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There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

1 John 4:18

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“Celebrating 150 years: Every praise is to our God”



First Baptist Church of Clinton has been a spiritual powerhouse on College Street for 150 years. The church has a rich heritage of preaching and teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. First Baptist Church, referred to hereafter as FBC, has long-stretching roots to First Baptist Church, 408 College Street. After desiring a worship place of their own, a group of dedicated African-American Christians hoped, dreamed, and prayed for a church. That prayer was answered and the first edifice was completed in 1880. Certainly, as the Lord added to the membership to the membership, the church had to expand to accommodate the growing congregation. The early pastoral lead- **1ST BAPTIST, see P. 4**

Andy Wells Has A Busy First Month As New HCA Head Master

Andy Wells was recently named the new head master of Harrells Christian Academy.



Wells, who has been at the school in one form or the other since he entered kindergarten there in 1978 and graduated in 1991 (Wells returned to the school as business manager after earning his degree from Wake Forest University in 1996), said he was ‘excited and nervous at the same time’ when he found out he has been tapped to be the head of the school late last year.

“Early in the fall, my friend and colleague, Mr. Kevin Kunst announced that he would not seek to renew his contract as headmaster with HCA,” Wells explained. “Obviously, I have a deep commitment to the school and want to see its success continue. I also know that it is important to have stability in the Head position for the school to succeed long-term. For those reasons, my wife (Missy) and I decided to apply for the position to see if I was the right person to lead the school long-term.”

He was, and Wells officially began his tenure as head master on January 1, 2018. The 44-year-old Duplin County native said that his first full month as head master has been exciting and busy.

“January was a whirlwind as it is a busy month anyway, but February has allowed more time to meet in-depth with our faculty and administrators,” he said.

The transition for Wells has been made easier by the outpouring of support from the HCA staff and community. **HCA, see P. 4**

Clinton 100 Committee Donates Land to SCC



On Tuesday night the Clinton 100 Committee made an important announcement, at their annual meeting an announcement that will have a huge impact not only on business but also agriculture and education, the bedrocks of Sampson County.

The announcement, which was made by Chuck Spell- President of the Clinton 100, was that the Clinton 100 Committee was going to be donating a 12-acre plot of land to Sampson Community College, specifically to be used for the Truck Driving Training school. The 12 acres are located in the Sampson County Industrial Park, part of the 45 acres owned by the Clinton 100 Committee

The Sampson Community College truck driving program provides students a low cost (\$310) day (11-week) or evening (16-week) training program that includes 350 hours of intensive training in vehicle operation. The program is recognized by local, regional and national truck companies with many students employed before completing the requirements for their CDL. The program includes classroom training on the main campus in Clinton and on-track training in neighboring Duplin County. Over-the-road experiences are provided over highway and interstate roads across the state.

The program is in high demand, allowing only 200 students a year to go through the fully enrolled program. At any given time, according to SCC President Dr. William Starling, there are over 100 people on a waiting list.

Currently the driving portion of the program is having to be done in Duplin County. The donation of the 12-acre plot of land will allow for the college to perform the driving portion of the program locally.

Dr. Starling explained what is required for the new truck driving facility. “Truck driving instruction requires approximately a 600’ x 600’ course to erect training exercises for students. Because of the weight and wear and tear of the rigs on the course, the driving surface must be built for commercial vehicles. his typically requires a significant stone underlayment with asphalt overlay. The cost of the pad can readily exceed \$1.5 million.” **CLINTON 100, see P. 4**

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LOCAL NEWS

HB90 Will Impact Classrooms, Budgets and More



North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper recently announced he would neither sign nor veto House Bill 90, meaning the bill will sit on his desk for 10 days and automatically become law. The dispute over the bill is centered on add-ons, not the initial K-3 class-size fix that would have strained school budgets.

Republicans and democrats both agreed overwhelmingly that class-size restriction on K-3 classrooms needed to be phased in over time, at issue was changes made to the state elections board and a \$58 million governor controlled environmental mitigation fund.

HB90 will leave class sizes in K-3 unchanged for the 2018-2019 school year and allow phasing in of class-size restriction through the 2021-2022 school year. In addition, the bill provides \$61.4 million per year for school districts to pay for music, arts and PE teachers.

Also in the bill is the add-on provision to divert the \$58 million governor controlled environmental mitigation fund from the Atlantic Coast Pipeline, and divide those funds among school districts in eight counties the pipeline would run through.

For Clinton City Schools that would be a budget boost of \$875,403 and Sampson County Schools would see a boost of \$2,416,312.

Another contested add-on would be changes to the state elections board where the board would have 4 republican controlled seats, 4 democratic controlled seats, and one seat not affiliated with any political party.

Sadie Weiner, spokesperson for Governor Cooper, released the following statement on House Bill 90: "It's clear that the legislature finally bowed to public pressure on class size and expanding Pre-K, which is positive for our students, but it's unfortunate that it has been lumped in with political shenanigans."

NCGOP Chairman Robin Hayes had called the \$58 million governor controlled environmental mitigation fund from the Atlantic Coast Pipeline an "unconstitutional slush fund". "The constitution clearly gives the legislature the responsibility to appropriate the state's funds," said Chairman Hayes, "and the State Ethic's Act makes it a crime for an elected official to use his public office for personal benefit. Governor Cooper created a \$58 million slush fund that will be controlled by him and him alone-- this is a dangerous scheme that is not lawful, constitutional, or ethical. This type of payment for a permit, coerced from private businesses for the benefit of a politician, is the sort of pay-to-play action that Democrats have become all too well known for, and it is up to us to stop them."

While state legislators and Gov. Cooper disagreed on aspects of the bill, local school leaders are pleased that the pressure to reduce class size has been addressed.

"We are pleased with the language in HB 90," stated Sampson County Schools Superintendent, Dr. Eric Bracy. "It provides us with a reasonable amount of time to develop organizational plans to reduce class sizes."

"It also funds enhancement teachers through a new allotment phased in over the next four years," added Bracy, "allowing us to maintain our music, art and physical education programs at the K-3 level. We are appreciative to our legislators for their support."

Dr. Stuart Blount, Superintendent for Clinton City Schools stated, "HB90 will allow us to strategically address the class size requirements over time for our K-3 classrooms."

"Without HB90, we would need to hire 6 to 9 teachers to meet the class size law for K-3. This," said Blount, "would have had a major financial impact to our local budget. We will now be able to phase these positions in over a 4-year period."

"We appreciate the working relationship we have with the NC General Assembly and their willingness to work with school systems to address the class size issue."

Roseboro Elementary School 2018 Little Miss Pageant Winners



Roseboro Elementary School PTO proudly sponsored their first annual "Little Miss RES" Pageant on Friday, February 9, 2018. The winners were Tiny Miss: Leeah Armwood, 1st Runner up: Bella Archie, Little Miss: Reagan Blackmon, 1st Runner up: Caryngton Stanford. Miss RES: Gabriella King, 1st Runner up: Promise Black, Ambassador Award: Sa'Nai Washington. Congratulations to all contestants. They all showed "Little Leopard Pride."

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2018 Friends of Ag Rally Set For Tuesday



The Sampson County Friends of Agriculture is having its 17th annual Ag Rally on Tuesday, February 27, 2018. The annual event includes a sponsored meal and the Keynote speaker this year is The Honorable Dan Forest, Lt. Governor of North Carolina. This event, as usual, is open to the public but it is requested that people secure a ticket to attend. Tickets are available at the Sampson County Cooperative Extension Office, Hwy 421 South, and Clinton Truck & Tractor Co., 107 NE Blvd. in Clinton, NC.

“The rally is an annual event designed to present items of interest regarding agriculture and its importance to Sampson and surrounding counties,” says Friends of Agriculture Chairman, Ronnie Jackson. “The aim of the Friends of Agriculture is to inform our community and others about issues that are important regarding agriculture.”

Jackson adds, “We are not a group of Farmers and farm related businesses, but rather a cross section of the county’s population. We are continually trying to get more people in our community to be concerned and be more knowledgeable about agriculture.”

Keynote speaker, Dan Forest, has served as Lt. Governor of North Carolina since January 2013. Prior to becoming Lt. Governor, he received two degrees from the University of North Carolina Charlotte (UNCC). After college, Forest became a leader in the business community for over 20 years, having served as Office President and Senior Partner of the state’s largest architectural firm - Little Diversified Architectural Consulting. Forest has been designated as an Architect Emeritus. A father of four, he and his wife, Alice, reside in Wake County.

Since being elected to office, Lt. Governor Dan Forest has been a strong proponent of the Agriculture community. With North Carolina being the 3rd most agriculturally diverse state in the Nation, Lt. Governor Dan Forest saw an opportunity to grow the industry when our Food Manufacturing only ranked 19th. He leads the charge for the development of the Food Manufacturing Task Force, which he was a co-chair. Through his leadership, as well as that of the Department of Agriculture and NC State, this task force devised a plan to grow food manufacturing in North Carolina, which will result in approximately 40,000 new jobs, and help our state reach the goal of \$100 billion annually produced by our Agriculture sector.

For his work on behalf of the Agriculture community, Commissioner Steve Troxler presented Lt. Governor Forest with the distinction of Ambassador of Agriculture, the highest honor in North Carolina for someone in the Agriculture community.

Finally, Lt. Governor Forest successfully worked with the FCC to bring high speed broadband to every single classroom in our state. Building off this success he is now working with the Federal Department

of Agriculture and the FCC to bring high-speed broadband to the last mile of rural North Carolina and our farming communities. He will be discussing this topic among many others during his time at the annual Ag Rally.

“Agriculture is what we do in Sampson County,” concluded Jackson, “and we do it rather well if you compare our county to other counties in NC and other states. The more that people know and understand about agriculture, the easier it is make them understand when issues arise that affect agriculture in our county.”

The Sampson County Friends of Agriculture Rally, featuring Lt. Governor Forest, is scheduled for Tuesday, February 27, 2018, at the Sampson County Agri-Exposition Center. A complimentary dinner will begin at 6:30 PM with speakers to follow.

There is no charge for tickets, but a ticket is required for entry. Tickets are available at the Sampson County Cooperative Extension Office, Hwy 421 South, and Clinton Truck & Tractor Co., 107 NE Blvd. in Clinton, NC.

Correction Enterprises Employee Arrested for Allegedly Attempting to Bring Contraband into Sampson Prison Laundry

CLINTON - A Correction Enterprises employee is facing charges after he was caught this afternoon allegedly attempting to bring contraband into the Sampson Correctional Institution Laundry facility. Correctional staff discovered nearly 59 grams of marijuana, two cell phones and tobacco in a duffle bag as Christopher Bishop was trying to enter the facility just before 3 p.m. on Friday.



The Clinton Police Department was called in to investigate. They have charged Bishop with two felonies -- Providing a Phone to an Inmate and Providing Contraband to an Inmate, along with misdemeanor Providing Products to an Inmate. His bail was set at \$5,000.

Bishop, 42, a 2nd shift supervisor at the Sampson Laundry, has been with Correction Enterprises for 3.5 years. He has been placed on investigatory leave pending the outcome of an investigation.

“I want to commend the alert staff who stopped the contraband from making it into the facility,” Public Safety Secretary Erik A. Hooks stated. “I also want to thank the Clinton Police Department for their prompt response. The safety and security of our employees, the inmates and the public are our top priority, and we will work to ensure those who violate the public trust face the consequences.”

Rounding Up Reaps Gifts For The Local Community



Triangle South Literacy (l-r): Sharon Syck, executive director and Claudia Farr, president

The Community Assistance Corporation, or CAC, South River EMC’s not-for-profit foundation, awarded \$52,190 in Operation Round Up grants to benefit community and public service agencies and schools during the December funding cycle.

The non-profit organizations receiving \$5,000 grants included; Disabled American Veterans Chapter 74 Erwin; Beaver Dam Volunteer Fire Department; The Salvation Army of Fayetteville; SAFE of Harnett County, Inc.; Fayetteville Area Operation Inasmuch. Also receiving grants were Triangle South Literacy Works, Inc., \$4,958; and Johnston County Arts Council, \$2,500.

Scholastic programs receiving funds this holiday season were; Roseboro-Salemburg Middle School, \$9,914; and Midway High School, \$9,818. Educational institutions are able to apply for up to \$10,000 in grant funding.

“The generosity of our members through their contributions to Operation Round Up is truly a gift to so many organizations throughout the year,” said VP of Member Services and Public Relations Catherine O’Dell.

Operation Round Up is a voluntary program that enables members to round up their electric bill to the next whole dollar. For example, if a bill is \$130.92, the bill is rounded to \$131 and the extra 8¢ is deposited into the CAC fund. By contributing, members can put their nickels and dimes to work making a positive difference today and providing better educational opportunities for the leaders of tomorrow.



Roseboro Salemburg Middle School (l-r): Shajuana Sellers, principal, for Catina Iverson, media specialist and Catherine O’Dell, South River EMC

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ership of Rev. H.H. Hart gave impetus to both the election and the appointment of "officers" including Deacons and Trustees. Using the qualifications stipulated in the Bible, FBC established a governing council that would become the springboard for future generations. To God be the glory!

As year passed, door of progress were continually opening. Under the spiritual leadership of various pastors, incremental milestones continued to punctuate the church's history. The early addition of a church parsonage, the expansion and remodeling of the pastor's study, the basement, and the installation of new pews strengthened the church's resolve to continue praising God and thanking Him for all His many blessings! Every praise is to our God!

FBC has always been actively engaged in missions. Through independent project/programs, as well as collaborative ministry efforts with area churches, FBC remained

in the forefront of service. From the addition of a Food Pantry, an on-site childcare center, and a homeless shelter called the "House of Hope," FBC continued to gain momentum in service to the community.

On November 1, 2017, Rev. Judy Johnson-Truitt became the Interim Pastor of FBC. She has been an active member of FBC since the late 80s and she was also baptized there. Rev. Judy Johnson-Truitt is the first female Interim Pastor in the church's 150 years of existence! To serve as Interim Pastor, Rev. Johnson-Truitt considers it a divinely orchestrated appointment for which she will cherish and be grateful for years to come. The FBC Pastoral Search Committee is evaluating candidates for the church to elect a permanent pastor. Until that time, Rev. Johnson-Truitt will continue to lead God's people toward greater spiritual growth, prayer, worship, and service.

