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Model Barber Shop Closes Doors After 91 Years



Mr. Larry Wiggins called it quits this past Saturday after 58 years cutting hair at Model Barber Shop. It will be the first time the doors have permanently closed on the historic barber shop which has been in operation since 1927.

Wiggins, who started working at Model Barber Shop in 1960 says it was the best move he ever made. Prior to the barber shop, Wiggins spent a few years working on the family farm, 3 years at Lundy's Packing and he spent 2 years in the US Army Signal Corp with 18 months stationed in Germany.

But it was at Model Barber Shop where Larry Wiggins would find his calling. Long a

Main Street staple, Model's large window front provides a wonderful view of downtown, and Mr. Larry says he's enjoyed the view for the past 58 years.

Originally, Model Barber Shop boasted a shower, shave, cut and shoe shine facility; and while the two showers and one bath tub remain in the building, that service was ended years ago. Asked when he last did a shoe shine, Wiggins grins and says, "Last Saturday - the day I closed."

It was rare in recent years for someone to come in asking for a shave, but when they did Wiggins says he would reluctantly agree. "But," says Wiggins, WIGGINS, see P. 3

Visitation Restriction Lifted at SRMC



Clinton, NC, April 16, 2018: Effective today, the temporary visitation restrictions imposed in January due to the flu have been lifted at Sampson Regional Medical Center (SampsonRMC). The restrictions were put in place twelve weeks ago due to widespread influenza activity reported throughout North Carolina and in the local area.

With few exceptions, the mandatory visitation guidelines were hospital-wide and restricted visitors under the age of 18 or adults of any age who had fever or flu-

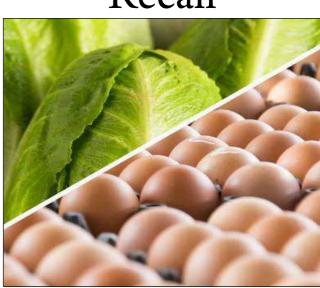
like symptoms.

"We appreciate the understanding, cooperation, and patience of our visitors during the last twelve weeks," stated Amber Cava, VP of Strategy & Business Development. Providing the best quality of care in a safe environment for patients means protecting them and managing their exposure to contagious illnesses, such as the flu.

While the hospital has returned to normal visitation guidelines, all visitors are still encouraged to perform good hand hygiene upon entering or exiting the facility or when coming and going from a patient's room. Hygiene stations are located throughout the hospital, stocked with face masks, tissue, and hand sanitizer. Hand sanitizer pumps are also located at the entry point of every patient room.

"In addition to getting the flu shot, respiratory hygiene and hand washing are the most important steps people can take to help prevent the spread of flu," said Wanda Holden, RN, Infection Control Coordinator.

Egg & Romaine Lettuce Products Recall



The Sampson County Health Department has been notified by the FDA about potential egg and lettuce recall.

1. Rose Acre farms of Seymour, Indiana has issued the largest egg recall since 2010 after multiple salmonella illnesses in several states. NC is affected by the recalls and the illnesses. These eggs were sold direct to consumers, in store brand containers, but also in cases direct to food establishments. The full recall notice is below.

https://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm604640.htm

This recall on shell eggs due to the contamination with Salmonella Braenderup which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, elderly people and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy individuals can experience fever, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. Also facilities serving highly susceptible populations (HSP) should not be serving eggs, unless for cooking or baking that are unpasteurized. The affected eggs from Plant number P-1065 with the Julian date range of 011 through date of 102 printed on either side portion or the principal side of the carton or package. Consumers who have purchased shell eggs are urged to immediately discontinue use of the recalled eggs and to return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at (855)-215-5730 between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or contact Sampson County Environmental Health at (910) 592-4675.

2. Several illnesses of STEC, E. coli O157:H7 have been linked to bagged romaine lettuce products. These products have been linked to the Yuma, Arizona growing region. So far, no illnesses have been identified in NC. However, there could be affected product and operators and the public are likely to have questions.

Here is the link to both the FDA notice and the CDC information for retailers and restaurants.

https://www.fda.gov/.../RecallsOutbre.../Outbreaks/ ucm604254.htm

https://www.cdc.gov/.../20.../o157h7-04-18/advice-consumers.html

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Christ has indeed been raised, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. Corinthians 15:20-22

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LOCAL NEWS -

Key Position Hirings and Office Construction Signal Sampson County's Transition in Planning Services



After over 20 years of contracting for planning services, nearly 14 of those as a joint department with the City of Clinton, Sampson County local government is preparing to offer planning and zoning services in-house as part of its newly organized Department of Inspections and Planning Services. Effective July 1, 2018, citizens will enjoy the "one-stop shop" convenience of co-located Inspections, Planning and Environmental Health personnel in Building B on the County Complex campus. Renovations to the area currently housing Inspections and Environmental Health functions will accommodate the addition of planning employees as well as feature a redesigned lobby/customer service desk that will allow clerical personnel from each of the agencies to efficiently serve visitors.

In addition to the reconfiguration of office space, the recent hiring of key personnel will facilitate the smooth transition of services. Effective May 1, 2018, Anita Honeycutt Lane will assume the position of Senior Planner. Ms. Lane has worked for Sampson County as an Assistant Register of Deeds since 2005. Prior to 2005, Ms. Lane worked for seven years for the ASCS Office (now known as the Farm

Service Agency, or FSA). Prior to that, she worked with her father, local contractor Clyde Honeycutt. "Certainly her experience with real estate and land records, aerial photography and GIS, and her familiarity with contracting, inspections and permits are transferable skills that will benefit the County," stated County Manager Ed Causey. "But just as important to us are her superb customer service skills, and, as a life-long resident of the County, her knowledge of our communities and her demonstrated desire to serve our citizens." Ms. Lane is married to Randy Lane, has two sons and daughters-in-law, and two grandchildren.

Providing guidance to Ms. Lane and the Sampson County Planning Board will be County Attorney W. Joel Starling, Jr. Mr. Starling, who has provided legal services to the County as an associate with of Daughtry, Woodard, Lawrence and Starling, will fill the re-created position of County Attorney on July 1, 2018. A 2006 graduate of the University of North Carolina School where he was a Morehead Scholar and Phi Beta Kappa, Mr. Starling earned his JD degree from the University's School of Law in 2010. He is married to attorney Annette Starling and the two have a daughter, Elizabeth, and a son, Will. "The hiring of Mr. Starling reflects the Board of Commissioners' strategic consideration of how to best develop and deliver our planning services," notes County Manager Causey. "As County Attorney, he will be on hand to provide direct and comprehensive counsel on procedural and regulatory matters."

The County's planning services will be provided by Ms. Lane as Senior Planner and one additional Planner, who has yet to be named. Both will be supervised by Myron Cashwell, Director of the Department of Inspections and Planning Services, a long-serving department head who currently oversees five inspectors and administrative staff. "His seasoned management skills ensure the success of the department's new organizational structure; we are appreciative of his willingness to lend his talents to our new endeavors," stated Causey.

Causey added that the County is excited to build their new department on the foundation laid by the City of Clinton planning staff over the past 13+ years. "The planning staff of the City brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to the table when we first contracted with them in 2004, and we are in indebted to them for successfully guiding us through the early years of subdivision regulation and zoning implementation, as well as important initiatives such as land use and comprehensive transportation planning."

Operation Round Up Helps Strengthen The Community



Hobbton Middle School, Principal Jeff Bradshaw, Christy Brock, Ashley Britt, Christine Brewington and Alicia Leach

The Community Assistance Corporation, or CAC, South River EMC's not-for-profit foundation, awarded \$40,436 in Operation Round Up grants to benefit community, public service agencies and schools.

The following non-profit organizations each received grants for \$5,000: Eastover Volunteer Fire Department; Dunn Emergency Services, Inc.; Bethany Rural Fire Department. Additionally, Vann Crossroads Fire Department received a grant for \$3,614, and Stedman Volunteer Fire Department received funding of \$5,361.

