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Armed Robbery at the Turkey Post Office



David Christopher Stuart

Samantha Michelle Eliason

On June 6, 2018 at 2:10 p.m. the Sampson County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of an armed robbery at the Post Office in Turkey, NC. Upon arrival, officers spoke with a postal employee who stated an unknown black male entered the Post Office, brandished a firearm and demanded money. The postal employee complied with the suspects demands and the suspect fled the store with a small amount of currency.

Through an investigation, officers were able to obtain a suspect vehicle description and a description of the driver. Approximately one hour after the investigation began, officers observed the suspect vehicle drive by the crime scene. Officers conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and took the driver into custody. The driver was identified as Samantha Michelle Eliason, 29, W/F of 323 John William Evans Rd., Magnolia, NC into custody. Eliason was

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City Reviews \$14.6 Million Budget Before Final Vote – No Property Tax Increase



At this past week's Clinton City Council meeting, city leaders and community members were presented with a \$14,633,200 budget for the city of Clinton. General fund expenditures total \$9.3 million, Water & Sewer expenditures total \$5.1 million and non-major fund expenditures total \$130,200. At \$0.40 per \$100 valuation citywide and \$0.18 in the downtown special district, property tax rates remain unchanged from FY17-18 budget in the FY18-19 proposed budget.

There will however be a slight increase in water & sewer rates as well as an increase in vehicle tag fees. Vehicle tag fees will increase from \$15 in FY17-18 to \$20 in FY18-19. An increase of \$5 per vehicle.

Water fee increases are current base fee from \$12.87 to \$13.51 and current consumption fees from \$1.93 to \$2.01. Sewer fee increases are from current base fee from \$13.41 to \$14.08 and current consumption fees \$1.88 to \$1.97.

City Manager, Tom Hart, explained, "As you know we have a lot of capital projects that we have taken on. We have expanded the city's water compacity by a great deal. And in order to maintain a financially responsible stance in that fund and pay off that debt, we are recommending a %5 increase to water & sewer fees."

"The average water customer is going to see a \$2.50 increase per month," stated Hart.

The FY18-19 proposed budget also addresses implementing a second phase of a pay study for city personnel plus a 2.1% cost of living adjustment and a merit program which allows city employees an average of .5% merit pay.

In addition, the FY18-19 proposed budget includes the purchase of several vehicles and miscellaneous equipment including 2 Two Ton Trucks, 4 Police Cars, a heated asphalt trailer, a fire truck upfit, and various wastewater treatment equipment.

Hart concluded, "The City's stewardship of public funds is among the most important tasks entrusted to us as public servants. This budget reflects commitment to our strategic goals and strong emphasis on maintaining existing service levels, taking care of infrastructure, and responding to emerging community needs."

This year's proposed budget comes in at \$14,633,200 compared to last year's approved budget at \$14,230,400 representing a 2.83% increase from last year. A final vote on the budget FY18-19 is expected during a city council meeting on Tuesday, June 19th at the town hall.

Body Located in Woods on Wilber Pridgen Road



According to Capt. Eric Pope with the Sampson County Sheriff's Office, on June 2, 2018, the step-father of Jamaris Pridgen, received an anonymous call stating that Jamaris was dead and his body was located in Sampson County. The step-father started checking locations in the Harrells community where he located Jamaris' vehicle in the woods on CC Road and then notified 9-1-1 around 9:30 AM.

Deputies from the Sampson County Sheriff's Office responded to the scene, where the car was located. Evidence of foul play was discovered in the vehicle. Investigators from Sampson and Bladen Counties, along with agents from the NC State Bureau of Investigation began searching possible areas the victim was last seen.

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WEATHER

Fri Scattered T-Storms 40%
Hi: 88° Lo: 67°

Sat PM T-Storms 80%
Hi: 88° Lo: 70°

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Hi: 90° Lo: 70°

Mon Scattered T-Storms 50%
Hi: 85° Lo: 67°

Tues PM T-Storms 40%
Hi: 86° Lo: 69°

Wed Scattered T-Storms 40%
Hi: 87° Lo: 71°

WEEKLY VERSE

Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.
Psalm 90:2

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From the Desk of Senator Brent Jackson

I hope you are having a great week so far. The General Assembly passed their budget conference report last week and the budget now is on the Governor's desk. The Governor has ten days to make a decision whether to sign, veto, or let the bill sit. If no action is taken on the bill within those ten days, the bill will automatically become law. I think the legislature developed a good budget that benefits all of North Carolina. If you would like to view the budget conference report to Senate Bill 99, please follow: http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2017/Budget/2018/S99-CCSM-Mxr-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.

Last week, a group of Advanced Placement students and teachers from Senate District 10 visited the General Assembly for Advanced Placement Day at the legislature. I had an opportunity to meet with them and discuss the importance of education, while also hearing about their high school experiences. I always enjoy meeting with students whenever they visit the legislature.

Above is a picture of me with the students and faculty who visited. I believe that constituent input is a vital part of our responsibilities as legislators and citizens staying involved in the legislative process is important.

Raleigh-Durham International Airport Tour

This past Monday, I was invited to tour the Raleigh-Durham International Airport with a group of legislators and staff. We had an opportunity to see the projects that the airport is currently working on, along with discussing what the airport envisions for its future. During our tour, we went out onto the tarmac and saw how extensive plans for lengthening of runways are. We also were able to go into the flight control tower and see the behind-the-scenes operations of the communications and navigation of flights in and out of Raleigh-Durham International Airport.

Above is a picture of my staff and me on the tarmac of the airport. I had a great time during the tour and thought the experience was very enlightening.

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

Sampson County "Reading Rocks" Summer Reading Program

Sampson-Clinton Public Library is preparing for the start of its summer reading program on Saturday, June 16th, at 10am at the J.C. Holliday Library located at 217 Graham Street in Clinton. The purpose of the program is to encourage children to stay interested in reading throughout the summer in a friendly, inspiring way. The theme of this year's summer reading program is "Reading Rocks" and the focus will be on music. Children will have an opportunity to learn about different musicians, the origins of nursery rhymes, and music from other cultures by tying in books to their summer reading collections. Last year, more than 250 children participated in summer reading. Kids interested in participating must be rising kindergartners through the sixth grade. Registration will be open from June 16th to July 20th. If you would like more information on the "Reading Rocks" summer reading program, please visit the Sampson-Clinton Public Library or call them at 910-592-4153.

