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Amanda Bass is CCS Teacher of the Year



It didn't take long for the audience at Clinton City Schools' End of Year Celebration to figure out who the 2018-2019 Jack & Kitty Morisey Teacher of the Year would be. Normally a tightly held secret with no indication until well into the introduction, but as Amanda Bass was introduced this year it was immediately clear to all who the winner would be. And while most had their favorite, it seemed no one was disappointed with the committee's choice.

Amanda Bass is a 6th grade Math Teacher at Sampson Middle School with 16 years' experience in teaching. She holds a Master of Arts from East Carolina in Education and received her Bachelor's degree in Speech Communications and K-6 **BASS, see P. 4**

Chamber Chooses New Director



On July 2nd, a new chapter will start in the life of Mrs. Allison Strickland. She will begin a new career as the new Director of the Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce. Strickland is no novice when it comes to directing, organizing and marketing events. She just pulled-off one of the most successful events in Roseboro, the first annual BloomFest.

Strickland stated, "I am honored to join the Clinton Sampson Chamber of Commerce in July!" The Chamber's work is vital to our business community and I look forward to helping grow the organization. As a daughter of a small business owner, I have been raised to support local businesses and to see the value in the hard work that a business takes to succeed. I am thrilled to take on the challenge of Executive Director to promote businesses large and small throughout Sampson County. I grew up in Chatham County, North Carolina where my parents still reside."

Allison is happily married to Clint Strickland and they live in Salemburg with two small girls, Carter (4) and Murray Miles (2). Allison noted, "Clint and I met in college at NC State and are avid Wolfpack Fans. Go PACK! We are a proud farm family and currently operate our growing farm in Salemburg."

Strickland has a vast resume of promoting business and events, which is crucial in her new position as Director of the Chamber. "Prior to the past several years working in dentistry," stated Allison, "I have worked across the state of North Carolina with the NC GOP Senate Caucus in fundraising, event planning and voter education. Most recently, I have worked with the Town of Roseboro in creating and executing their first annual downtown festival, BloomFest. The purpose of BloomFest was to promote economic growth to our community and I am proud to say, it was highly successful. I am excited to follow my passion in building relationships and community development. Sampson County is unique in fact that although many areas are rural, it has a lot to offer our residents, state and beyond. One thing I hope to accomplish as Executive Director is to further engage all corners of the county and increase participation. The Chamber of Commerce organization is a huge asset to the business community of Sampson County and I would love to see more people take advantage of the opportunities it has to offer. I am looking forward to working with the Chamber board, all of which are great resources to the business community and I am thankful for the opportunity to join them."

Strickland will take over the helm of the Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce on July 2nd. She will be replacing the current director Kaitlin Norris Adkins.

Local Artist Featured



The inspirational artwork of local artist Tirzah Villegas is being featured at the Victor R Small House in Clinton from June 14-July 19th. Villegas grew up in the small Sampson County community of Ingold. She holds a BA in Studio Art with a concentration in Painting from UNC Asheville. Her paintings cover a variety of subject matter including North Carolina flora, horses, and still life. Original oil paintings and limited-edition prints will be available for purchase and the exhibit will be on display in the Victor R. Small House gallery/ Sampson Arts Council, June 14 - July 19, located at 709 College St. in Clinton.

Villegas is currently taking commissions and does group classes for parties or get togethers.

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Mon	Partly Cloudy 20%	Hi: 93° Lo: 72°
Tues	Scattered T-Storms 40%	Hi: 94° Lo: 74°
Wed	T-Storms 80%	Hi: 93° Lo: 74°

WEEKLY VERSE

Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.
Philippians 3:20

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From the Desk of Senator Brent Jackson

I hope you have had a good week so far. The Senate is working hard to get their local and state bills passed this week, as we anticipate the end of session nearing. I am happy to say that the House and Senate voted to override the Governor's veto of the Senate Bill 99, and the budget is now law. If you would like to view the budget bill, please follow: http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2017/Budget/2018/S99-CCSMMxr-2_v2.pdf. If you are interested in viewing the money report, please follow: http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2017/Budget/2018/conference_committee_report_2018_05_28.pdf.



Senate Bill 711: NC Farm Act of 2018

The NC Farm Act of 2018 passed out of the Senate Monday night and has moved onto the House. The bill will now proceed through the House legislative process, which I hope will be a quick and efficient one. I believe this is very important legislation that will have a number of positive effects on the agriculture industry.

A big goal of the bill was to strengthen our right to farm laws, so we can provide our farmers the protections they deserve from frivolous nuisance law suits. We want to protect our farmers who are operating in good faith and the right way. Below is a copy of a press release released from my office after the passing of Senate Bill 711.

We were honored to have farmers from across North Carolina join us on Monday night as guest of the gallery. This legislation will have a direct impact on our family farmers and they turned out to show their support for the bill, and the legislators who stand up for them.

Above is a picture of the farmers in the gallery, where it was standing room only. It is truly amazing to see such great support for our farmers, who are the backbone of North Carolina and our state's largest industry. If you would like to view the bill, please follow: <http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2017/Bills/Senate/PDF/S711v4.pdf>.

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

From the District Sampson County Relay for Life in Sampson County

With still a month to go before the final night of fundraising, which is July 10th, Relay for Life in Sampson County has raised \$80,000, with mon-

ey still coming in. Relay for Life is an effort to celebrate cancer survival through support and remembering the aid to find a cure. Sampson County recently held their annual Relay for Life event, during which 15 teams came together to raise money for the organizations cause. There were 27 torches and 581 luminaries purchased. Relay for Life has been raising awareness for the fight against cancer since its creation in 1996. There are many ways to contribute to the Relay for Life cause, such as donating or volunteering. If you would like more information on the Relay for Life in Sampson County, please visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/RFLSampsonNC/>.

District Spotlight

Nicole Swinson, who is an Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) educator with Duplin County Cooperative Extension, recently received several awards at the EFNEP State Conference held in Raleigh. Ms. Swinson received the "Over the Mark" Award, New Extension EFNEP Educator Award, and the EFNEP Endowment Program Support Award. For nearly 50 years, EFNEP has been helping limited resource youth and families learn how to eat healthier meals and reduce the risk of food-borne illnesses. Ms. Swinson's "Over the Mark" award recognizes EFNEP educators who meet 5 percent or more above their target for outreach and exceed program impact goals. The New Extension EFNEP Educator Award is presented to program assistants and associates who demonstrate the ability to meet or exceed goals of the program within their first three years of employment. Ms. Swinson's third award, the EFNEP Endowment Program Support Award, supports the programming to limited resource families across the state to expand the program to new audiences. Ms. Swinson began working with the NC Cooperative Extension in Duplin County in 2016 and has always had a passion for promoting healthy eating habits and physical activity with youth across the county. Please join me in congratulating Nicole Swinson on her outstanding achievements and thanking her for her hard work with the EFNEP for the families and youth of Duplin County.

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

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Always be sure to have someone proofread your grant, this goes a long way in avoiding errors and submitting a great proposal. Be sure to have your principal's approval before the grant is submitted.

Statewide, cooperatives annually fund over \$530,000 in grants. Since its inception, the Bright Ideas Grant program has funded \$11.5 million in grants and has touched the lives of over 2.2 million North Carolina students.

When you're ready to write your grant visit www.nc-brightideas.com and start writing. Remember, grants submitted to South River EMC will only be accepted through the Bright Ideas web site, www.ncbrightideas.com.

If you have questions, please contact South River EMC at 910-892-8071 or by e-mail at sremc@sremc.com.

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LOCAL NEWS

BASS, cont. from 1

Teaching Certificate from Meredith College.

But for someone with a degree in speech, Bass seemed to be speechless upon hearing her name called. But it's most often those best at something that overlook how truly great at it they are, and such seemed the case for Bass.

With tears in her eyes and her family watching, Bass stated, "What an honor. Thank you so much. I am so honored to be chosen to represent Clinton City Schools. And my family that's here today, thank you so much. They always support me in everything."

"To my Sampson Middle School family, thank you. It is an honor to get to work with you guys every day. To my 6th grade team, it's just such a blessing to work with such a great group of people that makes coming to school every day a pleasure. I know what we do is not always easy, but it's great to have a great group to do it with."

Bass went on to thank her administrative team including Principal Dirks for their support, not just for herself, but support for the entire staff.

Bass closed by stating, "I just want to leave you today with something I have posted on my door, and that's 'Be somebody who makes everybody feel like somebody'. Thank You!"

It was 2017-2018 Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Cathy Ammons who introduced Amanda Bass as Teacher of the Year. Ammons stated the characteristics of a teacher of the year include, "A passion and dedication for improving the lives of young people through education; the respect and admiration of students, parents and colleagues; is driven by the knowledge that every child can succeed; inspire, encourages and motivates students; makes contributions to teaching; plays an active role in the community; possesses excellent presentation skills; and plans to proudly represent Clinton City Schools in the regional teacher of the year process."

"This year's recipient represents all of these qualities and more," stated Ammons.

When asked what influenced her to become a teacher, Amanda Bass stated, "I have always known I wanted to be a teacher. As a child, I had excellent teachers that made learning fun and exciting. I enjoyed going to school every day, and knew that one day, I wanted to have a classroom of my own."

Bass explained that as a senior she had the opportunity to assist at Union Elementary in a 2nd grade class. "I absolutely loved helping the children with math and listening to them read their books. I instantly fell in love with teaching."

Bass began teaching as soon as she graduated from Meredith College as a 2nd grade teacher again at Union Elementary. After 11 years in the Union district of Sampson County Schools, Bass applied for a elementary position at Clinton City Schools.

"I didn't get that position," states Bass, "but God had a different plan for me. Mr. Greg Dirks called me about a 6th grade position at Sampson Middle School."

Bass says she initially had no interest in 6th grade teaching, but that after visiting the school Dirks asked again and she accepted.

"It all happened so quickly", says Bass. "I honestly had no idea why I agreed to teach middle school, other than the fact that I like a challenge. Now, I see that all of this was God's plan in leading me exactly where I need to be. I love teaching 6th Grade!"

Bass added, "I know that the classroom, the middle school classroom, is my calling in life! It was never part of my plan to move to middle school, but sometimes God's plan is not the same as ours. Teaching is challenging, and I love to teach! There is no doubt that this is my purpose in life."



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Ms. Goodwin announced the imminent transfer of her Bosendorfer grand piano, upon which her students have performed for many years to "a special place where many more people will enjoy it". She then presented the key to the piano to Dr. Michael Accurso, director of Music at the Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral in Raleigh. Dr. Accurso's wife, Brenda Accurso, had performed Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata" earlier in the evening, and the program concluded with a duet arrangement of Bach's "Sleepers, Wake", performed by Dr. Accurso and Ms. Goodwin.

Prior to the recital, students received pins from the National Piano Playing Guild, as well as report cards and certificates for their guild auditions.

Students with one-year memberships in the National Fraternity of Student Musicians are Logan Howerton, Phoebe Howerton, Danny Johnson, Karol Kusmierczuk, Kaya Kusmierczuk, Elinor Morkos, Allison Naylor and Lauren Naylor.

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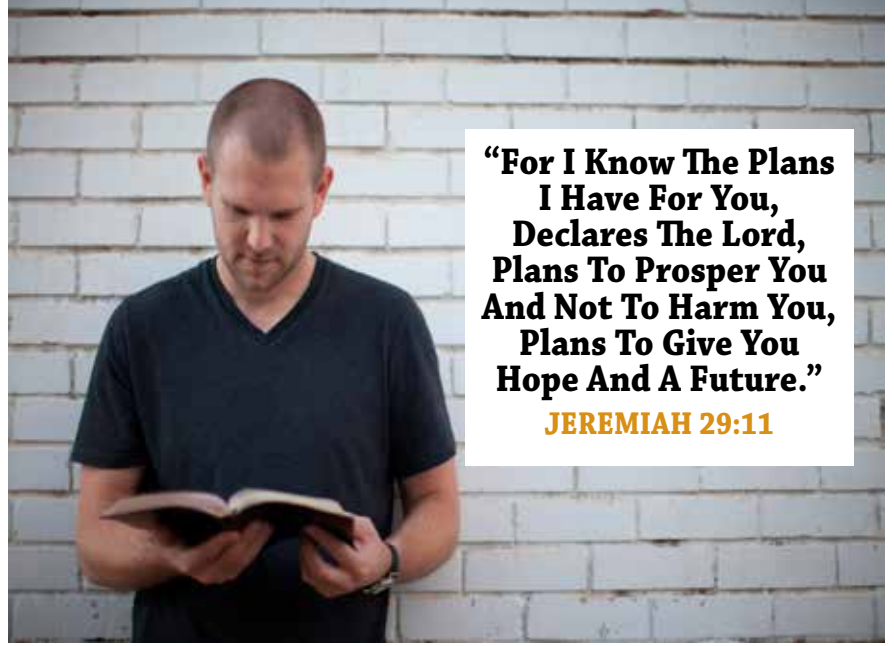
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We Should Know . . .



Jennifer Fisher with JW Simmons, Host of We Should Know

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

The topic for this week’s show is human trafficking and the guest this week is Jennifer Fisher with the North Carolina Justice Academy.

