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County Takes Ownership of Problems at Animal Shelter



Animal Welfare groups protest outside the Sampson County Animal Shelter

At the Monday night Sampson County Board of Commissioners meeting, county commissioners took full ownership of the problems at the Sampson County Animal Shelter. On March 12th, the county received a Notice of Civil Penalty and Notice of Warning concerning a recent inspection of the Animal Shelter. The notice was hand delivered by Dr. Patricia Norris, Director of the Animal Welfare Section of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture. Dr. Norris spent two hours with the county managers office discussing her findings.

Before allowing County Manager Ed Causey to address the board, Chairman Clark Wooten asked to speak to those in attendance. Chairman Clark Wooten addressed the crowd, stating, "I know there has been a ton of questions regarding the animal shel-

SHELTER, see P. 4

Celebration for 135th Friday through Sunday in Goldsboro



Descendants from Sampson County encouraged to attend

For over 153 years, the men of 135th United States Colored Troop have been lost in history - this weekend, those brave men and heroes of the USCT will be the focus of a celebration that hopes to educate the public, as well as honor them and memorialize their service.

The event, that will be held in downtown Goldsboro Friday through Sunday, will feature a re-enactment of a Civil War camp (at 207 S. Center St.), a "Pop-Up Museum", a presentation entitled, "Musical Drama of the Civil War" with a discussion following at the Paramount Theater (limited seating), a dinner banquet, a symposium, and a special wreath laying at the memorial site on Sunday. All events are free, except the banquet dinner, which is \$40 (tickets are still available).

Officials of the event are also hoping that descendants of these men will attend so they can learn more about how important their service was to this country.

CIVIL WAR, see P. 4

Dancing His Heart Out



Clinton's Blake Bellanger accepted to Joffrey Ballet Summer Program

A 17-year-old Clinton resident will be spending part of his summer dancing with one of the most prestigious dance companies in the world.

Blake Bellanger, a junior at New Life Christian Academy, has been accepted to participate at the Joffrey Ballet School that will be held in Las Vegas in July.

"It is exciting," Bellanger said earlier this week. "I was able to participate in the program two years ago in New York, but I went for Hip-Hop dance. This summer I am going for Commercial Jazz, which is a new program."

In February, Bellanger auditioned for the company in Raleigh. It was his third audition in as many weeks.

"It was a little nerve-wracking," he admits. "I was a bit nervous. I had two other auditions and the Joffery one was my third audition in about two weeks. But I felt like I was ready."

Bellanger went in front of the Joffrey officials and auditioned.

"At the audition, you do not really know what will be thrown at you," he explained. "As a dancer, you have to be prepared and be as proficient in as many styles of dance as you can be ... What they are looking for and what they want to see is how fast you can pick it up and take corrections."

Needless to say, Joffrey officials were impressed.

Two weeks later, Bellanger got an email letting him know he was accepted in the summer program - all he had to do was to choose the location where he wanted to attend.

"I chose Las Vegas because the program worked with my schedule," he explained. "It (Las Vegas) also had the benefit of allowing the dancers go to one of the shows out there - Cirque Du Soleil or the Michael Jackson One show, which is exciting."

Born in Louisiana, Bellanger moved to Clinton in 2008.

He went to Sunset Avenue (4-5 grades), Harrells Christian Academy (grades 6-9) and Clinton High School (9-10). He transferred to New Life Christian Academy this year and is also in dual enrollment at Sampson Community College.

"In Louisiana, I took tap and jazz class," he explained. "That is where I started dancing. I just wanted to try it out."

After moving to Clinton, Bellanger be-

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Sat T-Storms
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Hi: 57° Lo: 42°

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Wed Sunny
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Hi: 64° Lo: 42°

WEEKLY VERSE

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

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LOCAL NEWS

All-County Band to Play at Meymandi Concert Hall

Billed as one of, if not the finest concert halls on the east coast, Meymandi Concert Hall in Raleigh will welcome members of a combined, Clinton/Sampson All-County Band to play a special concert thanks to a grant by Simple Gifts. Top band students from Clinton City Schools and Sampson County School will perform with a combined band of approximately 250 students.

Vevlyn Lowe with Sampson Middle School states, “We will premier two new pieces of music. One piece for middle school and one for high school.”

“The middle school piece is called “Flight” and will feature tuba soloist, Dr. Joanna Hersey. The composer is Peter Meechan. The high school piece is called “Memories at Meymandi” and will feature trombone soloist, Jonathan Randazzo. Jonathan is the principal trombonist with the North Carolina Symphony. The composer for this piece is Jamie Keesecker.”

“Members of the North Carolina Symphony will perform side-by-side with our band students in the concert. This project has been a huge collaboration of all the band directors in our county including: Hobbton Middle and High - Geoffrey Tart; Roseboro-Salemburg Middle and Lakewood HS - Chris Pittman; Union Middle and Union HS - Rachel Moxley; Midway MS - Meredith Johnson; Midway HS - Josh Tew; Sampson MS - Vevlyn Lowe; and Clinton HS - Travis Jordan.”

Each year, the North Carolina Symphony’s 180 concerts and events are enjoyed by adults and schoolchildren in more than 90 North Carolina counties. The Symphony’s 66 full-time professional musicians perform under the artistic leadership of Music Director Grant Llewellyn. Collaborating with performers that range from classical artists, to banjo players, to jazz bands, NCS brings some of the world’s greatest talents to North Carolina.

NCS’s headquarters venue is the spectacular Meymandi Concert Hall at the Duke Energy Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Raleigh. The Symphony’s service across the state includes series in Chapel Hill, Fayetteville, New Bern, Southern Pines, and Wilmington, as well as Summerfest concerts at the outdoor Koka Booth Amphitheatre in Cary.

Founded in 1932, NCS is an entity of the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources and leads the most extensive education program of any symphony orchestra.

Since September 2016, more than 2,000 fourth and fifth grade students in Sampson County have experienced performances by the North Carolina Symphony; middle and high school students have worked one-on-one with Symphony musicians; and preschool students have listened as NCS musicians read storybooks about music and demonstrate their instruments. Community members of all ages have enjoyed a free NCS performance in Clinton.

“Today,” adds Lowe, “some of the county’s top band students have the opportunity to perform alongside professional NCS musicians at the Symphony’s state headquarters venue, Meymandi Concert Hall.

“With all that has taken place in the past two seasons—and much more to come in the



2018/19 season—the North Carolina Symphony’s three-year educational residency in Sampson County is providing residents with more access to NCS than ever before. While the Symphony regularly provides educational programming in communities across the state, this residency—made possible with the support of The Simple Gifts Fund—allows for an even more immersive presence and expanded opportunities.”

“The Simple Gifts Fund is thrilled to help provide this enriching cultural opportunity of a three-year music residency program for students, educators, and community members,” says Margaret Turlington, Simple Gifts Fund Coordinator. “The North Carolina Symphony is a true treasure for our state, and I hope all Sampson County residents will take advantage of these musical experiences.”

“Our students having exposure to and working with professional musicians is a great honor and privilege,” says Geoffrey Tart, Hobbton District Band Director. “We are very thankful to The Simple Gifts Fund and the North Carolina Symphony, and are looking forward to the future and the impact on the local music and band programs in our area.”

“That impact,” says Lowe, “is already becoming clear as we watch and listen to the talented students on stage today.”

The Clinton/Sampson All-County Band Concert at Meymandi Concert Hall will be Saturday, April 14th at 4pm.

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DANCING, cont. from 1 gan going to the Performing Arts School with owner and artistic director Suzi Faircloth-Matthews.

He has been there ever since.

"I have taken them all - Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Hip-Hop ...," Bellanger says. "But right now, Hip-Hop is my favorite. There is a higher energy to it and, for me, it is not as structured, that is why I enjoy it so much."

Proficient in all styles, Bellanger works hard at his craft, practicing 2-4 hours a day, not including classes at PAS.

"I love every part of dance," he said. "I have taken classes with a lot of different choreographers and been to different studios. I try to learn as much as I can from each of them because all of them bring something different."

In addition to his work in dance, Bellanger has recently added a new canon in his arsenal - acting.

He will star as "Jack Zakowski", one of the main characters in the musical, "Fame", opening the last two weekends in April at the Sampson Community Theatre.

"I really didn't know too much about the character before I auditioned," Bellanger admits. "I mean, I knew it was about performing arts high school, but didn't know a lot about it before-hand. It has been fun so far ... I have a lot of lines to learn and I get to do a song, and dance, of course. It seemed like I was a shoe-in for that role."

Prior to being cast in "Fame", Bellanger has had bit parts in recent SCT plays such as: "High School Musical" (his SCT debut play); "Mary Poppins"; "Cats"; and "Beauty and the Beast", to name a few.

"When I first came here, it (SCT) gave me a chance to meet a lot of friends from Clinton High," he said. "It helped me with meeting people and, really, it has exposed me to a whole new side of the Arts that will help me with my career."

A career that Bellanger is already actively pursuing.

"I want to stay in North Carolina," he said when asked about college. "I want to have dance as my major and minor in business and theater arts. I have strong grades and I want to attend the college that provides the best place for me to pursue my career. I would love to do the education side of performing arts. That way, I can teach, and I can still audition."

When asked to elaborate where he would like to audition in the future, Bellanger says that the opportunities are unlimited.

"Disney, Carnival Cruises ... and really, all the shows in Vegas and New York," he said. "The door is really wide-open for me."

However, Bellanger is wise to the struggles of a dancer's life.

"I have heard from other dancers who have known people who retired from dance at the age of 30," he admits. "Their advice to me is to be smart, mindful and save my money. You could be booked for a show and work for six months and then be unemployed for the next eight months. That is why I would like to also work in the educational side of the arts."

Last month, Bellanger, who is also an Eagle Scout, received Platinum and fourth place overall at the Carolina Dance Masters competition.

In addition to daily rehearsals, weekend rehearsals with the cast of "Fame" and participating in the upcoming Joffrey Ballet Summer program, you would think Bellanger would be worn out, but talking with him, it is obvious that the art of dancing is something that Bellanger is passionate about.

"I love it," he admits. "I am enjoying every minute of it and I am letting life take its course. I just keep on going."

When asked what piece of advice he would give to someone who is considering dance, Bellanger says, "This really applies to everything - you just never know what you can do or what you like until you start".

He continues, "I've heard of dancers who didn't know how

to do a pirouette and started at 16, but they have made it. If you set your mind to it and are willing to sacrifice everything to make it, you will be successful."

Before our interview ends, Bellanger, showing the true depth of his character, adds just one more thing for someone who may be in need of a little encouragement.

"Never feel like it's too late to start something."

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LOCAL NEWS

SHELTER, cont. from 1 ter. I want to make just a couple of comments. One is, there is no perfect one on this earth, there is just one perfect one and He is not here. The rest of us are human and we are going to make mistakes. There have been mistakes made at the Animal Shelter and there is no question about it. The people including myself where the buck stops, I am the end of the line, we take exception that there were mistakes and we have committed to make change on those mistakes. Where I come from that is the definition of progress. I have had a lot of emails, some of them very positive, some of them solution oriented. I have met with people along with other commissioners and they were very positive meetings. I am thankful for our citizenry input. But the one thing that I want you to leave here with, I want the record to show, is that the people sitting behind me (the board of commissioners) that there is no question for their passion and love for animals. These people you see behind me, grown men and women, when they have talked in private with me, when they have talked in public with me, I hear their voices cry, I see their eyes tear up and they have to stop and compose themselves. So, I don't want anyone to leave the threshold of that door that does not think that we know mistakes have been made and corrections are coming. I leave you with one parting thought. Let's not let perfection be the enemy of good."

After Wooten's comments, County Manager Ed Causey presented a written report to the board. In the report, Causey stated that much work had already taken place regarding the county's evaluation/investigation, "however, our evaluations will be ongoing for at least several weeks, along with recommendations for program and facility improvements."

The civil penalties that were assessed were in two categories- veterinary care and adherence to rules regarding the 72-hour minimal period. A penalty of \$3,300.00 was imposed relating to actions concerning the care and treatment of two dogs. The county, according to the report, accepts the findings and penalties. The county rectified one of the situations concerning the need for more lighting over the animal's pens and purchased a new scale which they offer as consideration in lieu of the \$3,300 penalty.

Manager Causey noted, "We have already started the process of planning and implementing corrective actions to address all of the noted issues. However, we are interested in implementing measures that will be for the long-term benefit of the Animal Shelter and not just a response to the current climate of interest."

Causey went on to say that "We have found no evidence to date that the animals had been or were intentionally mistreated. We have, however, found clear evidence that documentation regarding the care of animals is needed in many areas. The Shelter staff adamantly contends that the dog referenced in the Civil Notice received medication per the instruction of our veterinarian. They now understand the importance of precise documentation. They also understand that these kinds of oversights are not acceptable. The Shelter Director (An Ellis) has already implemented increased periodic daily reviews of shelter facilities with emphasis on health critical animals."

The report to the board also noted that the state has offered to provide veterinary assessment training and conduct a detailed program review. This review includes meeting with county management to discuss goals and objectives, followed by a complete analysis of the shelters forms, protocols, and procedures that ascertain first their compliance with law, but also are designed with the counties particular population, setting and facility in mind. The county manager stated that this process will take several months and will be pursued as soon as possible.

The county manager also addressed the challenges with feeding and the recent changes in the supply of dog food. "We are working with our veterinarian to ensure that we revise our feeding protocols and develop a veterinary nutrition plan that allows us to be aware and responsive to the individual needs of the animals. This may be an area where we could take advantage of offered community support in the form of donated specialty food supplies."

Other implementations include: weekly inspections by the shelter veterinarian for the next several months, additional veterinarian support from another local vet offices, and more training for current staff at the animal shelter. It was also discussed that in the new budget for the 2018-2019 year, the budget for the animal shelter would be adjusted. Also, facility needs would be addressed by the Animal Shelter and the Public Works Department.

The Civil Notice and Warning also assessed a \$1,500 fine for 15 violations for failing to hold an animal for the 72-hour minimum holding period prior to euthanasia. According to the County Manager, "This allegation has generated significant public discussion, and we have discussed this finding at length with Dr. Norris to ensure we have a clear understanding of the documentation required by the General Statutes."