District Spotlight

Everson Moran is a junior at Lakewood High School and was recently honored by the Sampson County School Board of Education for being elected as the state president of the North Carolina Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) during the organization's state convention in Greensboro. FBLA is a career and technical student organization and has more than 200,000 members in the division. In Mr. Moran's leadership role, he will serve the entire state for the 2018-2019 school year. He enters his new position with the goal to improve communications throughout the state, increase membership, build on community service efforts, and also encourage students to participate in efforts outside of their comfort zones. Mr. Moran joined the FBLA in high school and got involved in service projects and other opportunities to work with organizations to give back to the community. In addition to FBLA, he was also involved with the FFA, Student Government, and Marching band at Lakewood High School. Please join me in congratulating Everson Moran on his outstanding achievement on being named the 2018-2019 President of the North Carolina Future Business Leaders of America, I am confident he will do great in his new role!



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



Senate Bill 711: NC Farm Act of 2018

Senate Bill 711: NC Farm Act of 2018, passed out of the Senate Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources Committee and the Senate Finance Committee, and now will be heard in the Senate Judiciary Committee and the Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee. If the bill passes in these committees, it will then move to the senate floor. Starting an annual Farm Act has been one of my proudest accomplishments while serving in the North Carolina Senate, and ensuring our state's laws reflect the advancements that have been made in the agriculture field. If you would like to view the bill, please follow: <http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2017/Bills/Senate/PDF/S711v1.pdf>.

Spectrum News Budget Segment



I had the privilege of joining Senator Berger and Senator McKissick for an In Focus segment with Spectrum News on the 2018-19 Budget. In Focus is hosted by Loretta Boniti and is a public affairs program that discusses a wide range of subjects impacting North Carolina. Below is a picture of Senator McKissick, Senator Berger, Loretta Boniti, and myself.

I always enjoy an opportunity to participate in heartfelt discussions on any issue we deal with at the General Assembly. I think that the General Assembly passed a strong budget that holds onto responsible spending and fiscal conservatism, while also advancing our great state. If you would like to view the segment, please follow <http://spectrumlocalnews.com/nc/charlotte/in-focus-shows/2018/05/31/issues-in-the-budget-process>.

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Lady Leopards want to Hit the Beach



The Lakewood Leopards Volleyball Team has hopes of hitting the beach this summer, not at the coast, but in downtown Roseboro, NC. In fact, the Lady Leopards are so motivated to hit the beach that they've raised money to make it happen.

The project, in the works since the fall of last year, is actually a beach volleyball court planned for the park in downtown Roseboro. Something that members of the Lakewood Volleyball Team say is highly needed and will draw volleyball players to Roseboro in mass.

Lakewood Coach Shelia Davidson, explains, "The idea and motivation behind this project came from a high interest in beach volleyball being played out of the county. Not only do most of the high schools in the county participate in the fast-growing sport, they also have to go out of county for practices and tournaments."

Coach Davidson says playing beach volleyball allows you to become much faster and explode higher into the air after training in sand. Also playing beach trains the eye to see the floor and the defense first before attacking. This is a great strategy that naturally carries over to indoor volleyball.

In the fall of last year, members of the Lakewood Volleyball team addressed Roseboro Town Commissioners with a plan to raise money and build the court but needed space and approval from the town to make it happen. Town leaders embraced the idea and offered space at the park downtown.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 PROPOSED BUDGET FOR
 FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019**

The 2017-2018 Amended Budget and the 2018-2019 Proposed Budget for the Town of Harrells has been presented to the Harrells Board of Alderman, and is available for public inspection at the Town Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday's and will also be posted on the front door until the public hearing.

There will be a regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Alderman and a public hearing on Tuesday, June 26, at 5:00 p.m. at the Harrells Town Hall for the purpose of discussing and adopting the Amended and Proposed Budget. Citizens are invited to make oral or written comments.

Cynthia J. Ezzell
 Town Clerk/Finance

"The Lakewood High School Volleyball Teams came together with community members and parents to get this process going," says Coach Davidson. "We have raised close to \$1,000 dollars and are looking to get it put in the park as soon as possible with a projected date by the summer."

"It was a great event fundraiser," added Davidson. "We had a fashion show and modeled jewelry and clothing from vendors who rented booths. Afterwards the public who bought a ticket to enter shopped. It was a great event to pull the community together. We had Laura Harris Photography come in and take pictures of the event that will be cherished memories for a lifetime."

"Monica Royal from Royal Cut in Salemburg was a big stimulus behind the project and has been a huge help. Her daughter, Ally Royal, along with other members of the Lakewood Volleyball family participate in beach volleyball tournaments and practice opportunities."

Leigh Ann Averett, a junior volleyball player at Lakewood, recently addressed Roseboro Commissioners at a Town Hall meeting to update their progress. While explaining the need, Averett said she and several other ladies had been traveling to Stedman to practice at a beach court there. "I know girls from Midway, Hobbton and all over the county that go to this same beach court and practice with us."

Monica Royal also addressed Commissioners stating that they had raised the required funds and secured materials from Sandy's Hauling to begin the work. The plan is to hopefully draw those players to downtown Roseboro and perhaps even host tournaments at some point. "Potentially," says Davidson, "this one court could bring girls from across the county together in one location within the county to play the sport they already love. I know Lakewood plans on eventually maybe having a tournament in our county park."

"It's great to see a beach tourney take place. Beach is two on two verses the six on six you would see in indoor competition. Lots of girls from different high schools become partners and become teammates instead of opponents."

**David Wall Recognized
 by Recreation & Parks**



Jonathan Allen, Recreation & Parks Director for the City of Clinton recognized David Wall during this past week's City Council meeting. Wall was recognized for receiving the Certified Recreation & Parks Professional certification through the National Recreation & Park Association.

With approximately 5,000 professionals currently active within the program, the Certified Park and Recreation Professional certification is one of the leading professional certifications in the field. The national CPRP examination is designed to assess the core knowledge of job-related tasks common to entry to mid-level park and recreation professionals. The test is based on the results of a job analysis, and the content outline is a reflection of the role of hundreds of recreation and park professionals. Each year's examination exactly matches the content outline, and all test questions have been unanimously approved by a committee of subject matter experts.

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LOCAL NEWS

Terrace Miller Leaving CCS After Nearly a Lifetime

Save but just a few years, Terrace Miller has spent her entire life as a Dark Horse. She attended school at Clinton City Schools through graduation and soon after returned as an employee. But after 42 years as a student and employee, Terrace Miller will say goodbye to the Dark Horse family to spend more time with her own family.



In 1969, Miller first joined the Dark Horse family as a young student. She graduated in 1981 and left for ECU where she majored in School and Community Health Education. After she received her Bachelor of Science, Miller became a Patient Health Educator with Goshen Medical Center and later worked a sort time with Plainview Health Services.