Jennifer Fisher, an experienced law enforcement officer and instructor for the North Carolina Justice Academy, has brought together the most current information pertinent to human trafficking and the role of the law enforcement officer in recognizing and handling this emerging crime. She is a previous Special Victims Crime Investigator and still active in law enforcement. She earned her Master’s Degree in Criminal Justice from East Carolina University and serves on the N. C. Human Trafficking Task Force, R.I.P.P.L.E. helping to coordinate multi-agency efforts to fight human trafficking.

JW Simmons open the show stating that several years ago, law enforcement began to see a rise in human trafficking cases and began working to instill policies and programs to combat the issue. He turns to his guest, who has been on the forefront of this issue in North Carolina to ask what has changed in recent years and what still serves to give her pause when it comes to human trafficking.

Jennifer Fisher begins, “Since we last talked, a few years ago, I think awareness has increased about what human trafficking is and identifying victims of human trafficking. We’ve increased training for law enforcement and training for the community. So, many more victims of trafficking are being identified. I believe last year over 17,000 victims were identified just in North Carolina. So, I’m very happy, pleased not that human trafficking has become a more familiar term, but that more people know what human trafficking is.”

Next, Simmons says that human trafficking has been around for a long time, but it was just in the last decade that law enforcement has become aware of just how prolific the issue had become.

Fisher replies, “Human trafficking is not a new crime, this is something that’s been happening since the trans-Atlantic slavery days. It just has a new term. We’re just calling it something different, but it’s the same as slavery.”

“And here in North Carolina we have labor trafficking and we have sex trafficking. We’ve had all different types of crime in North Carolina, from women and children being held in captivity with chains and bondage type devices, to people being forced to work in the fields with no type of fair wages.”

Simmons points out that Fisher has extensive experience working with other countries on the issue of human trafficking, and he asks Fisher to describe the attitude in other countries when it comes to human trafficking.

Fisher states, “I don’t want to say its accepted per se, other countries may have government agencies that condone more than others. For instance, we may have cultural differences when law enforcement interacts with migrants from other countries. They may fear law enforcement because of the countries they may have migrated here from, which hinders them reaching out for help here. So, its very important to create that trust relationship with those victims and continue to raise awareness.”

Next, Simmons asks Fisher if the barrier between migrant communities and law enforcement is because of the state of law enforcement in those countries. “Well there are many challenges and barriers,” says Fisher. “There could be the language barrier. There’s cultural barriers. There are prosecution barriers and relationship barriers between the victim and their trafficker. There’s many challenges that law enforcement faces when working these types of cases.”

JW Simmons also suggests that human traffickers have altered tactics and done well to remain off the radar so to speak when it comes to reporting news of this type.

Jennifer Fisher replies, “Often times victims are fearful of retaliation from the traffickers. Traffickers often will threaten the victim or the victim’s family. So, as you said, the victim may just want to be off the radar. They may want to leave town, or if from another country, return back to that country.”

Next, Simmons says that with so many victims being in their teens or preteen age, if the public-school system would be an appropriate place for a conversation on human trafficking.

Fisher states, “It’s my understanding that the General Assembly passed legislation collaborating with the North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission to develop a curriculum to be implemented into the public instruction school system starting in August.”

Fisher agreed that not only would it help enable people coming forward but states it would also aid in identifying potential indicators in students as potential human trafficking victims.

“An average age for a runaway juvenile is age 12,” says Fisher. “And traffickers often look for vulnerable individuals to prey on when looking for potential victims. So, we want to try to educate that population so as not to be preyed upon. And part of that curriculum is to educate children about recruiting techniques for traffickers. So, that curriculum will be for both students and teachers to recognize those indicators.”

Simmons says that one of the highest human trafficking areas in the state is just next door in Fayetteville. “That’s absolutely correct,” says Fisher. “Fayetteville has become very proactive in addressing the human trafficking problem.”

Fisher adds that she doesn’t feel like the military base at Fayetteville is a reason the area has such an issue with trafficking, but that Fayetteville is a high transient population and is within the I95 corridor. And with it being centrally located on the east coast it becomes a good hub spot for human trafficking.”

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

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

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LOCAL NEWS

Garland Passes Budget Unanimously

With a motion by Commissioner Ralph Smith and a second by Commissioner Austin Brown, the final vote was taken, and Garland commissioners finally agreed upon something, the budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

The budget for 2018/2019 includes total revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$888,426.54 for three funds:
 General Fund- \$522,000.00
 Water/Sewer Fund- \$290,000.00
 Powell Bill Fund- \$76,426.54

The new budget reflects a \$30,000 decrease from the current year's budget which exceeds \$918,689.33. According to Town Clerk Pam Cashwell, "This signifies an over-all decrease of 3.29% as compared to the 2017/2018 Budget Ordinance and can mainly be attributed to a decrease in the amount of Fund Balance allocated for use in this proposed budget."

- Highlights of the Newly Passed Budget:
- Represents an overall decrease of \$30,669.33 in the proposed 2018/2019 General Fund Budget based on the 2017/2018 General Fund Budget.
 - Property Tax Revenues are based on a collection rate of 94.58%. The total valuation is estimated at 26,927,553.00 which will yield \$164,647.00 in 2018 tax receivables and \$18,723.17 in motor vehicle tax receivables based on a tax rate of .72 cent per \$100.00 valuation.
 - Motor Vehicle Tax Revenues decreased \$3,024.83 based on estimated valuations received from the tax department. Motor Vehicle Licenses Fees will remain at \$10.00/vehicle for 2018/2019 and revenues were projected at \$3,200.00.
 - Business Registration Fees remain the same as in 2017/2018. A fee of \$20.00 per business annually will be assessed to cover the administrative costs of the Business Registration Program in 2018/2019.
 - Local Option Sales Tax Revenue was increased \$3,000.00 to \$150,000.00 based on revenue received in 2017/2018.
 - Refuse Collection Fees were increased to \$116,000.00 as compared to \$108,000.00 in 2017/2018 based on collections and an increase in the curbside garbage/recycle rates projected for 2018/2019.
 - Cemetery Plot Sales will remain the same with projected revenue estimated at \$4,000.00.
 - Fund Balance use in the 2018/2019 proposed budget is \$12,000.00 as compared to \$42,012.00 allocated in the 2017/2018 budget.
 - Governing Body expenses decreased by \$440.00 with total expenditures projected at \$10,860.00.
 - Administrative Department decreased expenses by \$3,635.53 with total expenditures projected at \$107,464.47.
 - Tax Supplies/Software were increased to \$3,000.00 as compared to \$2,800.00 in the 2017/2018 budget.
 - Legal expenses were increased \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00 in anticipation of the costs associated with recruiting/retaining a new town attorney.
 - Building Fund Maintenance and Repair expenses projected for 2018/2019 are \$64,900.00 as compared to \$47,500.00 in the 2017/2018 budget representing an increase of \$17,400.00. Increased expenditures allocated to repair/replace roofing on the town hall building.
 - Police Department expenditures are projected at \$83,458.09 as compared to 2017/2018 start-up costs of \$120,650.00.
 - Streets and Highways expenditures increased to \$96,365.00 as compared to \$93,238.00 in the 2017/2018 budget amounting to a total increase of \$3,127.00.
 - Sanitation Department expenses increased to \$100,000.00 for 2018/2019 as compared to \$92,000.00 in the 2017/2018 Budget. The Town of Garland will receive a 2.4% Consumer Price Index increase in costs from the contracted vendor.
 - Recreation Department expenses decreased a total of \$12,600.00 to \$26,752.00.
 - Cemetery Department projected expenses remain unchanged at \$10,000.00 in the 2018/2019 Proposed Budget.
 - Contingency Funds have been proposed in the amount of \$4,700.00 to cover emergent or unplanned expenses that arise in the 2018/2019 fiscal year.

With the highest tax rate of all the municipalities in the county at 72 cents per \$100 of evaluation and one of the highest rates for water and sewer, Garland residents are sure to be pleased with a budget that has been passed that does not have an increase in taxes.

- Increases and Decreases in Fees:
- Returned Check Fee Decreased from \$35.00 to \$25.00
 - Reconnection Fee Increased from \$35.00 to \$50.00
 - After-Hours Reconnection Fee Increased from \$50.00 TO \$100.0
 - Curbside Garbage/Recycling Rates will Increase by .50 each for a total increase of \$1.00 monthly

Before the vote, Mayor Winifred Murphy urged commissioners to recess to reconvene for the final vote. She asked the Board of Commissioners to consider using some of their Fund Balance to repair some of the aging buildings in the town, such as the Community Building and the old ABC store. Murphy stated that the town had over a million dollars in the bank and that she urged commissioners to consider using some of this to repair some of the town's many buildings that could be utilized by the community.

Commissioner Ralph Smith stated that he was ok with the way the budget was and



that should have been discussed prior to the reading of the Budget Message. With a motion by Commissioner Ralph Smith, a second by Commissioner Austin Brown, all commissioners voted in favor of passing the 2018-2019 Budget at read with no changes.

Five Dark Horses Will Play This Weekend in Powerade Games



Five athletes from Clinton High School have been selected to play against the best soccer players in the state of North Carolina in the Powerade State Games.

The games, that will be held this weekend in Greensboro, will feature rising sophomore Bailey Spell - the sole female from Clinton High to make the girls' team; For the boys, rising senior Reid Taylor will be participating for the boys' team, along with rising juniors Reid Walters, Sammy Sutter and Mauricio Llamas.

"This is a very unique opportunity for these fine young players to compete against the best players in the state and try to play for a Gold medal," officials said in a statement to the Sampson Weekly. "Their coaches are truly proud of their accomplishments and are excited about them representing our school."



Making it on the final roster is an accomplishment in and of itself.

After two exhaustive and grueling try-outs, teams were cut down - only 1 of 20 players from each region were selected to the final rosters - which makes Clinton High's five selected athletes an amazing feat on its own.

Thousands of athletes from around the state tried out in hopes of making it to one of the four regions rosters. Only 200 elite athletes made the final rosters.

The five Dark Horse players will be representing the East Region.



The Powerade State Soccer Games of North Carolina will kick off this Saturday morning at 9 a.m. at UNC-G Soccer Stadium in Greensboro.

The winners of Saturday's games will participate in Sunday's finals. Tickets to the Men's and Women's games will be \$10.

For more information, game times and results, click on to the Powerade State Games Official Website. Tickets are available at the UNC-G Soccer Stadium box office.

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90th Annual Meeting

On June 23rd 2018 we will have the 90th meeting of the Alderman Historical Association. The members of the Alderman Historical Association include the descendants and their spouses, of Daniel Alderman and Abigail Harris. Daniel (1711-1785) married Abigail in 1740 and moved to NC in 1755 and settled in what was then Duplin County. They had 7 children and the Alderman book traces the lines of 3 of them, Daniel Jr., John and David. Descendants still gather to share food and stories. This year will be especially educational. We have Victoria Jordan working with us on Tracing your Ancestry thru DNA. Several of our members have already tested and we encourage others to join the project.

June 23rd at Evergreen Baptist Church in Delway at 12 noon. Meal at 1:00 and speaker will follow. Meal cost is \$12.00. Contact H Sidney Bland III, President for more info. 910-532-2667 hsbland3@intrstar.net

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Smart, Healthful Snack Tips for People on the Move

Does your schedule, have you on-the-move? Check out these easy ways to healthfully keep hunger at bay, no matter where your busy life takes you, including at home!

Make Mini Meals

Instead of big heavy meals, think in smaller bites. Combine your favorite proteins, veggies, fruits and nuts into “snack style” meals that leave you satisfied, but not low on energy from just eating too much. Pick flavorful foods for lasting satisfaction.

Go Mediterranean

The Mediterranean diet is renowned for being both delicious and healthful. So, skip the chips and take a culinary cue from this region of the world for smarter snacking.

Flavorful, low-calorie, and low-carb olives provide a great centerpiece to any snack. Look for super easy options like Pearls’ Olives to Go! Infused Olives, which come in portable cups with peel-back lids. Since there’s no liquid and no refrigeration needed, it’s an easy option to bring along to work, school, the gym or on trips. Great on their own, flavors include Sriracha, Taco and Italian Herb. For more information, visit Olives.com/pearls.

Desk Drawer Delights

Sitting for long hours takes its toll. Take a brisk walk every day for a healthier outcome. A little snack afterwards is a welcome reward. Keep fruit, olives or a handful of nuts on-hand to avoid that junk food vending machine down the hall!

100 Calories or Less is Best

Keep an eye on packaged food labels and be aware of the calorie count of your favorite snack items. For example, 10 large olives are only about 35 calories and a small apple is about 75 calories. A protein rich hard-boiled egg is about 80 calories and 10 almonds are 70 calories.

Having knowledge about your food gives you control and prevents later regrets. Look for products packaged in reasonable portions, such as the Pearls Olives to Go!. With several varieties weighing in at 35 calories per cup, this is a choice you can feel good about.

Boarding Passes

Air travel is now notoriously lacking in tasty onboard snacks, save for a few peanuts often drenched in sugar. Packing some satisfying snacks with good fats and proteins is the trick to battling inflight munchies. Olives, roasted seeds and nuts, crunchy carrot sticks and a few squares of cheese can be life savers.

Power to the Pantry

Being prepared applies here! Keeping your pantry and refrigerator stocked with the right foods is key to being a super-snacker, not a slacker snacker, and will help to satisfy cravings and curb weight gain. Don’t even allow the junk foods in the door!

A well-provisioned pantry should include seeds, nuts, dried fruits, olives in portioned cups and some lean jerky snacks. Stock the refrigerator with portion-controlled cheese snack squares and sticks, chilled sparkling water, fresh veggie slices, hard-boiled eggs and tofu squares.