Causey goes on to state in his report, "Every permanent shelter staff member adamantly stated that they believe they were acting consistent with instructions given previously by the State Inspector with regard to the euthanasia of owner surrenders, particularly for animals deemed not appropriate for adoption due to health or temperament. For these reasons, we question this finding and will request that the state withdraw this action as a penalty." The report does state however the county will provide an additional \$1,500 of improvements to the shelter to demonstrate good faith and recognition of the need for improved documentation."

According to the report, the budget for the animal shelter in 2010 was \$201,378. The current budget is \$298,630. Causey stated that it does appear that the Board of Commissioners has made an effort to carefully consider the needs of the Animal Shelter in the budget deliberations.

The report indicated that the gas chamber was eliminated in 2013, "Again evidencing our commitment to the humane treatment of animals. However, there is a need to take advantage of opportunities and foster partnerships that allow us to increase the adoption or rescue of as many animals as possible."

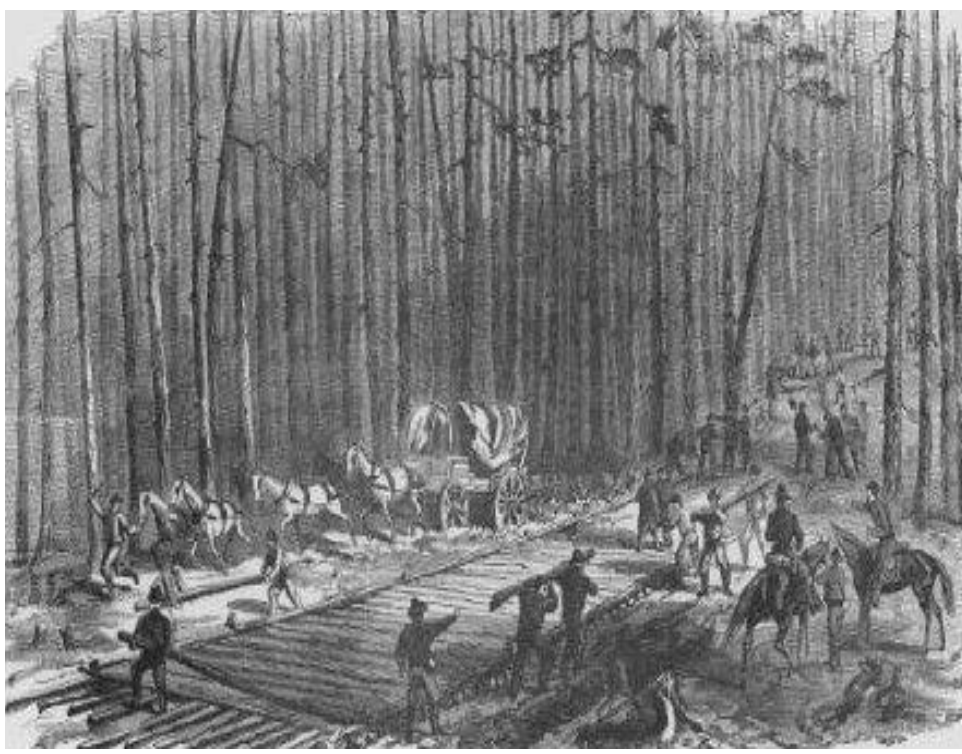
In conclusion, Causey remarked, "I will note that potential personnel actions are not included in this report. Moreover, I am encouraged that Dr. Norris has visited the Animal Shelter herself (unannounced) since delivering the Civil Notice. She stated that she found our facility to be impressive as a rural shelter, clean, with quiet and calm animals that appeared to be well cared for, and a staff that was gracious and receptive to guidance."

After the report, all commissioners voiced their concerns over the findings at the Animal Shelter. All noted that animals are "man's best friend" and that they would not tolerate any mistreatment of animals. Commissioner Sue Lee noted that animals were very dear to heart and that she was extremely upset with the findings.

The Board of Commissioner allowed those present to voice their opinions and concerns during a public comment period. Five residents came forward to speak, all concerned about the treatment of animals in the local shelter. Mr. Tommy Tucker addressed the board stating that there needed to be an Animal Advisory Board and a Spay & Neuter program in the county. He noted that an Animal Advisory Board would "provide more transparency at the shelter". Ms. Nancy Gump, an animal rescue and foster volunteer stated that there was free assistance to help the local shelter address the problems they are facing. Gump also noted that their needed to be more cooperation between animal rescue groups and the shelter. Mrs. Marco addressed the board stating the importance of "Animal Welfare being a top priority." Marco also noted that "Quality of Life" is important when considering Economic Development in the county.

After the public comment period, commissioners assured all in attendance that improvement and changes were coming to the Animal Shelter.

CIVIL WAR, cont. from 1



It is an incredible history lesson that needs to be heard, as well as taught.

On March 27, 1865 the 135th USCT was enlisted in Goldsboro to the army of Gen. William T. Sherman, that was comprised of men from Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina. The USCT was comprised of former slaves.

The regiment included over 1,000 men, that helped build roads and bridges through swamps, rivers and creeks during their journey in Sherman's famous March to the Sea.

"They were so cold and wet from rain, their uniforms froze to their bodies," explains Amy Bauer, a Goldsboro genealogy researcher. "It is really amazing what they went through."

From Goldsboro, they marched on to Washington, D.C. under their regimental flag in the Grand Review of the Armies, a military procession and celebration that took place on May 23-24, 1865 (The 135th were the only colored troops to march in the procession). The unit was officially discharged at the end of October 1865 after performing guard duty in Kentucky and Indiana.

Although the group did not fight, many died during their service.

Amy Bauer and her husband, Jay, have spent years uncovering the mystery of the 135th United States Colored Troop, in an effort to educate the public about the men, as well as connecting with descendants of the soldiers to share the information they have collected over the years.

"I've read 20-30 books on Sherman's March and the 135th is never mentioned," Bauer said. "About three years ago, my husband and I went to a presentation at the history museum and we just thought it was wonderful."

For the past three years since, the Bauer's, who live in Goldsboro, have spent untold hours combing through genealogy records, traveling to Washington, D.C. multiple times to go through pension records attempting to uncover the mystery of the "Lost Troop of the Civil War".

"We want to honor these men," Amy Bauer said. "They were brave, humble and should be recognized ... It is a mystery story with missing pieces, we have been trying to put all of those pieces together to honor their bravery."

Although there were 220 former slaves who became soldiers from North Carolina, 68 of those soldiers were from Sampson County.

As an example, Bauer said that two soldiers from Sampson County - Isham Brewer and Alan Chestnutt - were of the many that discovered directly from pension records.

"Isham Brewer lived just 9 miles out of Clinton," she explained. "He got shot in the chest and the bullet stayed in his chest until after the war ..."

Bauer said that Chestnutt also suffered.

"He was a soldier from Sampson County whose body was beaten up (in the war). He died in 1879, one month before his daughter was born."

At least one descendent of a Sampson County soldier from the 135th United States Colored Troop is famous.

"There is a Raeford Thompson, who was one of 10 men who came from a Sampson (County) plantation that currently has a living descendent who is from Philadelphia," Bauer said.

That man is none other than Ahmir Khalib Thompson, also known as "Questlove" from The Roots. You can see him nightly on The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon.

"These men suffered a lifetime and were given no recognition, no service medal, nothing," Bauer said. "This is our way to honor them."

Bauer and her husband, who also find graves of the soldiers and place flowers on them, are chronicling the story of the 135th United States Colored Troop that will be released as a book some time in the fall.

In the meantime, Bauer, as well as officials of the event, are hoping for a large turnout this weekend.

"There is so much going on with this celebration," she explains. "We are really excited about it ... the biggest reward for me is when I find a family member and get to introduce them to their ancestors."

On Friday, visitors can explore the "Pop-Up Museum" from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; from 1 to 5 p.m. on Friday, visitors can visit the encampment, both are free of charge; at 8:30 p.m., there will be a presentation entitled, "Musical Drama of the Civil War" with a discussion following. The event, that will be held at the Paramount Theater (limited seating) will feature music and be narrated by Bernard George; music will be led by Hilda Banks with choreography by Lori Grant, a concert pianist/artistic director.

On Saturday, the "Pop-Up Museum" will be opened from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; as well as the encampment (both free).

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. there will be a symposium at the Paramount Theater, which will include six history sessions (free) that will feature Mr. Earl James, curator of the N.C. Museum of History, North Carolina in the Civil War; Dr. Malcolm Beech, History of the USCT's; Jay and Amy Bauer, the 135th "In Their Own Words"; Dr. Ben Speller, Ret. Dean, NCCU, will be speaking on genealogy; and Dr. Chris Fonvielle, UNCW History professor, will speak on the importance of the railroad and General Terry.

At 6:15 p.m. there will be a special dinner (at the Goldsboro Event Center) that will feature keynote speaker Hari Jones. Dinner tickets are currently on sale.

On Sunday, at 2 p.m. the event will end with a special wreath laying at the memorial site, that will feature an intro by Asa Gordon (free).

For more information on the event or to order dinner tickets, click on to <http://135usct.org/event/>. Or call 1 (805) 990-1537 or email to 135thusct@gmail.com.

The site is also a good way to begin your search for a relative. However, some died in service and do not have pension records; some used the name of their slave owners when they were recruited. Bauer's site is a good source to begin your search.

We Should Know . . .



William Sellers, Melissa Reese and LaKisha King with JW Simmons, Host of We Should Know

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

The topic for this week’s We Should Know is a continuing conversation on school safety and security. The guests for the show are experienced behavioral health professionals and include; LaKisha King (LCSW), William Sellers (Eastpointe MCO), and Melissa Reese (Eastpointe MCO).

LaKisha King is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker Associate and Licensed Substance Abuse Specialist Associate. She earned her Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Mount Olive and her Master’s Degree in Social Work from the University of Southern California. LaKisha is the Supervisor for Easterseals Mobile Crisis with extensive experience working in the mental health field in many facets.

William Sellers is a UNC Pembroke graduate with a focus in Sociology and Psychology. He has worked in Mental/Behavioral Health for 27 years as a former Certified Substance Abuse Counselor, Mental/Behavioral Education Instructor, Mobile Crisis Supervisor and currently as a Community Relations Specialist with Eastpointe MCO.

Melissa Reese graduated with a BS degree majoring in Psychology and Human Services. She has worked in Behavioral Health for 22 years and has been with Eastpointe for 12 years. She started out as a Case Manager and as an Advocate. Currently she works as a Community Relations Specialist with Eastpointe MCO covering Duplin and Sampson Counties.

JW Simmons begins the show asking Melissa Reese to explain the role of behavioral health professions in dealing with school violence. Reese explains, “What we can do, such as Eastpointe MCO, is to link people with resources in the community that we serve for mental health, substance abuse and intellectual development disabilities. And so, if they’re needing services or appropriate treatment help, they can call us 24/7. Someone is always answering. Our phone number is 1-800-913-6109.”

“So, if they’re needing help, or if they just need to talk to somebody, someone will always be there and can answer any questions that they have. They will kind of go through a screening referral, and then they’ll be linked with the provider agency or whoever in their county that

they live in that can provide what they’re needing.”

Next, Simmons turns to LaKisha King to have her explain her role in working with schools and how that connection is made. “Basically, what Mobile Crisis does is we’re a community-based service. We respond anywhere in the community that is deemed safe. We have gone out to the schools to provide Mobile Crisis services to students that are dealing with mental health issues, whether it’s experiencing suicidal thoughts or having some type of behavioral health issue.”

“Collectively, I’ve had school social workers, counselors, teachers, and the administrative staff call Mobile Crisis directly or they’ll call through Eastpointe. Typically, we encourage staff once they meet us to call us directly because it expedites us getting staff out in a timely manner. But, pretty much, what I found that works is if I can get all of the school staff – in another county I was able to meet with all of the counselors and with all of the social workers, within the same day but they had two separate meetings – so I could educate them on Mobile Crisis and what we do. We’re here for everybody regardless of age. And regardless of if you have insurance or not, Mobile Crisis can respond.”

King says that school staff often don’t know how to address behavioral health issues and that is what professionals such as herself and others working in behavioral health are there for. She goes on to add that they also work directly with parents as well.

King says she worked with people as young as 2-years old up to those aged 85.

Next, Simmons turns his focus to William Sellers and his 27 years’ experience in behavioral health to ask what is happening to cause so many repeated cases of violence in schools across the country and what’s missing in terms of a response.

Sellers begins, “That’s a great question, and as you know schools today, and the stressors that students encounter today are totally different than they were 10 years ago, and especially 20 years ago. There was a time when technology was not as available as it is now, and with that technology we have a lot of stressors – we see a lot of things.”

“We all work together at Eastpointe with things like anti-bullying. We see a lot of things students see like cyberbullying, and their lives seem to be connected with friends that are not really tangible friends. And that has influences on them. Their minds, in many cases from a cognitive standpoint have not developed to be able to handle some the stressors that are in place. And we certainly see how crisis comes in to play.”

“And one of the things we attempt to do,” adds Sellers, “is to identify things before there’s a crisis. You know, on the trip down today I was looking at the dash on my car and I saw an indicator light that said maintenance soon. Well that’s an indication that I need to address that or at some point its going to be a crisis. And we see signs and symptoms all the time present themselves, where folks are withdrawn or things they normally do, they’re not doing any more. And that could suggest that somethings going on. Something needs to be addressed. So, there’s a lot of stressors now, and that has changed the while format of what this is about now.”

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

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



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Four Election Board Members Take Oath of Office



On Monday, four Sampson County residents were sworn in as Sampson County Board of Election members. Three members were already presently on the board, Horace Bass (Democrat)- Chairman, Danny Jackson (Republican), and Quincy Edgerton (Republican). The newest member sworn in on Monday was G.H. Wilson (Democrat). Wilson makes a monumental change on the board, as the board will now have four members, two from each political party. The board previously only held three members.

Members of the Board of Elections are nominated by the local parties, Democrat and Republican.

According to Ashley Tew, Director of the Board of Elections, “The mission of the Board of Elections is to insure fair and impartial elections for the citizens of Sampson County. The department endeavors to ensure that every citizen in Sampson County has had an opportunity to register to vote and cast a ballot for the candidates and issues of their choice and that every citizen comes to realize that voting is a hard-earned privilege and honor and should be looked upon as a duty.”

Continuing Tew noted, “The Board of Elections conducts all elections – national, state, and local – that are held in Sampson County. The department establishes and maintains election precincts and voting sites, appoints and trains precinct officials, prepares for all aspects of elections, purchases voting equipment, and canvasses and certifies all elections that they conduct. We maintain voter registrations, provide for absentee voting, and maintain current computer records of voter files. The department investigates any voter irregularities that may occur.”