In August 1987 Miller returned to the Dark Horse family as a Health Education Coordinator. Soon after she obtained her Master of Science in Educational Administration and Supervision at Fayetteville State University and in 1995 was named Associate Principal at Sampson Middle School.

In 2002, Terrace Miller became Principal at Sampson Middle School where she remained for a combined 12 years as Associate and then Principal. It was these years that she most fondly remembers.

"I have held many different positions during my time with CCS," says Miller, "but my favorite job was that of Middle School Principal. It is a great feeling to know that you have had an impact on the lives of so many young people. It makes me feel good when I see former students who are now gainfully employed, raising a family and doing great things."

"I'd like to think that I played a small part in their success," Miller adds. "It requires a sincere love for children and the desire to help them succeed and I have both!"

In 2007, Miller left Sampson Middle for Central Offices and became Coordinator of Special Programs. Soon after she was elevated to Director level prior to becoming Assistant Superintendent for Student Services and Federal Programs in 2011. In 2015, Miller received the assignment she will retire from as Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources.

With her vast experience and years of service, Terrace Miller is likely the most valued employee in the Dark Horse Family. But on June 30th Miller will say goodbye to the halls of education she has walked for so many years.

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Shortly, after 9:00 PM, a shallow grave was located in the woods on Wilber Pridgen Road. Investigators spent Saturday night and all day Sunday processing the crime scene and interviewing potential witnesses.

The deceased is identified as Jamaris Pridgen, age 20, of 57 Isaiah Murphy Lane, Harrells, NC. The cause of death is pending the results of the Sampson County Medical Examiner's autopsy. The Sheriff's Office has a person of interest in the case. No additional information is being released at this time.

TURKEY, cont. from 1

charged with: Conspire to Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon, Accessory After the Fact and No Operators License. Eliason's bond was set at \$150,200. No other occupants were inside the vehicle during the traffic stop and the armed robbery suspect has not been located.

Through the investigation, officers have identified David Christopher Stuart, 31, B/M of 323 John William Evans Rd., Magnolia, NC as the armed robbery suspect. Warrants are on file against Stuart for Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon. The suspect is considered armed and dangerous and anyone having information regarding the whereabouts of David Christopher Stuart are encouraged to contact the Sampson County Sheriff's Office at 910-592-4141.

UPDATE: At approximately 7:43pm, we received notification from Lt. Marcus Smith with the Sampson County Sheriff Department. Smith stated, "The armed robbery suspect turned himself into authorities a short time ago. He was charged with Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon, conspiracy and possession of a forearm by felon. He was placed under a \$150,000 bond."

On her leaving, Miller stated, "It has been a blessing to have worked 30 years as an educator for the district that educated me and my children. We are a great school district with lots to offer."

"The Dark Horses are known across this state and I am proud to be one!" Miller adds. "A Dark Horse by definition means someone who is not well known or expected to win but comes from behind to succeed. I believe that describes our Dark Horse Family pretty well."

When asked what she most looked forward to, Miller stated, "Spending time with my family and traveling."

And what she will miss most, "My co-workers and all the friendships I have gained over the years."

"I hope to spend some time traveling to a variety of places that I have put off because of work. One of my sons may have an opportunity to play ball overseas so if that happens I would certainly plan to visit him."

"But I will spend a few weeks just relaxing and enjoying my new found free time. My parents are at a point where they need more assistance, so I will spend a lot of time with them and I will probably help my son and husband with their construction business by working in the office a few days a week. I also have lots of DIY projects I would like to work on at home!"

Miller's last comment was to the system she loves so much, "I will continue to support my CCS Family and wish them continued success."

LOCAL EDUCATOR RECEIVES STATE AWARD



Lethia Lee, EFNEP Educator in Sampson County received the "Over the Mark" Award at the 2018 EFNEP State Conference. The Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) is conducted across the state through North Carolina Cooperative Extension, NC State University, and North Carolina A&T University. For nearly fifty years, EFNEP has been helping limited resource youth and families with children learn how to eat healthier meals and snacks, stretch their food dollars and reduce the risk of food-borne illnesses.

The "Over the Mark" award recognizes EFNEP Educators who meet 5% or more above their target outreach and meet or exceed program impact goals. These educators are the masters of outreach and partnership. They adjust their work schedules to meet participants where they are and form solid partnerships with community organizations that result in EFNEP goals being met.

Through this work and in collaboration with many organizations through the Eat Smart and Move More initiative, NC EFNEP aims to reduce the rising tide of obesity by teaching youth and families practical skills resulting in changed behaviors that help them to eat smart, move more and achieve a healthy weight.

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We Should Know . . .



Dr. Bill Starling with J.W. 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 education and the guest this week is Dr. Bill Starling, President of Sampson Community College.

Prior to being named President of Sampson Community College Dr. William Joel Starling served as the Vice President of Academic Affairs and Administration. Since 1979, Dr. Starling has served the college in many senior administrative roles, including finance and business affairs, accreditation and personnel, construction and facility administration, program development and academic affairs.

Dr. Starling earned his Bachelor of Arts from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, graduating Phi Beta Kappa. He holds a Master of Arts in Education from East Carolina University and a Doctor of Education from North Carolina State University with a minor in public administration.

JW Simmons opens the show introducing President Starling and asking him how it feels to named president after serving so long for other presidents of the college. Dr. Starling replies, "It's exciting. We've worn many hats and shared many titles across the years, and this is certainly a unique opportunity for me at this point in my professional career."

"It's been exciting to move into the office and greet people with a new role. A lot of my time and energy over the last 30 some years has been spent internal to the institution, and for the last couple of months that focus has moved outside the institution and I get to do things like this."

Next, Simmons says that the Community College system in North Carolina ranks as one of the highest in the country because of proximity, quality and quantity.

"Yes," says Dr. Starling, "A little about North Carolina Community Colleges, there are 58 of them which is a significant number only exceeded by Texas and California. But when the framers of the system put the system together in the early 60s there was an understanding that community colleges would be geographically closes all across the state."

"Much like the urban areas of the state we have a handful of community colleges that are as large as some of our universities, but the typical community college looks a lot like Sampson

and they deal with local needs and local communities. And we think were a very good representation of the strength and vitality of the system at Sampson."

Next, Simmons asks Dr. Starling to discuss the impact of the Hwy 24 project on Sampson Community College. Starling states, "Well, its interesting. We actually have a retrospective that we can share if anyone wants it for civic club of all the signs that have been on the front of Sampson Community College all the way back to the original East Indian Campus. And the most dramatic shift is the one we have today."

"There was a time a few years ago," add Starling, "when a lot of us were lamenting the changes that were occurring to the front of the campus but using the DOT money they gave us for the right-of-way and some of the work that had to be done we put that money back and reinvested it in the front of the campus. I know a lot of people have ridden by and seen the entrances. The campus does look different, but I think most people would believe it looks more modern, looks more engaged, and it really represents our community well when you are coming in on Hwy 24 to Clinton."