With these tips, you’re ready to power-snack and stay fueled for whatever your day throws at you.





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FAITH

Glorious Ambition

Numbers 16:28-35 (NIV): Then Moses said, "This is how you will know that the LORD has sent me to do all these things and that it was not my idea: If these men die a natural death and suffer the fate of all mankind, then the LORD has not sent me. But if the LORD brings about something totally new, and the earth opens its mouth and swallows them, with everything that belongs to them, and they go down alive into the realm of the dead, then you will know that these men have treated the LORD with contempt." As soon as he finished saying all this, the ground under them split apart and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them and their households, and all those associated with Korah, together with their possessions. They went down alive into the realm of the dead, with everything they owned; the earth closed over them, and they perished and were gone from the community. At their cries, all the Israelites around them fled, shouting, "The earth is going to swallow us too!" And fire came out from the LORD and consumed the 250 men who were offering the incense.

What are your life's ambitions? Is it to get married and have children? Have a well-paying job? Be famous? Have the coolest car, or travel the world? Maybe your ambitions aren't that big. Maybe your ambition is to just get through this day or this season in your life. We all have ambitions, and there is nothing wrong with that. I don't know if your family does this or not, but it drives me crazy. My family has a carousel of stories that they tell over and over and over, and one of them is about my ambitions as an 8 or 9 year old boy. When I was in Cub Scouts, our pack went over to the church to complete our God and Country badge. I remember the pastor speaking to us about our future and our ambitions. When he asked me what I wanted to do when I grew up, I told him I wanted to be a Playboy photographer. I have no idea where that came from! The punchline of the story that my family always laughs over is the shock on the pastor's face and then the laughter after he said "Well, I want to be your assistant!"

Ambitions are good, but they can get us in trouble if left unchecked. That's the case in Numbers 16 with three men named Korah, Dathan and Abiram. Their ambition was to have position, power and prestige instead of being satisfied with the role God had given them in the community. Though their ambitions were terrible, the Bible doesn't condemn having

ambitions. 1 Timothy 3:1 (NIV) states, "Here is a trustworthy saying: whoever aspires to be an overseer desires a noble task." The ambition to be a leader is noble according to Paul, so why did God have the earth swallow up Korah, Dathan and Abiram when they aspired to the same thing? Their hearts were not in the right place. They didn't want to be overseers for the good of the community and a desire to follow after God, they wanted privilege and control. What does Godly ambition look like then?

First, Godly ambition is being content even when things don't work out.

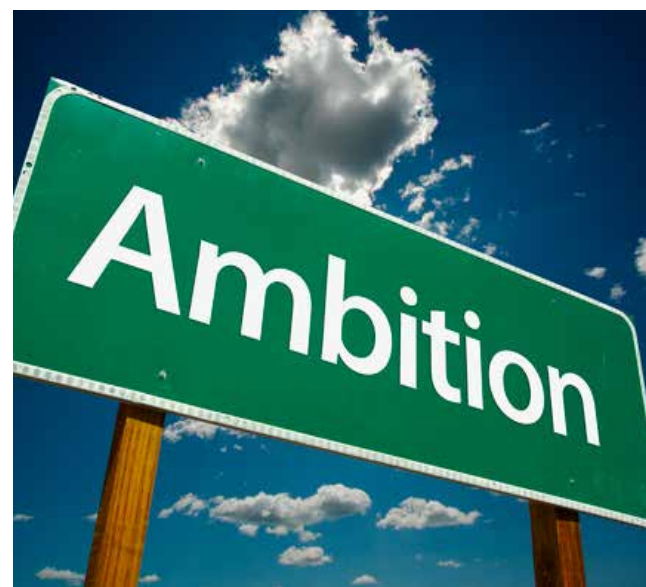
Philippians 4:11-13 says, "I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry. I can do all this through him who gives me strength." I struggle with these words. I understand them, but I don't always follow this. I often get discontent with my ambitions are met with obstacles. I get restless and sometimes I give up. Being content means that even when I don't get what I desire, Jesus will give me the strength to keep pressing forward.

Second, Godly ambition means we need to mind our business.

1 Thessalonians 4:11 has wise words: "...and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: you should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you," These three men in Numbers 16 let their ambition go to far when they stepped into Moses and Aaron's business. They accused Moses and Aaron of ruining everybody's life by their leadership. They failed to remember that God was using Moses and Aaron to lead them to somewhere better than they had been! They had been in slavery, now they were headed to the promised land! They got into someone else's business and ultimately paid the price.

Third, Godly ambition means working hard to achieve your goals.

Proverbs 12:11 says, "Those who work their land will have



abundant food, but those who chase fantasies have no sense." In other words, if there is something you want, you have to work for it. Don't expect someone to hand it over to you. You are only entitled to what you earn. Work is not a part of the curse in Genesis 3. Work was part of Adam's worship to God. We worship when we work, because in our work God is glorified. God is not glorified in laziness. Korah, Dathan and Abiram weren't lazy to interfere with Moses' and Aaron's leadership, but when Moses summoned them to show up to talk it out in verses 12-14, they were too lazy to show up. They wanted to complain and have positions of leadership handed over to them instead of working for the good of the people.

Finally, Godly ambition means that we have to trust in God for everything.

Proverbs 3:5-6 states, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." In other words, when my ambitions are not met, God is teaching me to submit to him. In our own efforts we can only do so much, but God knows what is best for us. Ultimately, He will make a way in His own time and way.



Will Matthews

God is Great
God is good, let us thank him for our food.
By his hands we all are fed,
Give us Lord our daily bread.



As far back as I can recall, when we as children were asked to "Say the Blessing" before we ate our meal, there were two "Blessings" we would recite. Such a simple way for anyone to use in offering thanks to God for the provision of food.

"Thank you for the world so sweet, Thank you for the food we eat.

Thank you for the birds that sing, Thank you God for everything. Amen"

OR we would say:

"God is great, God is good, Let us thank Him for our food.

By His hands we all are fed, Give us Lord our daily bread. Amen"

Many, many years later, I was having lunch with a group of friends from Sampson Community College, and Edith Rogers was asked to have the Blessing. To my absolute delight she said, "Let's all join in singing the Blessing, just follow me."

She led us by singing those beloved words from childhood, "God is great..." simply sung to the tune of "Take My Life, and Let It Be", a familiar old Gospel Hymn.

I was overjoyed! Thankfully there are some things we never forget, and this was certainly one of them. Such a simple way to "Have the Blessing". It could now be SUNG with words so familiar yet so profound. That was a keeper as far as I was concerned! What a "Blessing" it has been in my life!

We still use it for family gatherings, picnics, in restaurants, always reminding ourselves, and others, of this absolute truth: God is Great, and God is Good!

Our Sunday School Class always sings this Blessing when we gather for a meal. Our favorite time is at Cracker Barrel in Lumberton after we have visited the Baptist Children's Home in Pembroke. How appropriate! Our hearts are overflowing with praises for the "Blessing" we have just received, so why not sing it? We always get responses – thus far nothing negative.



Martha M. Pierce

Come on, join me. Let's "Sing the Blessing". You, too, will be Blessed, I promise!

THE STORIES

There is so much entertainment and things for people to do today that you can certainly take your choice of a variety of things to pass the time. It hasn't always been that way.

When I was a little girl there wasn't a whole lot of entertainment out here in the country. We had a black and white TV that picked up two channels. One was pretty clear, the other a bit grainy. We had a radio, a rotary-dial telephone and a record player. And other than some books, that was it.

Children played with toys inside. And not a mountain of them either. Not like kids have today! We went outside and made mud cakes and mud pies, climbed trees and explored. We enjoyed the fresh air and used our imagination.

But the women back then, they had their number 1 form of entertainment. And they were dead serious about it. It was - "The Stories!" Daytime drama it was called, also known as Soap Operas. No one around here ever called them Soap Operas, or Daytime Drama. Nope, they called them "The Stories". And as far as the ladies were concerned, they were serious business.

They were known as Soap Operas because the advertisements during the shows were for dishwashing detergent, laundry detergent, soap that was mild on the skin, various house-cleaning products and a host of other things homemakers needed to have a sparkling house! And be finished in time to put a wonderful meal on the table!

Each network had their own daily lineup of shows: NBC, ABC, and CBS. The stories you watched depended on which channel you were watching. As I said one channel came in pretty clear around here, with a minimal of rabbit ear twisting. That was channel six out of Wilmington and it was NBC, so I suppose that is probably why Mama's choice of "The Stories" was those on NBC.

There was a variety that came and went through the years. But when I was little the daily lineup went like this: The Doctors, As the World Turns, Days of Our Lives, Another World, The Secret Storm, and The Edge of Night! In that order.

Each story had its own drama ongoing from day to day. And you better believe the women who watched them were up on each and every detail! I say women because I never knew a man who watched them, or admitted to it anyway!

I remember watching "The Stories" with Mama before I even started to school. She might

have been doing other things at times during The Stories, but the TV was on and she was listening even when she wasn't watching!

The ironing board was set up in the living room in front of the TV in the afternoon. Clean clothes were taken off the line and put on the couch to be folded while "The Stories" were on!

In the summer Mama and I sat on the couch with our bowls shelling butterbeans and peas as the important events danced across the TV screen! What I would give to sit on that couch and shell butterbeans with Mama one more time while The Stories played!

I remember vividly watching Days of Our Lives with Mama and being totally perplexed. Laura was married to Micky. She had a little baby boy and named him Mike. But Mike wasn't Micky's son. He was Micky's brother Bill's son! I looked at Mama and said, "Mama, that's silly. Laura is married to Micky. How in the world can that baby be Bill's?" Micky is her husband, so he has to be the daddy!"

Mama smiled at me and said, "Honey, it's TV. They can play any silly mess they want to. It's just make-believe!" I give my mama credit; she came up with a good answer on the spur of the moment to satisfy a little mind. But I still thought they were crazy! Who would believe that!

On another occasion we were barning tobacco. There was a lady from Wilmington who came on Saturday to help us and she brought her son and Daddy's nephews to help crop. Ms. Mamie handed tobacco at the barn. I hadn't started to school yet, but I handed tobacco with the best of them.

Mama was tying on this particular day, and Ms. Mamie and I were handing tobacco to her. I remember Ms. Mamie telling this. She sold Avon and she had taken an order to a lady down the road from her. Ms. Mamie knocked on the door. The lady answered and she was in tears, just crying. Ms. Mamie stepped in. There were two other ladies sitting on the couch, just sobbing.

"What is wrong?" Ms. Mamie asked. The lady responded, "Mike died." "Oh, I am so sorry," Ms. Mamie said. She said she was thinking, "I will rush home and bake a cake or fry some chicken or something and bring it back."

"Was he related to you," she asked. "No, Mike on The Edge of Night," she sobbed! Ms. Mamie said, "I never wanted to slap someone so bad in my life!"



Written by Carolyn Horrell Mintz

What's Happening at SCT

By Angela Martin

Hairspray the Musical is coming in July!

For our musical, Hairspray, it will be a family-fun event where parents and children alike will enjoy the positive message of inclusivity and toe-tapping, high-energy dance numbers, but for four of our cast it will be a family affair to always remember. Our very own SCT Board Member, Ursula Herring is in the production with all three of her granddaughters, Ariana, Chloe and Sasha Herring. Ursula is no stranger to the stage. As a young person growing up in Philadelphia, she studied dance and attended school at a Performing Arts School. She then became a member of the disco group, First Choice who had many dance hits including, Dr. Love. The group First Choice was also nominated for a Grammy. Ursula - our very own Grammy nominated star is starring in Hairspray as the iconic - Motormouth Maybelle. She is returning to reprise this role. Ursula's granddaughters all love in the Hobbton community. Ariana is a rising freshman at Hobbton High School, Chloe will be attending Hobbton Middle School and Sasha will be at Hobbton Elementary. All three girls have been in productions at SCT but never with their grandmother. We are delighted to have this talented family in our Theatre family. This production is a revival to our production of 5 years ago. During the 2013 season we performed 16 shows of this very popular musical - had 15 sold out shows. We have a lot of newcomers and some seasoned veterans in our cast and we can't wait for you to see this high energy show. Our show dates are July 6-15 with Friday, Saturday and Sunday shows at 7:30 pm and Saturday and Sunday shows at 2:30 pm. The production is sponsored by Performance Automotive and is directed by Angela Martin - who directed the production five years ago as well. Tickets are on sale at Matthews Gifts, InkSpot Classic Printing and at the Box Office during the week from 6-8:30 pm.



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6/15/18 through 6/20/18

1:45p 4:00p 6:15p 8:30p



DEADPOOL 2

Rated R for strong violence and language throughout, sexual references and brief drug material

After surviving a near fatal bovine attack, a disfigured cafeteria chef (Wade Wilson) struggles to fulfill his dream of becoming Mayberry's hottest bartender while also learning to cope with his lost sense of taste. Searching to regain his spice for life, as well as a flux capacitor, Wade must battle ninjas, the yakuza, and a pack of sexually aggressive canines, as he journeys around the world to discover the importance of family.

6/15/18 through 6/20/18

1:30p 4:15p 7:00p



SUPERFLY

Rated R for violence and language throughout, strong sexuality, nudity, and drug content

Superfly - the film that helped define a genre in its characters, look, sound, and feel - is reimagined with Director X, director of legendary music videos (Drake, Rihanna), introducing it to a new generation.