Educational institutions can apply for up to \$10,000 in grant funding. Those institutions receiving funding thanks to South River EMC members are: Hargrove Elementary, \$3,139; Hobbton Middle School, \$10,000; and Cape Fear High, \$3,322.

"The good work done by these organizations continues to inspire us and we are honored to be able to assist their efforts through these grants," said VP of Member Services and Public Relations Catherine O'Dell.

Operation Round Up is a voluntary program that enables members to round up their electric bill to the next whole dollar. For example, if a bill is \$99.99, the bill rounds up to \$100 and the extra 1¢ is deposited into the CAC fund. By contributing, members can put their nickels and dimes to work making a positive difference today and providing better educational opportunities for the leaders of tomorrow.

South River EMC accepts and reviews applications on a quarterly basis. The next due date is May 16 by 5 p.m. Applications and rules can be found online at sremc.com. Always make sure you have the most recent copy of the application



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LOCAL NEWS

WIGGINS, cont. from 1



"back in the day lawyers, doctors and downtown merchants would routinely come in for a fresh, clean shave."

Many of the frequent shave customers would keep a shave cup and brush at the shop so they could stop in early, before court, to look their best. One of those lawyers was Doug Parsons. And even after lawyer Parsons became Judge Parsons he would still come in every two weeks for a quick trim.

Saturday's were always a busy day for the shop, and often back in the day the shop would stay open late for men to come take showers or a hot bath back before most houses had a bathroom.

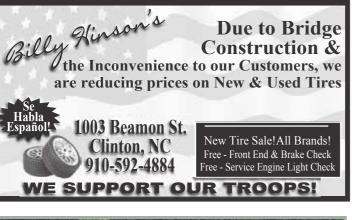
When Wiggins joined Model Barber Shop in 1960 the owners were LeRoy Register and Edward Barker. Eventually Wiggins took over and would have a few other barbers with him. "I've still got a few customers that I started with in 1960," says Wig-

But after 58 years, Wiggins says its time to give it up. "I'll miss being downtown and being able to watch all the people each day," adds Wiggins still dressed in slacks and a barber's shirt. Wife Peggy joked he only had two left and she was either going to have to buy more or he would have to retire.

Asked what he planned to do after retirement, Wiggins looked at his wife and says in earnest, "Whatever I'm told." But he's hoping to spend more time with family and maybe a little more time on Holden Beach. The Wiggins' have two daughters, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren who Larry and Peggy hope to spend more time with.

Wiggins says that over time business at Model Barber Shop slowed somewhat. Back in the 30's Model would employ 7 barbers, 2 shoe shines and host a slew of baths and showers. Even in the 80's he would pamper 40 or more gentlemen with a shave







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or haircut. More recently a big day would be closer to 25.

Wiggins says that younger gentlemen are in too much of a hurry for the old-style barber and tend to get a quick cut or trim at a chain shop. And while it was a very difficult decision to close up shop, Wiggins says he'll not miss the 10-hour days he once used to operate. "I loved it," says Wiggins, "but it could be a hard job. Hard on your hands, hard on your feet,

your arms and back. But I'll miss the daily interaction with people. I watched a lot of young boys grow into men."

"I'll miss that," Wiggins reiterates. "I have truly appreciated all my customers through the years and have enjoyed serving the needs of this community.

It will be time that tells the next chapter of history for 206 E. Main Street, but Model Barber Shop will always hold a special place in history for downtown Clinton.

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LOCAL NEWS

Newton Grove Struggles with Rezoning Request



For more than two months, leaders in Newton Grove struggled to find a way to accommodate a zoning request, but in the end failed to find a fit for a local business hoping to make changes. At issue was the addition of an accessory building at 698 Mount Olive Drive, home of Barton McKinnon Electric, LLC.

The Planning Board for Newton Grove has classified Barton McKinnon Electric as Industrial Trade and Shop which does not fit any available zoning category for Newton Grove at the 698 Mount Olive Drive location which would allow for the construction of an accessory building. Currently the lot is zoned Residential (R20) and boarded by lots zoned as such.

The Newton Grove Planning Board researched possible rezoning options including Neighborhood Business and Thoroughfare Business, but neither zoning district option fit the stated purpose of Barton McKinnon Electric, LLC, which provides electrical work within the construction industry.

McKinnon was on hand at the March Town Hall meeting to discuss his plan with Town officials. "I would love for this to work," stated McKinnon. "The building itself is just going to be for storage purposes."

value which he wanted to secure. "I'd like to be able to clean up that lot, and that's the whole purpose for the building is just for storage."

McKinnon explained that his location was cluttered with components and tools of his trade, many of

McKinnon added that the building would not change the way his business runs, the amount of traffic to his business, or the volume of business he does. The only effect to neighbors and the town would be to make the lot look cleaner.

Commissioner Teresa Wilson first to speak, stated she didn't know a great deal about the zoning process, but wanted to find a way to make it work for McKinnon.

Town Clerk Amanda Turner explained both the Neighborhood Business and Thoroughfare Business districts citing that due to other area components, the planning board felt that Thoroughfare Business district didn't match the existing area while Neighborhood Business would. A conditional Use under that designation would allow for an accessory building, however, based on the nature of work Barton McKinnon Electric does, it doesn't fit the definition of a Neighborhood Business.

Commissioner Cody Smith stated that he didn't understand why the category Neighborhood Business wouldn't offer a solution since McKinnon's stated use was solely for storage. "I'd like to see it cleaned up," stated Smith. "And I personally don't see any problem with it."

Asked to explain his business, McKinnon stated that he was a licensed electrical contractor mainly specializing in agriculture buildings such as chicken and hog houses with 90% of his work in those areas. When asked about work in town, McKinnon stated that he had done some wiring work for the Newton Grove Fire Department and also had rewired Parkside Grill after hurricane Matthew, as well

as few other jobs in town. However, McKinnon had not rendering a bill for service for any of the work he did for those businesses or organizations in Newton Grove. It was done as a service to the community.

After continued discussion with no available solution at hand, the rezoning request was tabled for

a month to give additional time for town leaders to fully research all possible opportunities to meet McKinnon's request.

At the next meeting, on April 9th, the subject of rezoning request RZ-18-01 was again brought to

the board's attention. Mr. Charles Tart asked to address the town board concerning the issue and began by stating that although 90% of McKinnon's business was out of town, all of his equipment, tools, and vehicles were in town where McKinnon paid town taxes.

"Had he been a citizen for years and years," added Tart, "there probably wouldn't have been a prob-

lem with this thing going through. But being he's an outsider trying to come in and make a living and raise a family – that's what I have a problem with. I don't understand why this will not pass. I know it could be passed if you'll wanted it to."

Mayor Gerald Darden emphatically expressed that McKinnon's length of time in Newton Grove

had nothing to do with the town's issue of zoning for McKinnon but was an ordinance issue which simply didn't fit within any current available zoning parameters.

Commissioner Gary Mac Herring stated that he had considered both zoning options and just didn't see how the town could make it work without taking the teeth out of the town's zoning ordinance.

"I've heard nothing but great things about the gentleman. He's top notch and has done a lot of great things for the community and that's great. I'm just concerned if this is a neighborhood business."

When asked for legal clarification, Town Attorney Lew Starling stated, "I don't believe this fits

within your current ordinance. I mean, I have no opinion. I know the gentleman. He's a nice gentleman. But it doesn't fit."

Mayor Darden summed up the debate stating that what McKinnon was trying to do just wasn't

After continued discussion, Mayor Darden called for a motion to approve of not approve the re-

suitable where it is located. "We don't have a current way to make it work."

zoning request.

Commissioner Herring moved to deny the rezoning request which was seconded prior to a split vote. Commissioners Herring, Herring and Wilson voted to deny the request while Commissions Smith and Raynor voted against denying.

Roseboro Get First Glimpse of Possible Trails



Bill Scott with the NC Mountain-to-Sea Trail and NC State Graduate Student Ben Jones recently gave Roseboro Town Leaders a first glimpse of a possible trail and landscape concept that both Scott and Jones feel could help make Roseboro a destination town along the Mountain-to-Sea Trail.