Simmons next says that Dr. Starling actually played a large role in the landscaping at Sampson Community College. Starling recalls, "It's interesting. I had a chance to speak at a Thursday night Rotary Club with Larry Barnes and he read my bio and ended the introduction to say, and you may not know this, but Bill Starling actually planted a lot of the trees out there. And I did it directly. I had a shovel in my hands many, many years ago."

"A lot of those trees that are now mature, I look at them and fell it in my bones too. But it's that old axiom, you plant a tree not for yourself but for people later. We planted a good group of them this year when we did the entrance signs and I hope to be able to do some extensive landscaping this fall."

"We think that's a special 56 acers in this county and it's worth investing in for those that will come behind us. If you ride by the campus, take a minute and look over. It is beginning to evolve and change, and it actually looks like a college now. So, we're really excited about that."

Next, JW Simmons states the college slogan, "Begin Here. Go Anywhere" and asks Dr. Starling what that means to him as President of the college. "Community colleges in general, and I think Sampson is pretty consistent with the overall movement, and that is, we're the starting point for a lot of young people and adults who are coming back. No, we don't have terminal degrees. You're not going to complete a baccalaureate or master's degree there."

"So, in terms of transfer education you're going to be with us for a short time. We're going to enable you to move on to a senior institution. Begin here and take your academic career with you as it moves forward."

"For students that are interested in nursing, allied health and applied science areas, we want you to be with us for as brief a time as necessary for you to enter the work force. Community colleges are about enabling people, and our institution, we think, lives up to its motto."

"This year we pinned 45 RNs," adds Starling, "which is the largest class we've had. This fall we will probably have over 500 high school students from the Career and College Promise program that will be with us taking courses before they go on to senior institutions."

"So, we're proud of the motto. It does, in many ways, allow us to rally around it. But we're here to help Sampson County people find careers, find spots in senior institutions, and improve the quality of life for people that live here."

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LOCAL NEWS

The Courthouse Inn at 200



The structure currently known as The Courthouse Inn sits on the corner of McKoy and Faison Streets in downtown Clinton, it's place of residence since 1904. But the structure was built long before it was moved to its current location. Now at 200 years old, and officially known by the National Register of Historic Places as the Patrick-Carr-Herring House, The Courthouse Inn enters it's 3rd century of service to Sampson County residents.

The Courthouse Inn was originally built in 1818 on the courthouse square just a few blocks from where it sits today. When the Federal Style one-and-a-half story structure was built there wasn't even a town named Clinton. That would come in 1822, four years after Sampson County's second courthouse was built.

Originally, the Sampson County Courthouse built in 1818 was constructed on tall brick piers with double staircases leading to the tall double door entrance. Nearly a full story above ground level, its said that horses and pigs often favored the shaded space below the courthouse.

In the 1840s, Sampson County outgrew its courthouse on stilts and by 1849 the brick piers were infilled with brick to create a full raised basement. The building itself was also expanded to a full two-story structure and the resulting redesign led to a transformation from a Federal Style to Greek Revival Style structure.

By the turn of the century, Sampson County had once again outgrown it's second courthouse. In 1904 plans for what is now the current Sampson County Courthouse were designed and the county offered the two story Greek Revival for sale – with a condition that the structure be moved from the courthouse square.

A local resident, Duncan "Dunk" Patrick purchased the courthouse for \$90.00 and moved it a few blocks to its current McKoy/Faison Street location. The next 80 years, the "second courthouse" would function as a single-family dwelling for 3 notable families. The Patrick family held the home until 1912. Jasper H. Carr purchased the home in 1912 and resided there until the early 1930s. In 1933 Rastus Herring purchased the home which passed the following year to Clyde and Ethel Jackson Herring.



The Herrings would eventually add three rooms to the rear of the home and enclosed much of a side portion of a wraparound porch. In one of the "porch rooms" Mrs. Herring is reported to have operated Clinton's first beauty shop.

In the early 1980s the Patrick-Carr-Herring House was used as a boarding home and unfortunately suffered many years of neglect. In 1990, Glenn and Juanita McLamb and Juanita McLamb's twin sister Anita Green and family purchased the Patrick-Carr-Herring home and renovated the structure returning it to its former glory.



In 1991, the Patrick-Carr-Herring House was listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the "twins" Juanita and Anita opened a bed and breakfast known as it is now as The Courthouse Inn.

During this period, Juanita and Anita operated both The Shield House on Sampson Street at the end of Faison Street, and The Courthouse Inn at McKoy and Faison as bed and breakfast inns where many of Sampson County's more prominent visitors would often stay when in town.

In 2004, the twins sold The Courthouse Inn and other properties, so they could care for family. The purchaser of The Courthouse Inn would later fall to bankruptcy and the property once again suffered neglect.

Eventually, The Courthouse Inn was saved once again, this time by Anne Faircloth and husband Fred Dufour. The home was again renovated as an extended stay property for professionals coming to the area on an interim basis from one to six months. Anne Faircloth reports that the 200-year-old Classical Revival/Greek Revival structure is currently leased to Sampson Regional Medical Center for 10 years and they are managing the property and undergoing any necessary renovations.

Whether you know it as the "second courthouse", the Patrick-Carr-Herring House, or The Courthouse Inn the 200-year-old structure at the corner of McKoy and Faison Street arguably holds more history in Sampson County than any other structure standing today. As it enters its 3rd century of service it stands as a testament of the rich history of this community and it's many caretakers along the way.

To the Community:

Our family sends a big thank you out to all those who planned, helped & contributed to the Joanna Jackson Price Benefit on May 5th, 2018 @ Hobpton Elementary School. We would also like to thank all of the others who have helped us along the way. Back in the fall, our darling Joanna suffered a cardiac arrest while 35 weeks pregnant and is now recovering from a resulting anoxic brain injury.

She and the baby –Brantlee- continue to improve on a daily basis thanks to God and all of the prayers that have been lifted up for them over the past 8 months.

The recovery process has been hard on Joanna and the family; however, our efforts to get Joanna the best care possible have paid off. In October, we had no idea if we would even have these two in our lives- and today we have two amazing and lovely individuals to love and cherish.

Joanna has recently returned to Liberty Commons Rehabilitation and Nursing in Benson where she is getting care and supplemental rehabilitation while she participates in the outpatient rehabilitation program this summer at Wake Med.

Brantlee is doing well and thriving due to the family and the communities of Newton Grove and LaGrange areas who have come together to be a major support for Joanna, Joey, Pailyn & Brantlee.