6/15/18 through 6/20/18

1:30p 4:15p 7:00p



TAG

Rated R for language throughout, crude sexual content, drug use and brief nudity

For one month every year, five highly competitive friends hit the ground running in a no-holds-barred game of tag they've been playing since the first grade -- risking their necks, their jobs and their relationships to take each other down with the battle cry "You're It!"

6/15/18 through 6/20/18

2:00p 4:15p 6:30p 8:45p



Incredibles 2

Rated PG for action sequences and some brief mild language

Everyone's favorite family of superheroes is back in "Incredibles 2" but this time Helen (voice of Holly Hunter) is in the spotlight, leaving Bob (voice of Craig T. Nelson) at home with Violet (voice of Sarah Vowell) and Dash (voice of Huck Milner) to navigate the day-to-day heroics of "normal" life.

6/15/18 through 6/20/18

2:00p 5:00p 8:00p

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Servings: 2

- 2 cups cooked brown rice or quinoa
- 3 tablespoons organic red miso paste
- 3 tablespoons Nature's Intent Organic Apple Cider Vinegar
- 1/4 cup rice vinegar
- 2 tablespoons roasted sesame oil
- 2 teaspoons honey
- 2 teaspoons freshly grated ginger
- 2 tablespoons reduced-sodium tamari or soy sauce
- 9 cups spiralized carrots
- 2 cups shelled organic edamame
- 1 avocado, cubed
- 2 tablespoons fresh mint (leaves removed from stems)
- 2 tablespoons ground sesame seeds

Cook rice or quinoa according to package directions.

In medium mixing bowl, add red miso paste, apple cider vinegar, rice vinegar, roasted sesame oil, honey, ginger and tamari or soy sauce. Whisk well to combine. Add spiralized carrots, edamame and cooked rice or quinoa. Toss well to coat.

Garnish with avocado cubes, fresh mint leaves and ground sesame seeds.

FAMILY FEATURES

Summer provides an abundance of delicious, fresh-picked flavors, giving home chefs plenty of opportunities to use them in both classic recipes and newfound favorites. From sides to salads to smoothies and everything in between, summer is all about creating dishes that taste tempting, bright and balanced.

Using seasonal ingredients, like peaches and other sun-ripened fruits, can help play up the bounty of summer for all types of eating occasions. However, with a wide variety of available choices, it can be a dizzying task to select recipes you'll want to make again and again.

This summer, Nature's Intent Organic Apple Cider Vinegar and celebrity chef Candice Kumai – also known as the "Golden Girl of Wellness" –

recommend these make-at-home recipes to help brighten and awaken the best flavors at your table.

"Apple cider vinegar is my favorite natural way to cook, look and feel my very best for all of summer," Kumai said. "These recipes feature its powerful benefits and bright taste, which awaken summertime cooking."

Kumai recommends her Carrot Beauty Noodles as a show-stopping side dish to accompany main courses throughout the summer, while a light and savory Miso Kale Caesar Salad can curb and satisfy appetites before dinner. Meanwhile, the fresh-and-fruity versatility of this Peach Smoothie means you can enjoy it at breakfast, as a nutritious midday snack or even for dessert.

All three recipes feature Nature's Intent Organic Apple Cider Vinegar, which is raw, unfiltered,

made with the mother and can be a chef's secret ingredient to brighten and awaken taste buds to the true flavors of food by enhancing your favorite recipes during the summer or any time of year. Because it's crafted with care, the clean, crisp flavors provide a difference you can see and taste while helping add a perfect sweet-and-sour balance to traditional meals as well as new favorites.

With so many fresh, delicious choices, summer is the perfect opportunity to make the most of flavors in almost anything you're making, but selecting the right recipes and ingredients can be the first step toward truly soaking up the brightness of the season.

Find more tips and recipes for enjoying summer flavors at NaturesIntentVinegars.com, and find Nature's Intent on Facebook, Instagram and Pinterest.



Peach Smoothie

Recipe courtesy of Candice Kumai
Prep time: 5 minutes
Servings: 2

- 2 1/2 cups unsweetened almond milk
- 1/2 frozen banana
- 3/4 cup sweet-potato puree
- 3 cups frozen organic peaches

- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 scoop collagen powder
- 1-2 tablespoons Nature's Intent Organic Apple Cider Vinegar

In blender, combine almond milk, banana, sweet-potato puree, peaches, ginger, cinnamon, collagen powder and apple cider vinegar; blend until smooth. Serve immediately.

Miso Kale Caesar Salad

Recipe courtesy of Candice Kumai
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Servings: 2

Dressing:

- 1/4 cup tahini paste (ground sesame seed paste)
- 1/4 cup organic red or white miso paste
- 1/4 cup rice vinegar
- 1 teaspoon honey or maple syrup
- 3 tablespoons Nature's Intent Organic Apple Cider Vinegar

Salad:

- 1 large bunch finely chopped curly kale, destemmed
- 1/2 cup (about 1 ear) raw white corn, shaved off cob
- 2 cups daikon radish (about 1/2 radish), peeled, halved and thinly sliced into half-moons
- 2 ripe avocados, halved, pitted, peeled and cut into 3/4-inch cubes
- 2 tablespoons baked hemp seeds

Optional toppings:

- 8 ounces wild salmon, grilled and cubed
- 8 ounces organic tofu, grilled and cubed

To make dressing: In medium mixing bowl, whisk tahini paste, organic miso paste, rice vinegar, honey and apple cider vinegar.

Add kale, corn and daikon radish. Toss well to coat with dressing.

Serve topped with cubed avocado, hemp seeds and salmon or tofu, if desired.



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Clinton High's Kris Williams Signs with Limestone College

Last week in front of family, coaches, teammates, teachers and friends, Clinton High School's Kris Williams signed his Letter of Intent to play football for Limestone College in South Carolina.

"I am very excited about playing at Limestone," the 18-year-old former Dark Horse quarterback and safety said. "I am happy that I was able to finally pick a school and actually sign. It is exciting to be able to continue my education and play football at the college level."

Limestone coaches will utilize Williams as a safety and possibly as a Wildcat quarterback.

"I think I would be better playing split and safety," Williams explains. "Because of my size [6 foot; 168 pounds] - most quarterbacks are tall, I think playing split will allow me to get more yardage ... but I will play where I fit best."

Williams will head down to Gaffney, South Carolina in July to participate in conditioning camps for three weeks.

"I have talked with the coaches and two players," Williams said. "They just told me it was a good school for them and they have the opportunity to progress in everything there."

Which is why Limestone stuck out for the highly scouted Williams.

"I really liked the coaches and what the school had to offer me," he admits. "I visited other schools, but Limestone really felt like the right place for me."

Williams, a two-sport star (football and basketball), is leaving behind quite a legacy at Clinton High.

Ranked at 106 in football players throughout in the state, Williams finished his final season as a Dark Horse with 460 passing yards, 8 touchdowns and 381 rushing yards. On defense, Williams racked up 37 total tackles and four interceptions.

He finished with a career record of 2,019 passing and 835 rushing yards.

Ironically, Williams never thought he would be going to play football in college. In fact, he seriously considered not playing football in his junior year.

"After my sophomore year, I really wasn't going to continue playing football, I was going to focus on playing basketball," he explains. "But I went ahead and played my junior year and it turned out really well."

Williams finished his junior season with 11 interceptions and was an All-State Defensive Back.

"After that," he says, "I had to play my senior year."

As amazing as he was in football, Williams was just as incredible on the basketball court for the Dark Horses as the team's standout point guard.

"I honestly thought that I would be playing basketball in college," Williams admits, "because that is what I have been playing my entire life. I just love the game so much. But I am really blessed to be able to play football, I am going to get down there and do my best."

The Clinton native began his foray into sports early.



"I played rec ball as soon as I could," Williams remembers. "But I really was playing before rec ball. I would play with all of my cousins, my uncles and my brother - my whole life was basketball."

Born on Christmas eve, Williams' grandfather James Ray gave him the nickname "Claus", a name that has stuck ever since.

"Everyone knows me by Claus," Williams said laughing. "Most people call me that before Kris. Some don't even know that my name is Kris ... It has been with me my whole life. I'm used to it - it is OK with me."

When 'Claus' was in the sixth grade, he really started getting serious about basketball.

"That was the time when I really felt like I could play," he said. "I knew I could really do something if I continued to work hard and that is exactly what I did."

Which is why Williams was surprised that he will be playing college football.

"I got some good looks from colleges for basketball," he said. "But Limestone has everything that I wanted. I figure I will get my education (majoring in business), play football as hard as I can and possibly try-out for the basketball team as a walk-on. I just have to see once I get there and see how my time is. But I would love to also keep playing basketball if I am able to."

Williams said that his ultimate dream goal would be to play sports professionally.

Where? "It doesn't really matter," he says, "whoever comes knocking that's where I will go."

Although Williams has spent his entire educational career in the Clinton City School System, he says that moving on is an exciting next chapter in his life.

"There are things I will miss," he said. "I know that the only thing that really got to me is when I walked off of the basketball court for the last time when we lost in the NCHSAA Eastern Regional Basketball finals. That hit me hard. But it makes me want to get down to Limestone and do what I got to do."

While Williams is excited to begin his college career, he says that he wants to thank those who have supported him throughout the years and made him the player that he has become.

"I first and foremost would like to thank God for providing me with the ability to play and creating opportunities for me," he said. "I would like to thank my mom (Felicia Boykin), my step dad (Robert Boykin), my grandfather (James Ray), my brother (Vic), my uncles Kevin Jamar and Byron - for always being there for me and supporting me whenever I needed them."

He continued, "I would also like to thank Coach Lane for doing so much for me," he said. "All of my teammates for being so close and kept me comfortable and always encouraged me ..."

I am here signing because of them and I just can't thank them enough."

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SCC's Arts Support To The Rescue



Butler (second from left) discusses the making of Rescue with visitors to the official release and reception this week.

Sampson Community College has been all about new faces over the past several weeks. From new faces to the executive staff as well as a new facelift to the campus landscape, local residents are seeing a new SCC. Now, the college officially welcomes a new face to its main reception area.

The college hosted a reception this week for local artist Peter Butler and his work, *Rescue*. "This one is about a rescue," says Butler, between discussing details of the work to visitors. "It is about some people rising to the occasion to attend to someone in great need." That message is apropos, considering that the college prides itself on its faculty and staff who are always encouraged to go the extra mile for its students.

"We have never had any local artist provide any exhibit-quality work that we have hung here," says SCC President, Dr. Bill Starling. "It has changed the appearance of our North

building. We encourage people to just come sit and reflect on it. Lisa Turlington, SCC Foundation Executive Director, made the connection work. "I was with the Arts Council for a while and Peter and I became friends after one of his shows," she says. "I admire his work and particularly this piece."

The college is so pleased with its relationship with the arts community, future plans may be on the drawing board for more events like this. "We are encouraging any local artist that has work they want to hang or loan to us, please come to us," says Dr. Starling. "We have a lot of wall space and would love to feature local artists with photos, paintings and other art work. SCC really does reflect the best of our community and its artistic abilities."

To view *Rescue* visit the lobby of the North Building at Sampson Community College.

UMO Honors Students Travel to Central Europe



The Honors group posed in front of a book sculpture at a library in Prague.

Eighteen University of Mount Olive Honors students recently traveled to the Czech Republic, Germany, Austria, and Hungary for eleven days as part of the program's annual international trip. The group explored Prague, Munich, Salzburg, Vienna, and Budapest, after having learned more about the history and cultural of these areas during the school year.

"I had not been outside of the country before this trip," said Gayla Olvera, a psychology major from Lucama, NC. "At first, I felt nervous about leaving the country, but when we got closer to leaving, I was so excited!"

Arriving in the Czech Republic after an overnight flight, the group explored the streets of Prague. The students walked across the Charles Bridge, visited Old Town Square, and toured the Jewish Quarter. Day two included walking around Regensburg, Germany then heading to Munich. The group saw the Glockenspiel, Nymphenburg Palace, and even went on an eye-opening visit to Dachau, the first and longest functioning Nazi concentration camp.

The trip to Dachau was planned by the UMO Honors group themselves after a few students expressed interest upon learning of its close location to Munich. They spent several hours walking around the camp, going in the original buildings, and touring the museum on site. The students were able to see pictures of prisoners that stood where they stood and heard haunting stories of the horrific events that took place there. While the Honors students found the experience difficult to describe, they agreed that being educated on historical

events is important in order to learn from them.

"The trip to Dachau was one of the most meaningful things I have ever experienced," said Anna Mitchell from Princeton, NC, who recently graduated with a degree in history. "It was the most emotional, overwhelming, and heartbreaking 5 hours I have ever experienced. I know that I will never forget it, and it will be an experience I truly treasure for the rest of my life."

On day three the group continued on to Salzburg, Austria, where they viewed the Hohensalzburg Fortress, Mirabell Gardens, and the birthplace of Mozart. That afternoon, many of the students and chaperones took a trip up to the Austrian Alps and visited some of the sites used in the filming of *The Sound of Music*. They also took a lake cruise in Salzkammergut.

"Going to Salzburg and doing *The Sound of Music* tour was my favorite part of the trip since *The Sound of Music* is my favorite movie," said Meredith Futrelle, an English major from Mount Olive, NC. "We rode up to the Alps while listening to the music from the movie, and it was such a fun day."