Clerk of Court Dwight Williams administered the Oath of Office on Monday.

LOCAL NEWS

Death Investigation

The Sampson County Sheriff's Office received a missing person complaint on March 28, 2018 at 2200hrs. Family members reported Eileen Marie Carter, 41, W/F of Old US 701 Highway, Garland, NC missing and an investigation into the missing person's whereabouts began. On March 31 deputies located a deceased female in a wooded area in the Ingold community, who was later identified as the missing female. The exact location where the deceased was located is being withheld at this time for investigative purposes.



Anyone having any information regarding this death investigation is encouraged to contact investigators at the Sampson County Sheriff's Office 910-592-4141. The investigation is ongoing and no further information is available for release at this time. Once updates become available, those updates will be issued in an update press release to media sources.

Old Reynolds Motors Building Denied Again



After a second public hearing on a text amendment to the Clinton Land Development Ordinance, owners of the old Reynolds Motor Company building on Vance Street in the Central Business District were again disappointed after no motion on the matter ended the

Holder Sworn In as Newest Assistant Clerk of Court



On Monday morning, Interim Sampson County Clerk of Court Dwight Williams, officially swore in Mike Holder as the newest Assistant Clerk of Court. Mr. Holder has been a deputy clerk with the Sampson County Clerk of Court's office since December 6th, 2006. Mr. Holder is the court's bookkeeper. Mike is married to Susan Holder, Assistant Manager for Sampson County, and they have one son, Peyton.

zoning request change. Bobby and Jenny Beard submitted a requested text change to the ordinance to include Motor Vehicle or Boat Services with No Vehicle Storage as a conditional use, but the request was denied when no motion was presented. The request failed without a vote on the matter.

Initially unanimously approved by the Planning Board, the requested text amendment would have allowed for an Auto Repair or Boat Repair shop to next request a conditional use permit to open at the Vance Street location. Jenny Gayle Reynolds Beard was at the Tuesday night City Council Meeting to express her desire to have the text change to fit the purpose build building.

Initially built in 1948 to serve as a car dealership, the 416 Vance Street building has several mechanic bays, a showroom and offices, and a large fenced area. Reynolds Motor Company sold and serviced Packard, Studebaker, Rolls-Royce and Dodge vehicles until 1990 when it closed. From 1990 until 2017 the building was leased to J&J Wholesale Kitchen & Bath.

After thanking the council for allowing her a second chance on the text amendment, Beard stated that she was born, raised and lived in Sampson County her entire life, and like her grandfather, James Ingram Reynolds, she loved the City of Clinton and was proud of the city's distinction as an All-American City.

Stating that the property was very dear to her, Jenny Beard explained, "I've spent \$35,000 repairing the roof, replacing the showroom windows, and new wiring in the garage area. And it's my goal to continue to upgrade 416 in the future.

Beard explained that additional expenses would be needed to maintain the building for mercantile use, but as a service center the building was adequately equipped to be used as is according to both the Fire Marshal and Building Inspector.

"There is 15,000 sq. ft under roof," stated Beard. "Repairs can be done under there. There are two outside bays and a block building in the back. And a fenced in area where all storage can be out of view."

Explaining that she also owned 111 Vance Street where she had invested \$50,000 for renovations, Beard said she made a commitment to the city and a desire to make it as attractive as possible, not just for her sake, but other downtown property owners as well.

Beard Concluded, "I promise you to monitor this property and keep it very neat. I will have a lease agreement prepared with what you request to be in it. We have an excellent prospect interested in this building, and he will come before you for the conditional use permit and we will have a site-specific plan for you at that time."

Councilman Neal Strickland addressed the meeting stating, "I, like the Mayor, have known you a long time Jenny Gayle. And like you, and your family, I have a strong love and desire for this city also. A few years ago, some of us worked real hard on a downtown comprehensive plan."

Strickland then read, "To provide residential, retail and personal service and office space for local and regional commercial activities to result in the most intensive and attractive use of the city's downtown business district."

"We've spent a lot of money downtown as your aware of," continued Strickland. "I think it's something that we're all proud of, and I want to keep it that way. I just want to keep it that way. I hope you would understand, all of us have worked hard for the downtown and the citizens. We're not only here for you and Bobby, we're here for every citizen in the city."

"I appreciate everything that you've done at both businesses. I truly do," added Strickland. "And I've struggled with this thing. But the words we used a few years ago, 'maintaining a quaint atmosphere', I think that's what we're trying to do. I think that's what we're trying to establish."

After Strickland's comments, Mayor Lew Starling called for a motion to change the text amendment which went unanswered meaning the request to change the text failed. As the Council moved on to other business Bobby and Jenny Beard left the meeting in obvious disappointment.

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My Most Awesome Thought

Quite unexpectedly, a few years ago a concept that had never even occurred to me entered my mind. It was simply this:

“What is the most awesome thought I have ever had?”

Now, before I move on, allow me to reminisce here a bit. Since early childhood I have loved to study and learn and read and recite. Even before I was able to read my Daddy would teach me scripture passages, the 23rd Psalm in particular. Often, he would ask me to “read” and recite them for family and company that would frequent our inviting country home.

Years have passed, to this day I am so very grateful for my wonderful Christian heritage. At age ten I realized the truth of John 3:16, and I accepted Him as my personal Savior. Thankfully I have been blessed to live my life in the nurture and admonition of the Lord: a life full of ups and downs, victories and failures, but firmly grounded in the Word of God.

And then as I said, one day I became aware of something that was entirely new to me. My mind was consumed as I con-

templated the question: “What is the most awesome thought I have ever had?” I prayed for God’s guidance as I pondered that question for many days. And then, the answer came: There on the balcony of darkest space, before God ever said, “Let there be light”,

I, Martha Moore Pierce, was on His mind, and in His plan. The fact that God, in His great love orchestrated the lives of my parents and my ancestral heritage, and in His Divine order I was born on March 14, 1940, is absolutely amazing to me. To this day, I am still in awe of the fact that I was chosen to live in this world, that I am allowed to be a participant, and that I will spend all of eternity in Heaven with my Lord. Now that is an overwhelmingly awesome thought indeed! According to Psalm 139:16 NIV “Your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in Your Book before one of them came to be.” I believe that scripture as it applies to my life, I claim it, and yes, that is the most awesome thought I have ever had. Praise His Holy Name!

As I live more of those precious years, I have come to realize

as never before that with that privilege comes responsibility. Jesus was once asked, “Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?”

Jesus replied, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. And, you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Matthew 22:36-40. Friends, that truth is so simple, not necessarily easy, but possible. We are to love God first and foremost, give Him our complete devotion, and then let Him help us love those around us. Sum it all up in one word: LOVE. God IS love, thus as his children we are to be reflectors of that love. Pray, ask Him to show you those to whom you can share resources, caring ministry, visits, cards, phone calls, hugs, smiles. It’s a promise, He will show you, He will enable you, He will bless you.

Until Christ takes us home to be with Him, may this one sentence serve as a constant reminder: “The visible presence of Christ in this world is YOU!”

By Martha Pierce



Color Blind

Jonah 1:14-15, “Therefore they cried out to the Lord and said, “We pray, O Lord, please do not let us perish for this man’s life, and do not charge us with innocent blood; for You, O Lord, have done as it pleased You.” So they picked up Jonah and threw him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging.”

I recently read that at the University of Lund in Sweden, scientists have discovered that whales and seals are missing cones in the eye. This means these animals are color blind. Did you know that Jesus was also color blind? I don’t mean to suggest that Jesus couldn’t distinguish between red and blue, but He chose to look past a person’s skin color and view their heart. Not once in Scripture does Jesus condemn or praise a person based on their ethnicity. Sadly, not everyone in the Bible could claim that honor, especially the prophet Jonah.

God had commanded Jonah to go preach to a people that looked different, worshipped other gods and were the life threatening enemy to the Hebrew people. Jonah didn’t want this task because he knew that if these people accepted the message of God they would be redeemed just as he was. That would in fact make his adversaries his spiritual brothers.

Jonah decided to run away from God’s mission, he bought passage on a ship headed in the opposite direction from

where God told him to go. After the ship reached open sea, a huge storm threatened to sink it. Immediately the sailors began to pray. When the sailors tried to learn who was responsible for this trouble, Jonah admitted he was running from “the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land” (Jonah 1:9). These sailors grew afraid and asked what they should do. Jonah told them to throw him overboard.

Rather than following Jonah’s instructions, they tried to row back to shore, unsuccessfully. Finally, they cried out for God’s forgiveness and threw Jonah into the sea, which instantly grew calm. The men “greatly feared the Lord,” and vowed their true allegiance to Him. Jonah would be swallowed by a large fish and after three days inside of the fish he would be vomited onto the shore. From there Jonah headed to his enemies and preached God’s message. The result of the message is the entire nation turned their faith to the God that Jonah served.

The gospel of Jesus Christ is for all people. The grace of God is for all people. The love of God is for all people. The forgiveness of God is for all people. There is no place in God’s kingdom for prejudice and no room for a Jonah attitude that devalues those unlike us. We must align ourselves with the truth of God’s Word. Anyone who repents and calls on God for salvation through Christ has a place in His kingdom.

Jesus commands us to love one another as He loves us. John



13:34 states, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.” If God is impartial and loves us with impartiality, then we need to love others with that same high standard. If we treat a person with contempt, we are mistreating a person created in God’s image; we are hurting somebody whom God loves and for whom Jesus died for.

This week I encourage you to pattern the love of Jesus to everyone, regardless of their skin color. Dr. Chuck Swindoll, Senior Pastor at Stonebriar Community Church, said, “Prejudice is a learned trait. You’re not born prejudiced; you’re taught it.” Although we might be taught to be prejudice, we should consider what God teaches us through the pages of the Bible. The message of Jesus needs to be taken to all parts of the world, and not to just to people that look like we do.



Rev. Ken Smith

TRAVELIN’ BACK IN TIME

I sometimes wish I could step back in time, just long enough to travel in some of the grand old ways of yesteryear. I know the ways of traveling back then were slower than transportation today, but they had class!

I can only imagine what it would have been like to sail the ocean blue in a mast ship. I can close my eyes and almost feel the breeze of the ocean wind blowing across my face and through my hair. I can almost taste the salty sea spray that would accompany the sea breeze. I imagine the big white sails fully furled in the billowing wind. Oh what a majestic sight that must have been! And the deep blue water with the sun sparkling off of it like a blanket of diamonds cast upon the sea. The ship would rise and fall on the ocean waves and create white foam in its wake. I can only imagine what a view that could be seen from the crow’s nest! I don’t believe I could have made that climb even for the view!

These ships sailed often full of treasure, so a sharp lookout had to be kept for pirates. I wouldn’t want to see the skull and crossbones flying on my trip back in time!

Traveling along the country roads in a horse and buggy would also be fun. I know some people today still travel this way, but in the past before the automobile, it was the best way to get about! Some people had fancy buggies and some folks had only a simple wagon. But, either way, it traversed the pathways to where they needed to go. If it was hot or rainy or freezing cold, I imagine it wasn’t very comfortable to travel that way. But, for my trip back in time, I would choose a pleasant sunny day.

The ladies of that era wore long skirts and usually their hair up in a bun. It would seem according to the movies, they all fastened a beautiful stylish cameo pin at the throat of their dress, and sat in the buggy, prim and proper as it went on its way.

Next, I would like to glide along in an open sleigh as the horse plodded along through the glistening snow, sleigh bells jingling. The ladies would have their hands buried in the warmth of a furry muff. The gentlemen would have on top hats and scarves. Everyone would have his or her feet next to the foot warmer - a wood and tin box that held hot coals to keep icy feet warm while traveling in the cold of winter.



ridden Tweetsie like most everyone else I know. It was fun. But, to travel from one side of the country to the other in an old timey train would be quite a trip! It would be slow enough that you could enjoy the scenery. I’ve read that the food was pretty good in the elegant dining cars too. Again, I can almost see the ladies in their long skirts and stylish gloves, and the gentlemen with their top hats and gold pocket watches.

These were the trips of a time long past. Gone, never to come again. It was an era when things moved slower and life was less complicated. Right was right and wrong was wrong and there was no need to debate it. Family ties were strong and family came first. God and country were honored. The Bible was not questioned. It was God’s Holy Word - the end.

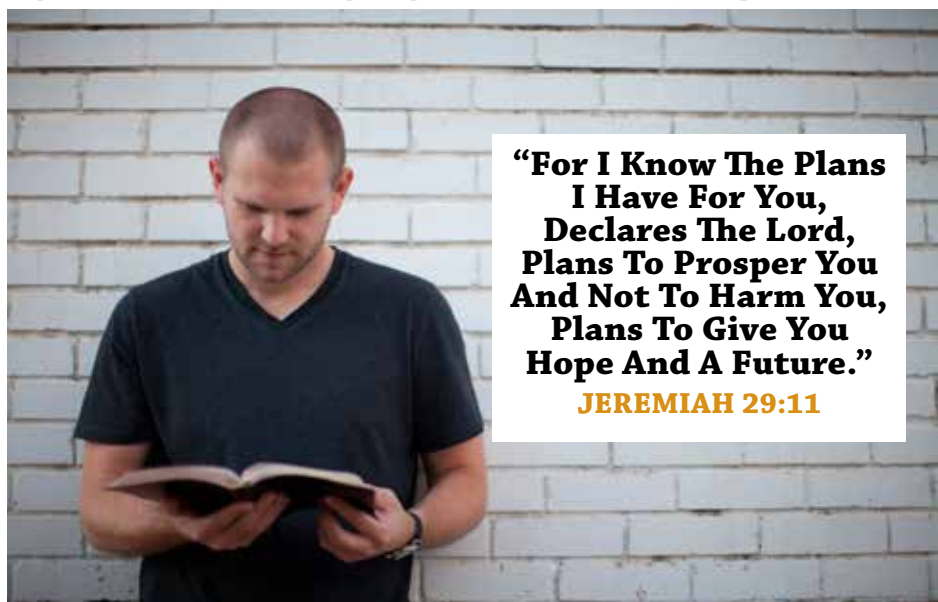
Work was harder, no doubt, but times back then seemed to have a sweeter ring to them. It wasn’t perfect, nothing ever is, but life on the slower path had its advantages. Time to live and love and learn. Time for family and friends.