There are absolutely no words to express how grateful we are for everything that everyone has done to help us continue our journey. Please continue to pray often as we know that they are what has certainly brought us through this storm.



Being patient, building an army of prayer and giving God the Glory have proven to be a formula for making miracles happen. God is good.

**Thank you!-
We are forever grateful!
The Jackson & Price Families**

No Charge This Weekend at Royal Lane Pool



Recreation & Parks announced that the Pool at Royal Lane Park would be open this weekend after equipment failure delayed its opening. The pool is open from 1 pm to 7 pm Saturday and Sunday, and admission is free to everyone this weekend.

Who is Your Child's Medical Home?

By: Patricia Canady, RN

The Medical Home model is designed around patient needs and aims to improve access to care (e.g. through stretched office hours and improved communication between providers and patients via email and telephone), increase care coordination and enhance overall quality, while simultaneously reducing costs.

The medical home relies on a team of providers—such as physicians, nurses, nutritionists, pharmacists, and social workers—to meet a patient's health care needs. Studies have revealed that the medical home model's attention to the whole-person and integration of all aspects of health care offer can help improve physical health, behavioral health, access to community-based social services and management of chronic conditions.

The Sampson County Health Department has joined efforts to improve the relationships with Medical Homes and their patients through the Care Coordination for Children Program (CC4C). This case management program functions with the goal to improve the care of children in the county by linking families with Medical Homes that will meet their specific needs, arming families with education and resources, and safeguarding to ensure needs are met with timely follow-up and evaluation.

The Care Coordination for Children (CC4C) Program is comprised of nurses and social workers that work as case managers under the direction of Community Care of North Carolina and NC Division of Medical Assistance. It is offered at no charge for children birth to 5 years of age who: have long term medical conditions; are dealing with challenges within their environment that may increase their stress levels; and/or referred by a medical provider or other community agencies.

The Sampson County Health Department is working in collaboration with Department of Social Services in the development of Plan of Safe Care (POSC) Referrals. This initiative is a state-wide plan involving multiple agencies and community partners. This POSC will ensure the safety and well-being of infants born with and identified as being affected by substance abuse withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal substance exposure. The POSC will address the health and substance use disorder treatment needs of both the infant and the affected family member or caregiver.

The Care Coordination for Children (CC4C) Program utilizes screening tools to identify risk concerns on children from birth to 5 years of age. The CC4C Program assess the basic skills needed to live and parent well through completion of the Life Skills Progression Checklist with parents of children identified at risk. The CC4C Program utilizes the Survey of Well-Being in Young Children (SWYC) that focuses on the importance of early identification by screening infants and children up to 5 years of age at risk for developmental-behavioral disorders along with family and social concerns.

Once a referral is received, a CC4C care manager is assigned to the family to assess the needs of child and family. A plan of care and goals are developed by the family with the assistance of CC4C staff. CC4C staff work with families through home visits, phone calls, provider visits, and other types of contact to assist them with meeting their needs.

The Sampson County Health Department works tirelessly to be an active participant in caring for the county's youth by implementing best practice recommended services to meet the needs



of our youth. Other services provided by the Sampson County Health Department are Well Child Check through our Child Health Clinic.

The Child Health Clinic Well Child Check involves performing assessments on children 0-20 years old as recommended by Medicaid in partnership with the child's Medical Home. Through this program, the Sampson County Health Department is skilled to assist children to comply with the Department North Carolina Public Instruction's requirements for entry into North Carolina Schools. Sampson County and Clinton City Schools require specific paperwork to be completed to show that physical examination/immunizations requirements have been met by no later than 30 days after entering school. If exams and immunizations are not updated by the 30th day of enrollment, the child is usually required to stay at home until the requirements are met.

Well Child Checks provided through the Health Department meet the requirements for children entering into Daycare, Preschool, Head Start, More at Four and school grades Kindergarten through 12th grade. This assists with achieving our community goal of ensuring the health and well-being of the children of Sampson County. Bright Futures, a best practice program, is used by the Sampson County Health Department. The Bright Futures principles acknowledge the value of each child, the importance of family, the connection to community, and that children and youth with special health care needs are children first. These principles are used with each Well Child Check visit to assist in delivering and supporting the highest quality health care for children and their families.

For Child Health Clinic Well Child Checks, you can call to schedule an appointment at the Sampson County Health Department at 910-592-1131, extension 4001.

For more information on the Care Coordination for Children – CC4C – Program or to make a referral, you can call 910-592-1131, ext. 4230, 4973, 4238, 4237 or 4241. Referrals may also be faxed to 910-592-4724, ATTN: Patricia Canady.



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FAITH

The Way of Theodicy in the Face of Evil

The problem of evil is an existential claim that unbelievers use to confront believers about the existence of God. The argument is that because evil (pain, suffering, etc.) exists, either God must not exist or God is not morally good.

These accusations are ones in which believers must give a reason for why such evils exists and offer a defense for God's existence and goodness (1 Peter 3:15). A theodicy, as defined by Alvin Plantinga is "the answer to the question of why God permits evil." Each theodicy assumes a logical premise (that good requires the possibility of evil) and a moral premise (that the good outweighs the evil). A thorough and proper theodicy attempts to provide a rebuttal to the premise that there is no reason that would justify God in permitting bad to happen.

One way of offering an answer to such a pressing question is the Natural Law theodicy. The Natural Law theodicy claims that natural evil results from the laws of nature that are presupposed in the meaningful exercise of free will.

The main idea here is that God has created laws of nature, which are good, but there are often unintended side effects which seem to be bad. Unfortunately, one can't have the good without the bad. We live in a universe in which there are certain natural laws, such as gravity, sound waves, etc. Our living in this universe provides opportunity for good because we have the choice to do good things. But because natural laws have both good and bad effects, we often encounter the consequences of the bad. For instance, gravity keeps us from floating off into the sky. However, when we stumble at the top of a stairway, we don't always like what gravity does. God doesn't arbitrarily repeal these laws because of their bad effects, because then there would be no freedom — thus, one has to take the good with the bad.

The problem with this theodicy is three-fold: First, God could have made a world with different natural laws. If God is omnipotent, he could have made a world of regularity and stability, which is good, yet these laws would not have to necessitate natural evil.

In response, for one to claim that God could have made a better world, they elevate themselves above God. On the surface this seems to be a good response to this theodicy, but it doesn't offer any alternative reality. Another position is to state that this universe is the way it is because it is fit perfectly to what we need in life. We have just the right amount of gravity for us to live comfortably and do what we need to do, such as launch rockets and fly airplanes. God then knew exactly what kind of stability we needed and was gracious enough to give it to us so that we could function properly.