During the initial planning stages for this 150th anniversary celebration, the Church Anniversary Committee considered inviting former pastors and/or guest preachers who

were closely connected to the church's history. To launch the celebration, there will be a pre-anniversary revival beginning on Wednesday, February 21st and concluding on Friday, February 23rd. The service will start each night at 7:00pm. On Wednesday night, Rev. Cheryl Moore, Pastor of Zion Temple (Durham, NC), and the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Cornelius Moore, will be the guest preacher. On Thursday night, Rev. Garry Mitchell, Pastor of Faith Assembly (Durham, NC), and the son of Rev. Joseph Mitchell and Mrs. Hattie S. Pridgen, will be the guest preacher. On Friday night, Rev. Dr. Louie Boykin, Pastor of Baldwin Branch (Elizabethtown, NC) and the son of the late Harold L. and Mildred K. Boykin, will be the guest preacher.

On Sunday, February 25th, there will be two celebratory worship services. At the 11:00AM service, the guest preacher will be Dr. Lafayette Maxwell, Pastor of Mount Zion MBC (Apex, NC). At 3:00PM, the guest preacher will be Rev. C. Anthony Jones, Pastor of United Cornerstone MBC (Winston-Salem, NC). He is the son of former FBC Pastor, Dr. Clifford and Brenda Jones (Charlotte, NC).

HCA, cont. from 1

"The staff has been great and very supportive ...," he explained. "Ultimately, they have been the ones responsible for the success of HCA in the past and that will continue to be so in the future. I have received many calls and emails of encouragement from current and past members of the HCA family."

Wells said that he wants to continue to build on the success that Harrells has been known for.

"I don't have anything specific at this point that I would consider a major change," he admits. "My mindset is more along the lines of 'continuous improvement'. I want to encourage and support our staff as we all seek ways to perform our jobs better and more efficiently."

He continues, "My vision for HCA is to continue to improve all areas of the school so that the larger community as a whole, and not just the families we currently serve, recognizes that we provide 'Excellence in Education through Christian motivation,' as our motto says."

"Harrells Christian Academy already has the best combination of strong academics, Christian environment, and extra-curricular opportunities in the region," Wells noted. "But that's not to say that all three cannot always be improved," he said. "I certainly plan to build on the past success of the school."

For Wells, being part of Harrells Christian Academy is something that has been an important part of his life.

"I don't think many teenagers picture themselves returning to their school to work," he admits. "Even when I was hired as the business manager at the age of 22, I figured I would be here 3-4 years and move on to something else. There are always a lot of exciting things going on here that I have continued to want to be a part of, and as a numbers guy, I love serving the cause of education in a financial capacity."

The biggest reward Wells gets from being at Harrells is building a foundation for success for our future leaders.

"Partnering with a family in the education and overall development of their child(ren) is an awesome responsibility," he explains. "But it is extremely rewarding to see a child learn, compete, excel, and develop a relationship with Christ. The outcome of our work at Harrells is a child who is ready to be a leader in their next phase of life. For most that is college, where we have ensured they have a solid foundation for success. For me and our staff, the rewards continue long after the child leaves HCA."

Part of that 'foundation' is creating an atmosphere that feels like family.

"Many schools tout a 'family atmosphere' but I truly believe that Harrells Christian Academy takes it to another level," he said. "As we approach our 50th anniversary as an institution, our family atmosphere has never been stronger. As with any family, there are disagreements along the way, but there is no limit to what the HCA family can accomplish when we work together."

Accomplishing that goal can only work with a staff that is willing to go out of their way for the students at Harrells Christian Academy.

"Our committed and caring faculty and staff is the best thing about Harrells," Wells said. "We all work together to provide a top quality, Christian education for the children of Sampson, Duplin, Bladen, and Pender counties. Our faculty and staff will go 'above and beyond' to help our students academically and spiritually, but there is also an emphasis to instill a sense of confidence, independence, and responsibility that will serve our graduates for a lifetime."

With Wells at the helm, the future of Harrells Christian Academy is in excellent hands. Here's to continued success.

Wells and his wife have a six-year-old daughter, Lilly, who is in kindergarten at HCA and a three-year-old son, Wake. They live in Rose Hill.

If you are interested in exploring the opportunities HCA has to offer, visit the HCA website, www.harrellsca.com, or call for a tour - 910-532-4575.

CLINTON 100, cont. from 1

Continuing Starling explained, "The College houses three mobile units that were used for public school classrooms that can be transferred to the facility. The construction of a training and office building could also be constructed by the Building Trades Program at the College."

The program has expanded from modest beginnings," noted Starling, "using a couple of donated cabs and one instructor to now include a fleet of eight cabs and four full-time faculty members."

The Sampson Community Truck Driving program is administered through the College's Division of Workforce Development and Continuing Education. Please call 910-592-7176 or visit the College's website to enroll or for more information.

Dr. Starling stated that the college is extremely blessed. He said, "The College would like to thank the 100 Committee for their willingness to partner with the College to help address a critical workforce training need. The success of this project depends upon the ability of a number of players for this to be successful. We cannot thank the Committee enough for their vote of confidence and the support they have provided. We believe this is important to our industry, our agricultural community, and to the individuals and families that will benefit from the training facility moving to Sampson County."

The College received a \$1.7 million federal grant from the Economic Development Commission for the construction of the Welding and Metal Fabrication Building. This is a very competitive grant that is provided to help support projects that are deemed to initiate economic development in a community that is self-sustaining. The College hope that these funds will allow NCCConnect State Bond funds now budgeted for the Welding facility to be used to develop the truck driving facility. This is sequential project.

The Clinton 100 Committee is a non-profit organization incorporated in 1967 by business and community leaders from across Sampson County. There were 133 founding members. These businessmen and community leaders had a vision and a strong desire to see the community grow and prosper through economic development projects. They realized that it was extremely important that local citizens participate, they believed that everyone had to have "meat-in-the-game", in order for the community to grow and prosper. The Clinton 100 Committee continues its work to attract industry and jobs and work in partnership with the Sampson County Economic Development Commission. The committee leverages its membership dollars in an effort to support economic development projects that provide investment and that create jobs in the community. What started years ago as a vision is still as important and relevant today as ever. The committee invites everyone to join them as they plan and work for the future of our County. Please contact any member or email rjordan@sampsonexpo.com to receive a membership application.

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We Should Know . . .



Marlow Artis 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 subject for this week's We Should Know is education and the guest for the show is Marlow Artis, Director of Sampson County Schools' Upward Bound Program.

Marlow Artis is the Creator and Chief Content Purveyor for Tar Heel Teachers, which encompasses a blog, an educational panel talk show, and a forthcoming podcast. In addition to moderating and executive producing these media platforms, he happily served for 5 years as a 6th Grade English/Language Arts Teacher. He was a member of the NC Governor's Teacher Network, placed as the First Runner-Up in the Cumberland County Schools Teacher of the Year Competition (after being named the Teacher of the Year for South View Middle and the South View Attendance Area), and was an Emerging Leader for NCPDK. He was also featured as one of the Fayetteville Observer's 40 Under 40 in 2015. He also served as the Academic Support Specialist with Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools' prestigious Blue-Ribbon Mentor-Advocate Program. Currently, he is balancing his work as the Upward Bound Director for Sampson County Schools, an exciting fellowship with the Hope Street Group/NC Teacher Voice Network, and the Master of School Administration Program at UNC-Wilmington. He is a proud graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill.

Sampson County Schools' Upward Bound Program provides fundamental support to participants in their preparation for college entrance. The program provides opportunities for participants to succeed in their precollege performance and ultimately in their higher education pursuits. Upward Bound serves: high school students from low-income families; and high school students from families in which neither parent holds a bachelor's degree. The goal of Upward Bound is to increase the rate at which participants complete secondary education and enroll in and graduate from institutions of postsecondary education.

Marlow Artis explains the Upward Bound Program at Sampson County Schools. "Sampson County Schools has received a 5-year federal grant of \$1.3 million to prepare students at Union, Lakewood and Hobbton High Schools for college enrollment as well as college graduation. We want to increase the college graduation rates here in Sampson County."

Next, JW Simmons asks Artis what it was about the Upward Bound Program that brought him to Sampson County Schools. Artis replies, "Well, I have to tell you, before I came here my previous position was in Chapel Hill - Carrboro City Schools. I taught in Cumberland County and was a 6th grade teacher and I really worked to provide students with all types of opportunities, and after being there for 7 years, I went to Chapel Hill - Carrboro City Schools."

"One thing I learned by switching school districts is that, some school districts have more resources than others. And when we're talking about equity and equal opportunity that shouldn't be the case."

Artis goes on to say, "I don't think the students at Chapel Hill - Carrboro Schools deserve more than the students in Sampson County. And I'm actually a product of the Upward Bound Program."

"I grew up in Bladen County," explains Artis. "So, I grew up in a very similar environment. I grew up in Tarheel, NC. And I thought this would be a great chance, a full-circle moment, to support students in this area because one thing that I do know is our students have an enormous

amount of potential. And just because the monetary resources might not be in this community, that doesn't mean they should not have exposure and access to high quality programming. And that's what brought me here to Sampson County."

Simmons next asks Marlow Artis to discuss some of the challenges students face today while in high school. Artis explains, "Some of the challenges that I see relate to expectations. Regardless of the environment or the type of district a student is in, we should have high expectations."

"When I think about my own story," says Artis, "and the fact that I grew up in a mobile home. Received free lunch when I was in school. My dad had been to prison and I never met my mom. I had a lot of different challenges myself, however, I was able to go to UNC Chapel Hill because my teachers had high expectations of me. My peers had high expectations for me."

"I think in today's society we talk so much about what our kids don't have, and we place those judgements on to those students, and they start to internalize it and start to receive it. And then it manifests in different ways. Students start to act out or start not doing their work, aren't responsive to things; and I personally believe that it's a manifestation of people having low expectations."

Artis goes on to say, "I always encourage anyone who works with me or is around me to have high expectations for students and really push them to go on to that next level and give them that support so that they can be successful at that next level."

"Having worked in Cumberland County, Chapel Hill - Carrboro City Schools, and now Sampson County; the students are the students, are the students. Students are children. It's about how we interact with them, what we expose them to, and what we allow them to see. That's the biggest challenge I see, the low expectations we have for them. And we have to change that."

Next, Simmons questions Artis about technology in the classroom and what challenges that brings to rural educators. Artis replies, "Well, that has to come from state government. The local district cannot do it. We talk about different supplements and different local funding, for example, the local funding for Chapel Hill - Carrboro City Schools is \$70 million. That's local funding. For Sampson County, for local, federal and state, it's \$75 million."

"So, the state government has to provide the funding for rural districts where the tax base isn't there so that students do have access. One of the things we're doing in Sampson County is that we have hotspots for kids that they can checkout, that don't have internet at home. But in our district, we only have 10 available because they're so expensive. We don't have the money to purchase them. If we had some grants from the federal government or the state that would help. But to increase funding at the local level would be to overly tax more than somebody in Wake County or Charlotte because the tax base isn't here."

Simmons also asks Artis to discuss online classes and virtual colleges verses stick and mortar campuses. "I think that's really important," says Artis, "because there's a different college for everyone. A different fit. And we have to make sure students know about the fit. So, technology opens up a lot of different opportunities where you can study with people all over the state or all over the world."

"Some kids may not be mature enough to be away from home, but that doesn't mean they don't have access to college because they can still take courses in the comfort of their home. It's really important that we explore all those options and let kids see how that works. But if you haven't been exposed to it and you haven't seen it you don't know if it will work for you."

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LOCAL NEWS

Rise UP-Reach Out Conference Slated for February 24th

The 7th annual Rise UP Conference hosted by Tim's Gift Inc. and sponsored by local businesses and individuals will be held at Sampson County Agri-Expo Center on Saturday, February 24th, 2018. The theme for this year's local event is Rise UP – Reach Out.

The event is Free to everyone with a Food Court that will be open from 3pm-6pm. All proceeds from food sales will go to the Love of Christ Ministry, a local ministry founded by Jerry Hood that focuses on feeding His sheep.

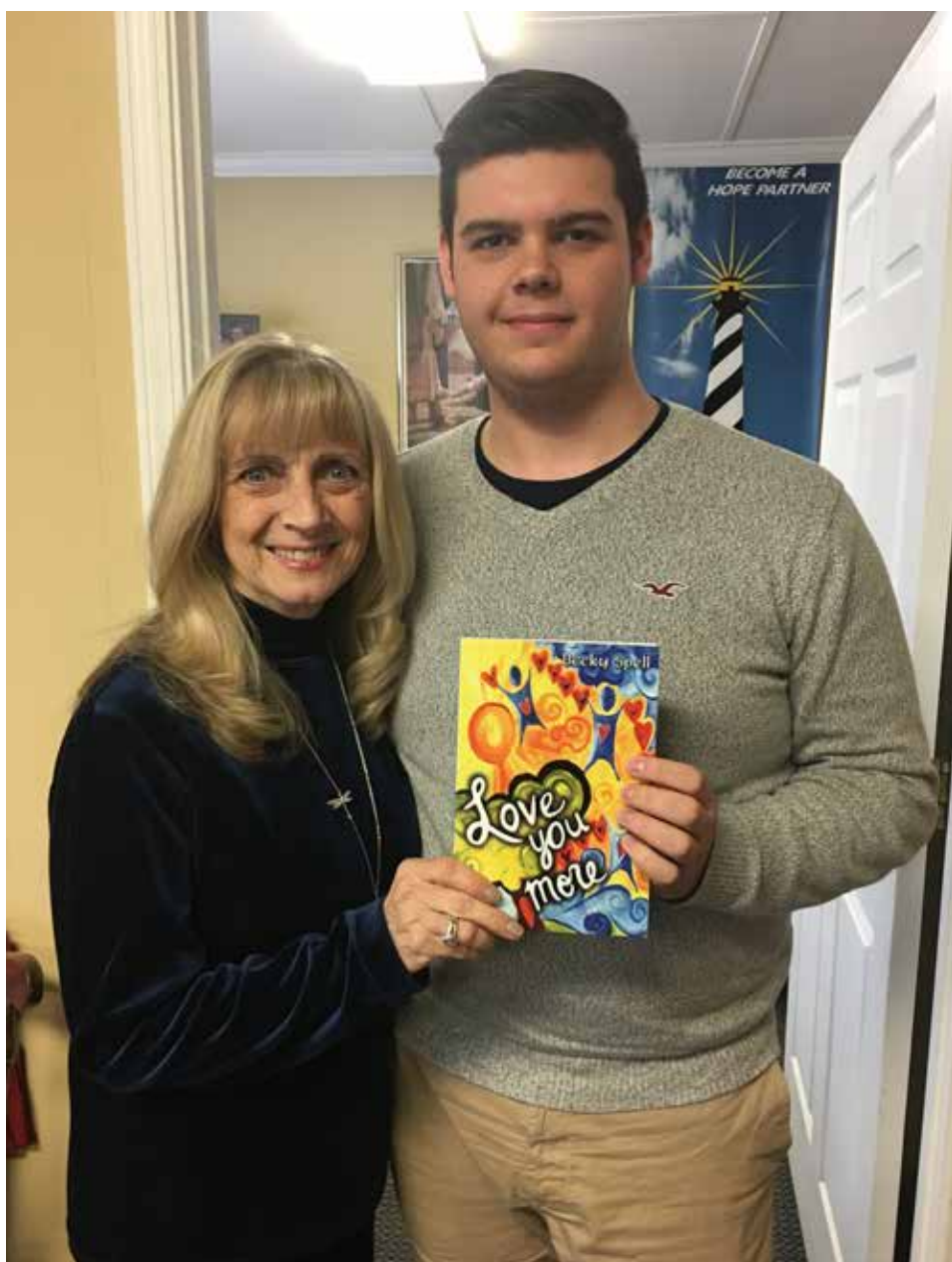
The schedule for Rise UP – Reach Out begins with Missions at 1:30-3:30pm (youth and youth groups register in Heritage Hall, divide into groups, and go into the out community with leaders and volunteers to do home mission work). Sites for home missions include local rest homes, yard work for widows and elderly, shut in visits, prayer walk, card ministry and puppet ministry at Expo Center, food drive for local ministries, farm work experiences, and more. Two youth groups will do mission work on site, making Blessing Bags and creating Caring Cards. All young people are encouraged to attend this local mission opportunity. Youth or Youth leaders can contact Dwayne Dunning at Clinton Community Church.