I think folks today need to slow down and smell some roses! And just maybe take a jaunt on a bicycle built for two, with that someone special! After all, the good ole’ summertime will be here soon!



Written by Carolyn Horrell Mintz

OPEN DOOR MINISTRY



“For I Know The Plans I Have For You, Declares The Lord, Plans To Prosper You And Not To Harm You, Plans To Give You Hope And A Future.”
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A ride on a steamboat paddling down the river would be my next choice. The big paddle wheel in back churning up the coffee brown river water would be awe-inspiring. As you floated along you would have a great view of the scenery along the riverbank and the wildlife too. You might even see an alligator swimming along like you weren’t even there. Yes, it would be grand!

Another ride I would like to take in my journey back in time would be on a train - a steam engine train. I’ve

ENTERTAINMENT

What's Happening at SCT

By Angela Martin

"FAME! I'm gonna live forever" this song is an all too-familiar tune from the 80s and it is exactly what you will be hearing as you come see our next musical. FAME is a musical that was developed and created after the tv show with the same name. The musical follows a group of high school students who graduate in 1984 from the High School of the Performing Arts. These students learn a lot about one another and their passions all the while singing and dancing their way into the audiences' hearts. This production is proudly sponsored by Performance Dodge and the Sampson County Arts Council. Angela Martin is directing and the show dates are April 20-29 with Friday and Saturday shows at 7:30 and Sunday matinees beginning at 2:30.

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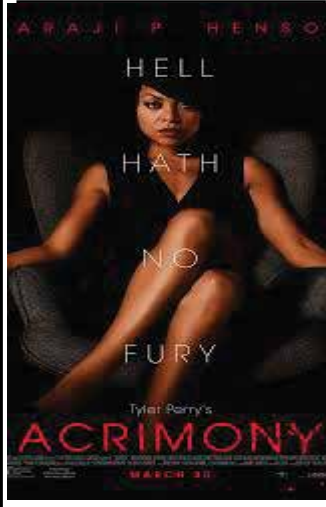
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Tired of standing by her devious husband, a faithful wife (Taraji P. Henson) is enraged when it becomes clear she has been betrayed.

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Primatologist Davis Okoye (Johnson), a man who keeps people at a distance, shares an unshakable bond with George, the extraordinarily intelligent, silverback gorilla who has been in his care since birth. But a rogue genetic experiment gone awry transforms this gentle ape into a raging monster. To make matters worse, it's soon discovered there are other similarly altered alpha predators.

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READY PLAYER ONE

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DELIGHTFULLY BAKED FISH

When it comes to baking fish, flaky and fresh can make for a great combination. For a classic meal with a seasoned flare, try this delicious baked fish with lemon pepper seasoning and onions. Find more traditional, tasty recipes at USDA.gov.

Baked Fish

Recipe courtesy of the United States Department of Agriculture
Servings: 4

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 1 pound fish fillets (whitefish, trout or tilapia)
- 1 onion, sliced
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 teaspoons vegetable oil
- 1/4 teaspoon lemon pepper seasoning (optional)

Heat oven to 350 F.
Place 12-inch piece of foil on counter. Coat foil with nonstick cooking spray. Place fillets in middle of foil. If fillets have skin, place skin-side down.

Spread sliced onions, salt, pepper and oil on top of fillets. Add lemon pepper seasoning, if desired. Fold foil over fish.

Place foil pouch on baking sheet and place in oven. Bake fish 15-20 minutes until fish reaches a minimum internal temperature of 145 F on a food thermometer and is flaky when tested with fork.

Divide into four portions and serve.



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SIMPLY *Savory* MEALS



A SENSATIONALLY SIMPLE SIDE DISH

When you're looking for a delicious and nutritious side dish to complement any meal, look no further than this Fingerling Potato Salad. Made with nutrient-rich Wisconsin Potatoes and topped with a lemon dressing, this simple potato side packs plenty of flavor. Find more potato recipes at eatwisconsinpotatoes.com.

Fingerling Potato Salad

Prep Time: 15 minutes
Cook Time: 15 minutes
Servings: 6

- 1 1/2 pounds mixed Wisconsin fingerling potatoes
- 2 large lemons, divided
- 2 cups water
- 2 tablespoons coarse kosher salt
- 3 tablespoons white balsamic vinegar
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 1/2 teaspoons whole cumin seeds
- 3/4 teaspoon whole coriander seeds

- pepper, to taste
- 4 green onions, thinly sliced
- 1/3 cup chopped fresh dill
- salt, to taste
- 2 cups baby arugula

In large pot of boiling, salted water, cook potatoes until just tender when pierced with fork, about 15 minutes. Drain and cool slightly.

Slice one lemon into 1/8-inch-thick rounds. In small saucepan, combine sliced lemon, water and kosher salt; bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer until lemon slices are tender, about 10 minutes. Drain lemons then coarsely chop.

Cut remaining lemon in half and squeeze out 2 tablespoons juice. In small bowl, mix chopped lemons, lemon juice, white balsamic vinegar and oil. Coarsely crush cumin and coriander seeds using mortar and pestle. Mix seeds into lemon dressing. Season, to taste, with pepper.

Cut lukewarm potatoes in half lengthwise. Place in large, shallow bowl. Mix in green onions and dill. Pour lemon dressing over and toss to coat. Season, to taste, with salt and pepper. Add arugula and toss gently. Serve lukewarm or at room temperature.

Farm-Fresh Festivities

Themed parties can be challenging, especially when you want everything to be perfect for your guests. Make your party simple and festive with these tips for planning your own farm-to-table gathering.

Mason jars

A farm-to-table classic, mason jars can be used for drinks or even to fill with flowers to make a beautiful, seasonal centerpiece for the table. Mason jars are clean, cute and easy to wash when the gathering is over.

Rustic vibe

Adding some rustic decor can help spruce up your table or serve as an accessory for your farm-to-table dinner party. Also consider adding a bit of fall-flare with decorations such as pumpkins, squash and brightly colored leaves.

Seasonal fare

It's easy to get inspired with the variety of things you can find at your local farmers market. Ingredients like onions can be used in this Baked Fish recipe while a batch of locally sourced potatoes is the perfect foundation for a Fingerling Potato Salad.



FROM FARM TO GLASS

Many may be surprised to learn that milk is one of the original farm-to-table foods, typically arriving on grocery shelves in just two days (or 48 hours) from many family-owned and operated dairy farms. For a trendy twist on the farm-fresh beverage kids already love, try this DIY flavored milk recipe as a tasty start to the morning. To learn about milk's journey from farm to glass, visit MilkLife.com.

Chocolate Banana Milk

Servings: 1

- 8 ounces fat free milk
- 1/2 large banana
- 1 teaspoon unsweetened cocoa powder

Place 8 ounces milk, large banana and unsweetened cocoa powder in a blender and blend until just smooth. Enjoy!

Nutritional information per serving: 140 calories; 0 g fat; 0 g saturated fat; 5 mg cholesterol; 9 g protein; 29 g carbohydrates; 2 g fiber; 105 mg sodium; 306 mg calcium (30% of daily value).



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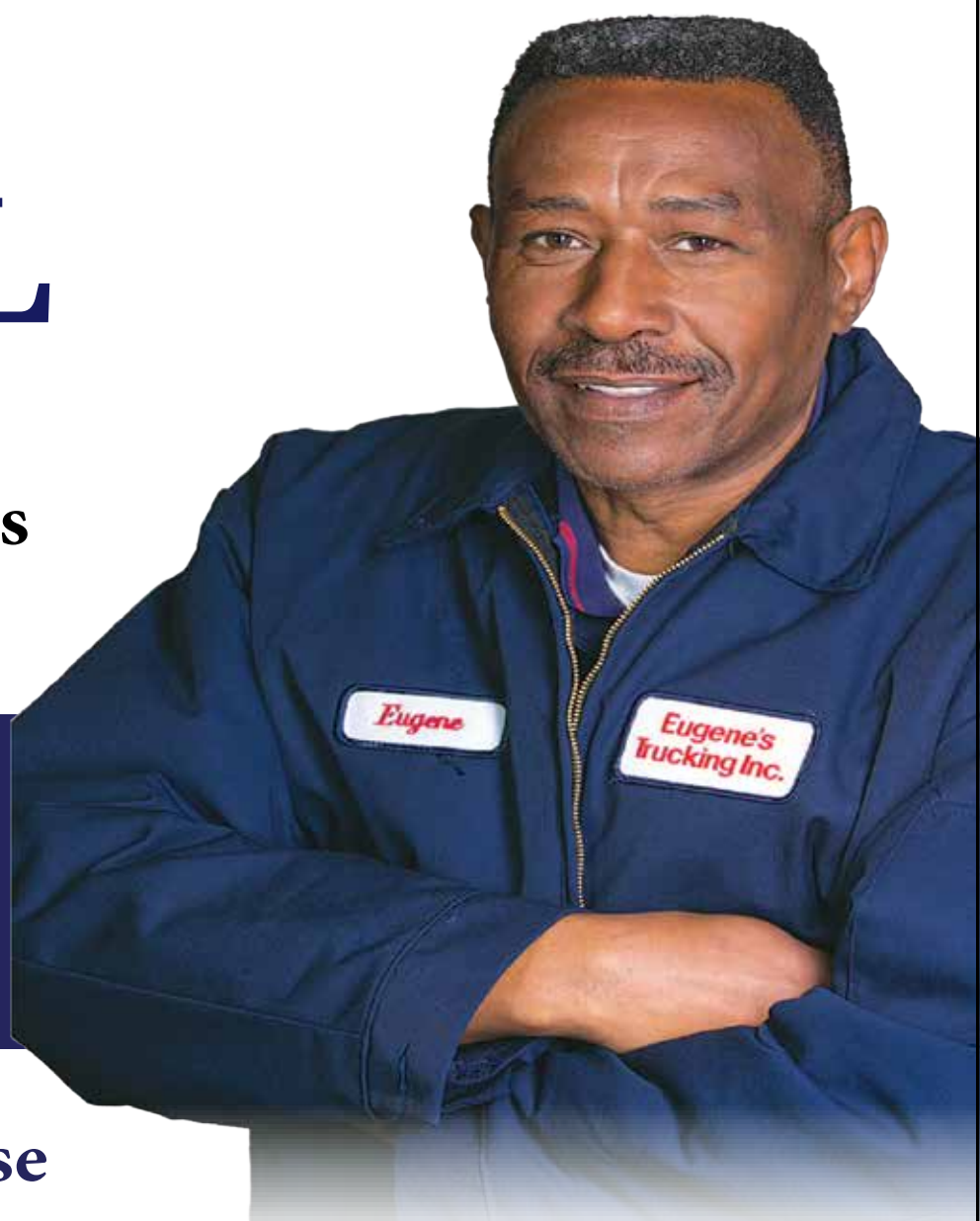
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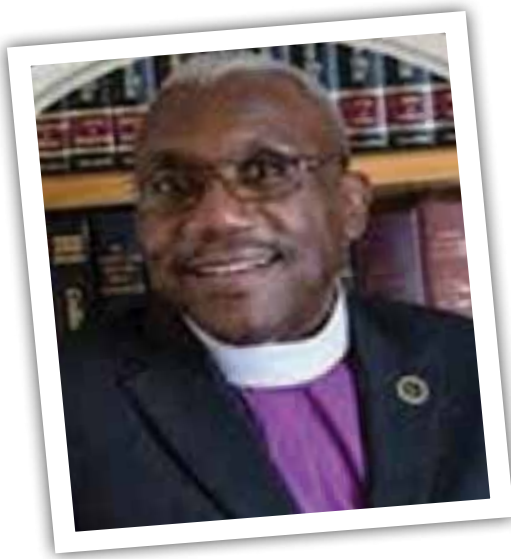
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Union's Britni Register Earns Star Athlete of the Week Honors

When Union High School softball standout Britni Register was told that she was named this week's Performance Auto/Sampson Weekly Star Athlete of the Week she said she was really surprised.

"It really caught me off guard," the 16-year-old junior, who also plays volleyball for the Spartans, said Wednesday. "I didn't know anything about it (the nomination). But I feel really honored by it."

Her head coach, Megan Pierce, nominated Register for her work on the field where she plays second base, shortstop and third base for the Spartans.

Register, who is one of only two juniors on the Union roster, has not only been stellar on defense, but has been helpful in the dugout, taking younger players under her wing.

"I like to try and help my other teammates," she explained. "I know what it is like coming up from middle school and a lot of the younger players are working harder because they have that support."

Register has been playing on the varsity softball team since her freshman year and formed quick bonds with her older teammates, as well as Coach Pierce.

"She's really helped me grow over the past two years," Register said of her coach. "We have formed a great bond with each other and it has really helped me on the field and off of it."

The Lady Spartans have just one senior on this year's squad, in addition to four sophomores and four freshmen. The team is currently 0-7, with their last win coming back in the 2016 season.

"It is tough," Register said. "We are in a conference with a lot of great teams. So, we really try to work hard and play our best in every game we play."

Born in Sampson County, Register's foray into sports came at a very young age.

"I started playing T-Ball when I was like two or three," she remembers with a laugh, "and

I've been playing ever since. I really played everything when I was little; I loved playing any and all sports."

At the age of seven, Register began playing a second sport, volleyball.

"I love playing both, but I really felt more comfortable playing volleyball," she said. "I think I am quicker on my feet and I have better instincts on the court."

Through the years, Register has developed her own style of play in both softball and volleyball.

"My whole family has always been big on sports," she said. "So, I have been playing for a long time and a lot of it just came natural to me because I've been around it and playing it for so long."

Register continues, "My cousins have played both sports too. The cool thing is that in my freshman year I was a setter (in volleyball) and three of my cousins were setters too ..."

A straight 'A' student, who says her favorite subject is Math, Register said that she is already thinking about college.

"Since I was little, I have always wanted to be a vet for large animals," she explains. "I have always loved animals and I grew up around horses and cows ... I know that N.C. State has a great veterinarian program and I want to go there. It is not too far away, which I like, because I want to stay close to home."

Register, who is a member of the UHS BETA Club, said that she also plans to play sports in college.

"Out of the two sports, I know I would like to play volleyball in college. I feel like volleyball comes easier to me; I just feel more comfortable playing it."

Although Register has over a year left of high school, she admits that leaving Union High will not be easy.