Jones, a landscape architecture graduate student currently working on a planting design for NCDOT's Hwy 24/242 overpass, spoke with town leaders concerning his concept for integrating the overpass project, Mountain-to-Sea Trail project and a possible future Roseboro Trail project which would increase visitors to Roseboro and provide educational opportunities while promoting a healthy lifestyle.

Jones explained that Roseboro, which shares a rich history with the nearby White Woods or Pondberry Bay Preserve has an opportunity to reconnect with that history through the Mountain-to-Sea Trail. "The Mountain-to-Sea Trail is a linear trail which connects places along long distances and that's a great asset in its own," states Jones, "but what's really better for a community like Roseboro is to have looping trails that will allow you guys to have a walk that will circle around certain distance."

Jones says the concept he's working on allows the main Trail to pass through Roseboro, with the addition of two nested loops which Roseboro can utilize to it's benefit. "So, what this looks like conceptually on the map is what would amount to be a 3-mile loop right through downtown (Roseboro) and a 6-mile loop which would connect with some of the outer neighborhoods, through the Pondberry Bay Preserve and the Country Club, sort of tying the town together."

Jones explains that his concept would connect neighborhoods with the downtown district as well as with existing parks and schools. He further explained that it would also help ecological conservation and restoration, improve educational opportunities, create destination and economic opportunities and support healthy lifestyles.

The loop trails were laid out with a goal to take advantage of publicly owned lands, utility right of ways and condemned or vacant lots.

"This is really your project" stated Jones. "This is just an idea that you can take into the future and make your own, if you like it."

Jones concluded by returning to his original project of landscape design for Hwy 24/242 overpass, which he says will rely heavily on returning the area back to a longleaf pine meadow with Bald Cypress and Pink Muhly Grass in lower areas.







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LOCAL NEWS

We Should Know.



Dr. Thomas-Taylor, Ms. Arneatha James and Shannon Barber 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 Child Abuse Prevention Month and today's guests are Shannon Barber, Dr. Danielle Thomas-Taylor and Arneatha Gillis James.

Shannon Barber is the Executive Director and Forensic Interviewer at Sampson County Child Advocacy Center. She worked as a volunteer to help the original group start the CAC from the beginning in 2012. Shannon has 19 years' experience working with children that suffer from mental illness and children that suffer abuse. She continues to oversee the Sampson County Multidisciplinary Team, manages staff at the CAC, and is trained to provide forensic interviews to abused children.

Dr. Danielle Thomas-Taylor is currently the Medical Director of Specialty Medicine at Southern Regional AHEC in Fayetteville NC. She oversees daily operations of the center's clinics including pediatric cardiology, pediatric hematology, child abuse medical evaluations and adult infectious disease.

She graduated from Mt. Sinai School of Medicine and did her Pediatric Residency at the University of Rochester where she remained and completed two fellowships in General Academic Pediatrics & Child Abuse / Forensic Pediatric Medicine. She is board certified in pediatric medicine as well as the subspecialty of child abuse.

Arneatha Gillis James is originally from Sampson County and graduated from Union High School in 1992. She attended East Carolina University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1996. Later she attended law school at North Carolina Central University graduating with a Juris Doctorate in 2006 and passed the North Carolina bar in July of 2006. She worked at the North Carolina Court of Appeals for the Honorable Judge James A. Wynn Jr. prior to starting her career as a prosecutor in September 2007. She has now been with the Fourth Prosecutorial District for almost 11 years where she handles juvenile cases, felony cases, and specializes in child abuse.

JW Simmons begins the show stating that if a child welfare case reaches Arneatha James something fundamental has broken down in the child's home. James replies, "That is correct."

"A lot of times you see a lack of resources, a lack of support, and frustrated parents doing things that leads them to my office," adds James.

Simmons turns to Dr. Thomas-Taylor to ask if there is a turning point at which society can better address issues such as child abuse prevention or is it that the system is just too overwhelmed. Dr. Thomas-Taylor states, "I think we haven't yet hit the tipping point where people are knowledgeable about child abuse. One of the things that unique about child abuse as apposed to other things in the medical field, it's a completely preventable

"All of these children we see - support, resources, and education for parents and communities - can prevent the cases of child abuse," adds Dr. Thomas-Taylor. "So, as a physician, when I think about that we see about 1,500 children each year die from child abuse, and strangely enough, about 1,500 children die each year from childhood cancer. One is completely preventable and the other we put a ton of resources into hospitals and hospital-based settings."

"So," says Dr. Thomas-Taylor, "when we sort of focus and start to see that we can save as many children by simply doing something that's preventable, which is educating adults, parents, care providers within our communities about the signs and also the risks that may start child abuse. Some of those things are just very basic. Understanding children's development as was mentioned. Parents get frustrated with children and that leads to a lot of the physical abuse that happens."

"And so, teaching parents, educators and people in the community about what is normal behavior and ways that we can intervene and assist them would be very helpful. It's something that we need to sort of keep pushing – things like universal PreK, places where children can learn to socially interact, and parents can also learn from other parents is really important."

what she sees that the average person doesn't see. Barber begins, "In Sampson County we see more sex abuse cases than we do physical abuse cases. This year, I saw 170 children at the Child Advocacy Center and that's Sampson County kids only. The majority of the cases, about 120 were sex abuse cases.' "So," says Barber, "we see far more sex abuse, and that kind of goes back to what Dr.

Next, JW Simmons turns to Shannon Barber to ask as a forensic interviewer in this area,

Thomas-Taylor talked about, a lack of resources. That also goes back to a lack of resources for people who were abused as children or were addicts, different thing which have gone on in their life or trauma they faced and now they're grown up and they're doing these things to children also. We see that happen in a lot of our cases where the suspect was abused as a child by someone.'

Simmons next turns to Arneatha Gillis James stating that what she sees is typically the aftermath of child abuse. He asks James to discuss the impact of the current opioid epidemic on child abuse. James states, "A lot of those children are now in foster care and a lot of grandparents are taking care of very young children. And then you have the situation of neglect where older people don't understand the new technology, new things that kids are doing and you have kids sexting and different things like that. That's just another form of a lot of the cases we see."

For more information on today's subject please visit the Sampson County Child Advocacy Center at: www.sampsoncountycac.com or their Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/ sampsoncountycac/. You can also visit Prevent Child Abuse North Carolina at: www. preventchildabusenc.org.

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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Main Day ~ Saturday, April 28

Katie Country & WGBR Main Stage

On Center Street at Southern Bank
9:00 am N.C. Pickle Festival Opening Ceremony

9:10 am R.C. Pickle Festival Opening C 9:10 am Rowlette Green 11:20 pm The Breeze Band 1:40 pm Ultimate Rock Machine 3:40 pm Ollie's Anthem Sing-Off 4:00 pm Rivermist

Praise Stage On SW Center Street presented by Mount Olive First PH Church, WFMC and SAVEDNews.com

9:30 am Jerry Strickland 10:30 am Randy Cashwell 11:30 am Anew Worship

12:45 pm Mount Olive 1st PH Praise Band 2:00 pm Kingdom Builders

3:30 pm Theodore Chestnutt 4:30 pm One Accord

Mount Olive Tribune Dancers

9:00 am Tippy Toes Dance Studio
10:00 am The Arts Company of Faison
10:45 am Desiree Autrey's Academy of Dance
11:00 am N.C. Pickle Princess Court
11:15 am Miss Goldsboro and Court

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11:30 pm Mrs. Robin's Academy of Dance
Miss Duplin County and Court
12:45 pm Megan Casey & Kaitlyn Taylor
12:50 pm Miss Spring Creek, Alexis Dean

1:00 pm Wilson's Outstanding Teen, Cassle Scott
1:05 pm 2017 N.C. Poultry Jubilee Young Miss Montgomery Lanier,

and NCOLM Majestic Miss McKinley Lanier
1:15 pm Princess of NC State Court
1:30 pm Alyssa Britt Band
2:00 pm Ballet Folklorico De Colores

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The News Argus Corner

At Center and East James

9:00 am N.C Pickle Festival Chili Cookoff, presented by Goldsboro News Argus
11:00 am One Man Band
12:00 pm Pickle Eating Contest

1:00 pm One Man Band 2:00 pm The Mascot Race, presented by **Bob 93.3**

2:00 pm The Mascot Rad 3:00 pm One Man Band

Friday Night Downtown ~ April 27, 2018

Presented by Sleep Inn & Suites of Mount Olive, Ribeyes Steakhouse, Parker Gas, Wayne UNC Health Care, Tri-County EMC, and Bojangles'

The Tazz Band in Concert

The Tazz Band in Concert
Outdoors at Ribeyes, 112 N. Center Street. 6-10 p.m. Free admission. Beer

Garden and concessions by Ribeyes. Concert moves inside in case of rain.

