 James Kenan
 51-54 (L)

H Harrells Christian

Men
 01/30 Coastal Christian
 48-55 (L)
 01/26 Cape Fear Academy
 51-58 (L)

Women
 01/30 Coastal Christian
 13-33 (L)
 01/26 Cape Fear Academy
 27-50 (L)

H Hobpton High School

Men
 01/30 Neuse Charter
 71-61 (W)
 01/29 Rosewood
 46-56 (L)

Women
 01/30 Neuse Charter
 14-63 (L)
 01/29 Rosewood
 07-48 (L)

L Lakewood High School

Men
 01/31 North Duplin
 69-58 (W)
 01/30 Union
 72-79 (L)

Women
 01/31 North Duplin
 60-25 (W)
 01/30 Union
 65-43 (W)

M Midway High School

Men
 01/29 East Duplin
 43-58 (L)
 01/26 Wallace Rose-Hill
 38-60 (L)
 01/25 Goldsboro
 50-81 (L)

Women
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 54-57 (L)
 01/26 Wallace Rose-Hill
 64-37 (W)

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Women
 01/30 Lakewood
 43-65 (L)
 01/20 North Duplin
 56-32 (W)

Harrells 10th Annual Pink Out Games



January 26, 2018, Harrells, NC - Harrells Christian Academy hosted its 10th Annual Pink Out games as part of the national Play 4 Kay initiative and in support of the Kay Yow Foundation. This year's slogan, "Cancer Walks the Plank," brought a pirate theme to the Foundation Center as HCA hosted Cape Fear Academy in a slate of basketball games while raising money for cancer research.

Though final numbers raised will not be known for a few days, the students, led by the Senior Prefect Board of senior leaders, engaged in a variety of activities to raise money. Throughout the week, students waged a "Penny War" by putting money in jars that represented which teachers they wanted to see get a pie in the face at the Friday all-school pep-rally. On game day, the large crowd that turned out could contribute to the cause through a silent auction, a half-court shot competition, a "Pass the Parrot" game, and by purchasing dinner from the Southern Smoke food truck, who is generously donating a portion of its proceeds to the cause. And the event could not have taken place without important lead sponsors: Dublin Winery of Rose Hill, Deacon Jones Automotive of Clinton, and Bill Carone Chevrolet, GMC, Buick of Wallace.

The most important moment of the evening came between the varsity games when Co-Curricular prefect Caroline Jones and Athletic prefect Marlee



Scronce led the community in prayer, honoring those in the room who have survived cancer and celebrating the lives of those who have passed away from the disease. In addition, Ms. Chastity Melvin, former NC State All-American and now the Coordinator for Development for the Kay Yow Fund, addressed the crowd and shared her memories of legendary coach Kay Yow and her battle with cancer. She also thanked the HCA community for being her go-to example of how a small community can do big things, even relating a story where a donor significantly increased his donation after hearing the story of what Harrells Christian does with its Pink Out games. She concluded, "Harrells exemplifies the Play4Kay mission."

Headmaster Andy Wells said about the evening, "The Pink Out game has become a major part of our basketball season. Everyone looks forward to it and the students get really excited. It is also great for our Senior leaders to organize an event like this that benefits a cause that touches so many lives in our area and across the nation."

Since the Kay Yow Fund's inception, \$5.38 million has been granted for scientific research focused on women's cancers. The Play 4 Kay games hosted by colleges and high schools around the country are the organization's largest fundraisers.



Crusader Sports Chronicle

By Aidan Kunst

This week at HCA all three basketball teams took on Cape Fear Academy and Coastal Christian High School.

The varsity boys played Friday night in the annual Pink Out game against the Hurricanes of Cape Fear Academy. They lost a heartbreaker by a score of 58-51. Sophomore Marcus Boykin turned in yet another spectacular performance, as he scored 22 points, grabbed 8 boards, and fished out 3 dimes. His backcourt running mate, sophomore Javarus Keith, added 12 points and 4 rebounds for the Crusaders. The following Tuesday, the team faced off in a difficult road game against a tough Coastal Christian team. The team again came close, but it was not enough, as they dropped the game 55-48. Seniors Dontravis Barfield and Shaquor Newkirk scored 10 points and grabbed 5 rebounds apiece. The Crusaders, now 10-9, will close out the regular season Thursday at home vs. Fayetteville Academy.

The HCA varsity girls also had a challenging week, as they dropped both games. Against Cape Fear on Friday night, the girls lost by a score of 50-27. Tuesday night, they were beaten at Coastal Christian 33-13, which brought their record to 3-12 on the year. The team will finish their regular season Thursday night against Fayetteville Academy.

The JV boys team continued their incredible run this week, again winning both their games. The boys were challenged by Cape Fear on Friday night, and needed a big comeback to win in overtime by a score of 59-52. They then dispatched Coastal in convincing fashion, 45-28. That makes 14 wins in a row for the boys and the title of CRC Regular Season Champions! They will look to finish conference play undefeated Thursday when they face Fayetteville Academy.



SCC's 'Promise' Helps Students Get Ahead



Starling (L) discusses academic options with Gillespie

Every parent's dream is to see their child walk across the stage and receive their diploma. It's probably considered one of the biggest milestones in anyone's life. Another, is walking the stage to get a college degree. But what if you could do both at the same time?

That's where Sampson Community College comes in.

The Career and College Promise program, also known as CCP, provides high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to get a jumpstart on a two-year or four-year degree while still in high school. Best of all, it's tuition-free!

Perry Gillespie, the college's Career and College Promise Coordinator says that the more parents find out about the program, the more students become enrolled in it. "CCP has grown each and every semester here over the last few years and is getting more popular by the day," he says. "This semester we had 309 CCP students. It's really a win-win all the way around for the students and the parents who get to save money on tuition."

Anna Starling, who found out about CCP through her high school counselors at Clinton High School, says not only has the program saved her family a lot of money but has also gotten her ahead of schedule for her future plans as well.

"I chose to take CCP courses because I wanted to prepare myself for a four year college this fall," she says. "Taking college classes at SCC challenged me academically, while I was still able to enjoy extra-curricular high school activities with my friends. When I go to Campbell in the fall, I will not spend the first two years taking core classes, but instead, focus on my major."

Starling will graduate high school in May with a diploma and an Associate in Arts Degree.

"I am so proud of Anna for all the work she has put into obtaining her goal of earning her two-year degree and high school diploma and doing it in two years," says Gillespie. "When Anna first told me that she wanted to finish both, I was a little skeptical; because our Early College students complete both in five years. But, she was able to complete both, and I am so proud of her accomplishments."

Gillespie points out that there are possibly four other CCP students at SCC who will walk across the stage for their diplomas while at the same time walking away with their two year degree. Not everyone completes the program while in high school, most don't. But either way, there are still more than 300 students who will finish their degrees way ahead of schedule and save lots of money.

Starling plans now to earn her Master's degree in Clinical Research along with a minor in Biology. And no matter how long that takes, she will be two years ahead of schedule when she completes it.

For more info about the CCP program, contact Perry Gillespie at 910-900-4084.

Teachers Recognized for Re-Certification



Cynthia Cantrell (Clement Elementary)

At the Monday night Sampson County Board of Education meeting, the board recognized Cynthia Cantrell (Clement Elementary), Dana Hairr (Lakewood High School) and Betsy Austry Johnson (Roseboro Elementary) for getting their Re-Certification.