"It is going to be hard," she said. "Not just for the friends that I will miss, but I also for the



teachers that I will miss. I have made close bonds with my teachers, especially Mr. Rinka. He has been a teacher that I have had since my freshman year and he has really helped me grow in and out of the classroom. He is someone who I can talk to about anything and I really appreciate that."

Rinka is part of an atmosphere at Union High that is more like a family, Register said.

"It really is like a second family here," she said. "The teachers really care about you and they will take the time out to talk to you and help you with whatever you need. They really do give you the support you need, so leaving that, for me, will be bittersweet."

Now that she is almost done with her junior year at Union, what piece of advice would Register give to the upcoming freshman?

"I would tell them to not care or worry about what other people are thinking about you," she said. "You always have to strive for success."

When Register does get free time, she says she likes to spend it with her family - mother, Lindsay; father, Chris; older brother, Bailey; and younger sister Brylie.

A family has been a strong source of support for Register since she was a child.

"They have always been there for me," she said. "It means a lot that they have always been there to support me, to push me to better myself or just lift me up when I was down."

In addition to her family, Register said she would also like to thank her teachers, teammates, friends and coaches for all of their support as well.

"I would also like to thank Coach Pierce, Coach Sam and Coach Moore for always being there for me," she said.

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NASCAR THIS WEEK

SPEED FREAKS

A few questions we had to ask ourselves

On the heels of Bowyer, who's next to break a long winless streak?

GODSPEAK: I'll put Joey Logano at the top of my list (33 races), followed by the width of a bumper by Jamie McMurray (154).

KEN'S CALL: Jimmie (29 races) and Chase (83) are easy picks, but I'll venture out there and say Aric Almirola (125).

Where do you rank the Texas Motor Speedway cowboy hat among NASCAR victory symbolism?

GODSPEAK: Lone Star State stuff. Low-grade award on the NASCAR scale. By the way, I never thought Walker (Texas Ranger) looked exactly right in that Stetson.

KEN'S CALL: Easier to show off than a grandfather clock, but it won't tell time. Combine it with Nashville's guitar, and you're halfway to starting a honky-tonk act.

FEUD OF THE WEEK

KYLE BUSCH VS. BRAD KESELOWSKI

OWSKI: Coming off the Easter 500 weekend, there was no feuding, so how about two Cup Series drivers who don't like each other on an ongoing basis.

GODWIN KELLY'S TAKE: This is a smash of personalities more than anything else. They haven't clashed on the track in a while, so we could be in for a doozy considering Busch's mood of late.

GODWIN'S PICKS FOR TEXAS

WINNER: Kevin Harvick

REST OF TOP 5: Martin Truex Jr., Kyle Busch, Chase Elliott, Jimmie Johnson

FIRST ONE OUT: Ricky Stenhouse Jr.

DARK HORSE: Erik Jones

DON'T BE SURPRISED IF: The Cup Series produces a classic "crazy race." Look for Harvick to emerge from Texas-size mess and net his fourth win of 2018.

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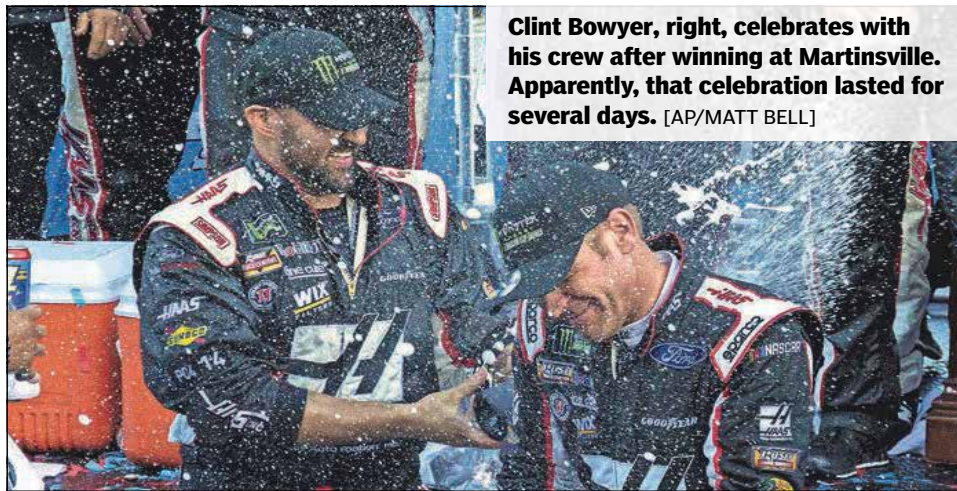
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EASTER BREAK

THREE THINGS WE LEARNED



Clint Bowyer, right, celebrates with his crew after winning at Martinsville. Apparently, that celebration lasted for several days. [AP/MATT BELL]

1. Bowyer's celebration

Days after winning the race at Martinsville Speedway, Clint Bowyer, 38, was still in party mode. Bowyer, who asked for a beer in Victory Lane, sent out hints here and there through social media that the party was still going. "I'm too old for this (bleep)," he tweeted.

2. Playing nice

The Martinsville race was a bit boring. Three drivers dominated three different stages, and for a short-track race, it was pretty tame. Of the four caution periods, only one was for any contact

on the racetrack. That's ho-hum compared with the 2017 fall race's 11 cautions.

3. Losing control

Ron Devine lost control of the Cup Series team he created, BK Racing, which fields a car for Gray Gaulding. The court appointed a trustee to manage BK Racing's finances. "I don't know if I will stay involved in it or go in another direction," Devine told ESPN.com.

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THREE THINGS TO WATCH

1. Magic sauce

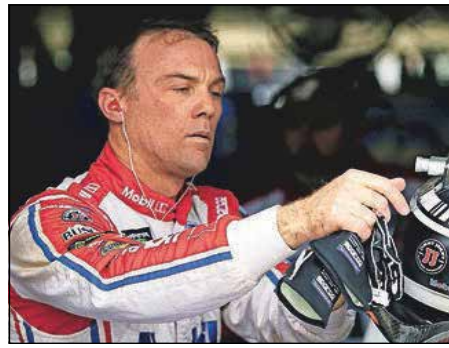
One-sixth of the 2018 NASCAR Cup Series is in the books, and the biggest surprise by far has been the performance of Stewart-Haas Racing. The four-car team has won four races with two drivers, led by Kevin Harvick's three consecutive victories. Clint Bowyer snapped a 190-race losing streak at Martinsville. The question now is, can SHR maintain this pace? More than likely, yes.

2. The next six

The next Cup Series segment will be interesting. It includes two races at 1.5-mile tracks, a pair of short tracks, the "Monster Mile" at Dover and a stop at Talladega. The Cup Series will reconvene at Texas this week, run back-to-back short-track events at Bristol and Richmond, then make the white-knuckle journey to Talladega. With a few exceptions, those top-10 in points at this point tend to battle for championship honors.

3. Title sponsor

As it stands now, stock-car's premier



Kevin Harvick has helped Stewart-Haas Racing blast out of the 2018 starting gate with three wins in six races. The question is, can SHR maintain this torrid winning pace? [AP/LM OTERO]

series will be called the (fill in the blank) NASCAR Cup Series. Monster Energy is in Year 2 of a two-year deal with an option for 2019-20, which the energy drink company has yet to renew, after reportedly asking for more time to mull things over. It is reported that Monster Energy pays \$20 million annually for entitlement rights. Monster's brand appeals to the 20-something demographic.

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QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers

Who needed that off-week?

You don't need much insider knowledge to realize the Chevrolet teams spent that free week kicking over every stone they could find in and around the garage, trying to find where they left their recipe for speed. They probably brought in a forensics team at the Hendrick shops to look for Chad Knaus' decoder ring, which has apparently slipped into a couch cushion.

Will they rebound?

Sometimes, a season-opening slump is just that, a slump, and all the smart engineers and assorted specialists work it out. Yes, sometimes. Often, since six races is a pretty good chunk of time, it's symptomatic of something the old-timers would say "just ain't right." They used to figure it out with elbow grease, but nowadays they hope the engineers stumble upon a magical algorithm. That's racin'.

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

CUP STANDINGS

1. Kyle Busch	257
2. Martin Truex Jr.	249
3. Ryan Blaney	233
4. Joey Logano	232
5. Brad Keselowski	226
6. Denny Hamlin	217
7. Kevin Harvick	212
8. Clint Bowyer	210
9. Kyle Larson	195
10. Kurt Busch	177
11. Aric Almirola	171
12. Erik Jones	152
13. Austin Dillon	148
14. Alex Bowman	145
15. Paul Menard	139

WHAT'S ON TAP

CUP SERIES: O'Reilly Auto Parts 500

SITE: Texas Motor Speedway (1.5-mile quad-oval)

TV SCHEDULE: Friday, practice (Fox Sports 1, 1 p.m.), qualifying (Fox Sports 1, 5:30 p.m.). Saturday, practice (Fox Sports 1, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.). Sunday, race (Fox Sports 1, coverage begins at 12:30 p.m.; green flag, 2:30 p.m.)

XFINITY: My Bariatric Solutions 300

SITE: Texas Motor Speedway
SCHEDULE: Friday, practice (Fox Sports 1, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.). Saturday, qualifying (Fox Sports 1, noon), race (Fox, 3 p.m.)



KEN WILLIS' TOP 10 NASCAR DRIVER RANKINGS

KEVIN HARVICK No changes here after an off-week	KYLE BUSCH Probably finished second in Easter egg hunt	MARTIN TRUEX JR. Will finish third at Texas	CLINT BOWYER Calmed down yet?	JOEY LOGANO On a post-Easter chocolate high	RYAN BLANEY Will win in April, says Mr. Hunch	BRAD KESELOWSKI Winningest Brad in NASCAR history	DENNY HAMLIN Like Jagger, "waiting on a friend"	KYLE LARSON Not a bad bet for Texas	ALEX BOWMAN How long will he stay in our Top 10?
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 (Kevin Harvick)

March 4: Kobalt 400 at Las Vegas (Kevin Harvick)

March 11: Camping World 500(k) at Phoenix (Kevin Harvick)

March 18: Auto Club 400 at Fontana (Martin Truex)

March 26: STP 500 at Martinsville (Clint Bowyer)

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: First Data 500 at Martinsville

Nov. 4: Texas 500

Nov. 11: Can-Am 500(k) at Phoenix

Nov. 18: Ford EcoBoost 400 at Homestead

EDUCATION

Clinton City Schools' SOM March



L. C. Kerr School; Keny Acosta 1st Grade (Not Pictured), Butler Avenue School; Bailey Parker 3rd Grade, (Not Pictured), Sunset Avenue School; Nina Jordan 4th Grade, Sampson Middle School; Brittany Tran 6th Grade, Clinton High School; Kade Sutton 12th Grade

BAS Awarded CAFÉ Grant



Butler Avenue School AIG teacher, Mrs. Tyndall, recently was awarded a CAFÉ grant for 3-D pens. Students in her class have been turning 2-D floor plans into 3-D works of art with 3-D Printing Pens.

SCC Students Invited to Statewide Conference



Lindsey, Monroe, Aultman and Glasper

Students from Sampson Community College were given the unique opportunity to network with peers across the state at the 2018 Minority Male Success Initiative Conference. SCC's representation at The event was a result of the work of Dr. Tonita Smith, a counselor at the college, along with Mr. Cornelius Lindsey, SCC's Minority Male Success Coach.

The purpose of the Minority Male Success Initiative program is to provide minority male students with additional, academic support in an effort to increase their academic retention, graduation, and transfer rates at SCC. For students to be successful in pursuing their educational goals, the integrated support of college administrators, faculty, staff, counselors, and community leaders is required.

The conference included keynote speakers Dr. Kenston Griffin of Dream Builders Communication, Inc., former NFL player Marques Ogden, Patrick Patterson, President of Global Partners for Families and Family Consulting and CNN political analyst, lawyer and activist Bakari Sellars.

SCC students Deonte Glasper, Michael Aultman and Damarius Monroe were invited to this year's event. Monroe, who will graduate from SCC at the end of this semester, has been accepted to Winston Salem State University. His will major in Sports Marketing. "This event was well worth it," said Glasper. "I felt empowered, like someone cared about my views. I have my mind set toward reaching my goals and have no doubt I will succeed."

Lindsey agrees. "We have seen a lot of success here," he says. "We have had students to graduate from SCC and transfer to four year universities like East Carolina University, North Carolina State University, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and The University of Mount Olive." For more information about SCC's Minority Male Success Initiative program, contact Lindsey at clindsey@sampsoncc.edu.

SCC Students Learn From Being There

Sampson Community College's Animal Science program is no stranger to hands-on training. Over the past month alone, students have been on several field trips off campus. These trips offered the opportunity to check cows for pregnancy, tag cows for identification and assist farmers with other daily activities.

Chet Bass, Applied Animal Science Technology Chair at SCC, says hands-on is the best way to learn. "These students will get to go out into real life scenarios and observe what really happens on a farm," says Bass. "Really you can never know everything there is to know about every situation but the more you do know, the more you have actually stood in a real life scenario and actually put your hands on the work, you are in a much better position to understand it all."

This week, students spent class time analyzing a cow's uterus with a calf and identifying the reproductive anatomy of a bull. Both are

very vital to beef cattle farming. Bass notes that having the opportunity to see it and try to compare a photo with the real thing is a great practical exercise. "You can learn from a book or a photo," he says. "But to sit there and hold a real life version while looking at the photo, you can't replace that."

Anyone interested in the SCC's Animal Science Department, should contact Bass at (910) 900-4027 or cbass@carolina-comet.com.