N.C. Pickle Festival Homestyle Chili Cookoff

204 NE Center Street at All the Kings Children, across from Ribeyes

Steakhouse. Sample homestyle chili from 6-9:30 pm.

Cuke Patch 5k Glow Run

On North Center near John Street intersection. Sign-in opens at 7:30 p.m., run starts at 8 p.m. Details, www.ncpicklefest.org.

Pay One Price Carnival Rides
Ride all you want for \$12, from 5-9 pm. Corner of West Main and Chestnut

Streets. Concessions by Tri-County EMC.

Sunday, April 29

N.C. Pickle Festival Praise & Worship Service

at Mount Olive First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 6 pm 130 Ed Edmundson Road Presented by the Mount Olive Ministerial Association

- HEALTH

Health Department Services

by Luke Smith, Health Educator

Sampson County Health Department's mission is to preserve, protect and promote the health, environment and well-being of the citizens of Sampson County. Public health promotes positive behaviors and prevents illness and injury. Everyone has a responsibility to themselves, their family and neighbors to maintain good health, prevent communicable and chronic diseases and prevent accidents. Sampson County Health Department has the following services available:

Adult Health: provides comprehensive health services including physical exams, lab testing, and mammogram referral.

Breast & Cervical Cancer Control Program: works to detect breast and cervical cancer among qualifying women who are 50-64 years of age, who are uninsured and underinsured, and do not have Medicaid or Medicare.

Care Coordination for Children: is a free program that helps families find and use community resources. The goals are to connect families with services for children, support children reach their developmental potential, and help ensure children are raised in healthy, nurturing environments.

Child Health: provides comprehensive health screenings to children from birth to 21 years of age. Health assessments include physical exams, lab testing, visual, hearing, dental, and development screenings.

Communicable Disease/Tuberculosis (TB): provides services to prevent the spread of communicable diseases such as TB and other diseases. The program provides testing, investigation, and treatment as needed.

Diabetes Self-Management Education: is designed to lower the incidence of diabetes in the county and to increase the awareness and dangers of diabetes, as well as provide education. To participate, a client must have a referral from their physician.

Environmental Health: is divided into 7 sections each concerning on a different aspect of our environment. These sections include: Child Daycare, Food & Lodging, Lead Abatement, On-Site Wastewater, Swimming Pools, Tattoo & Body Piercing Parlors, and Water Supply.

Family Planning: provides contraceptives, correct contraceptive usage, counseling on family life planning, and physical exams as indicated. Services are based on a sliding fee scale and all services are confidential.

Health Promotion/Education: assists in the planning of disease prevention strategies and promotion of healthy living. Services include assistance with planning,



organizing, implementing, and evaluating community, school, and health programs.

Immunizations: are provided to prevent the spread of Communicable Diseases. For the best protection, children should be immunized by age two. New vaccines are available.

Laboratory Services: services include urinalysis testing, glucose testing, hemoglobin checks, pregnancy, cholesterol, and lead testing.

Maternal Health: provides prenatal care services to pregnant women. Services include physical exams, lab testing, nutrition, follow-up appointments, and assistance with preparing for birth.

Pregnancy Care Management: works to improve the health of mothers and babies. Medicaid-eligible pregnant and postpartum women who meet risk criteria are eligible for this program.

Public Health Preparedness & Response: works with agencies at the county, state, and federal level to help ensure Sampson County is prepared to deal with any public health event from disease to bioterrorism threats.

Sexually Transmitted Disease: conducts confidential testing, treatment, counseling, and education of HIV/

AIDS, Syphilis, Gonorrhea, Chlamydia, and other communicable diseases. There is no charge for the services provided by this clinic.

Vital Records: is responsible for the filing and accuracy of all births and deaths in Sampson County. Certified copies can be obtained at the Register of Deeds office. Women, Infant & Children (WIC): provides food

Women, Infant & Children (WIC): provides food vouchers and nutrition education to women (pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding), infants and children to age five. Eligibility is determined by category, residence, income, and medical/nutritional risk.

Sampson County Health Department is located at 360 County Complex Rd., Suite 200, Clinton, NC 28328. Hours of operation are Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information or to make an appointment, call (910) 592-1131 ext. 4001. You can also visit us at http://www.sampsonnc.com/departments/health_department/index.php or like us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/SampsonCountyHealthDept/. We welcome you to your local health department – **TOGETHER** . . . we are creating healthy communities.



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What's the Big Deal about Weed? The Normalization of Marijuana from a Christian Worldview

My first encounter with marijuana was the 8th grade. It was my first year riding the school bus and the very first day of school. Sitting in the back of the bus, I witnessed one kid handing another kid a sandwich bag with something inside that was green. I knew what marijuana was, though I had never seen nor been around it, but without saying anything, my suspicion was that I had witnessed my first drug deal at the ripe old age of 13. A few years later as a senior in high school, I would go to a friend's house and be bombarded with a cloud of smoke upon entering his bedroom. He and another friend were passing a cigarette back and forth that did not exactly smell like my dad's pack of Basic cigarettes. I knew exactly what it was and immediately left for the fear that the smell would cling to my clothes and my parents would ground me for life. Fast forward another few years and a customer walking into the store in which I worked asked me if I had ever tried "Sour Diesel." Only having two personal encounters with marijuana, I wasn't exactly sure what he was referring to. When he took out a prescription medicine bottle, opened it and shoved it in my face for me to smell, I found out what "Sour Diesel" was.

Personal experience aside, seemingly every day we encounter marijuana in the media, newspapers, political platforms, public arrest records, etc. Just within the last week, New York Democratic gubernatorial candidate Cynthia Nixon, former star of television's "Sex and the City" has made marijuana legalization the "pillar of her campaign," according to The Cannibist, a subsidiary blog of The Denver Post. Even former U.S. Speaker of the House, Republican John Boehner has publicly come out in support of legalized marijuana after spending nearly his entire political career opposing it. In the last 10-15 years nearly every politician has come out with a public statement opposing or supporting the legalization of marijuana at the federal, state and local level. Is it really that big of a deal?

The goal of every Christian is to become more like Christ, and that includes developing a biblical thought pattern (1 Cor. 2:16). We do not just apply a biblical worldview to issues constrained to the church, but to every issue - spiritual and secular. With that said, thinking through the issue of marijuana may not seem like a spiritual issue, but it is something Christians have to deal with and encounter as citizens of a nation that seems to be in the midst of dealing with a drug culture.

The issue is not necessarily legalization, but normalization; we live in a society that tends to shift positions on issues when they are culturally expedient and quickly protest when demands are not met in a satisfactory time. Morally speaking, the issue of marijuana is not addressed in Scripture and frankly, the role of government should not be confused with the role of the church, and vise-versa. Not all things that are moral, legal - and not all things legal are moral, nor wise. What Christians should really take notice of and think through in terms of biblical worldview is not the political aspect, but the moral aspect. Our world tends to take issues that have traditionally been non-issues, right or wrong, and polarize them to an unhealthy and dividing extreme. The slippery slope is the same slippery slope that led to the legalization of same-sex marriage. The homosexual agenda moved quickly from "coming out of the closest" to "tolerance" to "embracing" and now "normalizing." In other words, the agenda of the homosexual movement has moved from mere existence to justifying the morality of homosexuality accepted as a virtue. This is one example of how our culture has taken something traditionally and historically seen as bad for society and forced it upon everyone. This same trajectory is being used with marijuana, despite the fact that it remains a schedule 1 drug - meaning the government considers marijuana to have no health benefits and high potential for abuse. Whether the government has the facts on marijuana correct or not, we should still be skeptical of how culture tends to normalize things that have traditionally and historically been considered not good for society.