Fussell Recognized for National Board



At the Monday night Sampson County Board of Education meeting, the board recognized Megan Fussell, a teacher at Roseboro Elementary School for passing her National Boards.

Eichberg Recognized for Advanced Degree



At the Monday night Sampson County Board of Education meeting, the board recognized Kenneth Eichberg, a teacher at Sampson County Early College High School, for earning his Advanced Degree.

Two Union High Students Chosen for Golden Door Scholarships



Union High School - The Golden Door Scholars was founded in 2012, providing full tutoring scholarships, mentorship, and professional development to high performing students in 27 states. Each year approximately 20 students are chosen from a pool reaching the thousands. Union HS is proud to announce that two students have been selected as Golden Door Scholars for the upcoming second year. Both of these young ladies plan to attend UNC-Chapel Hill in the fall. Congratulations to Lorena Ortega and Narivi Roblero-Escalante.

Nordin recognized for Service



At the Monday Night Sampson County School Board meeting, Brenda Nordin was recognized for outstanding performance of the Beginning Teacher Support Program.

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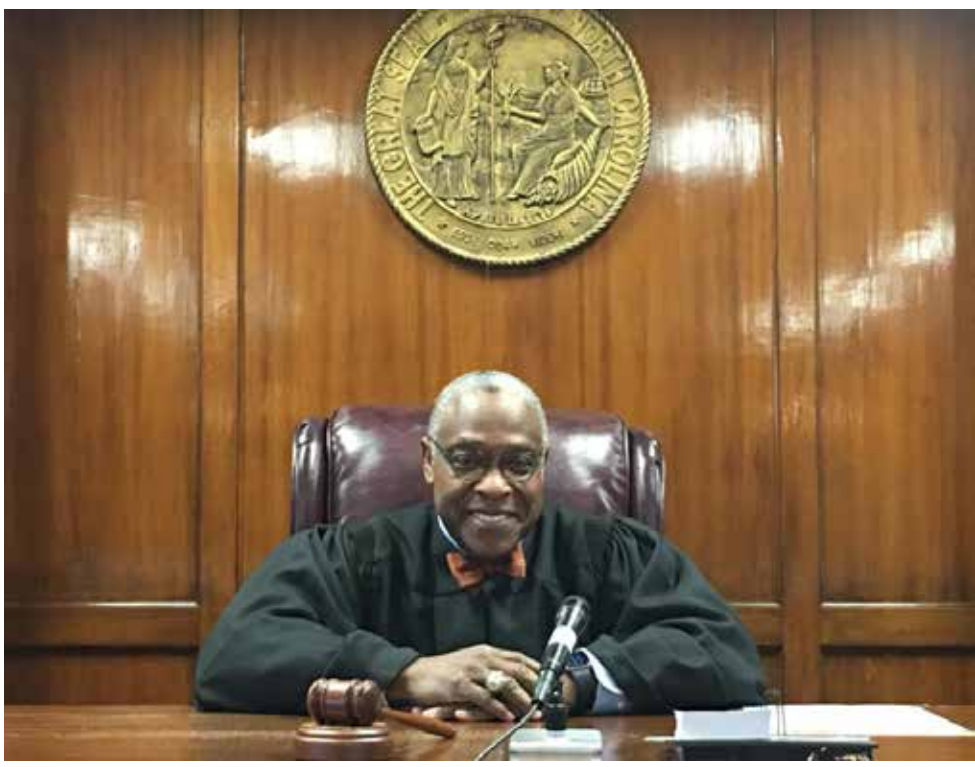
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The Honorable Albert D. Kirby-

A First for History



On December 22, 2017, Gov. Roy Cooper appointed Albert D. Kirby Jr. as a Superior Court Judge in District 4A, serving Sampson, Jones, and Duplin Counties. The appointment made history during an important and sensitive time in America, first, because it was only the third time in history that someone from Sampson County was appointed to that bench; second, and more importantly, it was the first time in history that an African American sat on that bench.

During a time when courthouses all across the south are subject to concerns about monuments and racial equality, for the first time in Sampson County history the person actually holding the scales of justice in superior court will be a person of color.

His rise didn't come without its troubles, but the now Honorable Albert Kirby is emphatical that anyone in America can reach their dreams if you believe in only two things, yourself and Almighty God.

"As a child," says the Honorable Judge Kirby, "it was impossible to have imagined that I would be where I am today. Back in those days we were simply trying to survive. However, my mother always told me that I could be anything that my mind could conceive. I did have dreams, but I never thought that they would come to fruition."

Kirby's early years were spent in the neighborhoods surrounding Sampson Training School (Sampson High School). His teen years in the area around what is now Clinton High School. It was a meager existence as his mother struggled to raise 5 children. But what LuEllen Kirby lacked in resources for caring for her family, she more than made up for in wisdom, in kindness, and in personal sacrifice.

During his Oath of Office, the Honorable Albert Kirby literally stated, "Mom, this is your day..."

"I want to thank you mom," continued a teary-eyed Kirby. "Thank you for all the times that you did not eat so that we could. I remember how you struggled for us. I remember how you sacrificed for us. Thank you for your steadfast and unconditional love that you demonstrated and gave to my brother, my sisters and me. Thank you for showing us that even within the grip of abject and debilitating poverty, the mind can soar above it all and conceive a brighter future and a better day. A day like today, where the pain of unutterable poverty is a distance echo and the joy of a child taking the oath of office as the first black Senior Resident Superior Court Judge is in the present moment."

Fittingly, it was his loving mom, LuEllen Kirby that held the Bible as the Honorable Albert Kirby swore an oath of office to fulfil a dream he never expected to come to reality.

Today, a reflective Kirby has a little advice for the children of Sampson County... "My comments to children who are in families struggling economically is simple. No matter how dark the moment, no matter how bleak the hour, no matter what anyone says to you, if you believe in yourself and if you believe in God Almighty, in the United States of America anything is possible. You can rise above your present circumstances with hard work, dedication, and trust in God!"

time when I needed it."

But school isn't simply a place to play games. It's also a place to realize hard work in the classroom also pays off in the end. "It's hard to identify a single individual that inspired me in school," adds Kirby. "I was inspired and influenced by a number of individuals in school. Cynthia Shell, Betty Griffin, Larry Sutton, William Whitaker, and Carrie Cogdell were teachers who taught me the value of self-worth. These teachers had confidence in my abilities and encouraged me to reach for the stars from an academic perspective."

A Clinton High School graduate in 1976, Albert Kirby next 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 entered law school after injuries prevented me from continuing football," explained Judge Kirby. "I had an interest in the law from the first time that I saw Dale Johnson in court. Our fifth-grade class went on a field trip to the courthouse and attorney Johnson was an assistant district attorney. Dale later discovered that I had an interest in the law. He encouraged me to take the LSAT exam after my junior year at Wake Forest. The rest is history."

"In the practice of law, I really enjoyed helping people. It was never about making money or building a big name for myself. I got the greatest joy when I gazed into a person's eyes and witnessed their excitement after having their case resolved. The happiness of helping an individual out of a legal dilemma meant more to me than anything else during my 32 years of practice."

"Again," says Kirby, "I'm blessed to have had many great attorneys in my life. Judge Parsons, Dale Johnson, Justice Patricia Timmons-Goodson of the North Carolina Supreme Court, Judge James Wynn of the United States Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, and Congressman GK Butterfield, former North Carolina Supreme Court Justice."