From 2-4pm there will be opportunities to meet missionaries with a celebration hour from 4pm-5pm. Mission Hour will be 5pm-6pm with Praise & Worship Hour from 6-7pm. Speakers include Dwayne Dunning, Russ Emmanuel, Sue Fann, Becky Spell, Tyler Jernigan & many more. Entertainment will be provided by the Clinton Community Praise Band.

At 4pm there will be an hour of Celebration for the youth with praise, preaching and recognition for a youth group chosen by the Tim's Gift Board of Directors for a mission project they envisioned and enjoyed doing during the past year (2017). According to Becky Spell-Vann a trophy will be presented to that youth group and leadership during the Youth Celebration Hour at Rise Up. We encourage youth leaders across the county to send us a short email or letter to Tim's Gift explaining a mission experience that impacted their lives. If you send a picture of your mission work in action, we will include it in a video that will be shown throughout Rise Up – Reach Out." Email to becky@timsgift.com or by mail to Tim's Gift 108 NE Blvd Clinton, NC 28328,

Spell - Vann added, "Honoring local people doing good deeds is important. This year we felt led to continue the tradition to do just that by giving a RISE UP AWARD honoring a local citizen who helps people throughout our communities. One who does Good Samaritan deeds with humility and grace. The person chosen will receive an award and a gift card. We are so excited about this award which will be given each year to a deserving person who Rises Up and reaches out to help others." The Good Samaritan Awards last year went to Mr. Charles Pearson.

You can call Tim's Gift at 592-1126 for more information about Rise UP – Reach Out.



Quiet Week for Election Filing



Freddie Butler filed for the office of Sheriff of Sampson County on Friday. He was surrounded by family and friends



Jerry Bradshaw filed for the office of Sampson County Clerk of Court on Friday. He was surrounded by family and friends



On Friday, Chris Fann filed for the office of Sampson County Clerk of Court. He was surrounded by family and friends

This week has been a quiet week at the Board of Elections with only three candidates coming in on Friday to register to be on the ballot. On Friday, Jerry Bradshaw filed for the Sampson County Clerk of Court office. Also filing for the Clerk of Court Office was Chris Fann.

Freddie Butler filed for the office of Sampson County Sheriff. Bradshaw, Fann and Butler all

had a large crowd of family and friends present for support.

February 28th at noon is the filing deadline and the Board of Elections is expecting a rush of last minute filers on Monday- Wednesday.

Turkey Federation Donates Turkeys



The Coastal Plains Chapter Of the National Wild Turkey Federation donated turkeys to Tim's Gift and to the Mount Vernon Church children's and youth missions groups. These turkeys went to families in need for Thanksgiving. Also turkeys were donated to the Sampson county 4-H in December for families in need for Christmas.

Pictured left to right is Adam Jordan, Vince Nelson, Cynthia Falatovich, and Charlene Strickland

Presentation at Tim's Gift: pictured left to right is Vince Nelson, LC Jones, Becky Spell Vann, Jennifer Brewer and Donnie Lamm



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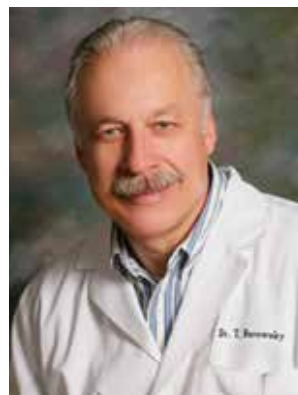
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Mama Was Right – Eat Your Vegetables



by R. Thomas Barowsky, MD



When your mother told you to eat your vegetables and you'll grow up big and strong and when she tossed you a piece of fruit instead of a candy bar for a snack, she was setting you up to have healthy eyes for the rest of your life. Let's face it, as a kid most of us hated veggies. My sister wouldn't come within a mile of a green pea if she could avoid it. I still can't stand the sight, smell or even the thought of a brussel sprout. Such was my childhood. But, two studies from the Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins University and the School of Public Health at the University of Wisconsin seem to make the point that Mama knew what was good for you.

Both studies looked at dietary habits as part of two long term studies. In the Wilmer study the researchers considered how participants, both men and women, were affected by fish and shellfish consumption when it came to age related macular edema (ARMD/SMD) and in the Wisconsin study researchers looked at an overall healthy diet and its effect on reducing the development of cataracts in women.

The Wilmer study was a population of men and women

between 65 and 84 years old. They answered extensive questionnaires about their diet over the most recent one year period. After removing those who had recently made dramatic changes in their diet during the past year, the researchers found that participants who ate one or more servings per week of fish and shellfish that were high in omega-3 fatty acids had a reduced risk of advanced ARMD/SMD as compared to those participants who ate fish or shellfish less regularly. Dr. Susan Bressler, MD, who headed the study, found that elevated consumption of fish and seafood high in omega-3 fatty acids, such as crab and oysters, had a protective effect on the risk of advanced ARMD/SMD. She feels that more research is needed to fully understand the mechanism for this protective effect because it is well known that these fatty acids are highly concentrated in the retina. She recommends that ARMD/SMD patients fully discuss their dietary options with their ophthalmologist. It will be interesting to see how this study compares to the large number of studies that have shown the benefit of omega-3 fatty acids found in seed products such as flax, bilberry, etc.

The University of Wisconsin study looked at the eating habits, lifestyle and health behavior of former participants in the Women's Health Initiative. Six years after the conclusion of the study participants from three areas nationwide were invited back for photographs of their eyes. What they found was that 20% of the women who scored the lowest in diet scores (had the least healthy diet) had a 150% increase risk for the development of cataracts or for having had cataract surgery. Those women who scored the highest and had diets with the greatest intake in fruits and vegetables and lower intake of fats had a much lower incidence of cataracts.



Fruits and vegetables are high in a compound called lutein. This is another compound found in high concentrations in the retina. Because of its job protecting the retina from light damage, it may also play a role in protecting the lens from the same damage.

The general conclusion from the Wisconsin study was that by changing one's diet to include more fruits and vegetables one could substantially lower the risk of cataract development. Since men typically have much lower diet scores than women the researchers concluded that men could show a much greater decline in cataract development than was seen in the women of the study by modifying their diet.

So, if you eat more fish and shellfish (deep fried doesn't count), eat your leafy greens and grab an apple instead of a candy bar you will help your eyes to continue to brightly see the world around you.

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.

Paramedic Program a Lifesaver for Students



Kimberly Owens (L) administers intravenous therapy (IV) under the supervision of Magill

Sampson Community College has a long history of sending out quality candidates to serve as first responders in their communities, Basic Law Enforcement Training being one of the most popular.

Now, SCC is planning to send paramedics to the rescue with its Paramedic Curriculum Program.

The course introduces the fundamental principles of pharmacology and medication administration and is required for paramedic certification.

Angela Magill, she herself a paramedic and the Department Chair for EMS programs, says there's a big difference between reading a book about what to do and actually doing it. "Smaller classes make hands-on learning have a bigger impact on the student," she says.

Topics include medical terminology, pharmacological concepts, weights, measures, drug calculations, vascular access

for fluids and medication administration and legislation.

Kimberly Owens is in her first semester of the program and agrees that interactive training makes learning fun. This week, Owens is studying the pharmacology portion of the course.

When she finishes, she will be able to accurately calculate drug dosages, properly administer medications, and possess a general knowledge of pharmacology.

For more information about this program, contact Magill at 910-900-4009.

About Sampson Community College: Sampson Community College is a member of the North Carolina Community College System, located in Clinton, NC in Sampson County. The college offers many programs to include two-year degrees, college transfer, continuing education and workforce development options and early college education.

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FAITH

How Much Is A Miracle?

Tess was a precocious eight-year-old when she heard her Mom and Dad talking about her little brother, Andrew. All she knew was that he was very sick, and they were completely out of money. They were moving to an apartment complex next month because Daddy didn't have the money for the doctor bills and their house.

Only a very costly surgery could save Andrew now and it was looking like there was no one to loan them the money. She heard Daddy say to her tearful Mother with whispered desperation, "Only a miracle can save him now."

Tess went to her bedroom and pulled a glass jelly jar from its hiding place in the closet. She poured all the change out on the floor and counted it carefully. Three times, even. The total had to be exactly perfect. No chance here for mistakes. Carefully placing the coins back in the jar and twisting on the cap, she slipped out the back door and made her way six blocks to Rexall's Drug Store with the big red Indian Chief sign above the door.

She waited patiently for the pharmacist to give her some attention, but he was too busy at that moment. Tess twisted her feet to make a scuffing noise. Nothing. She cleared her throat with the most disgusting sound she could muster. No good. Finally, she took a quarter from her jar and banged it on the glass counter. That did it!

"And what do you want?" the pharmacist asked in an annoyed tone of voice. "I'm talking to my brother from Chicago whom I haven't seen in ages," he said without waiting for a reply to his question.

"Well, I want to talk to you about MY brother," Tess answered back in the same annoyed tone. "He's really, really sick...and I want to buy a miracle."

"I beg your pardon?" asked the pharmacist.

"His name is Andrew, and he has something bad growing inside of his head, and my Daddy says only a miracle can save him now. So how much does a miracle cost?"

"We don't sell miracles here, little girl. I'm sorry but I can't help you," the pharmacist said softening a little.

"Listen, I have some money to pay for it. If it isn't enough, I will get the rest. Just tell me how much it costs."

The pharmacist's brother was a well-dressed man. He came forward, stooped down and asked the little girl, "What kind of a miracle does your brother need?"

"I don't know," Tess replied with her eyes welling up. I just know he's really sick and Mommy says he needs an operation. But, my Daddy can't pay for it, so I want to use my money."

"How much do you have?" asked the man from Chicago. "One dollar and eleven cents." Tess answered barely audibly. "And it's all the money I have, but I can get some more if I need to."

"Well, what a coincidence," smiled the man. "A dollar and eleven cents...the exact price of a miracle for little brothers." He



took her money in one hand and with the other hand he grasped her mitten and said, "Take me to where you live. I want to see your brother and meet your parents. Let's see if I have the kind of miracle you need."

That well-dressed man was Dr. Carlton Armstrong, a surgeon, specializing in neuro-surgery. The operation was completed without charge. And it wasn't long until Andrew was home again and doing well. Mom and Dad were happily talking about the chain of events that had led them to this place.

"That surgery," Mom whispered, "was a real miracle. I wonder how much it would have cost?"

Tess smiled. She knew exactly how much a miracle cost... one dollar and eleven cents... plus the faith of a little child.

My appreciation to Mrs. Iris Kennedy for sharing this. The validity of this story is undetermined. Whether it's true or not, does not diminish the value of the message...nor the faith of a child.



By Martha Pierce



John 8:31-32, "So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue in my word, you really are my disciples." You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Can you imagine being charged with a crime you didn't commit and serving 39 years in prison for the conviction of that crime. For one person they did more than just imagine it they lived out that horror. Recently I read an article about a gentleman named Craig Coley. Coley was wrongly convicted of the 1978 double-murder of a woman and her child, and released from prison on the basis of DNA evidence was pardoned by California Governor Jerry Brown, in Simi Valley, California.

You might be surprised that more than 350 people have been exonerated by DNA testing in the United States since 1989, according to New York-based The Innocence Project, which helps people who were wrongfully convicted. On average, convicts who were freed had served 14 years in prison when exonerated. These individuals knew the truth, but until the truth was discovered by the judicial system they remained behind the prison bars.

Winston Churchill stated, "The truth is incontrovertible. Malice may attack it, ignorance may deride it, but in the end, there it is." Truth, real truth, doesn't change even if you don't believe it. It is called truth because it is true, and you can trust it as truth. Truth can be hidden, covered up and misplaced, but real truth

can never perish.

The psalmist David wrote in Psalm 119:29-32, "Remove from me the way of lying: and grant me thy law graciously. I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid before me. I have stuck unto thy testimonies: O Lord, put me not to shame. I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart." What did the David ask God to help him avoid? Why did David say he set his heart on God's law? What can truth do?

Where can you find truth? A portion of John 8:32 is often quoted, even engraved into the sides of some universities, "The truth will set you free." Many people don't realize that they are the words of Jesus. More importantly, they don't know what He said just before those words. The condition to being set free is to follow Jesus and His teachings. How are you putting real truth into your life? How does being a disciple of Jesus Christ set you free? Truth does not mean knowledge. Truth means Jesus Christ is the only way to God. We should follow Jesus and in doing so we are following the truth.

I encourage you this week to hold tight to the truth of Jesus. Maybe Satan has convinced you that nothing will set you free from the prison of sin. Perhaps you haven't pickup up a Bible lately to discover how Jesus sets the captive free. It's not too late to call upon Jesus and accept the free gift of grace. Satan has to release his hold on your life when the evidence of your conversion has been presented.