What does this have to do with believers? In the end, the church is called to be salt and light. As we walk in a new age of legalized drugs, we should remember three things: First, we should be wise. Though recreational and medical use of marijuana may be legal in some places, Christians should be wise in how see their own witness. Since the Bible is silent on the specific issue of marijuana, we should know that it is not silent on principles of wisdom. While the effects of marijuana may be vastly different than substances like alcohol, not all effects of marijuana are positive, nor seen as positive by a watching world. Since marijuana is addictive, it can easily become an idol and rob God of glory. Sin distorts our thinking, and our aim as Christians is



to align our lives with God's glory and to spread that glory in an unbelieving world. This is an issue we need to think clearly and biblically on.

Second, we should not avoid those that do not think as we do. Marijuana use often causes disengagement, a skewed reality and far more negative side-effects than positive ones. Those with addiction problems need help; and if you know someone who does, you may be able to point that person to the only truly satisfying thing in life: Jesus Christ. As J. Budziszewski rightly stated, "God didn't make us immune to the influence of other human beings. He gave us social natures. The way to resist bad pressures isn't to pretend you're made of steel. You resist bad pressures by putting yourself in the path of good ones."

Finally, we should not shy away from the issue. As citizens of this worldly kingdom, we have responsibilities to vote for leaders, to influence with our voice policies and to par-

ticipate in society. As citizens of a heavenly kingdom, we are to promote the cause of Christ. We are to engage in every issue and bring clarity to it by communicating with grace. We may lose some battles, but in the end, we are to be stewards of truth and the



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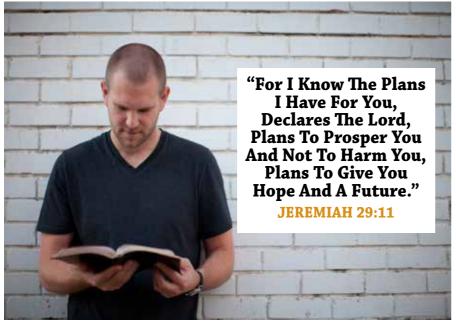
Are we Naboth's Neighbors?

I Kings 21:13, "Then two scoundrels came and sat opposite him and brought charges against Naboth before the people, saying, "Naboth has cursed both God and the king." So they took him outside the city and stoned him to death."

Have you ever stood by the sidelines and seen someone verbally attack another person under false charges and you

said nothing? There is a proverb that says "silence gives consent". This is true in the case of the many that refuse to openly and audibly defend an innocent person. Jonathan Swift, author of, An Argument Against Abolishing Christianity, wrote, "Power is no blessing in itself, except when it is used to protect the innocent." As Christians, we have more power and authority to stand up for the innocent than we might exercise.

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The Bible tells of an evil king of Israel named Ahab who wanted the land of his neighbor Naboth for a vegetable garden. However, when

> he asked for it, Naboth refused the king's request.

> The result of Naboth's

actions caused the king to

pout and sulk.

Ahab's wife and queen, Jezebel, a wicked and ruthless pagan woman, saw her husband lying on his bed, blubbering, and learned the cause of his anger and grief. She said to him, "Don't worry; get up, have a good meal, and enjoy yourself. I will get the land for you." She ordered that Naboth be greatly honored, but then she had false charges brought against him, claiming that he cursed God. After his conviction, Naboth was stoned to death, and

then Ahab claimed the

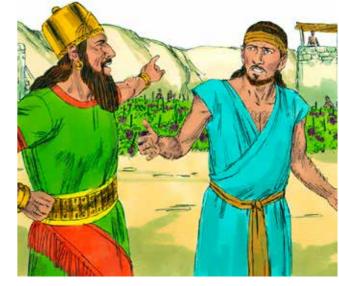
land that he wanted. Lat-

er, the prophet Elijah pro-

nounced a curse on Ahab

for his complicity in the

incident.



Why did Jezebel first honor Naboth? Perhaps it was to turn others against him. Although his neighbors knew him to be a righteous man and had never heard him criticize the God of Israel or the king, perhaps they had become jealous. In any event, Jezebel's plan worked.

In this tragic Biblical event, we see the sinfulness of a whole group. This evil cast of character included Ahab, his wife, Jezebel, the elders who held the trail, the false witnesses and the silent neighbors who refrained from testifying on Naboth's behalf. They all sinned by failing to speak up against injustice.

It is just as sinful for us to remain silent in the face of injustice. We who follow Christ must represent the cause of justice and speak up for those suffering from poverty, helplessness and homelessness. That is a big part of what it means to be a follower of Christ.

While we might quickly condemn the injustice of Jezebel, Ahab and the false witnesses, it is perhaps more uncomfortable for us to realize that we may share the same guilt

as Naboth's neighbors, who out of fear or jealousy failed to speak up for him in his time of need. God can give us the wisdom to know what is right and the courage to speak and act for injustice just as Jesus Christ always did.



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What's Happening SCT

By Angela Martin

Our newest production opens this weekend to a high-energy, high-flying dance powered musical. FAME the Musical is adapted from the television show of the same name. This production features teens from 9 schools in our region and a wonderful musical score that will leaving you tapping your feet and singing the catchy tunes. FAME the Musical is sponsored by the Sampson County Arts Council and Performance Dodge. The production is directed by Angela Martin and is the first one for Angela this year - she will be directing Hairspray and Annie, Jr. immediately after. The show is April 20-29. Friday and Saturday performances are held at 7:30 pm and Sunday performances are at 2:30 pm.

Our next production - and third one of the season is - HAIRSPRAY - be sure to check back for more details.

Photo By Tom Wilbur

Sampson Community Theatre's presentation of "Fame", is opening this weekend. This classic musical is proudly sponsored by Performance Automotive, conceived and developed by David De Silva, book by Jose Fernandez, lyrics by Jacques Levy, music by Steve Margoshesa and directed by Angela Martin. "Fame" is produced through special arrangement with Musical Theatre International. Show dates are Evening Performances: April 20, 21, 27, 28 at 7:30pm. Matinees: April 22 & 29 at 2:30pm, 2018. General admission is \$10.00. The theatre is located at 115 Fayetteville Street in Clinton, North Carolina. For more information call 910-592-8653. Check out our website at sampsoncommunitytheatre.org/



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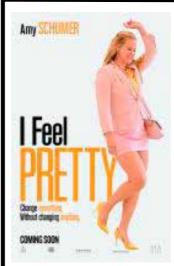


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A family must navigate their lives in silence after mysterious creatures that hunt by sound threaten their survival. If they hear you, they hunt you.

Starring Emily Blunt, John Krasinski, Millicent Simmonds, Noah Jupe

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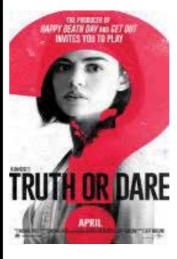


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Primatologist Davis Okoye (Johnson), a man who keeps people at a distance, shares an unshakable bond with George, the extraordinarily intelligent, silverback gorilla who has been in his care since birth. But a roque genetic experiment gone awry transforms 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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Sensible tips for healthy eating

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ith so many social events that revolve around food, it's not easy to get a fresh start on making healthy food choices. However, with a little thought and planning, you can prevent taking your body on a roller coaster ride - without having to choose between food deprivation and satisfaction.