"Each of these individuals personally had a hand in my legal learning process. Doug and Dale taught me a great deal as their law clerk. Justice Timmons-Goodson, trained me as a young prosecutor (she was on the District Court bench in Fayetteville at that time). Judge James Wynn, Congressman GK Butterfield, and Toby Fitch, a Superior Court judge in Wilson, took me under their wings as an associate in the law firm in Greenville, North Carolina, following my tenure as an assistant District Attorney and professor of criminal justice at East Carolina University."

But of all the influences in Albert Kirby's life, none so much as any other compares to the influence of his mother and his faith in God.

"My mother is the most loving and caring individual you will ever know," explains Kirby. "She sacrificed so very much for me and my siblings (Mary Kirby Herring, Shirlene Kirby Fryer, Alberta Kirby Jones, and Roosevelt Kirby)."

"She taught me critical life virtues such as forgiveness, pa-

ience, compassion and love. All that I am or ever will be is a direct consequence of the way my mother reared me."

"She taught me the power of prayer and faith in a merciful and forgiving God. There were times when she did not know how we would receive food, because she had no money sufficient to support five children. As an adult I learned that she would pray to God in those times of need and somehow God answered her prayers."

"She's never been one to simply pray to God without sacrificing herself," recalled Kirby. "It was a combination of working diligently and praying that God would make up the difference. That is the essence of what I've received from my mother. The idea that God doesn't always give you everything that you want; however, if you are faithful and diligent, God provides for your needs."

Had Albert Kirby not been appointed a Senior Resident Superior Court Judge no one could argue that his life hadn't been a success. A trusted attorney, a former assistant District Attorney, former professor of criminal justice. A sitting County Commissioner. Titles and accolades too numerous to mention. But had the right man, Governor Roy Cooper, not held right position at the right time, it's hard to believe that history would have been made for Sampson County.

An act of God? Maybe we'll never truly know in this life, but should an Almighty God reward a man of great faith for his dedication and service, who are we to question. One thing that goes without question is that Albert Kirby is the right man, at the right time in history, to sit on a bench as the Senior Resident Superior Court Judge in District 4A.

About his faith, the Honorable Albert Kirby states, "I was called to the ministry three years ago. As part of my journey in ministry, I promised my mom that I would complete a course of study which included acquisition of the Master of Divinity degree or M.Div. degree."

"I heard that Campbell University Divinity School had an excellent reputation and a challenging curriculum. For me that was an easy choice because I went to law school at Campbell and I am fully aware of the quality of education that the University provides."

"I was into my second year of a four-year term when Judge Parsons passed away and I received the appointment to succeed him. I plan on completing my studies; however, I want to get a handle on my schedule before continuing. I knew that there would be a great deal of catch-up work because of the lapse of time following the death of Judge Parsons and my taking over the office. I will need to get a better understanding and feel for my schedule before enrolling again at Campbell." At the end of his official oath of office speech, Kirby once again turned to his mother and to the faith she instilled in him.

To his mother Kirby said, "Thank you for teaching us the power of love and the mercy of an all-powerful God."

"Thank you for teaching us that all human life is valuable, worthy of respect, because they all are a reflection of God."

"Thank you for teaching me that I can be anything that my mind can conceive."

"All of your teachings will be utilized on the bench. I know that if I follow your examples, our court system will be enhanced."

Yes, the appointment of the Honorable Albert D. Kirby Jr. was a truly historic event. An honor bestowed on a man made worthy with years of hard work and service to his community. It's not a hard stretch to say Albert Kirby made history, no more so, than it's a stretch to credit that history to one LuEllen Kirby and an Almighty God.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

OBITUARIES

HARRELLS

Mr. James Bishop 74 of 1477 NC Hwy. 210 East, Harrells died Monday, January 29, 2018 at his residence. Mr. Bishop was born January 18, 1944 in Sampson Co. the son of the late John William Bishop & Lillie Hope Bishop. He was an Army veteran having served in the Vietnam War. Mr. Bishop was a retired roofing contractor. A graveside service was held at 1:00 P.M. Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at the Smith Cemetery on Mote Rd., Harrells, NC, by the Reverend Barry Helms & Mr. Albert Roderick. Mr. Bishop is survived by his wife, Barbara Smith Bishop, one son, Robert Wayne Bishop & wife Jennifer of Harrells, one daughter Teresa B. Huggins & husband Kenneth of Tar Heel, NC, one sister, Ruth Roderick & Husband Albert, 3 grandchildren, Samantha Lynn Bishop, Evan Wayne Bishop, James Raybon Bishop, several nieces & nephews. The family received friends from 6:00P.M.-8:00P.M., Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at Carter Funeral Home in Garland.



SAGINAW, TEXAS

Cynthia Mae Harris Chudej, age 70, passed away on January 26, 2018 in Saginaw, Texas. She was born December 2, 1947 in Clinton, NC, the daughter of Jack Dempsey Harris and Mary Porter Harris. Cindy lived in Texas for the past 50 years. She worked for and retired from the Saginaw Police Department as a dispatcher. She is survived by two sons, Chad Dixon Slovacek of Saginaw, TX and Marc Chance Slovacek and wife, Marlo of Roanoke, TX and three grandchildren, Gannon Slovacek of Saginaw, TX and Bryce and Brenna Slovacek of Sanger, TX. She is also survived by three sisters, Brenda Huit and husband, John of Salemburg, NC, Tammy Stivala and husband, Mark of Fort Worth, TX, and Sue Suskin and husband, Dale of Jennings, FL as well as two brothers, Wayne Harris and wife, Veronica of Ormond Beach, FL and Vince Harris of Miami, FL. Additionally, she is survived by her stepmother, Dee Harris of Miami, FL and numerous beloved aunts, an uncle, and many cousins in North Carolina, the majority of whom live in Sampson County. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Biggers Funeral Home in Fort Worth, TX and Butler Funeral Home in Roseboro, NC. The graveside service will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, February 3rd at Sunrise Memorial Gardens in Salemburg, NC with Pastor Ivan Byrd officiating.



CLINTON

Elena Sutton Hudson, 98, passed away peacefully on Wednesday afternoon, January 31, 2018 at Mary Gran Nursing Center with her loving family by her side. A Service to celebrate Mrs. Hudson's life will be held Friday, February 2, 2018 at 11 am at the Royal-Hall Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. E.C. Mattocks officiating. Burial will follow in the Grandview Memorial Park in Clinton. Born on December 14, 1919 in Sampson County, Mrs. Hudson was the daughter to the late Raymond and Bertha Mae Best Sutton and widow to Troy Raymond Hudson. She was a retired fashion buyer and clerk for Turlington's Department Store and Delaney's Department Store. She was a true Southern lady with a lovely sense of humor. She was very independent and took great pride in taking care of her business and personal needs. She lived a quiet life in her later years, enjoying sewing, cooking, gardening, and planting and caring for flowers. The highlight of her day was visiting with any member of her family, whom she adored. She was devoted to her family and will be lovingly remembered and greatly missed. Mrs. Hudson is survived by four children: son, Raymond Jackie Hudson and wife, Betty of Clinton; Joseph Ted Hudson and wife, Joann of Mooresville; Robert Sutton and wife, Janice of Newton Grove; a daughter, Dixie Hudson McLamb and husband, Billy of Clinton; two sisters: Belinda Bell of Wilmington and Gail McGill of Burlington; two brothers: Don Sutton of Rocky Mount and Joe Dan Sutton of Hampton, Va.; nine grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren and ten great-great grandchildren. Special friends: Bobby and Mary McNeil and Bobbie Britt all of Clinton. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by three sisters: Thelma West, Willie Mae Moore, Carmel Jones; four brothers: Luby Sutton, Leburn Sutton, Forrest "Buck" Sutton, Glenn Sutton; and one granddaughter, Robin Hudson Whitman. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service, beginning at 10am, at the funeral home. The family would like to express their appreciation to the entire staff of Mary Gran for their wonderful care and kindness shown to their mother during her stay there. Flowers are welcome, or memorials may be made to Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, 3790 Faison Hwy, Clinton, NC 28328. Condolences may be sent by visiting www.royalhallfuneralhome.com. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Hudson Family.