Rev. Ken Smith

Remembering Billy Graham

I wish I could write a great narrative of Billy Graham's story, share some profound thoughts on how his ministry has formed and shaped mine, but my words would be few. The truth is, Billy Graham's "heyday" was before my time. As a young person who grew up hearing the name and knowing he was a great figure of the Christian faith, my interaction with his crusades and preaching is limited to reruns on obscure Christian

television stations. I have a book that he wrote, not purchased by me, but given to me by an older Christian lady. Admittedly, I've never read it.

While I can't say that his ministry has shaped my own, I can say with confidence that his reach has shaped my worldview. My grandparents watched Billy Graham, my parents watched Billy Graham, preachers in the churches where I have attended have; and while I may have never sat down to watch a full sermon or read a book those who raised me did.

The impact of the small town North Carolina native impacted not just presidents and pastors, but almost anyone who had seen or heard him preach. Because Billy Graham never wavered in his preaching the gospel of Christ and the cross, he laid the foundation of unchanging truth and transformation for many who would come to faith. Because he preached boldly and fearlessly with an almost perfectly crafted message, he impacted culture as a moral presence, keeping the gospel out in front of the public. As our na-



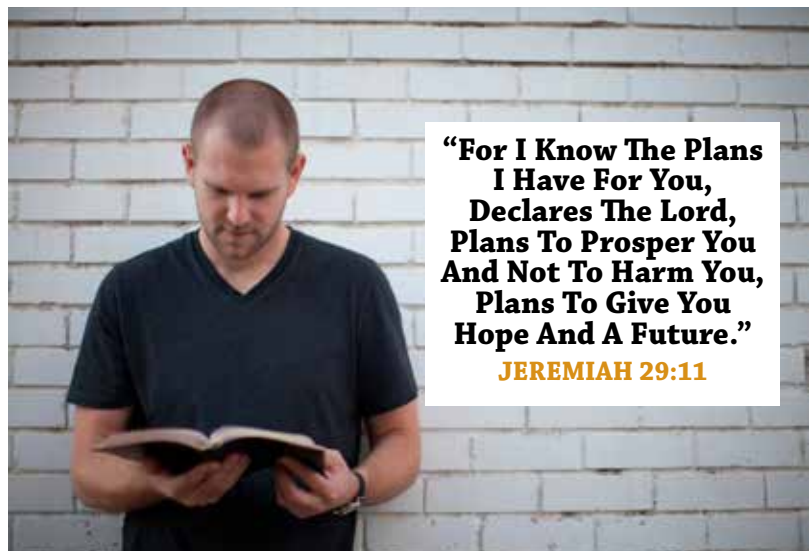
tion has progressed away from the Judeo-Christian values it was founded upon, perhaps Graham's presence on national radio and television helped slow that trend. Perhaps because of Graham, many in my generation and younger were able to grow up and live in communities that still held respect for Christian morality and principles.

Not only do those who grieve the loss of Graham grieve for a family, grieve for someone they have come to know, love and respect, but also grieve the loss of Graham's presence in our country. May God raise up more Billy Graham's to boldly proclaim truth in a dark world.

by Will Matthews



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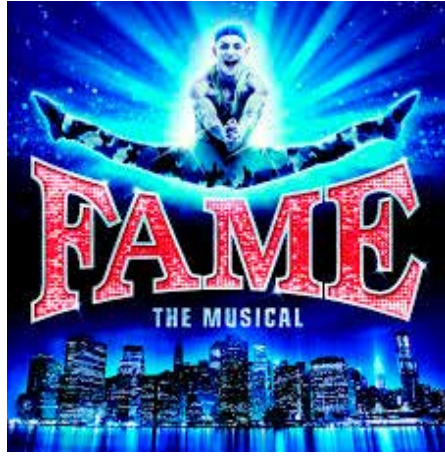
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What's Happening at SCT

By Angela Martin

Rehearsals begin for FAME the Musical



Rehearsals are underway for our second musical of the year, FAME. FAME is a musical that is loosely based on the popular tv series of the 1980s that follows high school students at High School for the Performing Arts. With a cast of 35 students, the show will be fun, fast-paced and filled with high-energy dances. One of our characters is Scholmo Metzenbaum. This character is the son of a famous violinist and is shy but a very talented musician. The character is being portrayed by Eli Bradley - who is homeschooled and a senior who is very musically gifted himself. He has been in numerous productions at SCT including, The Addams Family as Lurch and Troy Bolton in High School Musical. The production will be April 20-29 and is directed by Angela Martin and proudly sponsored by Performance Dodge.

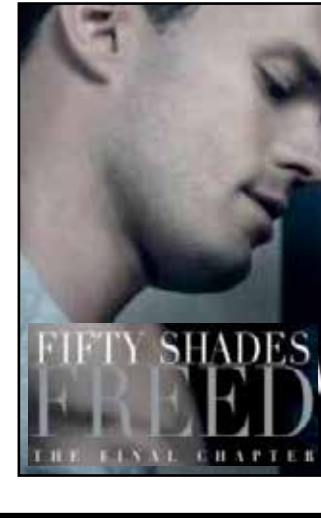
The SCT Summer Workshop is still accepting applicants - this two week camp is being directed by Angela Martin and the children will perform Annie, Jr. at the end of the two weeks. If you would like to know more information please call 910-379-8737 or 910-990-4510.

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Rated: R for strong sexual content, nudity, and language
 Believing they have left behind shadowy figures from their past, newlyweds Christian and Ana fully embrace an inextricable connection and shared life of luxury. But just as she steps into her role as Mrs. Grey and he relaxes into an unfamiliar territory, new threats could jeopardize their happy ending before it begins.

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BLACK PANTHER
 NOW SHOWING
Rated PG-13 for prolonged sequences of action violence, and a brief rude gesture
 After the events of "Captain America: Civil War," T'Challa returns home to the isolated, technologically advanced African nation of Wakanda to take his place as King. However, when an old enemy reappears on the radar, T'Challa's mettle as King and Black Panther is tested when he is drawn into a conflict that puts the entire fate of Wakanda and the world at risk.

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Rated: PG-13 for adventure action, suggestive content and some language
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Veggie Sammies with Peanut Butter Satay Sauce

Recipe courtesy of Ben M., San Francisco, California

Serves: 2

- 4 tablespoons creamy peanut butter
- 3 tablespoons lime juice
- 2 tablespoons water
- 4 teaspoons hoisin sauce
- 2 teaspoons soy sauce
- 2 teaspoons sriracha
- 2 French baguette rolls (6 inches each)
- 1/2 cup sliced cucumber

- 1/2 cup white onion
- 1/2 cup red bell pepper
- 1/2 cup purple cabbage
- 1/2 cup fresh cilantro

In small bowl, combine peanut butter, lime juice, water, hoisin sauce, soy sauce and sriracha. Mix well.

Spread sauce on both sides of bread then layer with cucumber, onion and bell pepper. Top with cabbage and cilantro leaves.



Graceland Mini Cupcakes

Recipe courtesy of Linda D., Coconut Creek, Florida

Serves: 36

Cupcakes:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 4 ripe bananas
- 1/2 cup light sour cream
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 3/4 cups sugar
- 2 large eggs, at room temperature
- 1 large egg white, at room temperature
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Peanut Butter Filling:

- 1/4 cup creamy peanut butter

Bacon Topping:

- 4 slices bacon
- 1/2 cup brown sugar

Frosting:

- 8 ounces low-fat cream cheese
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 3/4 cups confectioners' sugar

Heat oven to 350 F. Line cupcake tins with paper liners and lightly spray with cooking spray.

To make batter: In medium bowl, combine flour, baking powder and salt. Stir to combine and set aside.

In small bowl, mash bananas and add sour cream. Mix well and set aside.

Using electric hand mixer, beat butter, oil and sugar until incorporated, about 3-5 minutes. Add eggs, egg white and vanilla. Mix until combined. Slowly add half the dry ingredients and mix until almost incorporated. Add sour cream and banana mixture and gently fold into batter. Add rest of dry ingredients until combined.

Spoon batter into lined cupcake pans. Bake 18-20 minutes and let cool.

After cooling about 30-45 minutes, use paring knife to cut small circle in middle of top of cupcakes and remove plug, creating a well about halfway down cupcake. Add peanut butter to piping bag and fill each hole. Set aside.

In medium bowl, dredge both sides of bacon slices in brown sugar. Place on foil-lined baking sheet; bake 10 minutes. Flip and bake another 6-8 minutes. Remove bacon from oven and place on plate to cool. Once cool, chop bacon and set aside.

To make frosting: In large bowl, combine cream cheese, butter, peanut butter and vanilla extract. Mix until combined. Add confectioners' sugar and mix until well-combined.

Add frosting to piping bag. Pipe a dollop of frosting onto each cupcake and sprinkle with candied bacon pieces.



Peanut Apple Chicken Curry

Recipe courtesy of Jess A., Berkeley, California

Serves: 4

Sauce:

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoons curry powder
- 1/4 cup scallions, chopped
- 1 cup creamy peanut butter
- 2 teaspoons rice wine vinegar
- 1 3/4 cups apple juice
- 1 3/4 cups coconut milk
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper (optional)

Chicken:

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 small yellow onion, chopped
- 1 1/2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breast, cut into 1-inch strips
- 1 medium apple, peeled, cored and chopped

salt, to taste
pepper, to taste
cooked rice (optional)

To make sauce: In medium to large saucepan, heat oil over medium heat. Add garlic, curry powder and scallions. Saute 1 minute.

Add peanut butter, vinegar, apple juice, coconut milk, brown sugar and cayenne. Bring to simmer, reduce heat and cook over low heat, stirring frequently, about 10-15 minutes.

Meanwhile, in large skillet, heat oil. Add onion and stir fry about 2-3 minutes until onions start to become opaque.

Add chicken and apples, and stir until chicken is cooked completely. Add peanut sauce and cook until heated evenly, about 2-5 minutes. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Serve warm over rice, if desired.



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HCA's Marcus Boykin

Making All The Right Moves



excited about it and thankful that my coaches thought enough about me to even nominate me."

The honor is that much more special because it is Boykin's first year at Harrells.

The standout began the 2017-18 school year at Harrells Christian Academy after transferring from Clinton High School, where he also played basketball and football (as quarterback and running back) for the Dark Horses.

"The transition coming from Clinton High to here has been an easy one for me," Boykin admits.

"Everyone here has been so welcoming and so inviting. That really made it smooth for me and I have really been enjoying my time here."

Born and raised in Clinton, Boykin's foray into sports came as far back as he can remember.

"I grew up in the gym," he explained. "My dad (Tim) worked at the Sampson Center (in Clinton) and he would pick us up and that is where we would be. So, I have always played basketball. I am used to conditioning (in basketball)."

Boykin played basketball and football at Clinton Parks and Recreation.

"I was really a football star in rec ball," he admits. "I really enjoyed it."

The young athlete also played travel AAU Basketball with Durham Hurricanes.

"I've played it my whole life," Boykin said. "It is different from high school basketball and it has been important to me and has helped me. I have seen improvement in my game."

Boykin says he plans on continuing to play with the Hurricanes this season too.

One sport he stopped playing was football.

"I stopped playing in my 10th grade year," Boykin admits. "I had some minor injuries and it was just one day, I decided that I wanted to stop playing - I wanted to focus on playing basketball."

Although he has developed his own style of play for the most part, Boykin said that he is a fan of NBA legends Derrick Rose ("For his intensity and explosiveness") and Allen Iverson ("Because of how shifty he can be. He can beat anyone on the floor").

The Crusader standout said that his ultimate dream would be to play professionally.

"I would love to play professionally, if that opportunity presented itself," Boykin admits. "I know it would take so much work to get there, but if it came true, I would love to play with De'Aaron Fox, he is my favorite player."

Boykin has two more full years of school, but he already knows he wants to play basketball in college.

"I haven't really considered any schools yet," he said. "But I know for sure that I want to play basketball in college. I haven't even thought about what I want to major in, but I know that will all happen soon enough."

Boykin has already made a major decision in his life.

Coming to Harrells Christian Academy was an incredibly mature move for the 16-year-old.

"Well, I really wasn't doing so well in the books (at Clinton High School)," he admits. "I was being distracted by my friends. So, I needed a positive move and I needed to get help (with grades) because I needed it."

It is a decision Boykin has not regretted for a second.

"It is great to be here at Harrells," he said. "I love the people here and I feel like they love me too. I am getting the help that I need, and I have been improving with my grades ... It's the best move I ever made."

Boykin, who says his favorite subject is Math, is now boasting a 'B' average in his classes.

The move to Harrells was fully supported by his family (mother Nicole; father Tim; older brother Michael, who is a sophomore at Barton College; and sister Mikayla, who is a freshman at Duke).

"My family has always been very supportive," Boykin said. "My parents have always been there and have done everything they can to help me out."

In addition to his parents, family and Beth Griffin, Boykin said he also wanted to thank his coaches and teammates at Harrells.

"They have really been supportive to me on this journey," he said. "Right from the start I got a good feeling about this school. I just wanted to thank everyone for accepting me into this school."

It was a rebuilding season of sorts for the Harrells Christian Crusaders Men's Basketball Team. The team, that finished the season at 12-11 overall and 3-5 in the conference, falling 72-54 to Northside Christian Academy in the first round of the NCISAA 2-A State Playoffs last week.

The team, which had just four seniors, three juniors and two sophomores, played well, despite their youth, gave competitors headaches and were never blown out during the season.

"I think once we got a few games into the season, we got more comfortable with each other," said first-year point guard Marcus Boykin. "Once we started communicating on the court, we played well despite the final score ... We all know we have a lot of work to do to get ready for next season."

The 16-year-old Boykin, a sophomore, has been named this week's Performance Auto/Sampson Weekly Star Athlete of the Week.

Throughout 23 games this season, Boykin was a force for the Christian Crusaders. He averaged 17.3 points, 7.3 rebounds, 2 steals, and 2.1 blocks per game.

When told his coaches voted to nominate him for this week's honor, Boykin admits he was stunned.