"Whether you are hosting an event or attending someone else's celebration, planning ahead can help you stay on track," said Mitzi Dulan, a registered dietitian and nationally recognized nutrition and wellness expert. "Having quick and simple strategies and recipes on hand makes it easy to eat well and keep you feeling great."

Put a winning plan in place to take a new look at your approach to eating smart with these tips from Dulan, who is the team nutritionist for the World Series champion Kansas City Royals.

Don't skip meals.

Although skipping breakfast may seem like a good way to cut calories, it's a plan that can actually backfire, making you hungrier as the day wears on, and more likely to overeat or sneak unhealthy snacks. Start each day with a well-rounded breakfast to fuel your body. Apply a similar approach to events later in the day, as well. You may be tempted to skip a meal so you can enjoy the treats at a party, but chances are you'll end up overdoing it with high-calorie indulgences, so make sure you fuel up ahead of time.

Love what you eat.

Be mindful of the food you eat and make every bite count. Enjoying each delicious taste will make it easier to stick to a sensible eating plan. For the foods you do love, look for ways to make them better - better for you, that is. For example, if pizza is your weak spot, substitute a lower-calorie crust, such as Flatout Flatbread. Then choose toppings wisely to amp up the flavor while managing added fat and calories.

Eat smaller portions.

When you simply must indulge, you may be surprised to hear "go ahead," but to do so in moderation. One clever way to keep your portions small: use a tablespoon, not a serving spoon to dish out portions. Then eat slowly so your body has time to tell your brain you're full.

Get your fill in healthy ways.

Overeating often comes down to a very basic cause: hunger. Becoming more conscious of how you answer your hunger will help you stay on track. Drinking water before and during events will help to fill you up so you are less likely to consume excess calories. Snacking throughout the day can also help keep hunger at bay; several small, healthy snacks, such as a handful of nuts or trail mix, can help keep you feeling full. Also, remember to stop eating when you feel satisfied, but before you feel full.

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Thin Crust Egg, Sausage and Pepper **Breakfast Pizza**

- 1 Flatout Flatbread Artisan Thin Pizza Crust
- 1/2 cup cheddar cheese eggs, lightly scrambled
 - ounces sausage, cooked and crumbled
 - ounces yellow peppers, diced
- 2 ounces red peppers, diced

Heat oven to 375 F.

Place flatbread on cookie sheet. Bake for 2 minutes. Remove from oven. Top flatbread with cheese, scrambled egg, sausage and peppers. Return to oven and bake 4 more minutes, or until

Grilling method: Heat grill to 375 F. Pre-bake flatbread on grill for 1-2 minutes. Remove from grill. Top flatbread with cheese, scrambled egg, sausage and peppers. Return to grill. Close lid. Grill 4 more minutes, or until cheese melts.

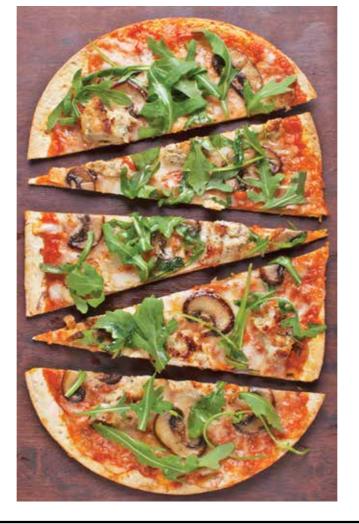
Arugula Mushroom Flatbread Pizza

- 1 Flatout Flatbread
- 1/2 cup mushrooms, cooked 1/2 cup arugula
- grape tomatoes
- tablespoon Parmesan cheese, grated 1 1/2 teaspoons fat-free balsamic vinegar

Heat grill or oven to 375 F. Pre-bake flatbread for 2 minutes. Remove.

Warm mushrooms in microwave or pan. Top flatbread with arugula, tomatoes and mushrooms. Sprinkle with cheese and drizzle with balsamic vinegar. Cut into slices.









Thin Crust Pepperoni Pizza

- 1 Flatout Flatbread Artisan Thin Pizza Crust
- 1/4 cup chunky red sauce
- 3 slices provolone cheese 1/4 cup mozzarella, shredded
- 30 pepperoni mini slices Heat oven or grill to 375 F.

Place flatbread on cookie sheet. Bake 2 minutes. Remove from oven. Spread sauce on flatbread. Lay provolone on top of sauce. Top with mozzarella and pepperoni. Return to oven and bake 4 more minutes, or until cheese melts.

Grilling method: Heat grill to 375 F. Pre-bake flatbread on grill for 2 minutes. Remove from grill. Spread sauce on flatbread. Lay provolone on top of sauce. Top with mozzarella and pepperoni. Return flatbread to grill. Close lid. Grill for 4 minutes, or until cheese melts.

Barbecue Chicken Flatbread Pizza

Recipe created by Mitzi Dulan, RD

- non-stick baking spray
- 2 Flatout Flatbreads 1/2 cup barbecue sauce
- 1/3 cup cheddar cheese, shredded 1/3 cup mozzarella cheese, shredded
- 6 ounces grilled chicken breast, torn into pieces
- 1 tablespoon red onion, diced 1 tablespoon cilantro, chopped

Heat oven to 400 F.

Spray large baking sheet with non-stick baking spray. Place flatbreads on baking sheet. On each flatbread, evenly spread 2 tablespoons barbecue sauce.

Sprinkle both cheeses over flatbreads. Mix remaining barbecue sauce with grilled chicken and place on pizzas. Top with diced onion. Bake 5 minutes. Sprinkle cilantro on top and serve.



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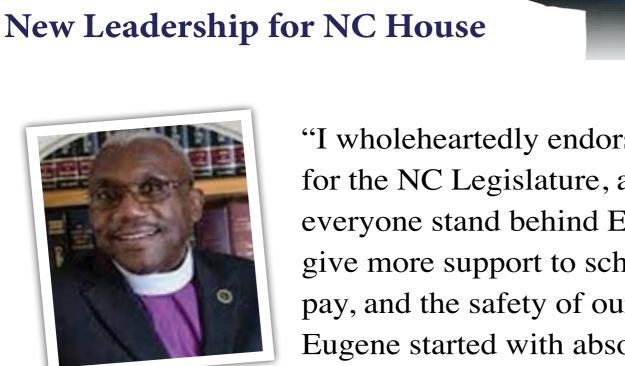


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Meet Eugene Eugene Pearsall, a lifelong area resident, is a North Duplin High School graduate and self-made businessman. He built his trucking company into the largest his trucking company into the largest independent business of its kind in Sampson Countywhich now employs 50 people.

An engaged community leader, Eugene is active in numerous civic projects such as serving on the Sampson County Workforce Development Commission and member of the NC-NAACP. Eugene is also a dedicated

advocate of education; he has served on the Advisory Board for the Hobbton School District and formerly chaired the Sampson County Head Start Program. Eugene is also a member of the Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce and the Clinton 100 Committee.

He is a committed family man, he and his wife Cheryl have been married for 24 years and together they have three children: Erika, 22; Jordan, 16; Jenna, 13.

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Hobbton's Lakelyn Bass Ready For Championships, Future

Hobbton High School junior Lakelyn Bass says she was caught by surprise when told that she has been named this week's Performance Auto/Sampson Weekly Star Athlete of the Week.

"I honestly had no idea," the 16-year-old Lady Wildcat track standout said. "I don't know how it happened, but I am really grateful for it. It is an honor."

Although the team still has a few meets left, they are preparing for the upcoming NCHSAA 1-A State Championships (on May 15), a place where Bass will be featured prominently.

Bass will compete in the Long Jump, the Pole Vault, and the 4x400m. She also expects to qualify for the Triple Jump in the next few weeks.

"I am very excited about competing the at state," she said.
"Every year, I have tried to qualify in the first few meets of the season, so I can shift my focus on competing and not worrying about trying to qualify."

It was a lesson that she was taught in her freshman year by then-head coach Jeff Klaves, who has since moved on to coach track at Campbell University.