AUTRYVILLE

Mr. Herbie Lenwood Faircloth, 73 of 3069 South River Road, Autryville, passed away Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at his home. The funeral service was held at 2:00 pm Saturday, January 27, at Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, with Reverend Arthur Home and Reverend Andy Wood officiating. Burial followed at George Home Cemetery. Born August 1, 1944 in Sampson County, he was the son of the late William Haywood Faircloth and Marie Hall Faircloth. He was preceded in death by his father and mother; step-mother, Barbara Faircloth; and brother, Harvey Faircloth. He worked as a baggage express Supervisor for Trailways and Greyhound. He is survived by his wife, Ada Fisher Faircloth of the home; his daughter, Lynn and husband, Greg Sessoms of Roseboro; and two grandchildren, Tyler Sessoms and Codie Sessoms. The family received friends from 6:00 to 8:00 pm Friday, January 26, at Butler Funeral Home and other times at his home. Services are by Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro.



FAYETTEVILLE

Dorothy Garris, Age-95, 716 Perley St. died Wednesday 1/24/18 at Home. Funeral services were held on 12 noon, Tuesday 1/30/18 at First Baptist Church, Moore St. Fayetteville, N.C. Interment in the Rockfish Cemetery, Fayetteville, N.C. Visitation 1 hour prior to the service. Public visitation Monday 1/29/18, 1 to 6pm, Butler & Son Funeral Home, Roseboro, N.C.



NEWTON GROVE

Mildred Freeman 71 of 3784 W. Darden Road passed away on Sunday, January 28, 2018 at her home. Home Going Services will be held at 1:00 pm on Saturday, February 3, 2018 Piney Green Disciple Church with Minister Gertie Stevens officiating, burial will follow in the Freeman Family Cemetery in Newton Grove. Visitation will be held on Friday, February 2, 2018 from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm with family present from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm at Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Service & Cremation, 1246 Hobbton Hwy. Clinton, NC.



SALEMBURG

Mrs. Sharon Suggs Gore, 65 of 3845 N. Salemburg Highway, Salemburg, passed away Friday, January 26, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center. The funeral service was held at 11:00am Monday, January 29, at Corinth Baptist Church, 991 Corinth Church Road, Roseboro, with Pastor W.A. Creech and Pastor Wilbur Harrison officiating. Burial followed in the Church Cemetery. Born September 4, 1952 in Robeson County, she was the daughter of the late Simon P. and Margaret Thompson Suggs. She was self-employed and worked as a child care provider. She is survived by her husband, Rev. Sam Gore of the home; her son, William Simon "Bill" Gore of the home; her granddaughter, Haley Shea Gore; one brother, Simon C. Suggs of Wilmington; and three sisters, Delores Medlin of Wilmington, Carolyn Hewlett of Rocky Point and Peggy Spencer of Wilmington. The family received friends from 5:00 to 7:00pm Sunday, January 28, at Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, and other times at the home. Services are by Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro.



CLINTON

Mr. Ronnie Tate Hall, 55 of 2472 McKenzie Road, Clinton, passed away Friday, January 26, 2018 at Duke Medical Center. The funeral service was held at 3:00pm Sunday, January 28, at Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, with Rev. W.A. Creech officiating. Burial followed at Sunrise Memorial Gardens. Born May 11, 1962 in Sampson County, he was the son of the late Willie Ernest and Fleeite Faircloth Hall. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Elwood Hall, Dallas Hall; and two sisters, Janice Sessoms, Pat Gardner. He worked as an Electrician. He is survived by his wife, Paula Spell Hall of the home; one brother, Wade Hall and wife, Nancy, of Ephrata, PA; and one sister, Annette Brown and husband, Alvin, of Hope Mills. The family received friends from 2:00 to 2:45pm Sunday prior to the service, and other times at the home. Services are by Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro.



ROSE HILL

Mr. Danny Ray Hicks, 61, of 2177 Register Sutton Rd., passed away at Wayne Memorial Hospital on Monday evening, January 29, 2018, after courageously battling cancer for two years. A Funeral Service was held Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 2:00 pm at the Royal-Hall Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Ted Mercer officiating. Burial followed in the Spell-Tyndall Grove Cemetery, 800 Tyndall Grove Rd., Clinton. Born on October 9, 1956 in Harnett County, Danny was the son of the late John William Hicks and Maverine Barbour Hicks. He was a longtime employee with Butterball for thirty-five years, having driven a truck for the majority of those years, even during his illness. He enjoyed fishing and was an avid Nascar racing fan. He was a good 'ol country boy all his life, working hard to provide for his family and never let a day pass without them knowing he loved them. Danny is survived by his wife, Patricia Johnson Hicks of the home; his daughter, Jennie Lanier & husband, Paul of Rose Hill; son, Dennis Hicks & wife, Brenda of Clinton; a sister, Lynda Hobbs of Roseboro and a brother, Gene Hicks of Clinton. He was also blessed with seven grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren. The family received friends on Wednesday evening, January 31st from 6-8 pm at the funeral home; and other times at the home of his son, Dennis & Brenda Hicks, located at 253 Quail Drive, Clinton. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Hicks Family.



ROSEBORO

Ms. Addie Jean Hudson, 60 passed away Friday, January 26, 2018 at Vitant Duplin Hospital in Kenansville. Funeral services were held at 3:00pm Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at Mintz Baptist Church, 3761 Old Mintz Hwy, Roseboro, officiating will be Rev. Robert Hunter. Burial followed in the church cemetery. The family received friends from 2:00pm to 2:45pm Tuesday at the church prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Butler Funeral Home, P.O. Box 638, Roseboro, NC 28382 to help the family with funeral expenses. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro.



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 was 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 followed 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 received 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.



MAGNOLIA

Mrs. Laura Mainor, 80 of 2880 River Road, Magnolia, NC passed away on Thursday, January 25, 2018 at Southwood Nursing Center, Clinton, NC. The funeral was held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at Union Grove Church of Christ Church, Clinton, NC. Burial in the Merritt Family Cemetery (Waycross Community). Mrs. Mainor is survived by her SON-William "toodie" Mainor, Jr. of the home; BROTHERS-Lee Matthews and James Peterson both of Clinton, NC; 3 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. Visitation was held at Worley Funeral Home on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.