"I am really shocked about it," he said. "I am really

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104-55 (W)

02/16 James Kenan
60-30 (W)

Women

02/14 James Kenan
40-42 (L)

02/08 East Duplin
35-71 (L)

Harrells Christian

Men
02/13 North Christian
54-72 (L)

02/09 Coastal Christian
63-68 (L)

Women

02/06 Coastal Christian
24-41 (L)

02/01 Fayetteville Academy
24-32 (L)

Hobpton High School

Men
02/13 North Duplin
66-74 (L)
02/08 Lakewood
53-72 (L)

Women

02/12 Lakewood
06-61 (L)

02/08 Lakewood
30-62 (L)

Lakewood High School

Men
02/16 Rosewood
55-80 (L)

02/15 Princeton
67-58 (W)

Women
02/20 Southside
74-57 (W)

02/16 Neuse Charter
51-47 (L)

Midway High School

Men
02/13 Goldsboro
48-72 (L)
02/08 Goldsboro
47-96 (L)

02/07 Wallace Rose Hill
51-64 (L)

Women
02/20 North Johnston
59-37 (W)
02/15 Goldsboro
51-52 (L)

Union High School

Men
02/20 Ocracoke
57-68 (L)
02/13 Lakewood
51-60 (L)

02/08 Neuse Charter
86-84 (W)

Women
02/12 Rosewood
46-47 (L)

02/08 Neuse Charter
27-70 (L)

Barrett Sloan Named New Head Coach of Leopard Football

In March of last year, long-time Lakewood High School Athletic Director James Lewis decided to step down as Athletic Director at the school.

“Next year, I will start my 32nd year in education,” Lewis explained at the time last year. “I was debating whether to go ahead and retire altogether. But we came up with a plan and it will allow me to take some duties off and spend a little more time at home.”

Last summer, Darren Hulen, who has been at Lakewood High for just over a decade, took over the athletic director position from Lewis.

An inspired Lewis went on to coach the Lakewood Leopard Varsity Football team to a third-round appearance in the NCHSAA 1-A State Playoffs, falling to John A. Holmes High School.

Not only was it the second consecutive year that the Leopards made an appearance in the third round of the state playoffs, the team tied the school record for wins (at 11); had a 7-0 shutout record at home; eight shutouts this season; scoring an average of 34 points per game; and gave up a paltry 12 points per game.

Lewis also made the decision to make last season his final one as coach too.

On Tuesday of this week, officials at Lakewood High School made the announcement that Barrett Sloan as the new head coach of the Leopards football team, replacing Lewis.

Sloan, who is currently at Harnett Primary School, is a graduate of Midway High School, where he played quarterback under his father Coach Tommy Sloan.

“I am beyond excited that God has placed this opportunity in my life,” Barrett said on his Facebook page Tuesday. “Truly, I am blessed.”

Sloan graduated from East Carolina University with a B.S. degree in Health and Physical Education and is currently seeking a Master’s in Education at East Carolina University. Coach Sloan is currently employed by Harnett County Schools, and coaching football and baseball at Triton High School.

“Coach Sloan got his start coaching football at Lakewood, while completing his internship,” noted a LHS Press Release. “He was an instant fit on the Leopard coaching staff. He will take over a successful program led by Coach James Lewis, who retired after leading the Leopards for the last 21 years. Lakewood High School welcomes Coach Sloan and knows he will bring passion and enthusiasm to our program.”





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Harrells Christian Academy Places 3rd Overall in Regional Science Olympiad Competition



Harrells, NC - The HCA Science Olympiad team competed this past weekend at the Kinston Regional tournament with great success, bringing home medals in 13 events and placing 3rd overall. This win qualifies HCA to the State Science Olympiad at NCSU this April.

Head Coach Dee Canady, HCA's Chemistry teacher, says, "This year we faced some unusual challenges, and it is amazing that we performed as well as we did. While most of our competition had 18-member teams, ours this year was a 13-member team, so our students had to prepare for as many as four events. Additionally, the Kinston Regional was a month earlier than normal, so each of our team members had to prepare for both the State Beta Club competition and Science Olympiad the very next week. I can't tell you how proud I am of these students. They worked on their own time and exceeded my expectations."

First held in North Carolina in 1974, Science Olympiad is one of the premier science competitions in the nation, providing rigorous, standards-based challenges to 7,600 teams in 50 states. Science Olympiad's ever-changing line-up of events in all STEM disciplines exposes students to practicing scientists and career choices and energizes classroom teachers with a dynamic content experience. Harrells Christian Academy students won in the following events:

1st place
Anatomy & Physiology: Brayden Sutton, Miranda Wells
Helicopters: Ellie Carone, Kyra Gensel
Hovercraft: Stefani Boussais, Mary Lila Blackburn
Thermodynamics: Cameron Simpson, Brayden Sutton
Towers: Jackson Hall, Seth Harrell

2nd place
Codebusters: Will DeAndrade, Jackson Hall, Kaleb Jessup
Microbe Mission: Cameron Simpson, Miranda Wells
Mission Possible: Kyra Gensel, Kaleb Jessup
Ping Pong Parachute: Ellie Carone, Miranda Wells
Remote Sensing: Seth Harrell, Cameron Simpson

3rd place
Forensics: Ivey Rouse, Cameron Simpson

5th place
Amazing Mechatronics: Kaleb Jessup, Kyra Gensel
Ecology: Stefani Boussais, Mary Lila Blackburn

This is the last year that Mrs. Canady will coach the Harrells Science Olympiad team as she is retiring at the end of this year. She says, "I am so glad that I have been able to bring this to Harrells. It has been fun. I love seeing that "light bulb" when students have to take their theoretical knowledge and really apply it to a helicopter or a tower. It is so beneficial. I will really miss working with the students."

Cross that off the list



The Colemans (L) were thankful they found Godbold (R) and Garcia.

From building actual houses to producing top cops in the region, Sampson Community College seemingly does it all—and helping a church in need is no exception.

The Journey of Dunn church in contacted SCC welding instructor, Dale Godbold and needed some help.

"We looked everywhere and we could not find a place that would or could create an aluminum cross for our church," Candace Coleman of Journey said. "We had no idea even how much it would cost or where to turn to get it done." That's when she and her husband, Ben Coleman, reached out to Godbold through a student that the Colemans knew at SCC.

Welding perfect 90-degree angles using lightweight aluminum to perfection might seem to be an easy task for someone who has never done it but for the fact that Coleman couldn't find anyone to hire to do it demonstrates otherwise.

Godbold, a welder for more than four decades, enlisted the assistance of his student, David Garcia and created the cross which will be displayed on a wall at The Journey of Dunn.

"This thing reflects light very well," said Godbold. "It's easy to hang and very light-weight. After some minor cleaning, it will be awesome to look at." Godbold says he welcomes projects like this for the community because of the experience and training students are able to gain as a result.

After purchasing the materials to supply the project, The Journey of Dunn will finally be able to cross this project off their list.

For more information about SCC's welding classes, visit www.sampsoncc.edu

Ready for next session

Jeanette Rackley, Student Services Assistant, helps students with information this week at Sampson Community College. Mini-mesters, which are 8-week versions of classes, begin at SCC on March 5th. Students taking these classes must attend an orientation February 28th and pay for classes by March 2nd. Or more information on these classes, contact 910-592-8081 or visit the website at sampsoncc.edu



SCC beefs up hands-on training



Students from the Beef Production class at Sampson Community College visited a local beef farm on Thursday to see firsthand what happens on a beef farm. Sampson County resident and local farmer, Mr. Franklin Lindsay, allowed the Animal Science class to help "work the cows" and students were able to experience beef management practices such as ear tagging, vaccinations, implanting, and castration techniques of cattle. Successful cattle farming requires such practices and hands-on learning is essential to completely understand the process of raising cattle. This type of hands-on training has become a staple at SCC. For more information about the Animal Science department at SCC, contact Chet Bass at cbass@sampsoncc.edu or (910) 900-4027.

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Pack & Troop 133 Promote Civic Responsibility



Helping youth is a key to building a more conscientious, responsible and productive society. The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations, providing programs for young people that build character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness. That too remains the goal of Pack and Troop 133 of Clinton.

The first African American Boy Scout Troop was formed in 1911 in Elizabeth City, NC. As with many activities by African Americans of that day, the troop was immediately met with opposition. But with persistence the group continued to meet and young black boys continued to join across the state. By 1926, there were an estimated 5,000 black Scouts in 240 Troops.

Since then, many African American boys have gone on to great things after getting their start in Scouts. John H. Johnson, Boy Scout and magazine publisher. Johnson founded the Johnson Publishing Company, which went on to produce Ebony and Jet magazines, among others. A former Boy Scout, Johnson often met with Scouts in the Chicago area to describe how Scouting helps low-income communities find a bridge out of poverty.

Colin Powell, Boy Scout and former Secretary of State. Powell, former U.S. Secretary of State and a retired four-star Army general, was in Boy Scouts as a young man. Ernest Green, Distinguished Eagle Scout and member of the Little Rock Nine. Green made history as a member of the Little Rock Nine. That was the name given to the first black students ever to attend classes at Little Rock Central High School in Arkansas. In 1958, Green became the first African-American student to graduate from the high school. In 1999, he was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal by President Bill Clinton.

Guion Bluford, Eagle Scout and the first African-American in space. After serving in the Air Force for 13 years, Bluford set his sights on space. He was named an astronaut and, in 1983, became the first African-American in space. In all, he logged four space flights totaling 688 hours.

And perhaps most famously, Martin Luther King Jr., Boy Scout and civil rights pioneer. King, the American civil rights hero, was a Boy Scout. From age 11 to age 13, King was registered as a member of Troop 151 in Atlanta. The troop met at Ebenezer Baptist Church, now part of the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site.

In Clinton, NC that legacy of helping mold you boys and teens into responsible, civic minded young adults and future leaders of our community continues in the form of Pack 133 and Troop 133 of Clinton.

Cub Scout and Boy Scout Troop 133 was originally organized in March 2015 by Dr. Rodney Sessoms and the Omega Psi Phi

Fraternity. With just 6 Cub Scouts, the Troop has continued to serve the Clinton Community and today has 16 Cub Scouts and 3 Boy Scouts.

Andrews Chapel Missionary Baptist Church and Pastor Gerald Underwood represent Boy Scout Troop 133 and Dr. Ted Thomas and Omega Psi Phi now represent Cub Scout Troop 133. Willie Mitchell serves as Scout Representative and has endeavored to continue the Troops growth and service to our community.

According to Mitchell, the purpose of Troop 133 is, "to build and develop character in our boys. Develop spiritual growth, good citizenship, sportsmanship and fitness, encourage personal achievement and have fun and adventure."

Mitchell says he hopes the Troop sets an example of civic responsibility for other non-scouting youth and encourages other youth to join. "We participate in a lot of community activities," adds Mitchell, "and I think the biggest thing is for other kids to see my Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts doing things like that, civic duties, and set an example for them that they would want to join the Scouts also."

Pastor Underwood says that growing up in a larger city like Baltimore, he was familiar with Scouts, but moving here in 1976 there wasn't any Scouting opportunities for the African American community.

Today, Troop 133 is organized under the Coharie District of the Tuscarora Council. Mitchell says his Troop attends Camp Tuscarora 3 times a year and offers other outings and excursions every few months. The Troop meets twice a month at

Andrews Chapel Missionary Baptist Church with meeting normally lasting an hour depending on activities.

Mitchell says the Troop is currently preparing for a Downhill Derby, a long-held Scouting tradition.

Pastor Underwood explains that the goal of Troop 133 is to help our youth find direction at a young age. "We want to try and target those guys at a young age and get them involved in something because we noticed that when they get to teenage years they find themselves getting into trouble with nothing to do. We want to get them involved in something positive and constructive."

Willie Mitchell adds that one of his missions is to make Troop 133 as visible as possible to the community. "We are in the Christmas Parade each year and we participate in the Veterans Day and Veterans Memorial each year. We also visit Mary Gran each Thanksgiving and Christmas to visit and hand out goodies. We also take an active role in helping to clean up our community."

Mitchell says that Troops today still follow the traditional handbook for scouting and continue the tradition of working toward receiving badges.

"We also offer a Health Fair and educational classes each year to teach communication skills and community involvement. We attend the Warsaw Banquet each year and participate in the Scout Olympics held at the History Museum each year.

Mitchell says that to be in Scouting takes dedication, not only from the Scout but also their parents. A parent or guardian must always be with a Cub Scout on excursions and like other activities youth are involved in, you have to make time to get kids to activities.

There is also a financial element to Scouting to pay for trips, uniforms and other items. Pastor Underwood says that church members and parents give financial support to keep it going, but additional support is always a need. To help support Scouting and Troop 133, you can contact Willie Mitchell or Pastor Gerald Underwood at Andrews Chapel Missionary Baptist Church.

"Our vision," says Mitchell, "is for every Cub Scout to become a Boy Scout, and every Boy Scout to become an Eagle Scout."

Willie Mitchell ended our interview on Troop 133 stating, "I constantly stress to my boys, if you get nothing else out of Scouting: Never tell a lie, always tell the truth even if it hurts. Be responsible, reliable and dependable. Don't blame others for your own mistakes... And when you speak with others, look them in the eye and always give a firm handshake."



PUZZLES & GAMES

The Weekly Crossword by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

1 At that time
 5 Hitching place
 9 Musical triad
 14 Gad about
 15 Brainchild
 16 Drive in Beverly Hills
 17 Nile bird
 18 Horse coloring
 19 Pond denizen
 20 When the troops go home
 22 How some things are overstated
 24 Reunion group
 25 Beauty's admirer
 26 Seasonal vehicle?
 28 As a result
 29 "___ showtime!"
 32 Toe woe
 33 Hopper, e.g.
 35 Barely beat
 36 Grammar topic
 38 A billion years
 39 Fluid build-up
 41 Vegas action
 42 Like Batman and Robin
 45 ___ and anon
 46 You-here link
 47 Part of a pot
 48 Terrence Howard series
 50 Squirrel's snack
 51 Castle enclosure
 52 Simple wind instrument
 55 Take back
 58 Coffeehouse draw

DOWN

59 Isabel Allende's "___ of My Soul"
 61 Alpine lift
 62 Article of faith
 63 Indian bread
 64 End of a threat
 65 Stockholm native
 66 Hunt and peck, e.g.
 67 Flood block

6 Olfactory assault
 7 Sargasso, e.g.
 8 Mandarin variety
 9 Wood preserver
 10 Raise
 11 4:1, e.g.
 12 Not walk straight
 13 Ellen role in two Pixar films
 21 Tail movement
 23 ___ to riches
 25 Indicate
 26 Reef explorer's gear
 27 Dweeb
 29 Certainly
 30 Microwave feature

31 Flat replacement
 34 Seat belt, e.g.
 37 Underfeed, perhaps
 40 2006 DiCaprio film, with "The"
 43 In a while
 44 Lands of an estate
 49 Bon ___ (witty remark)
 50 Packing heat
 52 Quaker ___
 53 Type of sock
 54 Best of the best
 55 Cut the crop
 56 Wine holder
 57 Leaves home?
 60 Vote against

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STR8TS

No. 374 Medium

9 2 6 3 2
 4 7
 3 7
 2 8
 3 1 6 9
 6 3
 8 4

Previous solution - Easy

1 2 3 8 7 4
 8 1 2 7 6 5
 4 5 3 8 9 7 6
 3 2 9 8 7 6 5
 4 8 7 6 5 9 3
 5 3 4 6 8 9 7
 6 5 4 3 2 1 8 9
 7 6 5 4 3 2 8
 8 7 6 4 3 2

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

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

SUDOKU

No. 374 Very Hard

2 8 6
 7 4 9 8 6
 3 2 4
 1 7 6
 8 4 5
 6 2 3
 7 1 9 8 6
 2 9

Previous solution - Tough

8 3 2 1 7 4 5 9 6
 9 4 7 2 5 6 3 1 8
 5 6 1 3 9 8 4 7 2
 6 1 9 5 3 7 8 2 4
 7 2 4 8 6 9 1 5 3
 3 5 8 4 2 1 9 6 7
 2 8 6 9 4 5 7 3 1
 4 7 5 6 1 3 2 8 9
 1 9 3 7 8 2 6 4 5

To complete Sudoku, fill the board by entering numbers 1 to 9 such that each row, column and 3x3 box contains every number uniquely.