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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. 380 Medium

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	3	2	7			4	1	
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Previous solution - Easy

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

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

For many strategies, hints and tips, visit www.sudokuwiki.org

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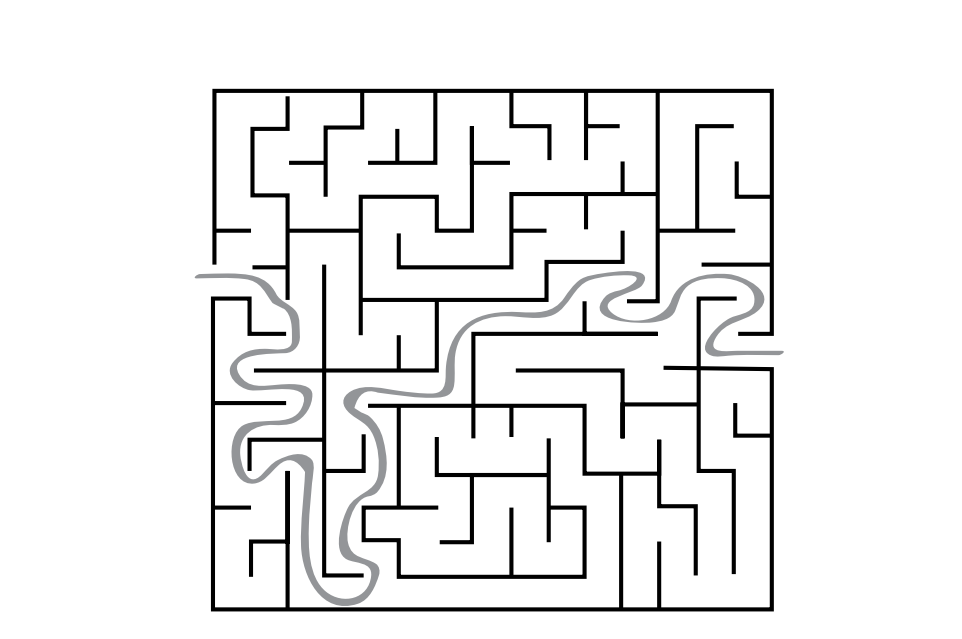
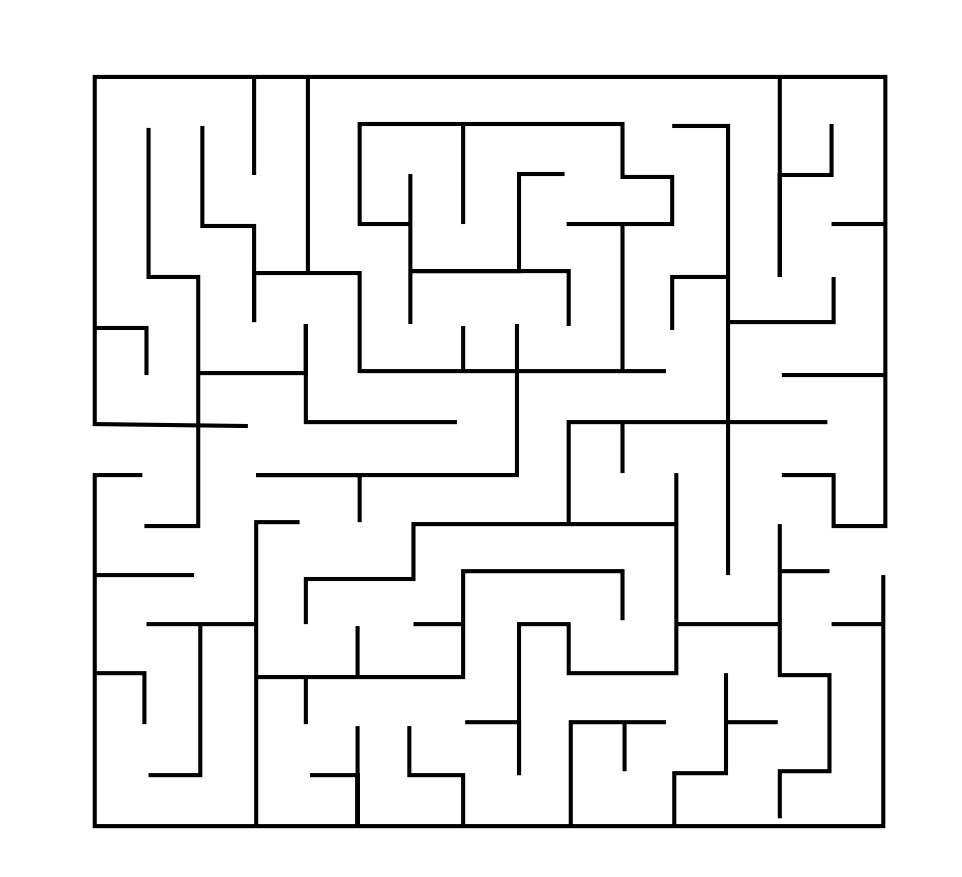
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OBITUARIES

NEWTON GROVE

Anna Jean Parker, 71, of Newton Grove passed away Thursday, March 29, 2018 at her home surrounded by her loving family. Ms. Jean's funeral service was held on Saturday, March 31, 2018 at Unity Presbyterian Church, Newton Grove at 2:00 p.m. Visitation was Friday, March 30, 2018 from 6 till 8 p.m. at West & Dunn Funeral Home,



Newton Grove. Officiating the service was the Revs. Ronnie Jones, Freddy Langston, Jeff Hayes and Cathy Mooney. Survivors include her husband Garry Parker, daughter Angela McNulty and husband Daniel of Atlanta, GA, son Dale Parker and wife Tammy of Newton Grove, grandchildren Sarah, Joshua, Cody and Chloe, sister Judy Holly and husband Freeman of Smithfield, brothers Charles Blackman of Thomasville, N.C., Luther Blackman of Nashville, Tenn., John Blackman and wife Shirley of Newton Grove and Thomas Blackman and wife Mary Ruth of Chesapeake, VA., special friend Carolyn Stewart. She was preceded in death by her parents Talton E. and Thelma S. Blackman and brother Burt Blackman Online condolences may be made at www.westanddunn.com. Services have been entrusted to West & Dunn Funeral Home, Newton Grove, North Carolina.

GARLAND

Eileen Marie Carter 41 of 468 Gibbs Road passed away on March 28, 2018. Services are incomplete & will be announced by Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Service & Cremation.



ROSEBORO

Mr. Lindsey Lee Cundiff, 74 of 3340 Beaver Dam Church Road, Roseboro, passed away Sunday, April 1, 2018 at his home. The funeral service will be held at 3:00 pm Friday, April 6, at Evergreen Baptist Church, 9626 NC Hwy. 210 S., Autryville, with Rev. Charles Davis, Rev. Tommy Honeycutt, and Rev. David Shirley officiating. Burial will follow in the Church Cemetery. He was born April 4, 1943 in Adair County, KY and was the son of the late Orville and Mary Humbles Cundiff. He is also preceded in death by his brothers, Joe Cundiff, Lester Cundiff. He worked with Rohm-Haas and Monsanto, and then retired from the Cumberland County School System. He was a retired member of the Beaver Dam Fire Department. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Emily Bullard Cundiff; four brothers-in-law and their wives; and several nieces



and nephews. The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 pm Thursday, April 5, at Butler Funeral Home in Roseboro, and other times at the home of Richard Bullard, 3341 Beaver Dam Church Road. Flowers are welcome, or memorials may be made to Evergreen Baptist Church, 9626 NC Hwy. 210 S., Autryville, NC 28318. Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro is proudly serving the family.

AUTRYVILLE

Mr. Joseph "JB" Brewer Davis, 82 passed away Thursday, March 29, 2018 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. Funeral services were held at 2:00pm Monday, April 2, 2018 at Concord Baptist Church, officiating was Rev. Larry West and Rev. Donald Davis. Burial followed in the church cemetery. The family received friends from 6:00pm to 8:00pm Sunday, April 1, 2018 at the funeral home. He is preceded in death by his parents, Joseph O. Davis and Elma Melvin Davis; wife, Elsie Mae Davis; and a sister, Evelyn Davis. JB was also a United States Air Force Veteran. He is survived by his daughter, Susie Beal & husband, Troy of Fayetteville; sons, Steve Davis & wife, Mary Ann of Virginia and Joe Davis & wife, Kristen of Autryville; step-daughters, Deborah Naylor & husband, Ronnie and Lisa Carlisle all of Roseboro; brothers, Percy Davis & wife, Ann of Smithfield, Donald Davis & wife, Kathleen of Dunn and Oscar Davis of Autryville; sisters, Elizabeth Davis of Fayetteville, Helen McDonald of Fayetteville and Della Grace Kirk & husband, Tommy of Louisville, Kentucky; 12 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 6535 Clinton Road, Stedman, NC 28391.



GARLAND

Mr. Jimmy Murphy 72, 213 Forest Trail formerly of Bladen Co., died Monday, March 26, 2018 at Mary Gran Nursing Center in Clinton, NC. Mr. Murphy was born January 04, 1946 in Bladen Co., the son of the late Cornelius Murphy & Gladys Murphy. Funeral service was held at 1:00 P.M. Saturday, March 31, 2018 at Carter Funeral Home by the Reverend Johnny B. Murphy. Burial followed in the Garland Community Cemetery. Mr. Murphy is survived by two daughters, Nancy McNeil of Garland, Veronica Melvin of Clinton, two sisters, Mary L. Smith of Garland and Alberta Miller of Durham. The public was received Friday, March 30, 2018 from 1:00P.M.-7:00P.M. with family present from 6:00P.M.-7:00P.M. and other times at the home of Mary L. Smith 44 Gibbs Rd., Garland, NC.



CLINTON

Robert Elmer Lockwood Jr. 57, of 71 Galilee Road passed away on Monday, April 2, 2018 at his home. Born in 1960 in New Jersey to Robert Elmer & Patricia Harris Lockwood. Robert worked as a Machine operator at a logging company. He proceeded in death by Brothers: Jimmy Lockwood, Patrick Lockwood, William Lockwood, Billy Lockwood. Funeral Service was held at 6:00 pm on Thursday, April 5, 2018 at Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Chapel, 1246 Hobbton Hwy. Clinton with Rev. Glen Morgan officiating, burial will be held privately at the family's request. Robert leaves

to cherish his memories: Daughters: Devin Sweigart of Smithfield, Courtney Lockwood of Garland; Son: Robert Lockwood of Yadkinville; Sisters: Robin Carey of Garland, Patricia Pizarro of Georgia; Brother Brian Lockwood of Dunn; Nine grandchildren, Five Great-grandchildren. Family will receive friends following the service.



MOUNT OLIVIE

Merle Jackson Odom, 90, of Mt. Olive passed away Sunday, April 1, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center in Clinton, N.C. Funeral services with a visitation to follow was held Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 6 p.m. at Brownings United Methodist Church, Mt. Olive. The family received friends at the home of Angel Odom 1377 Creel Road, Mt.

Olive. Mrs. Odom will be laid to rest in Wayne Memorial Park, Dudley, NC. Officiating the service was the Revs. Arthur Warren, Jr., Lamar Jackson and Patrick Muston. Mrs. Odom is survived by her husband Cecil K. Odom of sixty-nine years. Daughter Angela "Angel" Odom of Mt. Olive, C. Keith Odom and wife Cynthia of Chesterfield, Va, Grandchildren Kevin Williford, Ashley Knowles and husband Johnathan, Erin Odom and Brand Adkins and Cristen Sickal and husband Anthony. Seventeen great grandchildren. Mrs. Odom was preceded in death by her parents Columbus "Lum" and Addie Jackson and seven brothers and sisters. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Eastern NC 5171 Glenwood Ave. Raleigh, NC 27612, 919-803-8285 in her memory or to the Charity of one's choice. Online condolences may be made at www.westanddunn.com. Services have been entrusted to West & Dunn Funeral Home of Newton Grove, North Carolina.

CLINTON

Doris Mae Parker, 80, of 2515 Basstown Road, passed away Wednesday, April 4, 2018, at her home with her family by her side. A funeral will be held at 2 P.M., Friday, April 6, 2018 at Bethesda Assembly of God, 2195 N US Hwy 421, Clinton, with the Reverend Cecil Price and Reverend Charles Ray Jernigan officiating.



Interment will follow in the Clinton City Cemetery. Doris, born in 1938 in Sampson County was the daughter of the late Charlie Bass and Geneva Gautier Bass. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her sister, Dorothy Bradshaw. She was a material cutter in the textile industry and a member of Bethesda Assembly of God. Survivors include: husband, Eddie Parker; sons, Donnie A. Parker and fiancé, Donna Godbold and Tony Parker (Kathleen); grandchildren, Daphane Parker Elvis, Erica June Parker, Donnie Brent Parker, Aaron Parker, Jordan Parker, Ashley West, Michael West, Jackson Grady and Adam Godbold; seven great-grandchildren; and brothers and sisters, Charlie Bass, Jr. (Shirley), Linwood C. Bass (Mary), Patricia Jernigan (Charles), Pamela Barnes, and Wanda Strickland (Randy). The family will receive friends from 7 P.M. to 9 P.M., Thursday, April 5, 2018 at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home and at other times at the home. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com. Arrangements are by Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville St., Clinton, NC 28328.

ROSEBORO

Lossie Mae McLamb Stewart went to be with our Lord on Tuesday, March 27th, 2018 in Roseboro, NC. Born October 13, 1934 in Sampson County, NC to Armatha Tew Jolly, Lossie was a true Carolina girl who worked hard growing up on her family's farm in Roseboro, NC and later made gardening her passion at her own home in Godwin, NC. She met and married Isaac McLamb after high school and brought into the world the love of her life, her son, William Isaac McLamb. After the loss of Isaac, Lossie was remarried to Harvey Glenn Stewart and spent many happy years in Godwin, NC running a local grocery store as well as working and then retiring from Rohm and Haas. Well established in the Sampson County community with a large extended family and many friends, Lossie's unique humor and independent spirit made her a beloved and unforgettable lady who will be dearly missed. Left to honor Lossie's memory and her love are her grandson Jamie (Tamara Strickland) Isaac McLamb and his son Ethan Isaac McLamb, granddaughter Rebecca (Tracy Naylor) LeAnna McLamb and her children Paige Leighann Naylor, Lillian Edith-Mae Naylor and Maxton Isaac-Davis Naylor. Lossie was preceded in death by her mother Armatha Tew Jolly, husband's Isaac McLamb and Harvey Glenn Stewart, sister and best friend Mathie Iree Pollock and beloved son William Isaac McLamb. Services were held Monday, April 2nd by Reverend Paul Honeycutt at Union Grove Baptist Church 395 Vander Rd., Salemburg, and NC 28385. Viewing was at 2 p.m. with the funeral following at 3 p.m. Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro is proudly serving the family.



ROSEBORO

Mrs. Agnes Mae Tatum, 86, of 631 Marion Amos Road, Roseboro, NC, passed away Thursday, March 29, 2018 at Wake Medical Center, Raleigh, NC. The funeral was held at 1 p.m., Thursday, April 5, 2018 at Snow Hill Missionary Baptist Church with Dr. S. E. Bryant officiating. The burial in Hillcrest Memorial Park. Mrs. Tatum is survived by his DAUGHTERS-Carolyn Taylor of Roseboro, NC and JoAnn Tatum Flint of Havelock, NC; SONS-Donald Tatum of Hampton, VA and Albert "Ted" Tatum of Clinton, NC; BROTHER-Ray McKoy of Clinton, NC; 4 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Visitation was held at Worley Funeral Home on Wednesday, April 4, 2018, Public 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.