CLINTON

Mary Love Richbourg Talton, 96, previously of 305 Fisher Drive, Clinton, passed away peacefully at the Heritage Assisted Living Facility in Fayetteville early Tuesday morning, January 30, 2018, with members of her loving family by her side. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday afternoon, February 3, 2018 at 2:00 pm at the First United Methodist Church of Clinton, NC with Pastor T. R. Miller officiating. A reception will follow in the Church Fellowship

Hall. Born on November 18, 1921 in Sampson County, Mrs. Talton was the daughter of the late David James Turlington and Lela Newman Turlington, widow of William S. Richbourg and Lewis Talton. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Clinton. Mary Love was a loving mother and grandmother and a dedicated public servant. She retired from the Sampson County Health Department after 35 years of service. Mary Love had an extraordinary love of people and of life with an endearing sense of humor that sustained her through some difficult times over the years. She always enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. Mrs. Talton is survived by her son William S. Richbourg, his wife Donna; three daughters: Susan Rider, Laura Stillman, Rosalyn Holland and her husband O.C.; four grandchildren: W. Christopher Holland and his wife Erin, Suzannah Holland and her husband Kevin Harris, James Rider, William J. Richbourg, Josh Stillman; and her kin and loving caregiver, Linda Chavis. In addition to her parents, and two husbands, she was preceded in death by her son-in-law Harold Rider and two brothers: Elton and Dave James (Jake) Turlington, Jr. The family will receive friends immediately following the memorial service in the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Heritage Assisted Living, 240 Ann Street, Fayetteville, NC 28301 or to Backpack Buddies, 208 Sampson Street, Clinton, NC 28328. Condolences may be sent by visiting www.royalhallfuneralhome.com. Royal-Hall is honored to serve Mary Love's Family.



NEWTON GROVE

Mr. Samuel "Sonny" Goodman, Jr., 76, of 119 Whit Road, Newton Grove, NC, passed away Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at UNC Hospitals, Chapel Hill, NC. The memorial service will be held at 1pm, Saturday February 3, 2018 in the WORLEY Funeral Home chapel with Apostle Marcus O. Becton officiating. There will be no viewing.



BENSON

Mrs. Violet Hall Tatum, 85 of Benson, passed away Monday, January 29, 2018 at Universal Healthcare in Lillington. The funeral service will be held at 3:00 pm Friday, February 2, at Zoar Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church, 740 Zoar Church Road, Salemburg, with Rev. Donald Carlyle and Rev. Donnie Barbour officiating. Burial will follow in the Church Cemetery. Mrs. Tatum was born April 2, 1932 in Harnett County, and is preceded in death by her parents, Ammie A. and Carrie Carter Hall; and brother, Allen Hall. She worked for nine years with PWC of Fayetteville and was a homemaker. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Curtiss Tatum; niece, Carol and husband, Rick McDade; and nephews, Steve Hall and William Hall. The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 pm Thursday, February 1, at Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro. Memorials may be made to Zoar P.F.W.B. Church, 740 Zoar Church Road, Salemburg, NC 28385. Services are by Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro.



PLAIN VIEW

Mr. Clifton Marlow Tew, 95, of the Plain View Community, died Monday January 29, 2018 Betsy Johnson Hospital in Dunn. Mr. Tew was born September 10, 1922 in Sampson County to the late Lewis Iley and Lucy West Tew. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Clesper, Oris, and Marvin Tew; and sisters, Mildred Eason, Merlene Hawley, Lessie Warren, Livie Holland, and Mary West. Mr. Tew was a graduate of Plain View High School. He worked for over 37 years with Tom's Snacks before retiring in 2002. Mr. Tew was a faithful member of Lee's Chapel Church where he served as a deacon and on several church committees. He was also known for his love of gardening and sharing his harvest with family and friends. A funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, February 1, 2018 at Lee's Chapel Church in Plain View with Dr. Brad Williamson officiating. Burial followed in Lee's Chapel Williford Cemetery. Mr. Tew is survived by his wife of 70 years, Vira Tew; son, Marty Tew and wife Pam; daughter, Ginger McCullen and husband Billy; and grandchildren, Mark Tew, April Tew, Will McCullen and wife Hilary, Eli McCullen, and Elizabeth McCullen. Visitation was 1:00 p.m., Thursday February 1, 2018, one hour prior to the service at the church.



CLINTON

Mr. Paul Butler, Sr., of 1429 Isaac Weeks Road, Clinton, NC passed away Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at home. The funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.

GARLAND

Mrs. Jennifer Carter Hazelwood 40 of 11474 Old Mintz Hwy, Garland, NC, died Tuesday, January 30, 2018. The family will be receiving friends at the home of Ada Carter 10235 Old Mintz Hwy., Garland, NC 28441. Arrangement are incomplete and will be announced by Carter Funeral Home.

ROSEBORO

Pearlie McLamb, age-91, 165 Old Brick Mill Rd. died Wednesday 1/24/18, at home. Funeral services were held at 12 noon, Wednesday 1/31/18 at Fayetteville Community Church, 2010 Middle Loop Rd. Fayetteville, N.C. Interment in the Roseboro Cemetery. Visitation-Tuesday 1/30/18, 1 to 6pm, family present 5 to 6pm, Butler & Son Funeral Home, Roseboro, N.C. www.butlerandson.com

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CRIME

Arrest Reports

01-25 Randy Burnette Jr., 39; 2485 Benson Hwy., Benson; Assault on a Female; 2 Counts: Communicating Threats; Assault by Pointing a Gun; No Bond; Court Date 02-26

01-25 Donna Jean Wakeford, 35; 12382 Boykin Bridge Rd., Roseboro; Uttering Forged Instrument; Uttering Forged Endorsement; Written Promise to Appear; Court Date 02-09

01-26 James Blake Bradford, 31; 520 Fayetteville St., Clinton; Possession of Cocaine; Secured Bond \$5,000; Court Date 02-09

01-26 Timothy Emile Blier, 56; 2947 North McCullen Rd., Faison; Failure to Appear-DWI; Secured Bond \$2,000; Court Date 02-07

01-26 James Christopher Williams, 41; 29 Barnes Lane, Dunn; Fail to Return Rental Property; Failure to Appear- Obtain Property by False Pretense; Secured Bond \$100,300; Court Date 02-15

01-26 Pedro Barrera Guzman, 20; 1691 Indian Town Rd., Clinton; Failure to Appear-DWLR Not Impaired Revoke; Secured Bond \$1,000; Court Date 02-19

01-26 James Fran Owens, 4; 43 Sylvia Lane, Clinton; Failure to Appear- DWI; Secured Bond \$4,000; Court Date 02-05

01-26 James Nathaniel Davis, 29; 384 Crow Best Rd., Mount Olive; Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear- DWLR Not Impaired Rev; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 02-14

01-27 Walter L Skenadore, 36; 48 Evergreen Lane, Newton Grove; Assault with a Deadly Weapon; No Bond; Court Date 02-14

01-27 Farah Antoinette Rhue, 40; 48 Evergreen Lane, Newton Grove; Failure to Appear- Misdemeanor Larceny; Secured Bond \$1,000; Court Date 02-07

01-27 Victoria Domingo Giron, 21; 6477 Ebenezer Forest Rd., Clinton; Failure to Appear- Speeding; Secured Bond \$100; Court Date 02-20

01-27 William Ortha Smith Jr., 44; 4261 Delway Hwy., Harrells; 3 Counts: Communicating Threats; No Bond; Court Date 02-20

01-27 Raymond Lindell Pope, 34; 1299 Pope Rd., Clinton; Possession of a Firearm by Felon; Secured Bond \$7,000; Court Date 02-09