The group's time in Vienna was colder and rainier than previous days, but it did not stop them from touring Schonbrunn Palace, the summer residence of the Hapsburgs. A few of the students and chaperones also went to a classical Viennese Concert in an Austrian palace.

The last stop for the Honors students was Budapest, Hungary. The group enjoyed the views from Fisherman's Bastion, shopped in some of the markets, and experienced a dinner cruise on the Danube River that allowed them to see the city at night and the breathtaking sight of the Parliament Building.

The Honors students agreed that the trip has given them a new perspective of the world.

"It really opened my eyes to the world and it showed me the beauty in diversity and cultures," Olvera shared. "It also made me humble to see God's beautiful creation of the earth that we all get to share."



Futrelle added, "This has been one of the best experiences of my life. I have always had the desire to travel and see the world, and now I realize how much of the world there really is to see."

"This trip has inspired me to continue traveling and learn about this beautiful world we live in," Mitchell concluded. "I will always be grateful to the UMO Honors program for giving me this opportunity."

(L-R) Meredith Futrelle and Anna Mitchell in front of the Austrian Alps in Salzburg.

EDUCATION

Dedicated Client Demonstrates Quality at SCC



Warren is surrounded by Cosmetology students as well as Vice-President of Academic Affairs, Wanda Capps, Business and Occupational Technology Chair, Jennifer Wiley, Instructor Pharris Shirley, Cosmetology Chair Loreta Jones and SCC President Dr. Bill Starling.

This week is Client Appreciation Week at the Cosmetology department on the campus of Sampson Community College. The department certainly has not run short of clients. Coupons for free manicures were given out to those who used their services this week.

Sadie Warren might not have been first in line for the coupons, but she was probably the first to know about it. This is because not only is she a regular client at the department, but she is also the one with the most tenure. The College honored Warren with a plaque to show its appreciation of Warren for her repeated patronage. "I have been coming here forever," said Warren. "And I wouldn't go anywhere else!"

"I'm still kind of surprised that some folks still aren't aware of the great deals we have to offer the general public", says Loreta Jones, Cosmetology Chair. "Clients can come in here and get a great rate for pretty much the same services they can get anywhere else and it also helps our students acquire more real-world experience that can help them after college as well."

In addition to its Cosmetology program, plans are on the drawing board to offer training that focuses specifically on natural hair care as well as another that will concentrate primarily on nail care. The department offers everything from regular haircuts to hair coloring, waves, nails, facials and hair removal services to the public. For more information about these services at SCC, contact Loreta Jones at (910) 900-4069 or ljones@sampsoncc.edu.

New SGA Officers at SCC



Phoebe Miller and Tyler Honeycutt

Sampson Community College's Student Government Association has new officers for the 2018-2019 academic year. Phoebe Miller will serve as President of the SGA, which also makes her part of the SCC Board of Trustees for her term. Miller is in SCC's College Transfer program and eventually plans to attend the University of North Carolina as a History or Philosophy major. She will graduate SCC with an Associate of Arts degree in Spring of 2019. Tyler Honeycutt's program of study is in Computer Programming at SCC and will serve as Vice President this academic year. He plans to attend East Carolina University after graduating in the spring of 2020 from Sampson Community College.

LC Kerr Global Parade



Christopher, Savannah and Asaru

L.C. Kerr Students have celebrated the diversity in our community and our world with recent events.

The March of The Global Citizens Parade was a great success with over 300 spectators. Students displayed their global projects in a parade with banners, flags, costumes and crafts as family and friends cheered them along.

LC Kerr Muffins for Mom



Deigo, Mom and baby

Mothers were honored in the Muffins for Moms breakfast earlier in May at LC Kerr School. Everyone enjoyed family and fellowship at the events.



Ulises and Zaniyah

Sampson County School Awards



Midway High School Students Graduate with Associate Degrees

Mrs. Larinda Haight of Sampson County Schools was proud to recognize five Midway HS students that participated in the Sampson Community College graduation ceremony on May 10th. These students are the first in Sampson County to not only earn their high school diploma in a couple of weeks, but also their associate's degree. Their accomplishment has taken a lot of hard work, dedication, and sacrifice on the part of these students and we are extremely proud of them. They have opened a world of possibilities for many of our students and we applaud Alton Cole Baxley, Elizabeth Brewer, Nathaniel Jacobs, Dawson McLamb, Colman Parker.



LHS Student Recognized

Evan Moran, a junior at Lakewood High School was recognized at the monthly Sampson County School Board meeting for receiving numerous Accolades: -Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Program at NCSU-Economics for Leadership Program at WFU-Governor's Page-State FBLA President

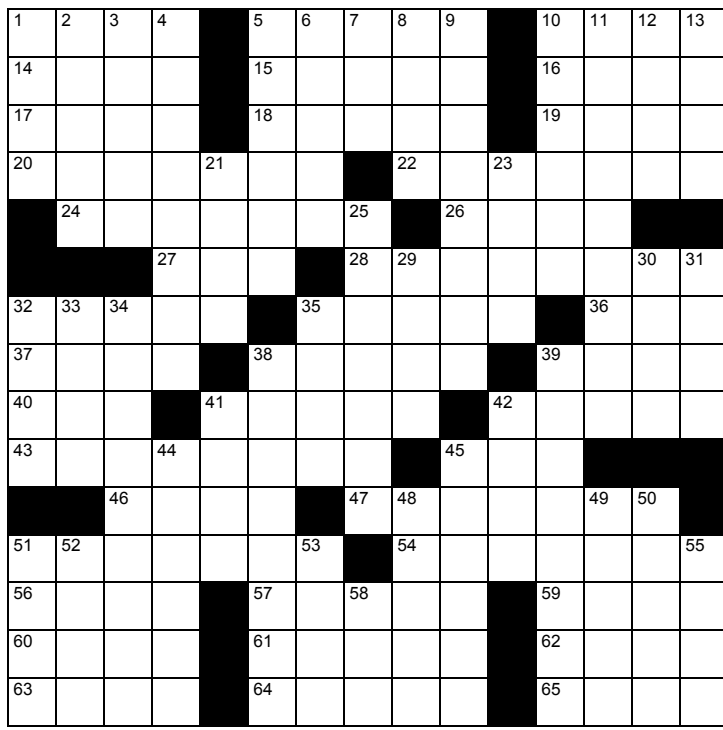
PUZZLES

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

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- 5 Fire starter
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- 15 Nostalgic number
- 16 Bill killer in D.C.
- 17 Side by side?
- 18 Soup scoop
- 19 Revival word
- 20 Attitude
- 22 Prime example
- 24 Baking powder brand
- 26 Gain value, as stocks
- 27 Wayside stop
- 28 Summertime woe
- 32 Three sheets to the wind
- 35 Grammy category until 2008
- 36 Halloween cry
- 37 Top of the line
- 38 ____ and effect
- 39 Urban eyesore
- 40 Palindromic Bobbsey
- 41 Itchy pooch ailment
- 42 Pointer's word
- 43 Love-lies-bleeding, for one
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- 51 Kind of driver or union
- 54 Bygone humor magazine, "National ____"
- 56 Container weight



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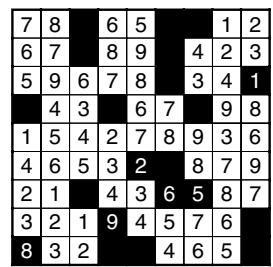
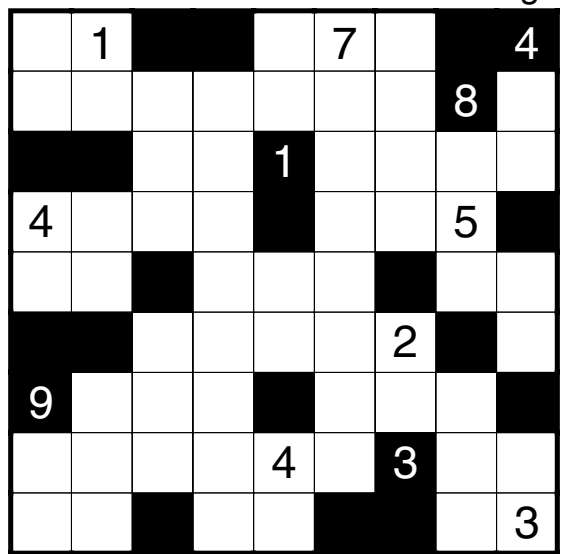
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 - 62 Lasting effect
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 - 64 Flamingo, et. al.
 - 65 Skipper's spot
- 8 Get one's goat
 - 9 Memento
 - 10 Video gamer's icon
 - 11 Noteworthy
 - 12 News tidbit
 - 13 Ready, in the kitchen
 - 21 Done for
 - 23 Small amount
 - 25 Food for ____
 - 29 Ultimatum word
 - 30 Whiskey cocktail
 - 31 There's no place like it
 - 32 Comic Carvey
 - 33 Drift
 - 34 Artificial
 - 35 Breathe hard
- 38 Vatican dogma
 - 39 Like some grins
 - 41 Fabricated
 - 42 Time in office
 - 44 Gerbil or gopher
 - 45 Dow dabbler
 - 48 Pizza topping
 - 49 Particular occasion
 - 50 Final figure
 - 51 Stash away
 - 52 Break, as a horse
 - 53 Hefty horn
 - 55 Vera's husband on "Cheers"
 - 58 Fish-and-chips fish

STR8TS

No. 391

Tough

Previous solution - Medium



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

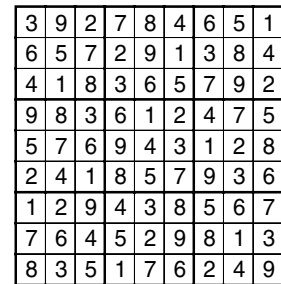
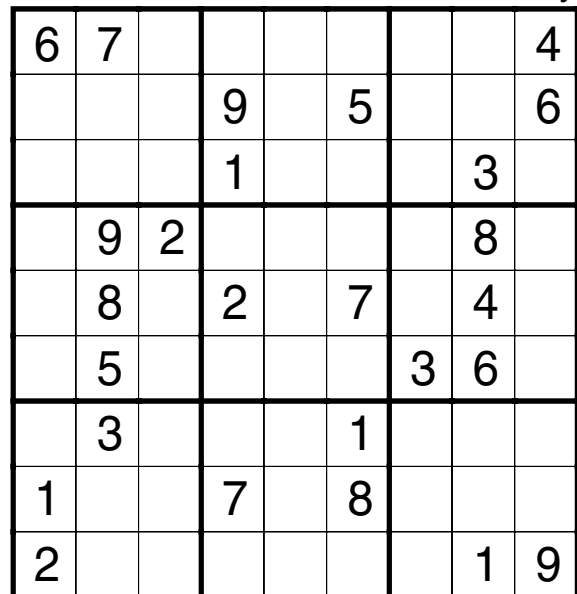
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SUDOKU

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Easy

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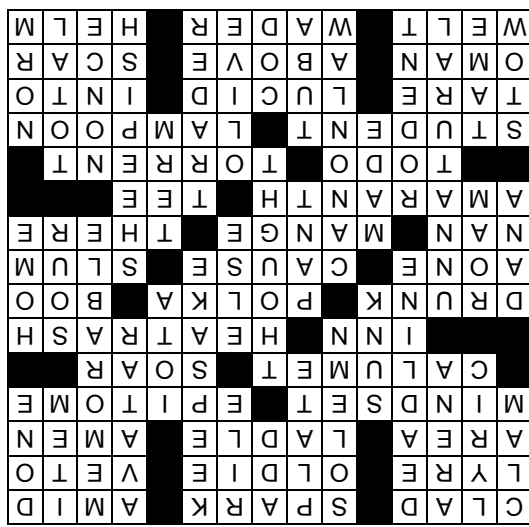


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Faith Brings Joy (Romans 5:1-11)



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- CONFIDENT
- ENDURANCE
- JESUS
- LORD
- PEACE
- PRIVILEGE
- SAVE
- STAND
- UNDESERVED
- BEEN
- CHARACTER
- DEVELOP
- FAITH
- JOYFULLY
- LOVE
- PERSON
- REJOICE
- SIGHT
- STILL
- WHEN
- BROUGHT
- CHRIST
- DONE
- HOPE
- KNOW
- MADE
- PLACE
- RIGHT
- SINNERS
- THEREFORE
- WILLING

What's the Difference?

There are four things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?