CLINTON

Mr. Horace Hanson Peterson, 80, of 2644 Union School Rd., passed away on Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at Rex Hospital in Raleigh. A Graveside Service will be held Friday, April 6th at 1:00 pm at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Ron Bryan officiating. Born on November 10, 1937, Horace was the son of the late Hanson and Mary Newkirk Peterson. He was a carpenter by trade, loved working with wood and always had a helping hand to anyone in need. He was a man of integrity, very hardworking and was blessed with a close-knit, loving family. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Linda Bradshaw Peterson; two sons: Gary Peterson and wife Betty of Clinton, Chet Peterson and wife, Wendy of Turkey; daughter, Sue McKenzie and husband, Jimmy of Clinton; and eight grandchildren: Garrett, Mackenzie, Colby, Skylin, Devyn, Nicholas, Kylie and Trent. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Juli Peterson and his three brothers and two sisters. Visitation for family and friends will be held immediately following the service in the Church Fellowship Hall. Condolences may be left for the family by visiting www.royalhallowfuneralhome.com. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Peterson Family.

SALEMBURG

Mr. James Hinton Marley, 74 of Salemburg, passed away Tuesday, April 3, 2018. The funeral service will be held at 11:00am Friday, April 6, at Union Grove Baptist Church, 395 Vander Road, Salemburg, with Rev. Marc Walters and Rev. Paul Honeycutt officiating. Burial will follow in the Church Cemetery. He was born May 20, 1943 in Sampson County and worked as an assistant brick mason. He was preceded in death by his parents, William "Bill" and Thelma Tew Marley; his brother, Wayne Marley; and his sister, Faydene M. Wallace. He is survived by his brother, William Colon and wife, Brenda Marley; his sister-in-law, Rose Marley; his brother in-law, Rob Wallace; three nephews, three nieces, six great nephews, and two great nieces. The family will receive friends from 7:00 to 9:00pm Thursday, April 5, at Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, and other times at the home of his brother, 1846 McPhail Road, Salemburg. Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro is proudly serving the family.

CLINTON

Addie "Doll" Thornton, 94, of 503 Park Ave., passed away Sunday, April 1, 2018 at Kitty Askins Hospice Center in Goldsboro. A graveside service was held at 11 A.M., Wednesday, April 4, 2018, at Piney Grove Baptist Church Cemetery with Reverend Penny Ziemer officiating. The family received friends immediately after the service and at other times at her home. Addie, born in 1923 in Sampson County, was the daughter of the late Joseph Bernice Anders and Annie Elizabeth Johnson Anders. She was a loving mother and wife and a member of Piney Grove Baptist Church. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Elston Thornton, Sr. and son, Linwood "Toby" Thornton. Survivors include: children, Bobby Thornton, Mary Ann Stewart and husband John, Peggy Thornton Tyndall, Gail Thornton Naylor and husband Larry, Andy Thornton and wife Erma; brother, Jarvis Anders; sister, Ellen LeMaster; fourteen grandchildren; twenty-four great grandchildren; five great-great grandchildren; two step-grandchildren, three step great grandchildren; and one step great-grandchild. Memorials may be made to the Baptist Children's Home, PO Box 338, Thomasville, NC 27360. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com.

CLINTON

Mrs. Doris Elizabeth Inman Lewis, 90, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at Mary Gran Nursing Center. A Funeral Service will be held Saturday morning, April 7th at 11:00 am at First Baptist Church, 408 College St., Clinton with Rev. Mike Shook officiating. Burial will be held later that afternoon at 2:30 pm at the Gardens of Faith Cemetery, located at 5190 Fayetteville Rd., Lumberton. Born on January 22, 1928 in Robeson County, Doris was the daughter of the late Ernest and Mary Mitchell Inman and widow of Charlie David Lewis. She was a homemaker and member of First Baptist Church, where she enjoyed being involved with her church friends and loved to sing in the choir. She is survived by her daughter, Beth Christy and husband, Dave of Wilmington; son, Charlie David Lewis, Jr. of Raleigh and a granddaughter, Kaylee Lewis. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two sisters: Dorothy Watkins and Margaret Stich and a brother, Dr. C.E. Inman. The family will receive friends on Friday evening, April 6, from 6-8 pm at Royal-Hall Funeral Home. Online condolences may be left for the family on her obituary page at www.royalhallowfuneralhome.com. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Lewis family.



ERWIN,

Anthony "Tony" Joseph Cosentino, 79, of 110 N 8th St., Erwin, NC, passed away, Wednesday morning, April 4, 2018 at his home. A funeral service will be held at 3 P.M., Saturday, April 7, 2018 at Carr Memorial Christian Church with the Reverend Penny Ziemer and Reverend C. H. Lee officiating. Interment will follow the service at Hillcrest



Cemetery in Newton Grove, NC. The family will receive friends from 1:30 P.M. - 2:45 P.M., just before the service in the Carr Memorial Christian Church fellowship hall. Mr. Tony Cosentino was the son of the late Antonio and Virginia Cosentino. He was born and raised in Syracuse, NY. He was a veteran in the US Airforce and retired from Byrne Dairy in Syracuse, NY. Tony married Mary Frances in July of 2006. Together they enjoyed church, spending time together with family, and water aerobics. He enjoyed collecting eagles and studying American heritage. Survivors are; his loving wife, Mary Frances Cosentino; children, Crystal Rioux (William), Connie Cosentino, Joseph Cosentino, and Cassandra "Sandi" Darmondy (Michael), Carmen Cosentino (Christy), Carlos Cosentino, and Christian Cosentino (April); step-daughters, Catrina Dowdy (Derby), Debbie Gutierrez (Tony), and Patsy Little (Kenneth); several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews; and his beloved dog, Sissy. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com. Arrangements are by Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville St., Clinton, NC 28328. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to Carr Memorial Christian Church, ATTEN: Jane Brewer, 1801 Panhandle Rd, Faison, NC 28341.

CRIME

Arrest Reports
 03-29 Lareco Antonio Wyche, 29; 7088 Roseboro Hwy., Roseboro; Order for Arrest- Fail to Comply; Secured Bond \$265; Court Date 04-15

03-29 John Austin Carter, 24; 141 Mary Oates Lane, Clinton; Larceny; Possessing/Concealing Stolen Property; Secured Bond \$25,000; Court Date 04-06

03-29 Christopher Scott Witman, 42; 3738 Benson Hwy., Dunn; 2 Counts: Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear- Child Support; Court Date 04-10

03-29 Jaquaila Noelle Samuels, 23; 147 William Faison Rd., Kenansville; Failure to Appear- DWLR; Secured Bond \$1,000; Court Date 04-17

03-29 Kristina Annette Jennette, 36; 108 Royal Lane, Clinton; Failure to Appear- DWLR; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 04-18

03-29 Tyree Joel Smith, 29; 204 West Butler Ave., Clinton; Possession with Intent to Sell/Deliver; Secured Bond \$5,000; Court Date 04-06

03-29 Victor Martinez-Trejo, 25; 3888 William R Kng Rd., Clinton; DWI; Drive Left of Center; DWLR; Secured Bond \$2,000; Court Date 05-09

03-30 Samantha Ann McFarland, 23; 8333 Roseboro Hwy., Roseboro; 2 Counts: Uttering Forged Instrument; 2 Counts: Uttering Forged Endorsement; Secured Bond \$10,000; Court Date 04-06

03-30 Jose Alfredo Cordero Badillo, 51; 607 Mount Olive Dr., Apartment C-6, Newton Grove; Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear- DWI; Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear- No Operators License; Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear- Expired/No Inspection; Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear- Expired Registration Card/Tag; Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear-

Drive/Allow Motor Vehicle No Registration; Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear- Give/Lend/Borrow License Plate; Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear- Fictitious/Altered Title/Registration Card/Tag; Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear- Operate Vehicle No Insurance; Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear- Fail to Apply for New Title; Secured Bond \$3,500; Court Date 04-05

03-30 Keith Laroy Smith, 29; 445 Pink Lane, Roseboro; Simple Physical Assault upon an Officer; Secured Bond \$1,000; Court Date 05-17

03-30 Justo Escobar Lopez, 27; 217 W Hall St., Wallace; Failure to Appear-Failure to Appear- Exceeding Safe Speeding; Failure to Appear- No Operators License; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 05-15

03-30 Auther Junior Hill, 48; 68 Velna Jackson Lane, Godwin; Assault on a Female; No Bond; Court Date 04-20

03-30 Shaquille Antwan Covington, 22; 2610 Phoenician Dr., Fayetteville; Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear; Secured Bond \$1,000; Court Date 04-09

03-31 Jerome Kennedy, 51; 400 Chesters Rd., Roseboro; DWI; No Operators License; Secured Bond \$1,000; Court Date 04-18

04-01 Thomas Lamar Easterling, 45; 1947 Greenpath Rd., Dunn; Assault on a Female; No Bond; Court Date 04-17

04-02 Qwond Antonio Carr, 32; 178 Old Brick Mill Rd., Roseboro; Fail to Comply with Monies; Court Date 04-19

04-02 Wilbur Eugene Carroll, 42; 40 Garys Lane, Clinton; Failure to Appear- DWLR; Secured Bond \$1,000; Court Date 04-17

04-02 Jordan Robert Martin, 27; Lina Drive, Stedman; Larceny; Possessing Stolen Property; Unsecured Bond \$2,000; Court Date 05-03

04-02 Amy Ann Lopez, 34; 3661 Keener Rd., Clinton; 3 Counts: Failure to Appear- No Operators Li-

cense; Failure to Appear- Operate Vehicle No Insurance; 2 Counts: Failure to Appear- Speeding; 3 Counts: Failure to Appear- Expired Registration Card/Tag; Failure to Appear- Drive/Allow Motor Vehicle No Registration; Failure to Appear- Reckless Driving to Endanger; Secured Bond \$1,500; Court Date 04-20

04-03 Chikina Simone McClendon, 27; 520 Gold St., Roseboro; Cancel/Revoke/Suspend Certificate/Tag; 2 Counts: No Operators License; Secured Bond \$1,500; Court Date 04-16

04-03 Emily Marie Peterson, 22; 127 Crooked Pine Rd., Garland; Possess Methamphetamine; Possess Drug Paraphernalia; Secured Bond \$50,000; Court Date 04-06

04-03 Gary Wayne Childress, 56; 303 4th St., Clinton; Order for Arrest/Failure to Comply- Child Support; Court Date 04-24

04-03 Floyd Patterson Rich, 58; 167 Noel Lane, Salemburg; Breaking and Entering Motor Vehicle; Larceny; Secured Bond \$2,000; Court Date 04-06

04-03 Kelia Tonge Alford, 39; 219 Apt D Morrisey Blvd., Clinton; Failure to Appear- DWLR Not Impaired; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 04-17

04-03 Kaitlyn Denise Harris, 24; 300 Hunter Rd., Clinton; Fail to Comply; Court Date 04-17

04-03 Wilson Beard Jr., 31; 8789 Harnett Dunn Hwy., Dunn; Possession of Firearm by Felon; Possess Drug Paraphernalia; Possession of Schedule I Controlled Substance; Child Support; Secured Bond \$30,000; Court Date 04-03

04-03 Heather Renee Parker, 29; 221 Larry Lane, Dunn; Carrying Concealed Gun; Possession of a Schedule I Controlled Substance; Possess Drug Paraphernalia; Secured Bond \$3,000; Court Date 04-06

04-03 Heather Renee Parker, 29; 221 Larry Lane, Dunn; Carrying Concealed Gun; Possession Schedule I Controlled Substance; Possess Drug Paraphernalia; Maintain Vehicle/Dwelling/Place for Controlled Substance; Secured Bond \$3,000; Court Date 04-06

04-03 Joshua Lamir Stewart, 25; 4596 Old Warsaw Rd., Turkey; 2 Counts: Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear- DWLR Not impaired Rev/Window Tint Violation; Secured Bond \$3,000; Court Date 04-11

04-04 Gary Antonio Woodall, 31; 1323 Cedar Point Rd., Newton Grove; Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear- Child Support; Court Date 04-10

04-04 Andrew William Odom, 31; 1219 OBJ

Rd., Dunn; Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear- Larceny; Written Promise to Appear; Court Date 05-08

Incident/Investigation Reports
 0 03-30 Fisher Building Group reported a Larceny located at 1520 Casper Rd., Dunn. Items reported missing included ladders, pump jack poles and padlocks.

03-30 Robert Fryar reported the Larceny of a Trailer located at 66 Jerome St., Clinton.

03-30 Carlie C's reported the Larceny of Medication located at 815 College St., Clinton.

03-30 Walmart reported the Larceny of foodstuff located at 1415 Sunset Ave., Clinton.

03-30 Paramount Foods Inc. reported the Larceny of a Trailer located at 1700 Hobbton Hwy., Clinton.

03-30 Nick Baley Jr. reported the Theft of a Trailer located at 1236 Bearskin Rd., Salemburg.

03-30 Tabrayla Murphy reported the Theft of a Vehicle located at 44 S Ingold Ave., Garland.

03-31 Douglas Goodwin reported a Breaking and Entering located 2105 Bennettsville. Items reported missing included a beach buggy, coolers, retriever net, Bubba blade, paintball gun, 30 gallon gas cylinder, golf shoes, golf clubs and bag.

03-31 Julio Garcia reported the Larceny of a License Plate located at 119 Lauren Lane, Godwin.

03-31 Jane Brewer reported the Larceny of a Checkbook and US Currency located at 1415 Sunset Ave., Clinton.

03-31 Eric Fann reported the Theft of a Trailer located at 1143 Reeda Branch Rd., Roseboro.

03-31 German Funes Bonille reported a Burglary located at 2136 Needmore Rd., Turkey.

04-02 Harrells Christian Academy reported a Burglary located at 360 Tomahawk Hwy., Harrells.

04-02 Tasha Williams reported the Theft of a Vehicle located at 1519 Indian Town Rd., Clinton.

04-02 Karen Royal reported the Larceny of a Rifle located at 4423 Honeycutt Rd., Salemburg.

04-03 Lakewood High School reported the Larceny of Drinks an Candy located at 245 Lakewood School Rd., Salemburg.