01-27 Angel Brook Phillips, 19; 91 Jean Lane, Clinton; Resist Public Officer; Secured Bond \$2,000; Court Date 02-14

01-27 Travis Taylor, 32; 2615 Giddensville Rd., Faison; Assault on a Female; No Bond; Court Date 02-14

01-28 Yumicka Evette White, 41; 1744 Ira B Tart Rd., Dunn; Fail to Comply with Monies; Court Date 02-14

01-28 Jessica Lynn Taylor, 26; 1986 Feed Mill Rd., Roseboro; Failure to Appear- Misdemeanor Larceny; Communicating Threats; Secured Bond \$1,500; Court Date 02-21

01-28 Justin Bryant Noble, 27; 311 Madeline Lane, Autryville; DWLR Not Impaired Rev; Fail to Report Accident; Reckless Driving to Endanger; Drive Left of Center; Secured Bond \$1,500; Court Date 03-19

01-28 John Owen Johnson, 34; 67 Sherwood Lane, Dunn; Possess Methamphetamine; Possess Drug Paraphernalia; Failure to Appear- Unsupervised Probation Violation C/S and Money; Secured Bond \$7,200; Court Date 02-06

01-28 Jesse Andrew Burnette, 30; 268 Tracy Lane, Dunn; Possess Methamphetamine; Possess Drug Paraphernalia; Second Degree Trespass; Secured Bond \$5,000; Court Date 02-09

01-29 Lorenzo Torres, 30; 3399 Cabin Museum Rd., Turkey; Assault on a Female; No Bond; Court Date 02-20

01-29 Marvin L Becton Jr., 46; 3835 Waycross Rd., Magnolia; 2 Counts: Order for Arrest- Child Support; Court Date 01-30

01-29 Patrick Nixon, 44; 1453 Bill Town Rd., Rose Hill; Order for Arrest- Child Support; Court Date 02-19

01-29 Phillip Dudley Baldwin, 54; 463 Beaman Woods, Clinton; Order for Arrest- Child Support; Court Date 01-30

01-29 William Joel Oyola, 31; 2924 West Main St., Clinton; Assault on a Female; No Bond; Court Date 02-20

01-29 Rodney Scott Parker, 32; 6816 Faircloth Bridge Rd., Stedman; Larceny; 2 Counts: Second Degree Trespassing; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 02-12

01-30 Rodney Scott Parker, 32; 6816 Faircloth Bridge Rd., Stedman; Larceny; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 02-21

01-30 Corey Tashombae Hines, 21; 4125 Old Stage Rd., Whiteville; Failure to Appear- Inciting to Riot; Secured Bond \$10,000; Court Date 02-15

01-30 Dwayne Maxton Keene, 45; 305 Stevens St., Wallace; 3 Counts: Failure to Appear- Simple Worthless Checks; Failure to Appear- Hit/Run Fail to Stop Property Damage/Drive Left of Center; Failure to Appear- Fail to Report Accident; Communicating Threats; Secured Bond \$729; Court Date 02-22

01-30 Qwintin Dominique Rich, 27; 596 Lakewood School Rd., Salemburg; 2 Counts: Failure to Appear-DWLR Not Impaired Revocation; Secured Bond \$1,000; Court Date 02-15

01-30 Billy Joe Faircloth, 32; 433 Cedar Creek Rd., Fayetteville; Larceny; Possession of Stolen Goods/Property; Secured Bond \$10,000; Court Date 02-06

01-30 Robert Walker Redding, 44; 411 Lanoca Ave., Laurinburg; Assault on a Jailer; Possess Schedule IV; Communicating Threats; Secured Bond \$15,000; Court Date 03-08

Incident/Investigation Reports

01-26 Amanda Tharrington reported a Burglary located at 1776 Eugene Jernigan Rd., Dunn. Items reported missing included a TV and medication.

01-27 Tommy Thomas reported the Larceny Lawn Mower located at 4824 Mount Olive Hwy., Newton Grove.

01-29 Duplin Forest Products reported a Larceny located on Mirie Baylor Rd., Harrells. Items reported missing included batteries, chopsaw and weldng cables.

01-29 Hazel Troublefield reported the Larceny of Timber located at 3185 Goshen Church Rd., Faison.

01-29 Deborah Owens reported the Theft of a Vehicle located at 130 Tarheel Dr. Clinton.

01-29 Reuben Davis reported a Burglary located at 212 Apt 2 Beaman St., Clinton. Items reported missing included Xbox One, firearms and a iPhone 5.

01-30 Dane Construction Co Inc reported a Larceny located at 1800 Basstown Rd., Clinton. Items reported missing included a chopsaw, miter saw, hammer drill 1/2 inch, hammer drill 1 inch, jig saw, reciprocation saw, porta-band saw, grinder, tool belt with hand tools, generator, drills, circular saws, ratchet socket set, gas leaf blower, safety harness and chest waiters.

01-30 Landis Lee reported the Larceny of a water pump located at 735 Faison Hwy., Clinton.

01-30 Performance Chrysler and Dodge reported the Larceny of a Dealer Registration Plate located at 605 Warsaw Rd., Clinton.

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

Sampson County VITAL STATS

Deaths

-Wanda Agnes Anders
-Mary M Andrews
-Geraldine Blue
-James Candler Barker
-Eugene Clark Blackner
-Jessica Marie Cox
-Emma Golden Dixon
-Avie Faircloth
-Margaret Irene Jackson
-Franklin Sherrill Jackson
-Antionette Lyers
-Julia Marie Lockamy
-Laura Ethel Mainor

-Maisha Nicole McAllister
-Troy Lassiter McDonald Jr
-Clarence Robert McLaurin
-Marilyn Vernell Naylor
-Linda Owens
-Linda Denise Pope
-Josh Alejandro Rodriguez
-Myrtle Alease Register
-Clifford Andrews Sturdy
-Herman Simpson
-Reavis Mae Tew
-Senie Wilson Williams
-Hildred West

Births

-Amaya Jae Swinson born on January 10, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Malcolm Dwayne Swinson Jr and Judy Renee Thames
-Camila Sophia Barralaga Diaz born on January 12, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Jose Antonio Barralaga and Hulda Abigail Diaz Rodriguez
-Carson Brooke Chancy born on January 12, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Richard Henry Chancy and Cameron Boyette Chancy
-Jayden Easton Owens born on January 12, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Dalyn Preston Owens and Jenifer Esther Moreta Ramirez
-Chabira Destiny Blont born on January 13, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Charles Edward Blount Jr and Chateva Lanea Jones

Marriage Certificates

-Fidel Carlos Dominguez to Maria Lorena Isabel Tobias
-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
-Jaime Moises Colman Antunez to Claudia Pamela Funes Moncada