Answers: 1. missing sunglasses 2. missing fish on chair 3. beach ball 4. sun is larger

CRIME

Arrest Reports

06-07 David Christopher Stuart, 31; 323 John Williams Evans Rd., Magnolia; Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon; Conspire Robbery Dangerous Weapon; Possession of Firearm by Felon; Secured Bond \$150,000; Court Date 06-15

06-07 Carl Davis Jones, 27; 136 Lenora Lane, Roseboro; Possess Heroin; Possess Drug Paraphernalia; Secured Bond \$4,000; Court Date 06-15

06-07 Jonathan Edward Carr, 30; 178 Old Brick Mill Rd., Roseboro; Possess Firearm by Felon; Possess Crack Cocaine; Possess Schedule II Controlled Substance; Possess Marijuana; Possess Open Container MBV/UN-FWN; Secured Bond \$15,000; Court Date 06-15

06-07 Denis Arnaldo Meza-Colman, 46; 149 Woodcrest Ave., Clinton; Child Abuse; Unsecured Bond \$750; Court Date 06-25

06-07 Lequan Jamal Carter, 26; 2707 Harvey Dr., Fayetteville; Failure to Appear- Defrauding Innkeeper; Secured Bond \$1,000; Court Date 06-08

06-07 David Keith Skaggs, 36; 3035 East Darden Rd., Faison; Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear- DWLR Not Impaired Revoke; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 06-28

06-07 Brandi Racquel Blake, 34; 913 Jordan Rd., Autryville; Failure to Appear- Obtain Property by False Pretense; Failure to Appear- Misdemeanor or Larceny; Court Date 06-25

06-07 Minger Clayton Melvin, 37; 296 Strawberry Patch Rd., Faison; Misdemeanor Probation Violation; Secured Bond \$5,000; Court Date 06-26

06-08 Juan Alberto Maldonado-Ruben, 56; 137 Billy Price Rd., Seven Springs; Probation Violation Out of County; Secured Bond \$2,500; Court Date 06-14

06-08 Shamika Sade Smith, 25; 1367 Old Warsaw Rd., Clinton; Failure to Appear- Simple Possess Schedule VI Controlled Substance; Failure to Appear- Drink Beer/Wine While Driving; Failure to Appear- Possess Marijuana Paraphernalia; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 07-02

06-08 Daniel Rayford Moore, 31; 172 Eddie L Jones Rd., Harrells; Failure to Appear- Fail to Comply; Court Date 06-12

06-08 David Carroll Knowles Jr., 39; 93 Beaver Dam Rd., Clinton; Assault by Pointing a Gun; Assault on a Female; Communicating Threats; No Bond; Court Date 06-36

06-08 Larry Green, 65; 108 Tiffany Lane, Garner; Assault by Pointing a Gun; Unsecured Bond \$2,500; Court Date 06-25

06-08 Lennie Junior McKoy, 24; 9453 Hillsboro St., Linden; Failure to Appear- Simple Possess Schedule VI Controlled Substance; Failure to Appear- DWLR Not Impaired Revoke; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 06-13

06-08 Diaustin Cornell Hasell, 26; 705 South Best St., Goldsboro; 2 Counts: Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear- Child Support; Secured Bond \$3,562; Court Date 07-03

06-09 Harvey Louis-Jerome Rogers, 25; 144 Pete Quinn Rd., Warsaw; 3 Counts: Possession with Intent to Sell/Deliver Marijuana; 3 Counts: Sell Marijuana; 3 Counts: Deliver Marijuana; 4 Counts: Conspiracy to Sell/Deliver Marijuana; Secured Bond \$15,000; Court Date 06-

12

06-09 Benjamin Flores, 24; 188 West Faison Ave., Turkey; 4 Counts: Contempt of Court, Perjury, Court Violations; Secured Bond \$7,600; Court Date 07-05

06-09 Jose Luis Salva Mejias, 30; 47 Lady Lane, Newton Grove; Assault on a Female; Interfere Emergency Communication; No Bond; Court Date 07-11

06-10 Victoria Grace Devone, 21; 221 Kilby Dr., Rose Hill; Failure to Appear-Larceny; Secured Bond \$1,000; Court Date 06-28

06-10 Antwon Danwarren Blue, 32; 108 Hunter Circle, Fayetteville; Possess Drug Paraphernalia; Secured Bond \$750; Court Date 06-27

06-10 Christopher Coy Daw, 33; 47 Bumpy Lane, Clinton; Break and/or Entering; Secured Bond \$10,000; Court Date 06-15

06-12 Cornella Ann Jordan, 41; 110 Cardinal St., Warsaw; Failure to Appear- DWLR; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 06-29

06-12 Stanley Jones Jr., 31; 58 Mack Joseph Lane, Roseboro; Failure to Appear- Simple Assault; Failure to Appear- Second Degree Trespassing; Failure to Appear- Communicating Threats; Secured Bond \$5,000; Court Date 06-26

06-12 Eric Dustin Hardison, 35; 285 Hollandtown Rd., Salemburg; Larceny-Shoplifting; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 06-25

06-12 Corey Glenn Hardison, 33; 285 Hollandtown Rd., Salemburg; Larceny-Shoplifting; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 06-25

06-12 Theron Michael Johnson, 38; 205 Prairie Lane, Autryville; Larceny; Second Degree Trespass; Unsecured Bond \$1,500; Court Date 07-05

06-12 Tamala Tasha McLamb, 31; 205 Prairie Lane, Autryville; Misdemeanor Lar-

ceny; Trespassing; Unsecured Bond \$1,500; Court Date 07-05

06-12 Joel Crumpler, 53; 117 Oakland Blvd., Clinton; Second Degree Trespass; Secured Bond \$1,000; Court Date 07-10

Incident/Investigation Reports

06-07 Jimmy Edwards reported a Burglary located at 694 William R King Rd., Newton Grove. No items were reported missing.

06-08 The Daily Record reported the Larceny of US Currency and a Coin Operated Paper Machine located at 6934 Plainview Hwy., Dunn.

06-08 Matthew Jackson reported a Breaking and Entering located at 1885 Hollerin Rd., Dunn. No items were reported missing.

06-09 Jerry Johnson Jr reported a Burglary located at 5113 Welcome School Rd., Godwin. No items were reported missing.

06-10 Renita Eargle reported a Breaking and Entering located at 177 Bent Tree Lane, Dunn. No items were reported missing.

06-12 Darren Fann reported the Larceny of Batteries and a Trail Camera located at 440 Faircloth Bridge Rd., Stedman.

06-12 Teddy Quinn reported a Larceny located at 1028 Pine Ridge Rd., Clinton. Items reported missing included a wheel barrel, utility trailer, hog cooker and a trailer tag.

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

Sampson County VITAL STATS

Deaths

-Janice Faye Anders
-Carrie Frances Autry
-Frances Butler
-Jane Bass
-Jennifer Cherry
-Richard Gibbs
-Edmond Jacob Hobbs
-Elizabeth Hattie Henry
-Tammie Lynn Johnson
-Willie Junior Melvin
-Lannis Melvin
-Travis Lynn Powell
-Jamaris NaGee Pridgen
-James Stevenson Sellers

Marriage Certificates

-Stephen David Cooke to Amber Michelle Piotrowski
-Alfredo Murillo Saldana to Maria Guadalupe Pina Lopez
-Christopher Nelson Corbin to Regina Simone Glott
-Timothy Luke Carter to Emily Rachel Weeks
-Jason Daniel Frazier to Alison Harris Wrench
-Tony Ezzell Mitchell to Melva Marie Giddens
-William Bradley Floyd to Heather Leann Horne
-Michael Neil Faircloth to Linda Anne Adams
-Willie Woods Jr to Yashica Christine Butler
-Dylan Jeffrey Hairr to Ashton Naomi Kathleen Hairr
-Jeremy David Wilson to Ashley LeAnn Merritt
-Craig Steven Michael Perry to Ruth Ana Maria Meza
-Ever Joel Chilel Romero to Stephanie Hildago-Moreno
-Anthony Barnard Tarver to Adalia Theresa Ellis-Drayton

Births

-Elienai Tiara Cabrera Lopez born on May 21, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Marcos Alexander and Esther Antonia Lopez Antunez
-Nyhiem A'Dre Derrick Faison born on May 21, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Derrick Ladrell Faison and Angeline Nicole West
-Ashley Guadapuoé Orosco-Sanchez born on May 22, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center Guillermina Sanchez Sanchez
-Joselyn Sosa Mejia born on May 22, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Daniel Sosa Jose and Mirelda Mejia Rodriguez
-Behran Earl Aldridge born on May 23, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Fred Ray Aldridge and Hope Willoughly Aldridge
-Nathaly Elizabeth Ledesma born on May 24, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Jose Remedios Ledesma and Reina Isabel Diaz Diaz
-Iy' Anna Shante' Cooper born on May 28, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Genatus Papagzum Cooper and Latonya Shante' Williams
-Ky'Moni Zy'Aire Cooper born on May 28, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Genatus Pappgium Cooper and Latonya Shante' Williams
-Maverick Lane Avery born May 30, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Johnathan Wayne Avery and Devan Nicole Avery
-Dylan Santiago Inestroza Acosta born on June 3, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Wuilian Omar Inestroza Lobo and Nelly Yaqueline Acosta Ruiz

Land Transfers

-First Mortgage of North Carolina Inc to Eleanor S Matthis and Tony Ingram Matthis- 15 Acres Lot 8 of the Oscar Henry Division Taylors Bridge
-Isaiah Warren Hinson to Ann P Hinson, Isaiah Warren Hinson- 3 Tracts Mingo
-Patricia S Hall to Jenna M Hall Daniels, Patricia S Hall- 7 Tracts Dismal and Little Coharie
-Tena Taylor Jackson, Walter Leon Quick II to Natalie Renee Ballard- 10 Acres Dismal
-Glenda D Thornton, Willie L Thornton to Boyd A Mattocks, Marsha W Mattocks- Lot 8A 0.24 Acres North Clinton
-Angel Diaz to Maria C Villasenor- Lot 2 Property of William James (Bill) Brewer Plainview
-Curr-Well Developments LLC, Currie Tee Howell/MBR/MGR ti Jose G Osorio, Angelica R Ruiz- Lot 1 Williams Lake Acres Mingo
-Deborah T Hamilton, Wesley Clayton Hamilton Sr, Crafton S Tart Jr, Kim Tart, Kimberly Poole Tart, Larry Richard Wood, Sharon T Wood to Kenneth Lee Carroll II, Taylor Pope Carroll - 12.368 Acres Plainview
-H Lawrence Sanderson/MGR, Warren Realty LLC to Erick Thomas Williams and Kelly Jones Williams- Lot 20 North Clinton
-Margaret Ann A Hobbs to Rebecca H Haislip, Richard L Haislip- 0.23 Acres Halls
-Louise M Stevens to Jose Isbel Zalavarría Reyes, Felista Rodriguez Zalavarría- Lot 2A Division of Lands of Shephard Stevens
-Delena Williams Bryan, Joseph Mark Bryan, Edna Williams McGuirt, Glenn McGuirt, Larry Dean Warren, Patricia Williams Warren to Michael Mumford -5.847 Acres Westbrook
-Keith Harold Brinson/EXR, Keith Harold Brinson, Michelle Brinson, Rupert Harold Brinson Estate, Kenneth Dwight Robinson, Shelley Beth Robinson to Brinson Holdings LLC -1.00 Acres
-Wellons Realty Inc to Daniel V Hurst Jr- Lot Sampson
-Betty Britt/EXR, Bobby Ray Byrd Estate to Betty Britt- 20 Acres Little Coharie
-Hubert Wayne Johnson, Shelia Charmaine Naylor Johnson, Gary Edwin Naylor, Harry Wayne Naylor to Kwik Stop Hobbton Highway LLC- 3 Tracts Honeycuts
-Bobbie B Draughon, James Hugh Draughon Jr to Aaron Thomas Tyndall, Brenda Holland Tyndall- 2 Tracts w/exceptions
-H&H Constructors Inc to Adrian Matthews, Jennifer Matthews- Lot 23 Mill Ridge Subdivision Phase 2 Dismal
-Gary Bruce Pate to Omar Gomez Martinez- 1.00 Acres North Clinton
-Barbara J Autry, Barbara Jean Autry to Barney Lee Herring- 5.0 Acres Franklin
-Jean Parker Bell/NKA, Robert Edward Bell Jr, Jean Parker Massengill to Stacy A Kennedy- Lots 15 and 16 of the Sampson Acres Subdivision Herring
-Peggy Buckner Ammons, Tommy Edward Ammons to Nathaniel James Garrett, Rebecca Louise Garrett- Lots 3 and 4 Block E Underwood Carter Subdivision North Clinton
-Lee Warren Hickman/EXR, Joe Ellis Warren Estate to Lee Warren Hickman Tr, Warren Revocable Trust- 2 Tracts
-Asset Backed Certificates Series 2001-3/By AIF, Bear Stearns Asser Back Securities Trust 2001-3/By AIF, Select Portfolio Servicing Inc/AIF, US Bank National Association as Trustee/By AIF to Smith Rental Company- 1 Acre
-Cynthia Ann Wright/Wooten to Kenneth Lee Wooten- 2 Tracts Franklin
-Ella Mae Robinson to Karen McLamb Moore- Lot 9 North Clinton
-Johnny Preston Brewer to Douglas Wayne Brewer II- 0.86 Acres South Clinton
-Carolyn Walker, Maury N Walker, Chanda Walker Walls to Teretha McNeil-South River
-Heather G Waters/MGR, William Waters III/MGR/MBR, Waters Bros LLC to Crane Creek Farms LLC- 68.62 Acres South Clinton
-Kalin Cockman, Oren K Cockman Jr to Chris Robert Behringer- Lot 5 Edwards Land Company Second Division North Clinton
-Darrell Ray Canady, Melanie Joy Parker Canady, Millette Jana Parker to Melina

OBITUARIES

CLINTON

Mrs. Mamie Brewington, 101, of 120 Southwood Drive, Clinton, NC, passed away Friday, June 8, 2018 at Mary Gran Nursing Home, Clinton, NC. The funeral service was held at 1pm, Thursday, June 14, 2018 at the Worley Funeral Home with Rev. Gethney Hill officiating. Burial in Hillcrest Memorial Park, Clinton, NC. A Viewing was held on Thursday, June 14, 2018 from 11:30am - 1pm at the Worley Funeral Home, Inc., Clinton, NC. Mrs. Brewington is survived by nieces, nephews and friends. Online condolences may be sent to www.worleyfuneralhomeinc.com.