04-03 John Blanchard reported the Larceny of Firearms located at 3036 Cornwallis Rd., Turkey.

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

Sampson County VITAL STATS

Deaths
 -Donald West Blackman
 -Ruby Inez Dawson
 -Edward Lee Ezzell Sr
 -Mary Martha Newton
 -Azilene Price

Marriage Certificates
 -Paul Douglas Feige to Brittany Ann Baldwin
 -Justin Clint Spell to Jennifer Brooke Thompkins
 -Serafin Vega Lopez to Maria Monica Lopez De Jesus
 -Charles Wayne Bass to Cindy Mechelle Key
 -Corbett Donald Hicks to Madison Taylor Nelson
 -Daniel Joey Powell to Megan Sharmaine Obee

Birth Certificates
 -Zayn Jevone Bennett born on March 21, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Shykeim Jevone Bennett and Anna Belle Rogers
 -Leland Lakota Labatte born on March 22, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Brittany Lee Labatte
 -Jeremiah Landaverde Sanchez born on March 22, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Miguel Antonio Landaverde Aguilar and Adriana Salustia Sanchez Rubio
 -Jaiden Nicco Edwards born on March 23, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Jada Destiny Edwards
 -Journey' Taylee James born on March 22, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Tiandra Charmise Beard
 -Ashton Chase Sellers born on March 23, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Shamiya Chantal Sellers
 -Jolene Marlene Witschger born on March 24, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Courtney Ann Witschger
 -Joel Caleb Reyes Santiago born on March 25, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Angel Reyes Jose and Cristina Santiago Hernandez
 -Aria Nivae Blue born on March 26, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Anthony Dwane Blue Jr and Tamara Shane' Murphy

Land Transfers
 -Francis Bennett, Robert Bennett to Christopher Warren Bennett- Lot 4B 1.16 Acres Little Coharie
 -Secretary of Veterans Affairs, United States of America, Vendor Resource Management to Justin Jody Brock- South Clinton Lot 6 Melva Brooks Subdivision Phase 1
 -Maureen Kruse, Robert L Kruse to Jeremy Scott Denning, Mishal Grace Denning- Lot 1 Phase 1 Godwin Acres Plainview
 -Deborah J Campbell, Michael D Campbell to Shannon E Langston, Patrick Travis Naylor- Lot 32 1.24 Acres Dismal
 -Connie Cance, Cynthia O Gainey, Donald R Gainey, Sarah Kay Gainey, Sheila Yvonne Gainey to Brittaney Wrench, Phillip Wrench- 3.00 Acres w/exceptions North Clinton
 -Annette Pope Parrish, Willie Lawrence Parrish to Kelly Merritt Parrish, William Matthew Parrish- 1.09 Acres North Clinton
 -William Elwood Baggett to Stephen Maurie Baggett- Parcel A 1.00 Acres Dismal
 -Jennifer Denise Harrington/AIF, Sherry H Harrington/By AIF, Sion Wayne Harrington/By AIF to Bryan Ray Kennedy, Joy H Kennedy- Lot Turkey
 -Bobby G Matthis, Linda A Matthis to Bobby George Matthis/TR, Linda A Matthis/Tr, Matthis Revocable Living Trust- 3 Tracts w/exceptions Lisbon and South Clinton
 -Marvin C Starling, Sandra Quinn Starling to Edward Tate Pope/TR, Edward Tate Pope, Eva Parker Pope/TR, Eva Parker Pope, The Edward Tate Pope Living Trust, The Eva Parker Pope Living Trust -12.30 Acres Lot 5 of the TM Pope Property Division North Clinton
 -Dexter D Carr, Dexter D Carr/EXR, Willie R Carr Estate, Poinsetta Carr Gourdine to Wyvonnice Hayes- 0.551 Acres Franklin
 -Shaw Covington LLC, Terrace Miller/MBR/MGR to Marie Claudra Noel Baptiste, Consius Noel- North Clinton Lot 21 Miry Creek
 -Dwight Dean Miller, Terrace Patrice Miller to Covington & Shaw LLC- Two Tracts North Clinton
 -Julia Bell, Billy Brewington, Johnnie Ray Brewington, Soronia Brewington, Derrick Goins, Mable R Goins/By AIF, Ricky Goins, Robert Derrick Goins/AIF, Freda Jacobs/By GDN, Jo Jacobs, Ophelia Jacobs/By AIF, Tina Jacobs, Vivian Jacobs, Vivian Jacobs/GDN, Vanessa Manuel, Janet Jacobs Owle/By AIF, Janet M Owle, Joan Radford, James P Rains, Jimmy Rains, Pamela Rains, Patrick Rains, Shawn Rains to Chasie Shane Jacobs - 2 Tracts Herrings
 -James Paul Burch, Teresa Oates Burch to Georgiana LLC- Lot 6 JW Kelly Subdivision Piney Grove
 -Eunice Blackburn, Julia A Blackburn to Evan N Jones- Lisbon Township Lot 1 1.00 Acres
 -Hugh F Oates Sr to Jethro David Oates IV- 3.13 Acres Piney Grove
 -Garland United Methodist Church, Timothy G Joiner/TR, Lenwood Shirley/TR, Denise Toler/TR to Antioch United Methodist Church, Emily Coble/TR, Herbert P McIntyre/TR, Craig Smith/TR- Garland United Methodist Church Lot South River
 -Barbara Aman/TR, Brownings Untied Methodist Church, Jane Head/TR, Robbie Jones/TR, Glenn Joyner/TR, Ellis Lewis/TR, Glenn Micks/TR, Verlie Reeves/TR, Mark Sasser/TR, Smith Chapel United Methodist Church, Blake Strickland/TR, Jay Sullivan/TR, Jay M Sullivan/TR, Dennis Sutton Jr/TR, Andrew Vann/TR, Jay Weaver/TR to Chad Everett Joyner- Lot Piney Grove
 -Charles Lee Moore to Jerris Cornelius McPhail, Mahogany McPhail- Turkey 6.38 Acres
 -Arthur Livingston Weeks, Ellen Elizabeth Weeks to Maria Lorena Isabel Tobias- Two Tracts North Clinton
 -Alfred Russell Jackson, Cathy Lou Jackson to Kizzy Lynette Weeks- Mingo Lot 38 William Lake Acres
 -RVT Enterprises Inc to Emily Carr Sprague- Plainview 4.103 Acres
 -John Boyd, Theresa Edge Boyd to Amanda D Neal, James C Neal- 8.1 Acres Little Coharie
 -Thornton Logging Co to Ivan Fernandez Diaz, Misty Jane Williams- Tract 1 0.83 Acres Halls
 -Melinda F Ivey, Kathryn I Moore, Robert Moore, Joan I Stephenson, Mitchell Stephenson to John Nelson Williams, Karen M Williams, Sherry A Williams, Terrell L Williams-Dismal Two Tracts
 -Lynton Bell Wilson t Bradford R Williamson, Jennifer Whitehurst Williamson- Plainview Lot 75 Phase Two Sandy Ridge Country Club Subdivision
 -Florence B Warren to B&C Farms LLC- Turkey 36 Acres
 -Michael A Jelenevsky, Stephanie L Jelenevsky to Bonita A Rich- 36.91 Acres Tract 3 Little Coharie
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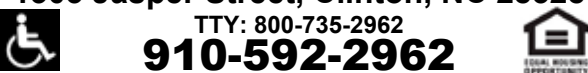
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This week Ronald Ellis came to Tim's Gift to visit the Sunshine Kids who send cards and pray for him daily. Being at The Learning Station all day during Easter break meant the kids could spend time around the prayer table at Tim's Gift hearing Mr. Ronald's testimony and story of how he and his son saved a man's life when he was at Cancer Center of America.

Ms. Jennifer listened while working on our weekly email at her desk. People came inside to give Jesus dollars but the powerful presence of His Holy Spirit bid them to sit and listen too. I asked Ms. Jennifer to share her story of battling cancer and complications from a bone marrow transplant that left her legally blind. Then, she shared her need for a kidney and how God is working a miracle in her life. She and Mr. Ronald agreed that God is good and life has new meaning when each day is a gift.

Everyone gathered around Mr. Ronald to pray. We anointed him with oil, draped the prayer shawl over his head, and Will Morgan prayed with passion and childlike faith that surely got God's attention.

Before leaving, Mr. Ronald and Jennifer embraced in Christian love and longing for prayers to be answered for their needs. Then, we all joined Mr. Ronald with a 'thumbs up' that shows we are trusting God to take care of the things we ponder and pray for in our hearts.

Each child craved a hug, but it was his neighbors - Sunshine Kids, Savannah and Morgan Jackson, who had a reserved seat on Mr. Ronald's knees during the two hours we shared talking, praying, and praising the Lord.

Mr. Ronald waved good-bye with precious words of peace. "God's got me children. It's a win - win - however things turn out. I'm healed here or healed to Heaven!"

Hours later, I locked the door and headed home...thanking God for an afternoon delight with Mr. Ronald, Jennifer, Sunshine Kids and teachers, visitors bearing gifts of Jesus dollars...and the presence of His sweet Spirit that brought peace and promise to the people present at Tim's Gift. I lifted my hand high while waiting in traffic on Hwy 24 with a 'thumbs up' to Heaven. Being still and knowing He is God brought joy to my heart that kept me singing all the way home!

THE LEARNING STATION



Evelyn, Christian (pictured left) and Shaniah (pictured right), students at The Learning Station, help to decorate the Cross in honor of Christ.



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Why I want to be Clerk

by Barbara Moore

So now that I have announced my intent to run for Sampson County Clerk of Superior Court I am asked, "Why do you want to be Clerk?" That is an excellent question, one that causes me to pause, think and ponder. I am not slow to answer because I am second-guessing my decision, but I want to really soul search, do a check-up from the neck up and ensure I am making this life altering decision for the right reason. This question causes the same intrinsic reaction in me at the age of 47 as the question, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" did when I was asked as a child. Wonder woman, of course, a hero. Who doesn't, right? I have spent the last 23 years of my life in public service. I serve Sheriffs, District Attorneys, Judges and Clerks of Superior Court unifying their efforts to improve justice.

In that service I have found my calling. Sheriffs defend and protect. District Attorneys wear the white hat and wield the sword of justice. Judges make impartial decisions for the sake of justice. Clerks serve. Clerks serve people- young, old, black, white, rich, poor, guilty, innocent, victim, defendant, elected official, lay person, democrat and republican. They touch every aspect of the justice system and humanity. If you ask any of the "players" in the courthouse who keeps the wheels of justice turning the majority will say loudly- the Clerk.

What makes a Clerk so special?

A Clerk must seek justice. As the ex-officio judge of probate, as the record keeper, as the handler of money, and as a supervisor of people a Clerk daily exercises judgment and discretion. However, seeking justice goes beyond the capacity of making a decision. In seeking justice a Clerk must displace personal preferences and replace them with a healthy dose of tact and common sense. A task not for the faint of heart but the task of a hero.

A Clerk must love mercy. The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines mercy as compassion or forbearance shown especially to an offender or to one subject to one's power. As stated earlier, the Clerk is the hub of the wheel which makes every one, user or defender of the justice system, subject to his or her power.

In a recent Bible study/ prayer group session we discussed the definition of mercy. At the end of the hour the exact notes I had written down to define mercy were as follows: "To show God's mercy we must be unorthodox, be a rebel, defy man's correctness, be willing to get dirty, play hard and go all in." To love mercy a Clerk must give up personal privileges. A feat not for the weak of spirit but the feat of a hero.

A Clerk must walk humbly. The Clerk is the only elected official who can create or abolish a family, take your home or your freedom with the power of their pen. With one fluid stroke a Clerk grants adoptions of children making unrealized dreams come true. They grant divorces ending unfulfilled dreams. They preside over foreclosure hearings sometimes closing chapters on lifelong memories. They issue subpoenas and contempt orders as necessary stripping one of a personal liberty. This power can only be bridled by integrity and faith or else self and pride may creep in. To walk humbly a Clerk must renounce personal prerogatives. A lifestyle not for the fickle or double minded but the lifestyle of a hero.

The answer to the question, "Why do you want to be Clerk?" now seems simple. To be a hero. The answer to the question, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" has changed but now seems clear.

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Can I still get Medicare at 65?

Yes, you're still eligible for Medicare starting at 65, no matter what year you were born.

If you or your spouse worked and paid Medicare taxes for at least 10 years, you're eligible for Part A (hospital insurance) at age 65 for free. Part A helps pay for inpatient care in a hospital or skilled nursing facility following a hospital stay. It also pays for some home health care and hospice care. You're also eligible for Part B (medical insurance) if you choose to get it and pay a monthly premium. Part B helps pay for services from doctors and other health care providers, outpatient care, home health care, durable medical equipment, and some preventative services. If you are receiving Social Security benefits already, you will be automatically enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B at age 65. Because you must pay a premium for Part B, you can choose to turn it down. However, if you don't enroll in Part B when you're first eligible for it, and choose to enroll later, you may have to pay a late enrollment penalty for as long as you have Part B coverage.

If you're not receiving Social Security benefits, you have a seven-month period (your Initial Enrollment Period) to sign up for Part B. Generally, your initial enrollment period begins three months before your 65th birthday, includes the month you turn age 65, and ends three months after your birth month.

If you are covered under an employer group health plan, you may have a special enrollment period for Part B.

If you are 65 or older and covered under a group health plan, either from your own or your spouse's current employment, you may have a special enrollment period during which you can sign up for Medicare Part B. This means that you may delay enrolling in Part B without having to wait for a general enrollment period and without paying the lifetime penalty for late enrollment. Additional rules and limits apply, so if you think a special enrollment period may apply to you, read our Medicare publication at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/, and visit the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services at Medicare.gov for more information.

To avoid a tax penalty, you should stop contributing to your Health Savings Account (HSA) at least six months before you apply for Medicare.

If you have an HSA when you sign up for Medicare, you can't contribute to your HSA after you your Medicare coverage begins or you may have to pay a tax penalty. Premium-free Part A coverage begins six months before the date you apply for Medicare, but no earlier than the first month you were eligible for Medicare. To avoid an unwanted tax penalty, you should stop contributing to your HSA six months before you apply for Medicare.

You can withdraw money from your HSA after you enroll in Medicare to help pay for medical expenses like deductibles, premiums, coinsurance, or copayments. If you'd like to continue contributing to your HSA, you shouldn't apply for Medicare or Social Security benefits.



By Brenda Brown