In her debut freshman year, Bass participated in the High Jump, the Long Jump, Pole Vault and ran in the 200 meter and the 400 meter. In three of those events, she nabbed school records - At the Carolina 1-A Conference Championship she had a high jump of 5 feet; at the Sampson County Championships, she had a long jump of 15'5"; and at the NCHSAA 1-A Mideast Regional she completed a pole vault of 8'.

Two seasons later, Bass completed her best long jump with a 16'8"; the Triple Jump with a 34'5"; ran the 300m with a time of 46.34; and the Pole Vault with a 10 ft. 6 inch best.

"If I had to pick a favorite it would be the Pole Vault," Bass explained. "It is really the thrill of doing a crazy event. The more it is daring for me, the more I want to do it. I am not afraid, it is just exciting to be involved in an event like that."

Since her debut in track (Lakelyn is also a standout on the Wildcat soccer team), she has continued to work hard to become a better athlete.

"On Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, I get up at early to workout with my sister (Ocean-Reilly Bass) in Clinton and then get back by 7 to get to school," she said. "Also, on Wednesday's and Sunday's, I go to Durham to practice Pole Vaulting. But I get out every day and practice."

A Sampson County native, Bass got into track and field

thanks to the encouragement from Klaves and her mother, Jennifer Bass.

"I was a gymnast when I was very young," she said. "I did that for years and really enjoyed it. I played soccer in middle school and still play it, but when I was a freshman, they encouraged me to get into track - so I tried it and I loved it."

It was the perfect fit - for Bass and Klaves.

Although Hobbton's track program was in a rebuilding phase, Klaves helped guide both the men and women's track programs to success, and with that success, proved to build confidence in the athletes on both teams.

"It wasn't a program that people took too seriously (before Klaves)," Bass says with honesty. "But that all changed after he got here."

The two, who were neighbors, formed a brother-sister bond, that continues to this day. However, when Klaves left Hobbton for Campbell just over a year and a half later, Bass says it made her mature as an athlete.

"I was just completely devastated when he left," Bass admits. "It was overwhelming because it hit me that he wouldn't be here, and he had contributed so much to and for this program ..."

She continued, "But he really did convince me that I had to do what I needed to whether he was here or not. It is funny but him leaving made me more responsible than I ever was. He encouraged me, and I knew that I could do it on my own. He really is an inspiration to me ... He still is."

A straight 'A' student ("AP Calculus is kicking my butt," she says with a laugh), Bass said that she intends on attending college.

"Right now, I have no idea what school I want to attend," she explains. "But I do know that I want to go into Pre-Med and go into the medical field as a career."

Would she want to play sports at the next level?

"Oh yes, I want to go into track and field," Bass notes.

Although she has another year of high school, Bass already knows that while she is excited about moving on to start a new chapter in her life, leaving Hobbton High School will be difficult.

"Well, almost all of my friends will graduate this year," she said. "I know I will miss my friends and especially Janet Thompson, who has been an inspiration to me, and, of course, my sister Ocean-Riley Bass (who is a senior),



who has always been my best friend and just a great person."

Bass adds, "This school and its students have always been very supportive (with each other and of the track program). It is like a small family and that support is great to have behind you."

Her family has always been a great source of support as well, especially her mother, Jennifer.

"She always gave me a lot of good advice," Bass says. "She has always told me that no matter what the circumstance you always have to keep your head up and you always have to keep pushing ..."

So what advice would Bass, now that she is almost out of high school, give to an upcoming freshman?

"I would tell them to keep their minds on their books," she said. "Be yourself and don't think about anything else. One more thing: Always strive for greatness."

'Greatness' is exactly where Bass is headed in any career she chooses, but the humble bass is just thankful and blessed to be able to compete.

"I just want to thank God for giving me the opportunity to do what I can do," she said. "I also want to thank my mom for always being there to support me and always being there to catch me if I fall; I want to thank my sister, my workout buddy; Janet Thompson for being a great friend; Coach Klaves for being the best coach; my teammates; Coach Charles Roberson for taking over for coach Klaves and being a very good coach who is working hard to continue to build on Hobbton's success."

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Canady Signs to Play Basketball with USC



On Tuesday, Clinton High School senior Alex Canady signed to play basketball with the University of South Carolina Aiken. She received a full Athletic Scholarship from the university to play as a Shooting Guard/Point Guard. Alex stated, "It feels great to know that

I will be playing at a higher level with a good team." While on the court as a Clinton Dark Horse, Canady has played every position at some point or another, a very versatile player.

Canady was notified by Coach Sara Nuxol from USC and the coach wanted Alex to come down to South Carolina for a recruiting visit. "We did," noted Canady, "and I really enjoyed the visit and on the way home, I told my dad that this is where I wanted to go."

Canady went on the state, "I really like the coaching staff and players because they have a great family atmosphere and seem to play my style of basketball. They also have great academics which is also important to me because I want to pursue a Nursing Degree."

When asked how it was going to feel leaving Clinton High School and her family Alex said, "My family has always been supportive of me and has taken time to work with me on skills, travel around to exposure events, and taught me to give it 100% at all times. My travel ball Coaches Rik Seymour, Steve Moss, and Joey Harrell pushed me a lot and really made us work hard to better ourselves as a team, so we could get an opportunity to play at the next level. Coach Chris Owens from Clinton High School has always been very supportive in giving me opportunities as a Lady Darkhorse to improve my game as well."

Alex noted that the highlight of her career has been being part of the Clinton Dark Horse Women's basketball team that took home the State Championship last year. Canady was also selected as a McDonald's All-American.

Dark Horses Take Victory In High-Scoring Game Over Crusaders



There were runs aplenty on Wednesday, as the Clinton Dark Horse varsity baseball team defeated Harrells Christian Academy 13-6.

The Dark Horses got things moving in the first inning, when Zeth Pearson singled on a 2-2 count, scoring one run.

In the bottom of the second inning, Harrells Christian Academy tied things up at two when Cameron Phillips's sac fly scored one run for the Crusaders. Clinton pulled away for good with four runs in the third inning. In the third an error scored one run

for Clinton, an error scored two runs for the Dark Horses, and Carson Ellis grounded out, scoring one run.

Clinton tallied four runs in the sixth inning. Andrew Thornton, Charles Jordan, and Trey Warren all contributed in the big inning with RBIs.

Greylon Barwick got the start for Clinton. He allowed four hits and six runs over four and two-thirds innings, striking out one.

Cody Butler started the game for Harrells Christian Academy. He surrendered two runs on two hits over one inning. Jackson Hall, Carson T, Cameron P, and Andy Jones each



entered the game as relief, throwing two innings, two innings, one and one-third innings, and two-thirds of an inning respectively.

The Dark Horses scattered eight hits in the game. Pearson and Ellis each had multiple hits for Clinton. Ellis and Pearson each collected two hits to lead the Horses. The Dark Horses' record now sits at 9-7 overall and 5-3 in the conference. Their next game will be on Tuesday April 24th at Midway High School. Game time 7:00pm.

The Harrells Crusaders' record now sits at 5-8 overall and 1-1 in the conference. The Crusaders will take on Rocky Mount Academy in an away game on Thursday April 19th at 4:00pm.

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Finding Common Ground

The University of Mount Olive (UMO) is home to students from a variety of backgrounds, nationalities, and special interests. For students Kristin Power of Cleveland, North Carolina, Benedetta "Bene" Abbate of Westchester, New York, and Hannah Kirk of Northallerton, a market town in North Yorkshire, England, UMO has served as the foundation for an incredible friendship.

The three met in 2014, during their freshmen year at a pre-soccer season team bonding exercise. Since then the trio have become roommates and best friends, each bringing a unique perspective and culture to their friendship.

Abbate, whose family owns an Italian restaurant and pasta shop in New York, has introduced her friends to various Italian foods and cultures. Kirk has taught the girls numerous British words and phrases, and has developed within them a common love for English candies. Being North Carolina

born and bred, Power has helped her roomies decipher southern words and phrases, and introduced them to southern cuisine like BBQ and banana pudding. She has also served as a source of comfort for her friends who have been far away from their families.