Land Transfers

-Dorothy J Perry, William M Perry Jr, Jean Perry Tew/AKA to William M Perry Jr- 1.342 Acre Plainview
-William M Perry Jr to Dorothy Perry, Dorothy J Perry/Co Tr, Jean Tew Perry/AKA, William Perry, William M Perry Jr/Co TR, The William and Dorothy Perry Family Trust-1.342 Acres Plainview
-Dorothy J Perry, Jean Tew Perry/AKA, William M Perry Jr to Dorothy Perry, Dorothy J Perry/Co Tr, Jean Tew Perry/AKA, William Perry, William M Perry Jr/Co Tr, The William and Dorothy Perry Family Trust - 12 Acres w/exceptions Plainview
-Benoit Lhotellier, Michelle W Lhotellier to Trina Carlas, Octo Flores Gelvis- Lot 10 A Stewart Bethune Subdivision
-H Lawrence Sanderson/MGR, Warren Realty LLC to Kevin D Pridgen- Lot 21 Villas of Birch Cove North Clinton
-Bayview Loan Servicing LLC/AIF, CWALT 2006-OA22/By AIF, The Bank of New York Mellon/By AIF, The Bank of New York As Trustee/FKA to John Tyler Cotten and Michaela Jo Tyndall-Lot 50 Phase One Sandy Ridge Country Club
-Mary Ann Hill/TR, Mary Ann Hill Revocable Trust to Victoria Ruiz Demunguia and Jose

A Munguia Ramos- Lot 85 1.14 Acres Cobb Farm Piney Grove
-Burl J Williamson, Connie B Williamson to Connie B Williamson- South Clinton Four Tracts w/exceptions
-Carol Denise Gainey, Dwight D Gainey, Rhonda Strickland Gainey to James Christopher Tew- 1.56 Acres w/exceptions Dismal
-Tamara T Shuler, Taylor Allen Shuler to Midfirst Bank- Book 1722 Page 666 Book 1841 Oage 224 Book 1903 Page 495
-Midfirst Bank to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development- 3 Tracts
-D Stephen Jones, Rebecca B Jones to Anne Bryan Faircloth- Lot Sampson
-Brenda M Coats Revocable Living Trust, Brenda M Coats/Tr to Angela L Moore, Stacy Barry Moore- 16.31 Acres Lisbon
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-Haley Royal Stewart, Rodney Charles Stewart to Melony Faircloth Batts, Ronald Lee Batts- Plainview 0.353 Acres
-Jackie Allen King, Mary Ivey King to KIngswood Mobile Estates LLC- 8 Parcels
-Lonnie W Glaspie Jr/MGR, William V Smith/MBR, Smith and Glaspie LLC to Kevin Lee Powell, Tammy Bass Powell- 10.10 Acres North Clinton
-Aaron Hugh Jackson III, Jayna Rae Jackson to Judith Ann Braun, Michael Wayne Braun- Lots 3 and 3A of the Sam F Hudson Land Plainview
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-Aaron Lemont Best, Myrtie Best to Brittney Best, Keith Antuane Best- North Clinton
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-Mattie H Atkinson, Belinda A Ward, Dennis Ward to Georgianna LLC- Piney Grove Lot 7 JW Kelly Land
-Bobbie B Draughon, James Hugh Draughon JR to Gregory Scott Tyndall, Krystal Michelle Tyndall- Lot 2 1.10 Acres Dismal
-Janice Lorane Godwin to Timothy A Batten- McDaniels Two Tracts
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Chamber Chat

*By Kaitlin Norris,
Executive Director
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We are gearing up for big things in February. I think we can all agree January lasted forever! With the winter storms and catching up after the holidays January was a busy month for all of us. With the Chambers biggest event of the year coming up in February, we are gladly welcoming the month and we are ready to share our time

with you!

Join us for our Member of the Week on Tuesday, February 6th at Cintas Uniform Services in Clinton. We will meet at 11:30am at 602 Warsaw Road to celebrate and connect with them. This is our chance to celebrate a business for the week so come out and support them and make those connections!

We have rescheduled our January Business After Hours to February 8th from 5:00-6:30pm. Due to winter weather we had to cancel our January After Hours but luckily we have found a date in January to make up for it. We will be at The Center of Health and Wellness for an evening of door prizes, light snacks, and great networking opportunities. Bring your business card and see how the Chamber works for you!

February means that our Chamber's Annual Celebration Banquet is around the corner. Join us on Thursday February 22nd for a night of Frosty Frolic. On this night we will celebrate our members as well as our nominees and award winners! We will start our cocktail hour at 5:30pm and dinner will begin at 6:30. You can call or email the Chamber today for reservations at 910-592-6177 or info@clinton-sampsonchamber.org.

We encourage you all to get involved with the Chamber. We are here to help businesses grow and make those connections. If you have any questions about how to get involved or events we have going on give us a call at 910-592-6177.

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NASCAR THIS WEEK

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Blaney not afraid to exchange verbal paint

By Godwin Kelly
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The annual NASCAR Media Tour was held last week around the Charlotte area, and out of all the chaos, Ryan Blaney emerged as a motorsports press darling.

Blaney, who was shuffled from Wood Brothers Racing to Team Penske this season, is one of those young guns working his way to elite-driver status.

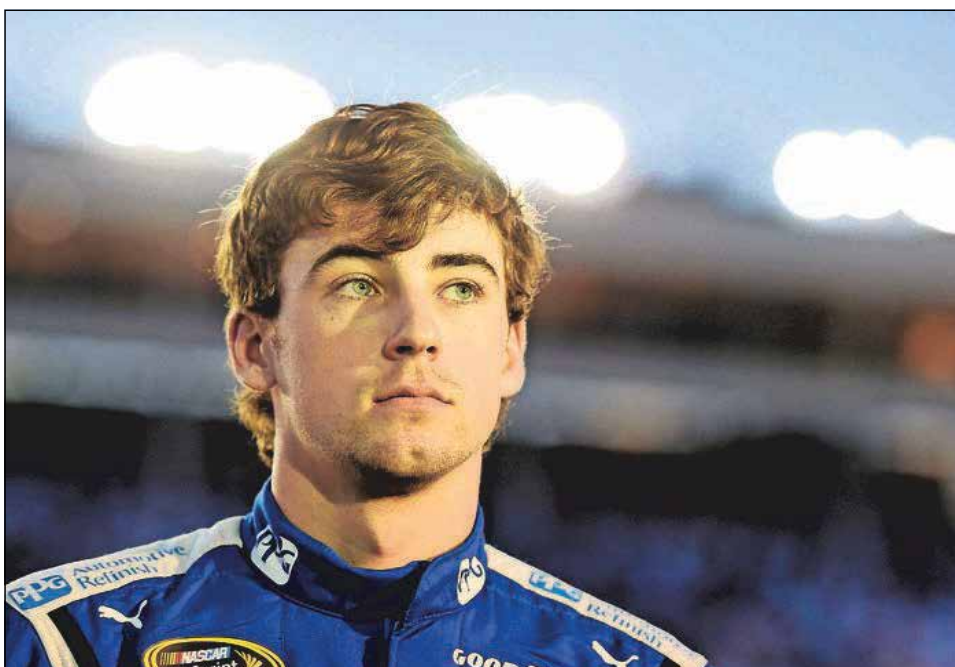
After winning in the No. 21 Ford in 2017, he earned a place at the Penske table. Roger Penske created a third team for Blaney, who will drive the No. 12 Ford.

Blaney will now address Brad Keselowski (No. 2 Ford) and Joey Logano (No. 22) as his teammates. Penske has the ways and means to debut a championship-caliber stock car.

"Hopefully, it is a breakout season; that is what you want," Blaney said. "Obviously, you want to keep getting better year after year and keep improving on the previous season."

"I think with experience we got a lot better last year, and I hope to have a huge year. You sit back in the offseason and try to figure out what you can do better teamwise or what drivers can do personally — off the track to prepare for the weekend, everything."