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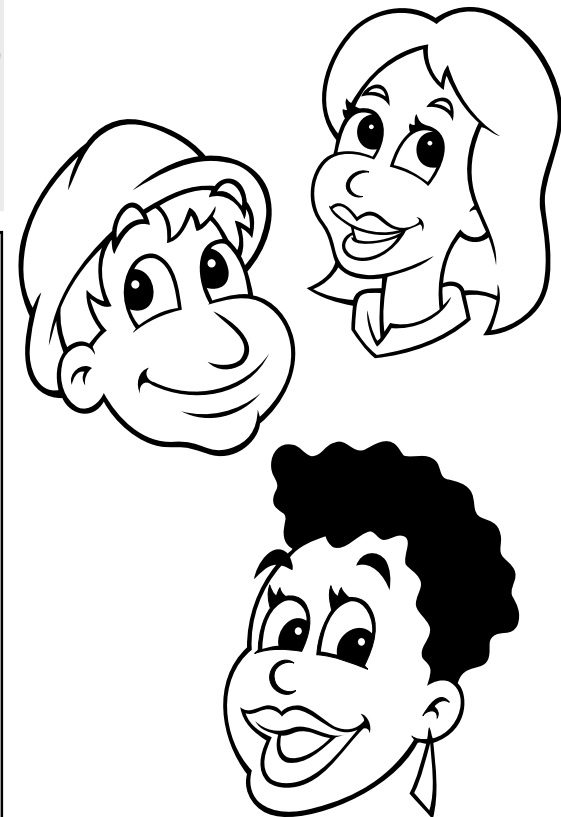
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ENGLISH: Breath
SPANISH: Respiración
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Did you know?

TEETH ARE MADE UP OF DIFFERENT LAYERS OF TISSUE. ENAMEL IS THE OUTER AND HARDEST LAYER.

OBITUARIES

DUNN

Mrs. Mary Page Bowling, 83, of Dunn died Thursday evening February 15, 2018 at her home. Mrs. Bowling was born November 14, 1934 in Sampson County daughter of the late E. Braxton and Opal Barefoot Page. She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Glenwood Page, Alfonza Page and sister, Mildred Hall. Mrs. Bowling was a member of Sansom Community Church. A funeral service was held 2 p.m. Saturday, February 17, 2018 at Sansom Community Church with Rev. Jerome Pope officiating. Entombment will follow at Devotional Gardens. Mrs. Bowling is survived by her husband of sixty-seven years, Billy Keith Bowling; daughter, Brenda Bowling Hobson and husband Larry of Erwin; son, Robert Keith Bowling and wife Deborah of Sneads Ferry; brothers, Richard Page of Dunn, Aaron Page and wife Diane of Dunn; sisters, Ruby Lee of Dunn, Mila Vae Matthews and husband Donald of Dunn; grandchildren, Brent Daniel Hobson and wife Lisa of Hampstead, Dustin Bowling of Sneads Ferry; great grandchildren, Connor, Riley and Braelyn Hobson. The family received friends 1-2 p.m. Saturday one hour prior to the service at Sansom Community Church. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Sansom Community Church, P.O. Box 97 Dunn, NC 28335.


CLINTON

Elliott Boykin, November 18, 1949 ~ February 13, 2018. On the morning of February 13, 2018 at Cape Fear Valley Hospital, God knew best when he called our beloved husband, father, grandfather and brother Elliott Boykin to come to his heavenly home. He was born on November 18, 1949 to the late Alexander (Little Bud) & Gladys Boykin in Clinton, NC. He attended Sampson High School; during his high school years he loved playing football, singing in the choir. Elliott was also known as the best dancer at Sampson High School. A Home Going Service was held at 1:00 pm on Saturday, February 17, 2018 at Big Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Ray Bolton officiating, burial followed in the Hillcrest Cemetery. Left to cherish his loving memories is his wife Mary Boykin of the home, children Toneika Murphy of Salemburg, NC, Elliott (Bud) Boykin of Charlotte, NC and LaToya (Shanta) Boykin of Clinton, NC, 8 Grandchildren, 3 Great-Grandchildren, Sisters: Barbara Murphy and Maggie Draughon both of Clinton, NC, Brothers: James Boykin (Niece) of Lumberton, NC, Robert Boykin of New Jersey, Eddie Boykin of Clinton, NC and Gary Boykin (Willette) of Garner, NC. A host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephew and other relatives and friends. A visitation was held on Friday, February 16, 2018 from 1:00pm - 6:00pm with family present from 6:00pm - 7:00pm at Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Service & Cremation, 1246 Hobbton Hwy. Clinton.


FAISON

Mr. Louis D. Faison, 70, of 184 David Bright Road, Faison, NC, passed away Sunday, February 18, 2018 at home. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, February 23, 2018 at Greater Six Runs Missionary Baptist Church, Turkey with Rev. Evelina Oliver officiating. Mr. Faison is survived by his DAUGHTERS-Petrillia Newman of Clinton, NC and Deborah Leven of Lewisport, KY; SISTERS-Nina Faison of Turkey, NC, Shirley Oates of Clinton, NC and Agnes Faison of Faison, NC; BROTHERS-Carl Lee Faison of Turkey, NC, James Lee Faison of GA and Eddie James Faison of Brooklyn, NY; 2 grandchildren. Visitation at Worley Funeral Home on Thursday, February 22, 2018, Public 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.


SALEMBURG

Ms. Lori Arlene Geary, 51, of Salemburg, passed away February 16, 2018 at Myrtle Beach, SC. Funeral services was held at 2:00 pm Tuesday, February 20, at Butler Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Rick McAfee officiating. Burial followed at Lafayette Memorial Park. She is preceded in death by her parents, Charles Beauregard and Norma Frances Gorton; and brother, Darrell Andrews. She is survived by her fiancé, Glen Colosky of the home; daughter, Lindsey Smith and husband, Michael of Fayetteville; step-daughter, Jennifer Marie Colosky Howard and husband, Robert of Fayetteville; step-sons, Christopher Glen Colosky and wife, Jamie of Lincolnton, NC, and Frankie Wayne Colosky and wife, Sherry of Salemburg; and grandchildren, Garrett Howard and Layla Colosky. The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 pm Monday, February 19, at Butler Funeral Home and other times at the home. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 6535 Clinton Road, Stedman, NC 28391.


DUNN

Betty Mae Lee, 83 of Dunn passed away on Saturday, February 17, 2018 surrounded by her family at Sampson Regional Hospital. Ms. Lee's funeral service was held on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at Blackman's Grove PFB Church in Dunn at 2:00 PM. The Rev. Ricky Lee and Rev. Ron Godwin officiated the service. Ms. Lee was laid to rest in the church cemetery. The family greeted friends at the funeral home on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 from 6 to 8 pm. Ms. Lee's survivors include her daughter, Kathy Henderson and husband Dennis of Kenansville, NC; her sons, Ricky Lee and wife Jackie of Dunn and Scott Lee and wife Donna of Dunn; grandchildren, Dustin Henderson and wife Amanda, Ricky Lee, Jr. and wife Hannah, Perry Lee and wife Jatana, and Allison Lee; great grandchildren, Jacob, Dakota, Taylor, Landyn, Mariah, Malorie, and Brantley. Ms. Lee was preceded in death by her parents, Hero and Lula Strickland; and a granddaughter, Katie Lee. Services have been entrusted to West & Dunn Funeral Home of Newton Grove, North Carolina.


LUMBERTON

Mr. Melvin "Coon Hunter" Eugene McLean 77 of 705 Wagon Loop Rd., Lumberton, NC died Friday, February 16, 2018 at Southeastern Regional Medical Center in Lumberton, NC. Mr. McLean was born February 28, 1940 in Robeson Co. the son of the late Talmadge E. McLean & Retha West McLean. He was preceded in death by one son, Jeffery McLean. He was retired Logger and avid Coon Hunter. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 P.M. Sunday, February 25, 2018 at Calvary Pentecostal Holiness Church, 5859 Tar Heel Rd., Lumberton, NC 28358, by the Pastor, Elbert Watson. Mr. McLean is survived by his wife, Emily McLean, three daughters, Cynthia McLean Coleman, Lisa McLean Parnell and Kristy



McLean Coleson., Two step-sons, Lorne Gause, Tim Gause, two step-daughters, Penny Gause Phillips, Nancy Caulder, one brother, Dennis McLean, three sisters, Brenda Chambers (David) Wanda McDuffie (Rudy) and Sharon West (Jack) 12 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren, and a host of extended family and friends. The family is receiving friends at the home of Emily McLean, 705 Wagon Loop Rd., Lumberton, NC

GREENSBORO

Ammie Lee Royal died on February 20, 2018 at Spring Arbor in Greensboro, NC after a long illness. Lee was 94. Spring Arbor staff were kind and loving caretakers of Lee for three years. Lee was born on October 19, 1923 and grew up in the eastern North Carolina village of Salemburg. His parents were Ranby Royal and Caroline Torrains Royal. Lee is survived by his wife of 62 years, Gertrude Pierce Royal, and their two daughters: Meredith Royal Jackson (husband Robert Jackson), Martha Royal Shafer (husband Don Shafer). Lee's grandchildren are: Charlotte Lee Jackson (husband Shin Bang), Samuel Jackson (wife Brittany Jackson), Virginia Shafer and Eleanor Shafer. Two great granddaughters round out the immediate clan: Susanna Bang and Marian Bang. Three of his brothers survive him: Kenneth (wife Mary Love Royal), Joe (wife Alice Royal) and Billy (wife Nancy Earl-Royal). An older brother, Ranby Royal, Jr is deceased as is his sister, Helen Royal Cook. Lee's funeral will be held in his boyhood home church, Salemburg Baptist Church in Salemburg, North Carolina on Sunday, February 25 at 3:00pm. Burial will follow in the Sunrise Memorial Gardens in Salemburg. The family will meet friends at the Butler Funeral Home in Roseboro, North Carolina on Saturday, February 24 from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. Lee spent his boyhood working in his father's general store and doing whatever farm chores he was big enough to do. Lee, early in life, became dependable, self-disciplined, and ambitious. He enjoyed his work in the Depression era store with barter for goods exchanged for eggs, etc. He sold everything from orange flannel bloomers to sugar and snuff. On Saturdays, he worked until midnight then arose early Sunday morning to deliver newspapers and go to church. He graduated from Salemburg high school in 1941. He worked briefly at an aircraft assembly plant in Baltimore before joining the US Navy. During his high school years, Lee went across the street from his home, to Pineland School for Girls and Edwards Military Institute. This fine boarding school had two years of college. Of his own volition, Lee, in his spare time during high school, took a full Business Course at Pineland. This act probably saved his life, as he was assigned to go to the Pacific war arena. He took the yeoman 1st class test and was reassigned to Germany as a yeoman 1st class. His Navy years in Germany were spent dealing with a cave full of presumed "spy" communication. His skill at this assignment led to an offer to cover the Nuremberg War Trials. To his later regret, 20 year old Lee chose to come home, not to stay for the trial in Nuremberg. As a GI Lee graduated from Wake Forest College with a Business major in 1950. The spirit of the college and the world of academia and scholarship were a transforming time in Lee's life. Lee came to Clinton, N.C. to be part of the family enterprise: Royal Furniture Company and Royal Funeral Home. His true work and his heart were in Civic and Church tasks; Lions club, Boy Scouts, Sunday School teacher, State Vice President of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Sampson County Fair, etc. During the 1954 Sampson County Fair, Lee, with courage, tact, kindness and a sense of what is right and fair was able to stage a racially-integrated Beauty Contest of representatives from diverse high school Beauty Queens. Lee had thought of and covered every detail. He made a difference. Lee and Gertrude Pierce, a local high school teacher, met at the local boarding house and married in 1956 for 62 years of a happy home. Lee was anxious to move on to challenges and opportunity, so he opened a Manpower, Inc. office in Charlotte, North Carolina - the first national temporary help firm in North Carolina. Over thirty years in the business, Lee's impeccable ethics, his management skills, his creativity and hard work, his business grew to nine offices in three states, employing several hundred people. He loved flying his plane from office to office until computers made his plane obsolete! Always ahead of the game, he promoted women, developed employees with potential and early on, established a profit sharing plan. He was respected by his employees and was a leader in the Manpower Inc. worldwide business, as he designed and implemented new programs for the company. Lee mentored many young people to and through their first jobs. He mentored and sponsored many business novices through their early struggles. In Charlotte for 53 years, Lee stayed involved in civic affairs and church. He is a Paul Harris Fellow of the Rotary Club, a member of the Rotary Foundation, a Distinguished Rotarian as a member of the Charlotte North Rotary Club where he was Program Chairman for three years. He was a trustee of Campbell University for 20 years and a trustee of Mars Hill University for 12 years. Both Schools have scholarships from Lee and Gertrude. Lee was a wonderful family man. He doted on his daughters. They had a motor bike, a horse, and whatever, but most of all they had a great Dad to take long walks and hold their hands. Lee and Gertrude adored each other, respected each other and had the greatest blessing of all: a happy home. Memorial gifts may be given to The Royal, Jackson, Shafer Family Scholarship at Mars Hill University, 100 Athletic St, Mars Hill, NC 28754. Services are by Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro.