Known as the "mom" of the group, Power drives her friends to doctor's appointments and helps with local errands. When homesickness settles in, Power takes her friends back home with her to Cleveland for a home cooked meal and family bonding time.

Power's rural Johnston County neighborhood surrounded by crops was a stark contrast for Abbate, who spent her childhood in the New York City suburbs. Abbate said, "I have learned to love and respect the rural lifestyle. The strong friendships I have with Kristin and Hannah have given me a home away from home."

Kirk also grew up in a rural area. However, she lives within walking distance from a train station where she can travel two hours south to London, or two hours north to Edinburgh. "Coming to UMO was a huge change for me," Kirk said. "It was very different not having the freedom of public transportation. I am so thankful that Kristin has been our friend and chauffer for these past four years."

Although there are significant cultural and geographic differences between the "besties," it is the similarities, not the differences that have helped the girls find their common ground. They are all family-oriented, honest, caring, and have a strong desire to perform well both athletically and academically.

"We are all good students and understand the importance of academics," Kirk said.

Kirk is majoring in psychology and minoring in biology. She is President of Psi Chi, a member of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, and a student tutor. After graduating from UMO in May, she plans to attend Durham University, a prestigious school in north England, where she will study cognitive neuroscience.

Inspired by her father, a successful businessperson, Abbate is majoring in business management with a minor in marketing. She is the current Social Media and Marketing intern at UMO and is a member of Phi Beta Lambda. After graduation, she plans to return to New York to seek a job in marketing or sales.

Power is pursuing a degree in biology with a minor in chemistry. She is a member of the Beta Beta Beta biological society. Her plans include graduate school and eventually working in the medical

From the foods they enjoy to the landscapes of their hometowns, Power, Abbate, and Kirk have been shaped by different cultures. However, they believe that having the opportunity to grow close and learn about one another has been the most rewarding aspect of their time at UMO.

"I don't think we've really had to 'overcome' our differences; we embrace them and laugh and learn together," Kirk said.

"The strong friendships I have with Kristin and Hannah have given me a home away from home at Mount Olive," Abbate said.

"I am so thankful to UMO for helping me form friendships with Bene and Hannah," Power added. "I know I will always have a place to visit in New York and England. Even if soccer had not brought us together, I think we would have met and become lifelong friends...some things are just meant to be."

SAMPSON COUNTY SCHOOLS 2018 KINDERGARTEN CLINICS



Hobbton Elementary

Salemburg Elementary

March 23, 2018 Roseboro Elementary

March 16, 2018

March 29, 2018

Midway Elementary March 26, 2018

Hargrove Elementary April 11, 2018

Plain View Elementary April 13, 2018

Clement Elementary April 17, 2018

Union Elementary April 19-20, 2018

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**All children who reach age five on or before August 31 are eligible for entry into Kindergarten.

EDUCATION

R. Noel Turlington Inducted into Cum Laude Society

Noel Turlington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Turlington, Jr. of Clinton, NC was inducted into the Cum Laude Society at Woodberry Forest School in Woodberry Forest, Va., during a ceremony held on April 12, 2018. He is a member of the class of 2018.

The Cum Laude Society was established in 1906 to recognize the scholastic achievements of students enrolled in independent secondary schools. Modeled after Phi Beta Kappa, the society admits students who are in the top 20 percent of their class. The Woodberry Forest Chapter was established in 1952, and all faculty who are Phi Beta Kappa members are considered to be members of the Society.



Woodberry Forest School is a highly selective, independent boarding school in Madison County, Va. for 400 boys in grades 9-12 from 25 states, the District of Columbia, and many other countries. Founded in 1889, it emphasizes an education based on intellectual thoroughness, moral integrity, and good sportsmanship, and a reverence for things sacred.

SCC Cosmetology Continues to Make the Grade



Jones takes a hands-on approach with her students.

Making A's in class is an awesome achievement. Consistently making A's for an entire program is incredible. Sampson Community College's Cosmetology Department did just that once again. The department received a Grade A on their annual spring inspection.

Each spring, the department receives a grade determined by the North Carolina Board of Cosmetic Arts, the state's governing body for the licensure of cosmetologists. SCC is proud to receive an A on this year's review. "We are proud of our program," says Department Chair Loreta Jones. "To receive the top grade takes a lot of work but definitely makes it all worthwhile."

The NC State Board of Cosmetic Art Examiners was created more than eight decades ago to establish and sanitary and professional standards for the cosmetic art industry. Today, the Board licenses over 80,000 individuals and businesses in the various branches of the cosmetic art industry to include cosmetology, manicuring, esthetics, natural hair care, salons, public and private cosmetic art schools and programs.

Anyone interested in learning more about the SCC's Cosmetology program, should contact Jones at (910) 900-4069 or ljones@sampsoncc.edu.





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Superintendent's List - None

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Third Grade: Honor Roll: William Ortiz, Jahmai Rich, Allegro West, Makila Rich, Tayler Fye, Brianne Arnold, Zoey Pope, Ernest Brown, Jr., Semaj Smith, Dakota Hall, Irhiyana Thompson, Calvin Lacewell, Fayth Willingham, Lillyan Ramirez Torres

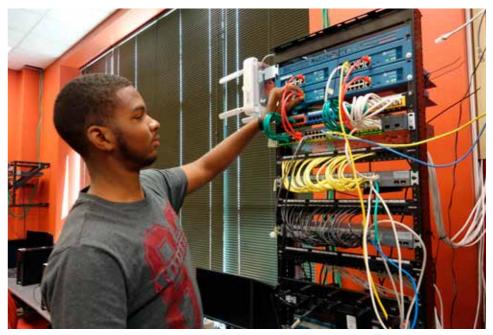
Fourth Grade: Principal's List: Dennis Adams, Kalisa Arnold, Dylan Davidson, Stephen Melvin

Fourth Grade: Honor Roll: Fancy Bullard, Sabrina Chavez, Parker Hinson, Samuel Johnson, Yony Labra-Garcia, Audrina Perez, Noah Shatley, Michael Bullard, Savannah Cain, Jacquelyn Corral, Joysa Cruz, Joseph Duncan, Amaya Gonzalez, Nadia Carr

Fifth Grade: Principal's List: Camille Bracy, Evelyn Price, Jose Ortiz, Kaycie White

Fifth Grade: Honor Roll: Nevaeh Carr, Cooper Ivey, Ayden Melvin, Nakai Owens, Connor Tatum, Karmah Jones, Emilio Ortiz-Diaz, Zoey Dail, J'Kwon McKoy, David Bryant, Tyler Fye, Sa'Nai Washington, Rylan Godbold, Joshua Boarman, Ezequiel Lugo, Jesse Bethea

SCC Student Plugged in to Career



Claybrook examines routers at an SCC Classroom.

Innovation is the name of the game when it comes to Sampson Community College's Information Technology program. As a matter of fact, as SCC student Myles Claybrook puts it "It is the wave of the future."

Claybrook, who had originally chosen a different academic career path when he first came to the college, made a shift when he saw all of the advanced equipment and training offered by the IT department at SCC. "I took one look at what they offered," he says. "And that was it."

Though he shifted his career focus, he says enrolling at SCC was always an easy decision. "This place allows me to get my degree while staying close to home. It will end up costing my parents and myself a lot less money than just starting out at a four year university."

This week, Claybrook worked with firewalls and packet tracers. Packet Tracers are powerful network simulators that are used to allow students to create networks with an almost unlimited number of devices and to experience troubleshooting. Firewalls are a part of a computer system or network that is designed to block unauthorized access, like spam or malicious software, while permitting outward communication.

The purpose of SCC's IT program is to develop of a student's ability to create, store, communicate, exchange and use information to solve technical issues related to information support and services, interactive media, network systems, programming and software development, information security and other emerging technologies. Claybrook says don't wait, "The earlier you enroll, the better!"

Anyone interested in learning more about the SCC's Information Technology program, should contact Nathan McKee at (910) 900-4082 or nmckee@sampsoncc.edu.

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