1pm at the Worley Funeral Home, Inc., Clinton, NC. Mrs. Brewington is survived by nieces, nephews and friends. Online condolences may be sent to www.worleyfuneralhomeinc.com.

CLINTON

Mr. Graham Carter, 87, of 2524 Ozzie Road, died Thursday, June 7, 2018 in Wake Medical Center. Funeral service was held at 3:00 P.M. Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Ray Carter officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Mr. Carter was the widower of Dorothy Pope Carter and the son of the late John Wright Carter and Maggie Mae Fryar Carter. He was a member of Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church and retired electrical repairman. He was preceded in death by three brothers: Albert, John Edward and Joe T. Carter, five sisters; Clara James Carter, Jessie Jones, Alene Matthis, Oleta Fields and Beatrice J. Carter. He is survived by his daughter, Martha C. Owens and husband Chris of Clinton; two granddaughters, Kimberly Owens and Jennifer Owens of Clinton, and one brother, Bernice Carter of Ingold. The family received friends Monday, June 11, 6-8 PM at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral home and other times at the home.



HARRELLS

Pastor Laura V. "Sister" Chestnutt, 71, of 2704 Firetower Road, Harrells, passed away Sunday, June 10, 2018 at Lower Care Hospice, Wilmington, NC. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, June 15, 2018 at Seed Time Worship Center, Garland, NC with Rev. Freddie Herring officiating. The burial in The Chestnutt Family Cemetery, Harrells, NC. A Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 14, 2018 from 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. with the family present from 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. at the Worley Funeral Home, Inc., Clinton, NC. Pastor Chestnutt is survived by her husband, Oscar Lee Chestnutt of the home; daughters, Mary Banks, Angela Highsmith, Debra Pridden, Lenore Pittan all of Harrells, NC and Laura Faircloth of Fayetteville, NC; brother, Booker T. Owens of GA; 13 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Online condolences may be sent to www.worleyfuneralhomeinc.com



CLINTON

Mrs. Eula Grace Dail Anderson, 92 of 2993 Church Rd., passed away on Sunday, June 10th, 2018 with her family by her side, at her daughter's home in Erwin. Funeral Services were held Thursday June 14th, at 11:00am at Royal-Hall Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Charles Ray Jernigan officiating. Burial followed at Grandview Memorial Park. Born on February 20th, 1926 in Duplin County, Grace was the daughter of the late Jessie Henry and Bessie Glenn Stallings Dail and the widow of the late Jethro Ludvick Anderson. She was a retired employee with Hamilton Beach. She truly loved her family and will be greatly missed. Mrs. Grace is survived by five daughters: Rebecca Bass and husband, Wayne of Clinton; Mary Lee of Lillington; Margaret Cross and husband, Howard of Erwin; Hazel McClenny and husband, Bobby of Newton Grove; Kathy Noe of San Antonio, TX.; two sons: Delmas Anderson of Clinton and Emmett Anderson and wife, Dolly both of Clinton; and a sister, Sue Merkes and husband Paul of Orlando, FL. She was blessed with eighteen grandchildren, twenty-nine great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren. Mrs. Grace was preceded in death by a daughter, Velma Grace Anderson and her brothers: Herman and Jesse Dail. The family will receive friends Wednesday evening from 6 until 8 at Royal-Hall Funeral Home. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.royalhallasfuneralhome.com. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Anderson family.



GREENSBORO

Anne Henley Wilson Holliday of Greensboro passed away the morning of Friday June 8th, 2018 surrounded by family after struggling with breast cancer. A memorial service to celebrate her life will be at 11 AM, Saturday, June 16th, 2018 at Roseboro United Methodist Church, 300 N. Broad Street, Roseboro, NC 28382. Born in Roseboro, NC on September 3rd, 1940, she was the daughter of Needham Leonidas Wilson and Marion Beach Wilson and the wife of the late Charles Leonard Holliday, Sr., who passed away on April 11th, 2006. Anne had a passion for music and a successful career as a piano teacher and her love of people later led to a second career in real estate. Anne loved her dogs, Desi and Gracie, music and her gardening. She had a very giving heart and was adored by many. Anne especially enjoyed time with her family. She was actively involved in the Sunset Hills Garden Club, Benjamin Readers Book Club and various charitable organizations. Anne attended Greensboro College. She is survived by her son, Rueben Andrew Gainey II and wife Tamela of Greensboro; daughter, Jessica Anne Gainey of Cary; step-son, Charles Leonard Holliday, Jr., and wife Catherine of Folly Beach, SC; granddaughter, Katherine Anne Olson; great grandson, Hunter Davis Olson; step granddaughters; step great grandchildren; and sisters, Beach Campbell of Crestview, FL, Frances Pearson and Jane Spell both of Clinton. She is also survived by many nephew and nieces who loved her dearly. In lieu of flowers, her family requests contributions be made to breast cancer research made in memory of Anne. The family is assisted by Hanes-Lineberry Funeral Home in Greensboro and Butler Funeral Home in Roseboro. Online condolences may be offered at www.haneslineberryfuneralhomes.com or www.butlerfh.com.



NEWTON GROVE

Mr. William Kornegay, 101 of 143 Kornegay Town Road, Newton Grove, NC passed away Friday, June 8, 2018 at Southwood Nursing Center, Clinton, NC. The funeral will be held at 12pm, Friday, June 15, 2018 at White Oak Disciples Church, Newton Grove, NC with Bishop Charles Williams

officiating. Burial in the Kornegay Family Cemetery, Newton Grove, NC. A Viewing will be held on Thursday, June 14, 2018 from 1pm - 4pm at the Worley Funeral Home followed by a Visitation from 5pm - 7pm at White Oak Disciples Church, Newton Grove, NC. Mr. Kornegay is survived by daughter, Daisy Royal of Clinton, NC; 10 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren. Online condolences may be sent to www.worleyfuneralhomeinc.com



GARLAND

Mrs. Mary E. Norris 73 of 1632 Davis Rd. died Tuesday, June 12, 2018. Mrs. Norris was born May 09, 1945 in Bladen Co. the daughter of the late John Harris Dowless and Betty Horne Dowless. She was preceded in death by her husband, Reverend Herman Norris, two daughters, Teresa Key, Vivian K. Barnes, two sons, Ricky L. Norris, Billy R. Norris, two brothers, Purlie Dowless, and Jimmy Dowless. Funeral service will be held at 11:00 A.M. Saturday, June 16, 2018 at Seed Time Worship Center, 131 Rich Rd., Garland, NC by the Reverend Danny Rich. Burial will follow in the Cumberland Memorial Gardens 4509 Raeford Rd., Fayetteville, NC. Mrs. Norris is survived by one son, Robert Norris wife Carol of Garland, two brothers, Clarence A. Dowless of Garland, Charles Dowless of Cary, 7 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren. The family will receive friends on Friday, June 15, 2018 from 6:00PM-8:00P.M. at Carter Funeral Home in Garland, and other times at the home of Robert Norris, 1632 Helltown Rd., Garland, NC. Service by Carter Funeral Home in Garland. www.carterfh.com.

GARLAND

Mrs. Lou Jane Smith, 73 of 1145 Wade Smith Road, Garland, passed away Monday, June 11, 2018 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. The funeral service was held at 11:00am Thursday, June 14, at Elizabethtown Church of God, 1767 NC Highway 242 N., with Rev. Wade Hall, Jr. officiating. Burial followed at Johnny E. Smith Cemetery. Born September 17, 1944 in Bladen County, she was the daughter of George Lenwood and Emma Jane Robinson Tatum. She was preceded in death by her parents; and husband, Johnny E. Smith. She was a homemaker. She is survived by her two sons, Johnny Wayne Smith and wife, Susan of Garland, Mike Smith and wife, Fran of Garland; one brother, Bennett Tatum of Ammon; three grandchildren, David Wayne Smith, Jessica Nicole Smith, Michael Casey Smith; three great grandchildren, Connor Wayne Smith, Courtlyn Blair Smith, Michael Steven Landreth; and one step-great grandson, Cade Christopher Rogers. The family received friends from 6:00 to 8:00 pm Wednesday, June 13, at Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, and other times at her home. Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro is proudly serving the family.



CLAYTON

Mrs. Susan "Sue" Covington 74 of Clayton formerly of Fayetteville died Thursday, June 07, 2018 at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh, NC. Mrs. Covington was born April 20, 1944 the daughter of the late Spurgeon Luther "Foots" Smith and Mary Ethel Smith. Funeral service was held at 2:00 P.M. Saturday, June 09, 2018 at Carter Funeral Home, by the Reverend Daryl Strickland. Burial will follow in the Garland Cemetery. Mrs. Covington is survived by two daughters Charlotte Ronchetti of Garner, Beth Soles and husband Brian of Clayton, one brother, Mike Smith wife Sondra and two nephews of Coats, 2 grandchildren, Braden and Reese. Service by Carter Funeral Home in Garland. www.carterfh.com



NEWTON GROVE

Mrs. Mary Jean Chandler West, 73, passed away Wednesday, June 6, 2018. Mrs. West funeral service was held Saturday, June 9, 2018 at 1:00 pm in the chapel of West & Dunn Funeral Home, Newton Grove. Visitation was held 1 hour prior to the funeral service beginning at 12 noon. Burial took place at Shady Grove OFWB Church Cemetery, Dunn, N.C. Officiating the service will be Rev. Paul Eitel. Mrs. West is survived by her daughter, Lynn West Swiman and husband Michael of Raleigh, N.C. She was preceded in death by her parents, Royal and Pauline Chandler, her husband, Alfred West, stepson, Joey West and sister, Vickie Chandler. Online condolences may be made at www.westanddunn.com. Services have been entrusted to West & Dunn Funeral Homes, Inc, Newton Grove, North Carolina.



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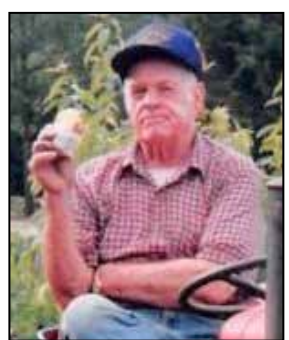
Mrs. Dilsie Marie Burnette Whitehead, 88, of 8640 US Hwy. 421 N. passed away Thursday, June 07, 2018 at her home with her family by her side. A funeral service was held 1:00 P.M. Sunday June 10, 2018 at East Carolina Holiness Church with the Rev. Buddy Brewington, Rev. Glenn Vann, and Rev. Jerry Groves officiating. Additional comments were made by Joe McNeil and Greg Jacobs. Interment followed the service at Grandview Memorial Park Cemetery in Clinton. Dilsie, born in Sampson Co. was the daughter of the late Nettie Burnette. She was also preceded in death by her sister, Virginia B. Puleo and grandmother Lizzie Jackson Maynor. Dilsie retired from Sampson Regional Medical Center as a CNA and was a member of East Carolina Holiness Church. Survivors are her children: DeVane Burnette (Shelby) of Greensboro; Jerome Burnette (Nann) of Ashboro; Gail Phillips; Kenneth Burnette (Deborah) of Virginia Beach, Va; Nancy McClenny of Clinton; Phyllis Burnette of Clinton; Donna Burnette Simmons (Arnold) of Clinton; 2 special pets: Luci-Anna and Bella Rain; 7 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great grandchildren; a nephew Victor Alford Puleo; special friends Ms. Rosie Strickland, the Royal family, and the twins Lois and Joyce. The family received friends 6-8 P.M. Saturday June 9, 2018 at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home and other times at the home. Condolences can



be made to the family online at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com. Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

SALEMBURG

Mr. Mosley Grey Worley, 90, of 5004 N. Salemburg Hwy., passed away Saturday, June 09, 2018 at Betsy Johnson Hospital in Dunn with his family by his side. A funeral service was Tuesday, June 12, 2018, 5PM at Calvary Tabernacle Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church, 6570 High House Road, Salemburg, NC with Rev. Eddie McKeel officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. The family received friends at the church at 4PM, prior to the funeral. Mosley, born in Sampson Co. was the son of the late Purley and Betty Grantham Worley and was the widower of Cleo Beal Worley. He was also preceded in death by a brother Newton Worley and sister Flossie Pope. Mosley was retired from the NC Dept. of Corrections and was a member of Calvary Tabernacle PFWB Church. Survivors are his children: Glenn G. Worley (Esther) of Fayetteville, Lewis D. Worley (Lawanna) of Roseboro, Phillip R. Worley (Delores) of Dunn, Donnette W. Weber (Donald) of Fayetteville, Jonathan B. Worley (Pamala) of Salemburg, a sister Jackie R. Matthews of Salemburg, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Calvary Tabernacle PFWB Church, 233 Bayo-Boy Lane, Roseboro, NC 28382. Condolence can be made to the family online at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com.