DUNN

Julian "J.L." Thornton, 80, of Dunn passed away on Friday, February 16, 2018. A funeral service was held on Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 3:00 pm at Maple Grove United Methodist Church. Officiating the service was Rev. Walter Gaskins. Internment followed in the Maple Grove United Methodist Church Cemetery. The family received friends from 1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. at the church prior to the service on Thursday. Mr. Thornton's survivors are his Wife, of 58 years, Sue B. Thornton of Dunn, a daughter, Christy Thornton Hall & Clint of Fayetteville, grandchildren, Brock Thornton, Thomas, Max, & Sawyer, sisters, Shirley Sinclair & husband Eric of Dunn & Evelyn Bridges & husband Pete of Clayton, brothers, Allen Thornton & wife Ann of Wake Forest, James Thornton & wife Kay of Garner, and Larry Thornton & wife Isabella of Germany, sister-in-law ~ Jeanette Thornton of Newton Grove, several nieces & nephews. Mr. Thornton is preceded in death by: Parents ~Royal & Nancy Thornton and brothers ~ Glenn & Jimmy Thornton. Memorials may be made to Maple Grove United Methodist Church c/o Bethadell Sessoms 511 Red Hill Church Rd., Dunn, NC 28334 or charity of one's choice.


FAYETTEVILLE

Mrs. Alma Jean Atkins, 77 of Fayetteville, passed away Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. The funeral service will be held at 1:00 PM Saturday at Butler Funeral Home in Stedman with Dr. Kelly Bullard officiating. Burial will follow in the Lafayette Memorial Park. Mrs. Atkins was a native of Sampson County, the daughter of the late Leon and Carrie Amen Parson. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jadie Atkins. She was retired from Fiber Industries. She is survived by her daughter, Teresa Brantley of Autryville; granddaughter, Ashley Brisson and husband, Casey of Stedman; two great grandchildren, Logan Brisson and Gage Brisson. The family will receive friends

from 12:00 until 12:45 on Saturday at the funeral home. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 6535 Clinton Road, Stedman, NC 28391.

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

Mrs. Evelyn Barrows, 79, of Virginia Beach, VA, passed away on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at home. The funeral service was held at 12pm, Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at Snow Hill Baptist Church, Ivanhoe, NC with the Rev. Willie Imes officiating. Burial in Robinson Cemetery, Ivanhoe, NC. Mrs. Barrows is survived by DAUGHTER-Stacy Via of Virginia Beach, VA; one grandson. There will be no visitation or viewing.

CLINTON

Evelyn Duck, Age 89- 205 Oatmont Dr., Clinton, NC died February 17, 2018 at her residence. Funeral services will be Sat 11/24/18 at 11 am, First Baptist Church, Clinton, N.C. Interment in the Blackmore Family Cemetery, Warsaw, N.C. Public visitation, Friday 11/23/18, 1 to 6pm. Butler & Son Funeral Services, Clinton, N.C. www.butlerandson.com

SALEMBURG

Randolph Bennett James, 90, passed to his eternal home on February 20, 2018. Randolph, or more lovingly called, RB or Randy, was born in Surry County, Virginia on September 9, 1927 to Albert and Essie James. He was raised a farmer's son and valued agriculture at its highest. Randolph proudly served his country with the United States Army, serving in Okinawa. Upon receiving an honorable discharge, Randolph chose Virginia Tech as his college, finishing with a BS in Agriculture. He was a proud Hokie. Randolph met Audra Hawkins while teaching high school in Surry, Virginia. The two were married on December 21, 1952 and had 64 loving years together. Randolph was a devoted husband and father who loved God, his family, his friends and his community. He was an active member and made Roseboro First Baptist Church his focal point for spiritual direction. He worked in agricultural sales with Continental Grain for over 35years where he was the first in the company to receive the esteemed Pacesetter Award. Upon retirement, Randolph furthered his passion for the business world, owning and operating James Trading Company in Roseboro for the past 23 years. He was an avid golfer and spent many pleasurable hours on the course. Randolph is survived by his wife, Audra and their four children. Barbara Ellen Noble (Sam), Randi Kelly (Randy), Rosemary Simpson (Telfair) and Robert James: 6 grandchildren, Audra Leigh Rankin (Hunter), Hunter Noble (Remy), Wilson Simpson, Coleman Simpson, Madelyn James, Cooper James; one great-granddaughter, Adelaide Rankin; one sister Margaret J. Oliver, and many nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at Roseboro First Baptist Church, Friday, February 23 at 1:00pm with a family visitation following in the fellowship hall. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Roseboro First Baptist Church, 3720 S. Salemburg Highway, Salemburg, NC 28385; or Moore's Swamp Baptist Church, 7365 New Design Road, Elberon, VA 23846.

CLINTON

Ms. Rebecca "Becky" Steed Sykes, 78, of Clinton passed away Tuesday, February 20, 2018 surrounded by her loving family. Ms. Sykes funeral service will be held Friday, February 23, 2018 at Mary's Chapel Baptist Church at 11:00 a.m. Visitation was held Thursday, February 22nd from 6 till 8 p.m. at West & Dunn Funeral Home of Newton Grove and other times at the home of Anthony & Shelia Steed, Timberlake Dr., Clinton, N.C. Officiating the service will be the Rev. David Willis and Rev. C. H. Lee. Ms. Sykes will be laid to rest in Hillcrest Cemetery, Newton Grove. Her survivors include her sons, Michael Steed and wife Becky of Hampstead, Anthony Steed and wife Shelia of Clinton, Sisters Dixie Britton of Clinton, Polly Salinetti and Richard of Benson, brothers Wayne Barefoot and wife Kathy of Tennessee and Glenn Barefoot (Janet Walters) of Virginia, Grandchildren Albert Steed and Gretchen Ingwersen, Ashley Szulak and Michael, Morgan Steed, Scott and Griffin Sutton. Ms. Sykes also leaves 4 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by husbands Thomas Steed and James Sykes, her parents Simon and Flonnie Barefoot and brothers Harper and Larry Barefoot. In lieu of flowers, Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of NC 9131 Anson Way Suite 206 Raleigh, N.C. 27615 or Mary's Chapel Baptist Church 2336 Keener Rd. Clinton, N.C. 28328. Online condolences may be made at www.westanddunn.com. Services have been entrusted to West & Dunn Funeral Home of Newton Grove, North Carolina.

CLINTON

Mr. Wilbur Gene Yarborough, 73 of 120 Southwood Drive, Clinton, passed away Monday, February 19, 2018 at Mary Gran Nursing Center. Born August 17, 1944 in Dillon, SC, he was the son of the late Willie David and Claudia Herring Yarborough. He worked as a Carpet Installer. He is survived by two daughters, Donna Davis of Roseboro and Renee Evans of Ash; one son, Gregory Gene Yarborough of Roseboro; seven brothers, Frank, Donnie, Willie, Jody, Chris, Curtis and Terry; two sisters, Carolyn and Nancy; 12 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. No services will be held. Donations to assist the family with funeral expense may be made to

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Arrest Reports

02-16 Justin Edward Williams, 29; 56 William Lane, Roseboro; Assault on a Female; Domestic Criminal Trespass; No Bond; Court Date 03-13

02-16 Antonio Maldonado Osorio, 46; 543 Saucer Lane, Clinton; No Operators License; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 02-23

02-16 Esther Mangual, 46; 27 Bumpy Lane, Clinton; Failure to Appear- No Operators License; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 03-15

02-17 David Howard, 33; 82 Joyce Lane, Clinton; Failure to Appear- Child Support; Court Date 02-27

02-17 Larry Dennis Royston, 61; 5251 Welcome School Rd., Godwin; Assault on a Female; No Bond; Court Date 03-13

02-18 Jessie Leigh Draughon, 25; 190 Beulah Rd., Clinton; Simple Assault; Violation of Court Order; Secured Bond \$4,000; Court Date 03-12

02-18 Heather Dawn Mcleod, 31; 115 West Clinton St., Autryville; Cruelty to Animals; Unsecured Bond \$500; Court Date 03-06

02-19 Larry Donell Hargrove, 58; 956 Renfrow, Rd., Clinton; Failure to Appear- DWLR Not Impaired Rev; Failure to Appear- Expired Registration Card/Tag; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 03-15

02-19 Karen Aracely Galindo, 33; 60 Parkview Rd., Clinton; Simple Assault; No Bond; Court Date 03-13

02-19 Ronald Adolph McKinnie Jr., 36; 109 MCrae St., Magnolia; Failure to Appear- Habitual Impaired Driving; Secured Bond \$150,000; Court Date 03-12

02-19 Monteno Montrelle Tatum, 38; 453 Chesters Rd., Roseboro; Possession of Cocaine; Alter/ Destroy Criminal Evidence; Resisting Public Officer; Secured Bond \$10,000; Court Date 02-23

02-19 John Henry Pigford, 54; 2274 Herring Rd., Rosehill; Domestic Communicating Threats; No Bond; Court Date 03-06

02-19 Fred Allen English, 32; 64 Dick Wrench Lane, Godwin; Possess Cocaine; Possess Drug Paraphernalia; Fugitive Warrant; No Bond; Court Date 02-23

02-20 Larisa Ann Dillinger, 30; 3171 Moore's Bridge Rd., Rose Hill; Child Abuse (Non-Assaultive); Unsecured Bond \$2,500; Court Date 03-08

02-20 Marco Thomas Gaskin, 57; 53 Friendly Lane, Salemburg; Failure to Appear- DWLR Not Impaired Revoke; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 03-07

02-20 William Thomas Beahn, 35; 545 HW Jerigan Lane, Dunn; Felony Larceny; Secured Bond \$7,500; Court Date 02-23

02-20 Jeremy Omar Rosales, 22; 1781 Chancey Rd., Clinton; Simple Physical Assault; Communicating Threats; Secured Bond \$2,000; Court Date 03-15

02-20 Lisa Simmons, 48; 55 Bumpy Lane, Clinton; Simple Physical Assault; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 03-15

02-20 Bryan Keith Autry, 55; 1845 Bainbridge Rd., Stedman; Manufacture Methamphetamine; 7 Counts: Possess/Distribute Precursor Chemical; Possess Methamphetamine; Secured Bond \$100,000; Court Date 02-23

02-20 Lakesha Irene Williams, 43; 1360 Garland Airport Rd., Garland; Failure to Appear- DWLR; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 03-13

02-21 Ramiro Hernandez Ramiro, 28; 5615 Hobbton Hwy., Clinton; Failure to Appear- DWLR Not Impaired Revoke; Failure to Appear- Expired Registration Card/Tag; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 02-23

02-21 Michael Bryan Daughtry Jr., 25; 173 Easy St., Dunn; Failure to Appear- Common Law Robbery; Secured Bond \$50,000; Court Date 03-19

02-21 Alex Clay Beasley, 29; 3482 Plainview Hwy., Dunn; Failure to Appear- Injury to Personal Property; Secured Bond \$1,000; Court Date 03-20

02-21 Christopher R Thompson, 28; 204 Nolley St., Clinton; Order for Arrest/Failure to Comply- Child Support; Court Date 02-27

02-21 Christopher Adam Hicks, 36; 12382 Boykin Bridge Rd., Roseboro; 2 Counts: Larceny; Possessing Stolen Goods/Property; Possessing Stolen Goods/Property; Secured Bond \$25,000; Court Date 02-23

02-21 Melinda Byrd, 22; 279 Moulton Rd., Dunn; Simple Assault; No Bond; Court Date 03-20

Incident/Investigation Reports

02-16 Brittany Debose reported a Burglary located at 6474 Five Bridge Rd., Clinton. No items were reported missing.

02-17 Annie Logan reported a Burglary located at 520 Gold St., Roseboro. Item reported missing included a TV.

02-17 Amy Hall reported a Burglary located at 2808 Butler Island Rd., Roseboro. Items reported missing included two TV's.

02-17 Brittney Barnes reported a Burglary located at 785 W Second St., Garland. Items reported missing included a xbox and xbox games.

02-19 Ricky Daniels reported a Burglary located at

9243 High House Rd., Salemburg. Items reported missing included grinder, plasma cutter, electric tools, and voltage regulator.

02-19 Wesley Hall reported a Burglary located at 1015 Vann Rd., Clinton. Items reported missing included an assortment of guns, US Currency and jewelry

02-20 Brittany Carnley reported the Larceny of a Lawnmower located at 327 N West St., Autryville.

02-20 Rommie Melvin reported a Burglary located at 32 Center St., Garland. Items reported missing included an assortment of guns, a computer, android TV box and a Xbox.

02-20 Shamrock Square Apartments reported a Burglary located at 785 West Second St., Garland. Item reported missing a pressure washer.

02-20 Helen Helms reported the Larceny of a Purse located at 105 Salem Circle, Salemburg.

02-20 Dorothy Bell reported the Larceny of a Firearm located at 425 Tarheel Dr., Clinton.

02-20 Keith Capps reported a Breaking and Entering located at 541 Jordan Rd., Autryville. Items reported missing included a welder, tow dolly and a assortment of hand tools.

02-20 Jane Herring reported a Burglary located at 733 Panhandle Rd., Faison. Items reported missing included a cabinet, clock, antique tables, foot stool, night stand and a rug.