Second, is the problem of intervention. If God is morally good, He could prevent natural evil without undermining freedom by intervening in situations.

Against this criticism, we could simply ask how do we not know that God hasn't done that? Imagine a tornado rips apart a small town in North Carolina and ten people die. How do we know that God didn't already intervene and save 100 people? While God has given people natural laws in which they are subject to, He is not bound by these things. He works miraculously and often behind the scenes to do things that we can't think of or fathom.

Third, there is the argument that Eden and Heaven are both stable environments in which natural law is present but there is no natural evil. Specifically, in Revelation 21 and 22, there is a new heaven and a new earth, without pain and suffering. This environment is stable, yet freedom and choices are preserved.

One way to escape this dilemma (though speculative) is to say that appearances are deceiving. Our knowledge about these places are limited to what is revealed in Scripture. There could have been (our could be) tornadoes, earthquakes and other natural disasters in both states; however because communion of God is perfect and unfallen (along with our cognitive faculties) we understand and have the knowledge of how to avoid such evil. While these would ordinarily bring about pain and suffering, because they are subject to the fall, because there is no sin, it can't be experienced as such.

Another theodicy is the Greater Good theodicy. In responding to the problem evil, this theodicy states that some goods require evil to exist. Some goods are good because they are a response to evil, such as bravery in the face of war. A soldier can't have virtue by jumping on a bomb for his fellow soldier without the evil intent of the enemy of throwing grenades. Good is contingent on the evil because it is a response meeting logical and moral conditions.

This can be defended in Scripture logically with the story of the cross. Certainly Roman soldiers killing Christ is an evil action, but because of that evil, Christ atoned for the sin of mankind. Indeed, a greater good happened in response to this evil. God is justified in allowing this evil to happen because the good produced is of such a great value.

One problem with the Greater Good theodicy is questioning if these goods require real evil to occur. This is accomplished by questioning if the evil is natural or is it merely created in contrast with the good.

In the case of the cross, sin is real evil, not something just made up to contrast with a good created. Sin invaded the world in Genesis 3 and spread through humanity in the disobedience of Adam and Eve. Think about a child. No one has to teach a child to lie, steal, throw a fit. Obedience and surrender does not come naturally to children (or adults for that matter!) This is a direct effect from sin. Or think about



Operation Valkyrie in 1944. The attempt to take Hitler's life was a courageous act in which a greater good was trying to be accomplished by saving millions of people from the gas chambers of concentration camps all over Eastern Europe.

The second problem is questioning if we can make a value judgement. For instance, forgiveness is a good thing that was accomplished at the cross, but there is some really bad evil that exists in the world. Does it really outweigh the evil it responds to?

In response, there is some Scriptural support that God has made these judgments. In the book of Job, God determines that his name being vindicated by the way of Job's faithfulness is important to Him. Also, the apostle Paul seems to glory in God's wisdom and knowledge because God has made a value judgment that He accomplishes His will in different ways despite evil (Romans 8:28). Evil comes to pass, but God uses them for the greater good.

Third, this theodicy seems to treat persons as means, not ends. In this way, it devalues humanity by robbing them of dignity and freedom. This claim calls into question the utilitarian characteristic, which conflicts with moral intuition and the moral character of God.

However, we could always respond by saying that God is always justified in all that he does because He is God and His ways are above our ways (Isaiah 55:8). While this seems like some sort of easy way out, it is true in the sense that God's knowledge of how good and evil work together is beyond our capacity to understand and grasp. Our knowledge of these things are limited, and while we don't know how to bring good out of suffering, He does.



Will Matthews

BEES AND BUTTERFLIES! OH MY!

Sitting on my front porch, rocking peacefully in my rocking chair is one of my favorite things in all the world to do. Now that may sound boring to some folks who like neon lights and action every minute, but not to me. I like peaceful and quiet.

Sitting there rocking one morning recently I was enjoying my azaleas which were in full bloom and absolutely beautiful. I noticed a slew of bees darting from blossom to blossom. Joining in the pollen dance were several butterflies. They didn't compete with each other, but rather simply shared the flowers as if instinctively knowing there was enough to go around.

I watched them for a long time while listening to my wind chimes tinkle in the slight breeze. Suddenly a rabbit darted across the yard and stopped in the shade of the weeping cherry tree. It sat there for a while as though resting in the cool shade of the tree. In a bit he turned and hopped back the way he came.

There is little that can compare to nature and her beauty. Even the simple act of bees and butterflies flitting back and forth among brightly blooming azaleas can bring peace and a release



of every day stresses. Somehow it's comforting to know that no matter how complicated mankind makes things, the simplicity and rhythms of nature continue unabated.

There is much beauty in nature. Flowers of every color in the rainbow, (or the rainbow itself), delicate, lacy leaves trembling in the breeze, fluffy, cottontail rabbits, birds of many kinds, just to name a few of nature's treasures.

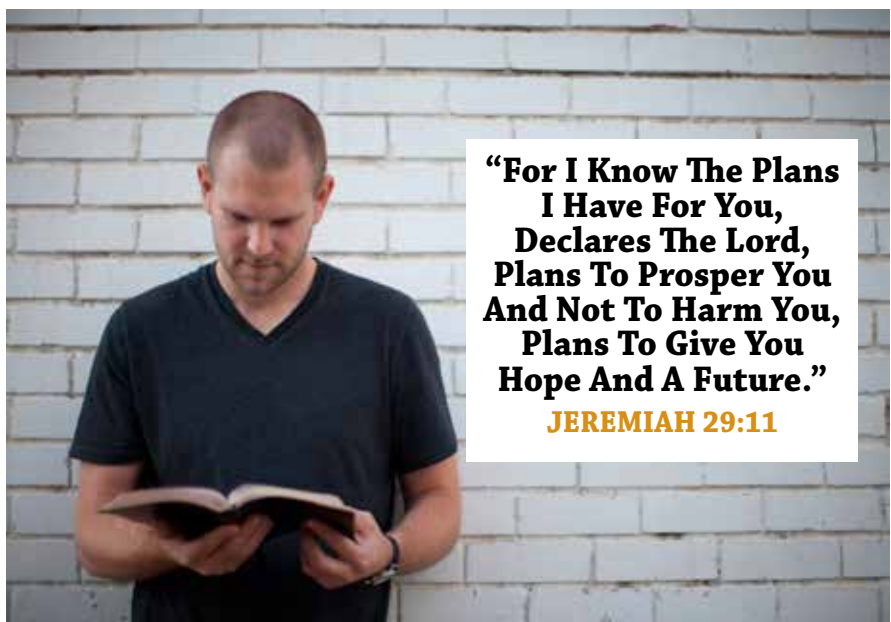
I think past generations knew of and appreciated the joys of nature that surround us much more than folks today do. Life today is fast and faster. It's all about multi-tasking; at least that's what they say on television. People need to do two, three, no - four things at once if we are to keep up with the demands of today's world. We barely have time to speak to each other, let alone enjoy the beauty of nature.