ROSE HILL

Mrs. Betty Jane Young, 75, of 68 Delway Hwy, died Thursday, June 7, 2018 in Rex Hospital in Raleigh. A Funeral service was held 11AM, Monday June 11, 2018 at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home with Rev. Ben Merritt and Elder Ronald Tackett officiating. Burial followed in the Harrells Cemetery. Mrs. Young, a native of Logan County, W.V., was the widow of Glen Earl Young and the daughter of the late James Hobert Tackett and Gracie Knipp Tackett. She was also preceded in death by a daughter Gracie Jane Young and 4 brothers and 2 sisters. Survivors are her children: Lee Roy Young, Theresa Johnson, Glenna Norris, Glenn Earl Young, Jr and Neil Anthony Young. Brothers and sisters: Ronald Tackett, Dennis Tackett, Reba Fransen, Ruth Burrell and Virginia Szwaja; 12 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. The family received friends 6 -8 Sunday June 10, 2018 at Crumpler- Honeycutt Funeral Home and other times at the home.



ROSEBORO

Mr. James Thomas Anderson, 78 of Roseboro, passed away Thursday, June 7, 2018 at Johnston UNC Health Care. Born December 24, 1939 in Horry County, SC he was the son of James Alton and Elizabeth Hobbs Anderson. He was preceded in death by his parents; and his wife of 47 years, Blanche Anderson. He was a Veteran of the US Air Force and worked as a Mechanic. He is survived by nine children; many grandchildren and great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro is proudly serving the family.

HARRELLS

Mr. Bennie Stanley Evans 88 of 2027 George Long Rd. Harrells, died Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at his residence. Mr. Evans was born April 15, 1930 in Bladen Co., the son of the late Richard S. Evans and Bessie Long Evans. Mr. Evans was preceded in death by his wife, Susie A. Evans. Funeral service will be held at 2:00 P.M. Friday, June 15, 2018 at Riverside Baptist Church, by the Reverend Tim Evans & Reverend Scott Conner. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Mr. Evans is survived by three daughters, Karen Merritt of Garland, Patricia Evans of Harrells, Anita Taylor of Raleigh, 8 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. The family will receive friends from 1:00P.M.-1:50P.M., Friday, June 15, 2018 in the church fellowship center before the service.

CLINTON

Frederick Michael Schoenleber, 78, of 75 Lesley Drive, passed away Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at Duke University Hospital. A mass will be held at 11 A.M., Saturday, June 16, 2018 at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Father Joseph Dionne officiating. The interment will follow in the Hillcrest Cemetery in Newton Grove, NC. Fred, born in 1939 in Philadelphia, PA, was the son of the late Frederick Augusta Schoenleber and Marie Bauer Schoenleber. He worked as a general contractor in the construction industry. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, and active in the Knights of Columbus as Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator and District Deputy. He served in the 82nd Airborne in the U. S. Army. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brother, Martin Schoenleber and sister, Alice Simpkins. Survivors include; his wife of fifty-eight years, Peggy Schoenleber; sons, Fred Schoenleber of Lake Tillery, NC, and Phillip Schoenleber of Richboro, PA; daughter, Laura Jean Schoenleber of the home; brother, Michael Schoenleber Langhorne, PA; sister, Anna Marie Wheeler of Brigantine, NJ; four grandsons; and three great grandsons. The family will receive friends from 6 P.M to 8 P.M., Friday, June 15, 2018 at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville St., Clinton, NC 28382, and at other times at the home. Memorials may be made to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 104 E. John Street, Clinton, NC 28382. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com.

CLINTON

Dorothy Evelyn Simmons, 83, of 826 Mt. Moriah Church Road, passed away Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center. A funeral service will be held at 3 P.M., Friday, June 15, 2018 at New Bethel Baptist Church with the Rev. Terry Cummings, Rev. Dr. Mike Cummings and Rev. Charles Locklear officiating. Interment will follow in the Grandview Memorial Garden. Dorothy, born in 1934 in Sampson County, was the daughter of the late Lloyd Lee Jones and Mettie Bee Brewington Jones. She was a CNA in the Healthcare System and a member of New Bethel Baptist Church. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by; husband, Romie Gaston Simmons; son, Mark Simmons; and brothers, Thomas Jones and Linwood Jones. Survivors include; sons, Eric Simmons (Sue) of Pittsboro and Alfred Puelo of Washington State; daughter, Ginger Simmons Stone (Logan) of Clinton; grandchildren, Stacy Erickson, Bradford Luchenbill, Hailee Stone, Kirk Stone, Amber Simmons, Christopher Simmons, and Justin Locklear; eight great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters, Earlise Jones of Fayetteville, Howard Jones of Salemburg, Herb Jones of Clinton, Lois Torres of Clinton, and Joyce Royal of Newton Grove. The family will receive friends Thursday, June 14, 2018 at New Bethel Baptist Church from 6 P.M. until 8 P.M. and at other times at the home of her daughter at 792 Mt. Moriah Church Road, Clinton. 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.

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SPEED FREAKS

A few questions we had to ask ourselves

Any chance Clint Bowyer will be a championship threat in the fall?

GODSPEAK: It would be like finding a cooler of iced beer at the end of the rainbow. Great if it happens, but highly unlikely.

KEN'S CALL: Outside chance at best. But I do think he'll win one or two more races between now and November.

Which Stewart-Haas driver is next to win?

GODSPEAK: It's a coin flip between the No. 41 and No. 10 cars. But don't forget, Aric Almirola was only a mile from winning the Daytona 500.

KEN'S CALL: Well, you have to say Kurt Busch, but pull for Aric Almirola. It'll drive Kurt nuts.

FEUD OF THE WEEK

DAVID RAGAN VS. BUBBA WALLACE

WALLACE: On Lap 36, Wallace's No. 43 Chevy tagged Ragan's No. 38 Ford and took Ragan out of the race. He finished 38th. Wallace went on to a 19th-place run.

GODWIN KELLY'S TAKE: These teams can't afford to tear up equipment, so no payback. "He just kind of ran in over his head and wrecked us," Ragan said. "You will have that sometimes."

GODWIN'S PICKS FOR SONOMA

WINNER: Kurt Busch

REST OF TOP 5: Kyle Busch, Clint Bowyer, Jimmie Johnson, Denny Hamlin

FIRST ONE OUT: Bubba Wallace

DARK HORSE: Kasey Kahne
DON'T BE SURPRISED IF: The early money rides on Kurt Busch, who needs a win to make the playoffs. He won Sonoma in 2011.

MOTOR MOUTHS PODCAST

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THREE THINGS WE LEARNED

1. Yes, Ford fast

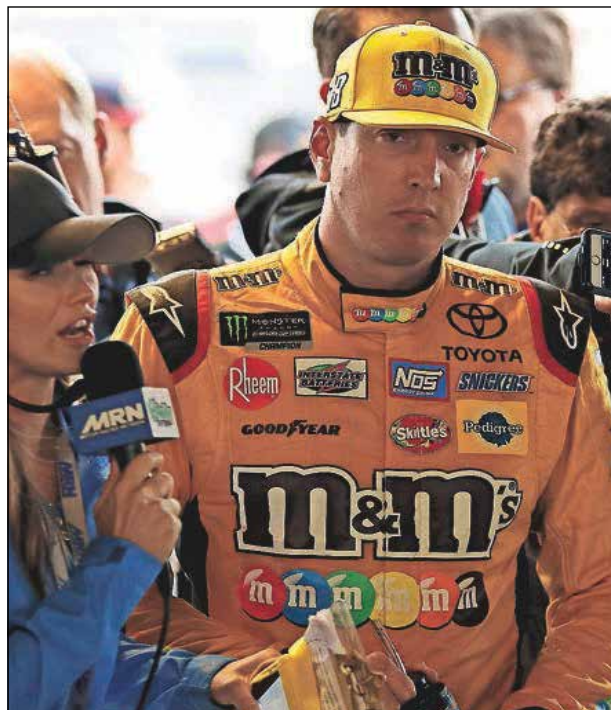
Toyota's Kyle Busch, who has four Cup wins this season, said Fords were fast across the board at Michigan, not just the Stewart-Haas Racing cars. "They go down the straightaway really, really fast," said Busch, who was fourth. "We have a hard time keeping up with them there."

2. One, two, three

It is rare when a race team sweeps the top three positions in a Cup Series race, but Stewart-Haas Racing did it Sunday with Clint Bowyer, Kevin Harvick and Kurt Busch. "It's just awesome," said SHR team manager Greg Zipadelli. "It's big momentum for our group."

3. Chevy, yikes

Chevrolet's woes continued in a big way



Kyle Busch, who drives a Toyota, has no fun talking about how fast Fords were at Michigan. [AP/CARLOS OSORIO]

at Michigan. Chevy had two drivers lead a total of 12 laps. The best in class was Chase Elliott, who finished ninth. Jamie McMurray pitched in with a 10th-place showing. "I

feel like every week we keep getting a little bit better," McMurray said.

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THREE THINGS TO WATCH

1. Stranger things

If you are looking for odd trends this season, look no further than Clint Bowyer's two Cup Series victories. In both cases, his wins (Martinsville, snow-delayed; Michigan, rain-shortened) were affected by weather, and preceded an off weekend. Bowyer's crew chief, Mike Bugarewicz, made note of it Sunday. "I'm pretty pumped about winning (before) off weekends, because the next one is Indy, the (last) one is Homestead," he said.

2. Now we get it

The NASCAR Cup Series schedule has never gone out of its way to skip over a Father's Day Sunday. While a Cup race has not been scheduled on Mother's Day since 1986, dads



Clint Bowyer's win at Michigan has created a couple of blurry racing trends. [AP/CARLOS OSORIO]

have enjoyed racing on their special day since, well, forever. NASCAR Cup drivers can send their thank-you notes to the USGA because Fox is going all-in — even sending racing analyst Jeff Gordon — on the U.S. Open. Fore!

3. One more time

Fox Sports has one more Cup Series race on June 24 at Sonoma Raceway in California

before handing the cameras and microphones over to NBC Sports, which will finish out the season with 20 consecutive races. The boys at NBC have had three "mock broadcasts" with the new guy on the block, Dale Earnhardt Jr. The mics go live on July 1 at Chicagoland Speedway.

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QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers

Shouldn't a team trifecta get more hoopla?

Probably, considering it had been 10 years since a NASCAR team swept the top three finishing positions in a Cup race. The Clint Bowyer-Kevin Harvick-Kurt Busch sweep at Michigan was a feat to recognize and something that will likely be memorialized in the Stewart-Haas team shop (though a photo of the three rain-soaked cars sitting behind a red flag isn't exactly dramatic). It's also testament to how much things can change in 10 years.

Where are they now?

The last team sweep came courtesy of Roush Racing, at Dover in the fall of 2008: Winner Greg Biffle (now retired), runner-up Matt Kenseth (semi-retired) and third-place Carl Edwards (retired and seemingly off the grid somewhere). Of those in the rest of the top 10 that day, only Harvick, Bowyer and Jimmie Johnson are still in Cup racing, while just seven of that day's top 20 are still full-timers. Yes, take plenty of photos, because you never know when sunset on the horizon beckons.

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CUP STANDINGS

1. Kyle Busch	664
2. Kevin Harvick	589
3. Joey Logano	566
4. Brad Keselowski	514
5. Clint Bowyer	510
6. Martin Truex Jr.	506
7. Kurt Busch	493
8. Denny Hamlin	468
9. Ryan Blaney	457
10. Kyle Larson	443
11. Aric Almirola	433
12. Jimmie Johnson	377
13. Chase Elliott	362
14. Erik Jones	346
15. Alex Bowman	331
16. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	327
16. Paul Menard	327
18. Austin Dillon	292
19. Jamie McMurray	283
20. William Byron	277

WHAT'S ON TAP

XFINITY: Iowa 250 presented by Enogen

SITE: Iowa Speedway (.875-mile oval)

TV SCHEDULE: Saturday, practice (Fox Sports 2, 3 p.m.), practice (Fox Sports 1, 5:30 p.m.). Sunday, qualifying (Fox Sports 2, 2:30 p.m.), race (Fox Sports 1, 5 p.m.)

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SITE: Iowa Speedway

TV SCHEDULE: Saturday, practice (Fox Sports 1, 9:30 a.m.), practice (Fox Sports 2, 11 a.m.), qualifying (Fox Sports 2, 4:30 p.m.), race (Fox Sports 1, 7 p.m.)



KEN WILLIS' TOP 10 NASCAR DRIVER RANKINGS

KEVIN HARVICK Turns attention to U.S. Open this week 1	KYLE BUSCH Searching for horsepower on off week 2	MARTIN TRUEX JR. Shares hometown (Trenton, N.J.) with Charlie Weis 3	CLINT BOWYER Another two-week afterglow for Clint 4	JOEY LOGANO Will be first Father's Day as a dad 5	BRAD KESELOWSKI Dad Bob won 24 times in ARCA Series 6	KURT BUSCH Outside the Victory Club at Stewart-Haas 7	KYLE LARSON Running well, but not well enough 8	RYAN BLANEY Dad Dave had 473 Cup Series starts 9	JIMMIE JOHNSON Showing signs, then a bobble at Michigan 10
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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 (Kyle Busch)

April 15: Food City 500 at Bristol (Kyle Busch)

April 21: Toyota Owners 400 at Richmond (Kyle Busch)

April 29: Geico 500 at Talladega (Joey Logano)

May 6: AAA 400 at Dover (Kevin Harvick)

May 12: Go Bowling 400 at Kansas (Kevin Harvick)

May 19: All-Star Race at Charlotte (Kevin Harvick)

May 27: Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte (Kyle Busch)

June 3: Pocono 400 (Martin Truex Jr.)

June 10: FireKeepers Casino 400 at Michigan (Clint Bowyer)

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