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



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- Sharon Suggs Gore
- Eleana Hudson
- Robert Cornelious Justice
- Mack Merritt
- Detease Yvette Williams

Marriage Certificates

- Andres Jafet Castillo to Keyla Yahayra Lara Corona
- Roger Graham Pope to Valerie Smith Everett
- Harold Wayne Johnson to Denise Bridge Shreve
- Eliasar Borja to Janette Hernandez
- William Blazier Ulrich to Henrianna Lee Joyner
- Bobby Ray Copeland to Tonya Yvette Faison

Births

- Luke Walton Green born on February 1, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Terry Walton Green Jr and Katelynn Nicole Helms
- Aidan Neri-Varela born on February 1, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Edgar Neri-Patracca and Roselia Varela-Castillo
- Sunny Mae Carroll born on February 3, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Mary Louise Johnson
- Jaiden Rae Kwon Stuart born on February 3, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Melanee Elaine Henderson
- Kamryn Mariah Jones born on February 4, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Aaron Javon Jones and Samantha Michelle Jones
- Nicholas Bryan Jones born on February 4, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Nicholas Grant Jones and Celeste Alore Ashby
- Axel Kayne Lee born on February 4, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Allen Kyle Lee and Cassie Page Bradshaw
- Anayeli Rosaleen Serrano-Johnson born on February 4, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Raheem Laquan Johnson and Roxanna Serrano
- Adalyn Rose Cottle born on February 5, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Michael Glenn Cottle Jr and Cassidy Marie Cottle
- Ambrose Brendan Laster Jr born on February 6, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Latoya Latrice Jackson

Land Transfers

- James T Hargrove, Marilyn M Hargrove to James T Hargrove, Marilyn M Hargrove- Little Coharie Pine Lakes Estate Section 1

- Christopher Lee Phillips Sr, Sylvia Ann Phillips to Christopher Lee Phillips Jr- 0.69 Acres Mingo
- Franklin Lee Sandy, Terrianne W Sandy to Franklin Lee Sandy, Terrianne W Sandy- Newton Grove Two Tracts
- Secretary of HUD to Brittney G Pruitt, Ricky D Pruitt Jr- Tract 1 5.92 Acres & Tract 2 0.64 Acres Newton Grove
- Stephen Donald Jones to Lidia Maria Aceituno- Lot 10 0.75 Acres Rowan Creek Subdivision South Clinton
- Stephen Donald Jones to Debra Jones Tovar and Selena Nicole Villeda- 1.06 Acres of the Earl T. Lockamy Division Plainview
- Jessica C Herring to Jessica C Herring, Sonja Danielle Herring, Kahmiele Thelma Elizabeth Herring- 2.22 Acres Honeycutt
- Nancy Tart Tew, Ronnie Tew, Patricia Tart White to Barbara Wheeler Barefoot- 6.0 Acres Lot 2 of the Ira B Tart Estate
- Jim Warren Mobile Homes Inc, T&W Development/DBA/PTNR, Thornton Logging Company, Nancy Reena Tucker- Lot 11 Myrtle Wood Acres Honeycutts
- Thornton Homes Co to Alexis Lezama- Lot 8 Morgan Meadow Sub Halls
- Deborah S Howard, James Kevin Howard, Mollie A Sessoms/AKA, Mollie F Sessoms to Jonathan E Yates- Two Parcels
- Wilcare Facilities Inc to Darlene Bryant, Darue Larry Bryant- North Clinton
- James Lante Faison to Monshawnda Davis Faison- Franklin Two Tracts
- Howell Edwards Jr/MGR, Edwards Enterprises of Dunn/DBA to Craftsmen Construction/DBA, Danny E Norris, Joan L Norris- Three Parcels w/exceptions Plainview
- Michael Ritenour, Monica Suzette Sutton Ritenour, Christy Sutton, Stephen Carl Sutton to Mary A Raynor, Stephen G Raynor- Lot Sampson
- Brenda Futrell, ralph Foy to Karen J Moore, Kenneth A Moore- 25 Acres
- Macierene Best/FKA, Macie Best Fowler to Macie Best Fowler, Rena Graham- 2 Tracts Little Coharie & North Clinton
- Barbara Jones Holloman, Terry Maxton Holloman to Nature's Way Farms Inc- 2 Tracts Piney Grove
- April Sessoms, Charles W Sessoms to Eliasar Borja, Janette Hernandez- 1 Acre Sampson
- Joseph B Davis to Deborah Johnson Naylor, Ronnie L Johnson- 3 Tracts Little Coharie
- Karen S Carter, Michael H Carter, Gwendolyn S Davidson, Steven H Davidson, Gary A Stewart, Linda Parrish Stewart to Karen S Carter, Michael H Carter - Parcel B 1.01 Acres Dismal
- MLCSDI to Molisha Reid- Lot 2 0.78 Acres and Lot 5 12.89 Acres South Clinton
- Dennis Caswell Parker to Josph Franklin Parker and Tony Glenn Parker- 3 Tracts Westbrook & Newton Grove
- Sheila Gray, Gloria Underwood to Sheila Gray, Gloria Underwood- 13 Acres Lisbon
- Thornton Homes Co to Carolyn Morales- 0.37 Acres Dismal
- Carolyn Morales to Carolyn Morales, Thornton Homes- 0.52 Acres Dismal
- Carolyn Ann Denekamp to John Puglisi, Nicole Puglisi- Parcel 2 1.00 Acres Little Coharie
- Edna Lynn Porter King, Steven Ray King to Edna Lynn Porter King, Steven Ray King- Newton Grove Two Tracts
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Chamber Chat



*By Kaitlin Norris,
Executive Director
Clinton-Sampson
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I am so excited to announce the 2018 Board of Directors. Our 2018 Chamber President is Chuck Spell From Hog Slat. The 2018 President-Elect is Jeff Shipp from Star Communication. Our 2018 Past President is Dee Bryant from Sessoms Medical Associates, and our Treasurer is Elizabeth Andrews from Black, Chestnutt, and Johnson PA. Other board members include: Clark Honeycutt from Uncle Vinny's in Roseboro, Dickie Smith from BB&T, Catherine Ezzell from Ezzell Trucking, Ken Sutton from State Farm, Stuart Blunt from Clinton City Schools, Nelson Powell from Rabo Bank, Eugene Pearsall from Eugene's Trucking, Amanda Bradshaw from Sampson Community College.

Thank you to Dee Bryant for her leadership in 2017 as President. Also thank you to the board members that served their board terms and rotated off in December.

We hope to see you tonight, Thursday, February 22nd, for the 48th Annual Chamber Banquet. We look forward to celebrating business within Sampson County. The event will begin with a cocktail hour at 5:30pm followed by dinner at 6:30pm and the awards beginning at 7:00pm. I look forward to seeing each of you tonight!

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NASCAR THIS WEEK

The Daytona Beach News-Journal's Godwin Kelly & Ken Willis have covered NASCAR for nearly 60 years combined. godwin.kelly@news-jrnl.com — ken.willis@news-jrnl.com

SPEED FREAKS

A few questions we had to ask ourselves

Does Austin Dillon's win propel the No. 3 team to a new level in 2018?

GODSPEAK: This will have Childress Racing pumped up, but drivers say "racing" starts with Atlanta.

KEN'S CALL: We've seen enough of these to know that the Daytona 500 is no harbinger of things to come for the rest of the season.

Same question regarding Bubba Wallace's runner-up finish in the No. 43.

GODSPEAK: If Wallace can throw some of his personality under the hood, he may win the championship.

KEN'S CALL: Same answer. But everyone with the No. 43 team is insisting things will improve throughout the schedule. That would be nice, but we'll see.

CUP STANDINGS

1. Ryan Blaney	58
2. Joey Logano	50
3. Austin Dillon	47
3. Darrell Wallace Jr.	47
5. Paul Menard	46
6. Michael McDowell	39
7. Denny Hamlin	37
8. Ryan Newman	34
9. Aric Almirola	33
9. Chris Buescher	33
11. Trevor Bayne	31
12. Martin Truex Jr.	30
13. Alex Bowman	29
13. Clint Bowyer	29
15. AJ Allmendinger	28
16. Kurt Busch	27
17. Jamie McMurray	23
18. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	22
19. Kevin Harvick	19
20. Kyle Larson	18

GODWIN'S PICKS FOR ATLANTA

WINNER: Martin Truex Jr.

REST OF TOP 5: Brad Keselowski, Kyle Busch, Joey Logano, Jimmie Johnson

FIRST ONE OUT: David Ragan

DARK HORSE: William Byron

DON'T BE SURPRISED IF: Cup drivers will say this is the first "race" of the season. Truex dominated the 1½-mile tracks in 2017.

MOTOR MOUTHS PODCAST

There's a lot to digest from Daytona. Can we do it in 30 minutes? Maybe.

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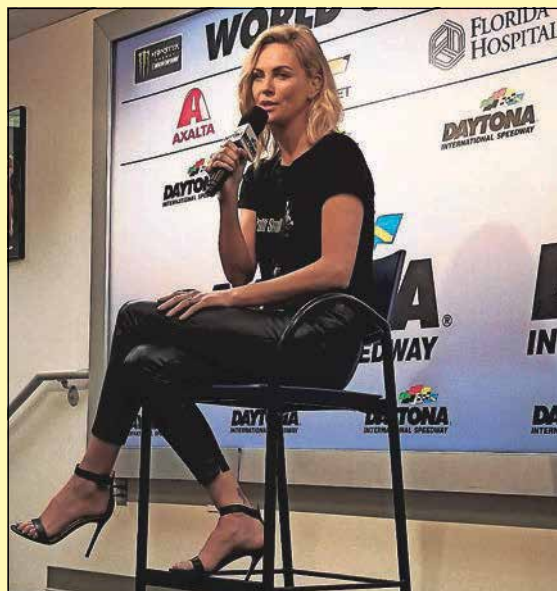
THREE THINGS WE LEARNED

1. Theron's hero

Actress Charlize Theron met with the media before the Daytona 500 and said she admires Danica Patrick. "The girl in me secretly is, obviously, cheering for her," Theron said. "I just love that even my kids were really impressed that a girl was racing cars today, too."

2. Buescher bonanza

With Austin Dillon taking the No. 3 to Daytona's Victory Lane and Bubba Wallace finishing second as a rookie, Chris Buescher's fifth-place Daytona 500 finish was lost in the mayhem. "That was awesome," he said. "For us to even be in contention to have a shot was pretty neat."



Actress Charlize Theron, who waved the green flag on the Daytona 500, said she cheers for girl racers.

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3. Ford flops

Ford dominated the conversation after its drivers won the Clash and a 500 qualifying race. It didn't show up on the 500 race report. The highest-finishing

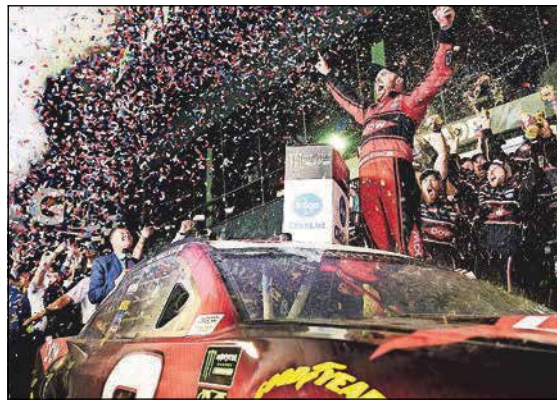
Ford was the No. 22 of Joey Logano, who rallied back from a lap-down situation.

— Godwin Kelly, godwin.kelly@news-jrnl.com

THREE THINGS TO WATCH

1. Paybacks?

The action at Daytona frayed some nerves and fired up emotions, which will likely spill over the Florida-Georgia line this weekend. Keep an eye on Denny Hamlin and Bubba Wallace, who mixed it up on the last lap of the Daytona 500. And don't forget, Austin Dillon forced his way past race leader Aric Almirola, knocking him out of the way to score the 500 victory Sunday. "This one is gonna hurt for a while," Almirola said.



Austin Dillon turned Aric Almirola around to win the Daytona 500. Could payback be in Dillon's future.

[NASCAR GETTY IMAGES/JARED C. TILTON]

2. Stage points

Martin Truex Jr. showed the value of winning stages when he piled up a stack of playoff points that helped him advance to the Championship Round last November. Look for teams to make some aggressive calls

to earn those extra points, starting with the race at Atlanta Motor Speedway. Kevin Harvick finished ninth at AMS last year, but walked away with 48 points, third most.

nearly two weeks of racing in Florida. After that, there is the West Coast Tour, which hops from Las Vegas to Phoenix and Fontana, California. The Cup teams close out this crazy segment with a visit to Martinsville Speedway before having Easter weekend off. Whew!

3. No rest

There is no rest for the weary Daytona Speedweeks competitors. The Cup Series teams report to Atlanta Motor Speedway Friday after

— Godwin Kelly, godwin.kelly@news-jrnl.com

QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers

Did the needle move?

Sure it did. The Daytona 500, practically by design, always produces the type of spills and thrills that have people chatting the next day (or two). If it produces an enjoyable winner, yes, it can move the proverbial needle. This one seemed to produce two winners: Austin Dillon and surprise runner-up Bubba Wallace, two energy-to-burn personalities who will each gather new fans this week.

So, good news for NASCAR?

Yes, at least temporarily. A dramatic finish (as always) with drama, theatrics and a little controversy (poor Aric Almirola) will do that. If Bubba had won, there'd be a whole lot more national media attention from the usual suspects (morning and late-night shows, etc.), but all in all, the Daytona 500 gave NASCAR something to work with.

FEUD OF THE WEEK

BUBBA WALLACE VS. DENNY HAMLIN

Wallace said Hamlin tried to knock him into the wall when the two were racing to the checkered flag. Hamlin said he had a flat tire.

GODWIN KELLY'S TAKE: It sure looked like a veteran trying to get the best of a rookie. "We had some momentum and we beat him, so it's all good," Wallace said.

WHAT'S ON TAP

CUP SERIES: Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500

SITE: Atlanta Motor Speedway (1.54-mile oval)

TV SCHEDULE: Friday, practice (Fox Sports 1, 11 a.m.), qualifying (Fox Sports 1, 5 p.m.). Saturday, practice (Fox Sports 1, noon). Sunday, Daytona 500 (Fox, coverage begins at 1:30 p.m., green flag, 2 p.m.)

XFINITY: Rinnai 250

SITE: Atlanta Motor Speedway

TV SCHEDULE: Friday, practice (Fox Sports 1, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.). Saturday, qualifying (Fox Sports 1, 9 a.m.), race (Fox Sports 1, 1:30 p.m.)

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SITE: Atlanta Motor Speedway

TV SCHEDULE: Friday, practice (Fox Sports 1, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.). Saturday, qualifying (Fox Sports 1, 10:30 a.m.), race (Fox Sports 1, 4:30 p.m.)



KEN WILLIS' TOP 10 NASCAR DRIVER RANKINGS

MARTIN TRUEX JR. Still the champ	BRAD KESELOWSKI Maybe next year	DENNY HAMLIN Making headlines already	KYLE LARSON Mr. Hunch likes him at Atlanta	CHASE ELLIOTT 0-for-78	KYLE BUSCH Middle name is Thomas	KEVIN HARVICK Happy to unplug the plate	JIMMIE JOHNSON Picking up the pieces, literally	RYAN BLANEY Oh so close	AUSTIN DILLON A top-10 keeper? We'll see
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

2018 SCHEDULE AND WINNERS

Feb. 11: Clash at Daytona (Brad Keselowski)
Feb. 15: Can-Am Duel at Daytona (Ryan Blaney and Chase Elliott)
Feb. 18: Daytona 500 (Austin Dillon)
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
Oct. 14: Alabama 500 at Talladega
Oct. 21: Hollywood Casino 400 at Kansas
Oct. 28: Holly Data 500 at Martinsville
Nov. 4: Texas 500
Nov. 11: Can-Am 500(k) at Phoenix
Nov. 18: Ford EcoBoost 400 at Homestead