No matter how fast we try to make our bodies and minds go, the world around us travels on as it always has. I for one am glad. The bees and the butterflies are a joy to watch. The fragrance of a beautiful sweet smelling flower can be intoxicating. I'm happy to slow down enough to take it all in. In fact, I highly recommend it- the soothing rhythm of nature, the all-natural antidote to stress. And it's free! You have to admit, you can't beat that!



Written by Carolyn Horrell Mintz

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What's Happening at SCT

By Angela Martin

Hairspray the Musical - A Family Affair!

Hairspray the Musical is heading to the Sampson Community Theatre and we have several families that are making it a fun adventure as they are cast in the show together. One such family is Logan Tart - who is playing Tracy Turnblad. She is also working with her younger sister, Madison, who is Home from the University of South Carolina and her cousin, Corey Spell - home from UNCW. Madison and Corey are playing in the Corny Collins' Teen Dancers. Another family in our production are the Clarks. Judson Clark is portraying Link Larkin while his two sisters - Annabeth and Mia are in the ensemble and their mother Libbie is in the adult ensemble. Schuyler Floyd and Chris Floyd - a sibling duo, are portraying teens in the Corny Collins' Teen Dancers and Guy Padgett who is playing Wilbur is in the production with his daughter - Dayln as a Corny Collins' Teen Dancer. Another three pairs of relatives who are in the production are - three mother/daughter pairs - Laura Carraway who is the Matron/Gym Teacher and her daughter Emma who is in the ensemble and Ashley and Maddie Elmore who are in the ensemble and we also have Kathy Day and Sarah Day portraying Prudy and Amber respectively and we can't be more happier. 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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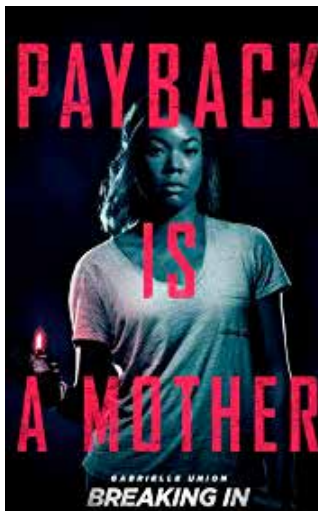


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After surviving a near fatal bovine attack, a disfigured cafeteria chef (Wade Wilson) struggles to fulfill his dream of becoming Mayberry's hottest bartender while also learning to cope with his lost sense of taste. Searching to regain his spice for 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.

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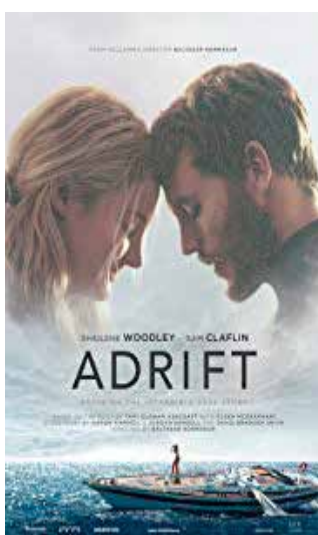


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Gabrielle Union stars as a woman who will stop at nothing to rescue her two children being held hostage in a house designed with impenetrable security. No trap, no trick and especially no man inside can match a mother with a mission when she is determined.

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Toast Like a Butterfly

FAMILY FEATURES

It seems that taking pictures of mouthwatering food to share online is all the rage for social media users. Food is art, and toast and its trimmings can be the perfect canvas. Creating a social media-worthy slice requires a bit of creativity, some patience, quality and, of course, aesthetically pleasing ingredients.

The versatility and distinct flavor profile of California Ripe Olives make them an ideal ingredient to fuel your imagination and add an extra bit of finesse to your edible creation.

California farmers are responsible for producing more than 95 percent of the ripe olives consumed in the United States. From planting, pruning, harvesting and processing, they make sure the highest quality olives come from their farm to your table – one can at a time. Adding olives to any dish helps bring California sunshine into each bite.

Put your creativity to the test with these delicious designs. For more delightful and artistic recipes with California Ripe Olives, visit calolive.org.

Toast Like a Butterfly

- 2 slices wheat bread
- large butterfly cookie cutter
- 1/2 avocado, mashed
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- 1 cheese stick
- 2 slices orange bell pepper
- 2 thin slices red bell pepper
- 6 black California Ripe Olives
- 3 green California Ripe Olives
- 1 sugar snap pea

Lightly toast wheat bread and use cookie cutter to cut one wing from each slice.

Mash avocado and mix with salt and pepper, to taste. Spread on both wings.

Slice cheese stick to fit between wings and act as body of butterfly.

Slice orange bell pepper into antenna and red bell pepper into thin slices to line body of butterfly.

Slice black olives in half, lengthwise, and place on upper and lower portions of each wing. Slice green olives into rounds and place on middle of each wing.

Decorate plate with quartered olives and place sugar snap pea in center.

Pro Tips for Creating Shareable Slices:

These pro tips can take you from toast trainee to skillful slice creator.

1. Have a vision. Don't be afraid to sketch it out.
2. The base of your toast is everything. Pick a sturdy variety.
3. Consider your ingredients and play with flavors, textures and colors. For example, try to incorporate both green and black California Ripe Olives for greater versatility.
4. Shapes, colors and textures can add excitement.
5. Toast is a small canvas, so consider the tools you're working with and get creative.

A Toast to Summer

- 2 slices white bread, toasted
- 4 tablespoons cream cheese
- 3 crackers, crushed
- 1/4 cup sliced almonds
- handful leafy greens of choice (green onions, parsley, cilantro or chives)
- 2 black California Ripe Olives
- 1 green California Ripe Olive

Slice each piece of toast into a square and place one above other on plate.

Spread layer of cream cheese on bottom third of lower piece of toast and cover spread with crushed crackers.

Spread layer of cream cheese from lower-right corner to upper-left corner and, starting at bottom, layer sliced almonds on top of each other to create trunk spreading across both pieces of bread.

Arrange greens into palm fronds at top of trunk. Use cream cheese as glue if they begin to slip.

Arrange black olives and green olive as coconuts between top of trunk and base of leaves, covering bottom of leaves.