Blaney came up with racing in his bloodline. His grandfather, Lou Blaney, and father, Dave Blaney, both raced with a



Cup rookie Ryan Blaney put the No. 21 Wood Brothers Ford in Victory Lane at Pocono in June. He'll move over to Team Penske in 2018, where he'll join Brad Keselowski and Joey Logano, and drive the No. 12 Ford. [JARED C. TILTON/GETTY IMAGES]

passion. Dave Blaney, who made 473 Cup Series starts, continues a limited sprint-car schedule.

To this day, Ryan helps his father prep cars at the family shop.

"I spend a lot of time with him in the offseason," young Blaney said. "We just spent a full day decaling up his new sprint cars."

"I like to spend as much time as I can there. That is where I grew up racing my Late Models. Whatever he needs, I am there."

During the tour, Kyle Busch indicated he thought NASCAR was putting too much effort into promoting its new, 20-something

faces, such as Chase Elliott, William Byron and Erik Jones.

Specifically, Busch was asked if he feels there is an emphasis on the younger generation of drivers.

"Absolutely there is," he said. "Do you feel like that, too?"

The follow-up question was "Does that bother you?"

"It is bothersome," Busch said.

"We've paid our dues, and our sponsors have and everything else, and all you're doing is advertising all these younger guys for fans to figure out and pick up on and choose as their favorite driver. I think it's stupid."

Blaney, 24, said when he is asked to do something to promote the sport, he generally says yes.

"I have been really fortunate to get a lot of great chances from NASCAR to go do things outside of motorsports," he said.

"I think it is good for the sport and myself," he continued. "I can tell you personally that he (Busch) doesn't like doing a lot of stuff so that is why they don't ask him to do a lot of stuff."

"That kind of made me upset how he bashed that part of it. To each his own. If he doesn't want to do anything, so be it."

Blaney is not afraid to speak his mind, which is refreshing in the recent buttoned-down atmosphere of the NASCAR Cup Series garage area.

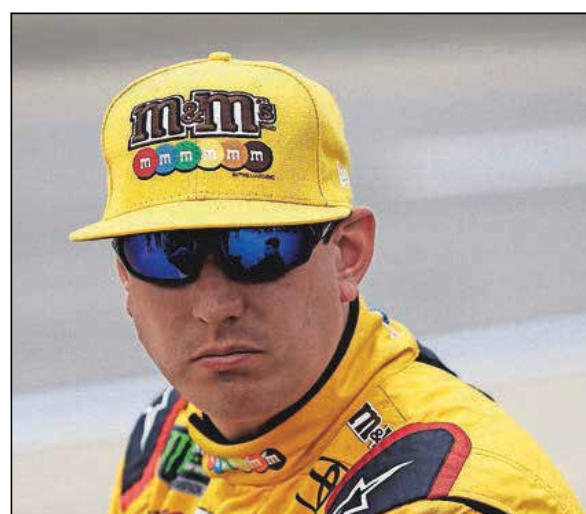
Since Blaney grew up in the sport, he knows the history. For example, he knew that Ryan Newman had some very good seasons in the No. 12 Team Penske entry.

Newman won eight races behind the wheel of the No. 12 in 2003.

"I think just bringing back the No. 12 car to the Penske group is really special," Blaney said.

"The car hasn't been around in a long time. I remember growing up watching Ryan Newman drive it and loving that car."

"Hopefully, we can have the success he had in it and more. I have been lucky to drive for some great teams over the years with the Wood Brothers and now to drive a Cup car full time for Roger Penske is a dream of mine."



Not NASCAR's first, or only, Grumpy Gus. [AP FILE]

QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE — Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers

What's wrong with Kyle Busch?

He's simply a victim of human nature. We all know people who are uniquely adept at either finding or inventing something negative in practically every situation. Just because he's also uniquely adept at driving race cars doesn't mean he's not subject to all the qualities — good and bad — the rest of the human race deals with. Auto racing has a long history of grumps. But you know what? So does baseball, football, golf and even your nearest Moose Club.

Did he have a point?

Of course not. NASCAR currently finds itself in a transition, with a mini-onslaught of very young drivers coming into the Cup Series. Instead of promoting that and making the best of it (and hoping there's a breakout star in there somewhere), NASCAR could ignore them and focus on the veterans and bemoan the loss of so many stars recently. Now, how stupid would that be?

How about Kez's gripe?

When asked what change he'd like to see, Brad Keselowski said he'd like to see the "leader of the sport" at the track every race weekend. Brian France doesn't manage NASCAR weekends in the manner his father and grandfather did, and frankly he doesn't need to do that, given the large modern-day staff. I'll disagree with Kez on this one, but at least he gently suggested it instead of using Kyle's flamethrower.

— Ken Willis, ken.willis@news-jrnl.com

MOTOR MOUTHS PODCAST

What time is it? Time to recap the Rolex, which always kicks off the racing calendar.

Tune in online at www.news-journalonline.com/daytonamotormouths



SPEED FREAKS — A few questions we had to ask ourselves

Will Danica be competitive at the Daytona 500?

GODSPEAK: Anybody can run up front in the 500. Expect her to work up to the lead pack.

KEN'S CALL: She'll be in Childress equipment, and the Childress team continues to field competitive plate-race cars. So yes. Or maybe. Who knows?

Is Keselowski right in saying Brian France needs to be at every race?

GODSPEAK: Doesn't matter. France says he has a team in place for track

duty.

KEN'S CALL: Well, I'm sure he'll be at Daytona, so that should make Kez sleep well for a while.

Did the Rolex make you wish NASCAR would run Daytona's road course?

GODSPEAK: Hey, you never know. Mark Martin lobbied for a road-course race for years. Maybe if Fernando Alonso would drive in it.

KEN'S CALL: I wouldn't be against moving the July race to the road course, but strangely, no one at the front office has asked me.



She can run up front at Daytona, but can she stay there? [AP FILE]

2018 CUP SERIES SCHEDULE

Feb. 11: Clash at Daytona
Feb. 15: Can-Am Duel at Daytona
Feb. 18: Daytona 500
Feb. 25: Folds of Honor 500 at Atlanta
March 4: Kobalt 400 at Las Vegas
March 11: Camping World 500(k) at Phoenix
March 18: Auto Club 400 at Fontana
March 25: STP 500 at Martinsville
April 8: O'Reilly Auto Parts 500 at Texas
April 15: Food City 500 at Bristol
April 21: Toyota Owners 400 at Richmond
April 29: Geico 500 at Talladega

May 6: AAA 400 at Dover
May 12: Go Bowling 400 at Kansas
May 19: All Star Race at Charlotte
May 27: Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte
June 3: Pocono 400
June 10: FireKeepers Casino 400 at Michigan
June 24: Toyota/Save Mart 350 at Sonoma
July 1: Chicago 400 at Chicagoland
July 7: Coke Zero 400 at Daytona
July 14: Quaker State 400 at Kentucky
July 22: New Hampshire 301
July 29: Pennsylvania 400 at Pocono
Aug. 5: 355 at the Glen, at Watkins Glen
Aug. 12: Pure Michigan 400

Aug. 18: Night Race at Bristol
Sept. 2: Southern 500 at Darlington
Sept. 9: Brickyard 400 at Indianapolis
Sept. 16: Las Vegas 400
Sept. 22: Federated Auto Parts 400 at Richmond
Sept. 30: Bank of America 500(k) at Charlotte road course
Oct. 7: Delaware 400 at Dover
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