A Toast to Summer



Singing in the Grain

Singing in the Grain

- 1/4 avocado, peeled and thinly sliced
- 1 slice sourdough bread, toasted
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- handful of green California Ripe Olives, sliced into rounds
- 1 orange bell pepper, sliced
- 1 red bell pepper, sliced
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1 large sugar snap pea

Arrange sliced avocado on toasted sourdough bread and top with salt and pepper, to taste.

Slice green olive rounds in half and arrange in line beneath toast.

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Hobbtton's Kameron Lee Set For A Busy Summer



Hobbtton High School rising junior Kameron Lee said she was 'surprised' when she got the call that she had been named this week's Performance Auto/Sampson Weekly Star Athlete of the Week.

"I had no idea I was nominated," the 16-year-old softball and volleyball standout said Wednesday evening. "It feels really good to think that my coach thought that much of me ... it caught me off guard."

Lee, who pitches and plays third base for the Lady Wildcats, helped the team to finish this past season with a 12-8 record. The team's final game was a loss in the first round of the NCHSAA 1-A State Softball Championships to cross county rivals North Duplin Rebels.

"I wished that we would have been able to go further in the playoffs," Lee admits. "Last year, we went a little deeper, but we are hoping to be stronger next year."

She continued, "We were a very young team this season. We had no seniors, next season, we will

have five seniors and six juniors ... So, we plan on being better."

For Lee, her 2017-18 season was nothing short of spectacular.

On the mound, she finished with a 1.84 E.R.A., sitting down 24 batters in 26.2 innings pitched - in just 8 appearances. In the field, Lee had a total of 68 putouts.

As solid as she was on the field, Lee was just as impressive at the plate with a slugging percentage of .939 and an on-base slugging percentage of 1.536.

Lee also had 35 hits, that included, 24 RBIs, five home runs, 10 doubles and 14 stolen bases. She is currently ranked 229 in the state of North Carolina in softball.

Born in Goldsboro, Lee moved to the Newton Grove area when she was two months old. Her official foray into sports came when she joined Sampson County Recreation's rec league.

"I started out playing T-Ball," Lee explains. "I got interested in it because my older brother (Kyle) played. I was just always around it, so I joined T-Ball and then softball and volleyball."

By the time she was around 6-years-old, Lee was already a good enough player to join a travel softball team.

She is currently playing travel softball for the Carolina Cardinals out of Smithfield.

"I will be playing softball all summer," Lee admits. "I will have a total of three weekends off this summer, but I love it."

Lee said that playing against elite softball players from across the state and further has helped her game.

"I really do think that it has helped," she said, "it has taught me more about team work and how important it is to be a team in the dugout and on the field. I feel like being involved with travel ball for so long that it has also helped my game in high school."

As good as she is in softball and volleyball, Lee is a superstar in the classroom as well.

She is a straight 'A' student, who says that her favorite subject is Math.

"It is a subject that just comes easy to me," she said with a laugh. "My dad (Jason) is an engineer and my mom (Angela) is a nurse, so I guess I have good genes ..."

Lee plans to use those skills after high school - she is already thinking about her college career.

"I want to go to college and become a pharmacist," she admits. "It has changed a few times - physical therapist ... nurse -but I don't really do blood. So, right now, I am thinking about becoming a pharmacist. I know that I really want to help people. I know that is what I will be doing - helping people."

She also plans on playing softball in college.

For right now though, Lee is concentrating on her final two more years of high school.

"It is going to be hard to leave Hobbtton High School," Lee says. "Everyone is close, and it really is like a family atmosphere here. I know that I will not see everyone every day and not get to play with my teammates ... so, I am just going to really enjoy these final two years."

Although she doesn't get a lot of free time, Lee said that when she does, she likes to sleep and hit softballs off of a tee to 'unwind'.

Now that she is heading into her junior year of high school, Lee said that if she could give advice to upcoming freshman, it would be to keep focus on what's important.

"I would tell them not to give up on their dreams," she said. "No matter what it is - keep working towards it. I would also tell them to keep focus on their academics. You don't think they do, but colleges look at those grades and you do not want to fall back and have to work that much harder to catch up."

Lee said that she appreciates everyone who has supported her over the years, including her family (Angela, mother; Jason, father; and brothers, Kasey and Kyle), teammates, friends, coaches and friends, as well as her travel coach (Dan Wall).

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Turlington Graduates from Woodberry Forest School

Robert Noel Turlington graduated during the 129th commencement exercises at Woodberry Forest School on May 26, 2018. He received the Mortimer A. Turner Memorial Medal presented to the outstanding French student. Mr. Turlington will attend Columbia University. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Turlington, Jr. of Clinton, NC.



Founded in 1889, Woodberry Forest School is a highly selective boarding school in Madison County, Va., for 400 boys in grades nine through twelve from 23 states, the District of Columbia, and 13 other countries.

One Second After to be UMO Common Read



Mary Jones, a member of the UMO Common Read Selection Committee, unveils the book selected for the full semester.

The University of Mount Olive has selected William R. Forstchen's New York Times best-selling novel *One Second After* for its Common Read book selection for the fall semester. Reading, discussing and writing about the novel will be a part of the curriculum for all freshmen in their Advisement 100 class.

Jackie Hill, Chair of the Common Read Selection Committee, explains that the book is used "to stimulate critical thinking, to encourage reading as part of an academic community and to serve as a jumping-off point for writing and discussion." She also states that the book must be "engaging, informative and stimulating." The Common Read Selection Committee includes faculty, students, staff, and community members.

One Second After describes what an electromagnetic pulse weapon (EMP), could do in a split second to our country and its infrastructure. Hill elaborates, "Set in Black Mountain, NC, the novel details the frightful reality that would ensue after an EMP attack; unfortunately, the possibility of such an attack is all too real. The reader gets a realistic look at what technologies will cease to work one second after the attack, and an even bleaker picture of the myriad of life-threatening problems that will arise."

Dr. Forstchen, a specialist in military technology, is a history professor at Montreat College. He will visit the UMO campus this fall to speak to freshmen and community members.

Hill concludes, "By reading this book, we hope our college community will consider the destruction and aftermath of any type of earth-shattering attack while thinking about peaceful alternatives to global violence and destruction."

Hands-on Training Not Just For Students



Bass believes in hands-on training.

Chet Bass, Department Chair for Sampson Community College's Applied Animal Science Technology program, believes in hands-on training for his students. Over the past few months alone, Animal Science students have made several field trips to local farms to participate in health and wellness checks for cattle. His hands-on training isn't limited to just his students though.

Bass recently obtained his North Carolina public and private pesticide operator's licenses through the program located at the JC Raulston Arboretum at NC State University. The arboretum is a nationally acclaimed garden with one of the largest and most diverse collections of landscape plants adapted for landscape use in the Southeast.

"Pesticide use is probably not the very first thing you think of when you hear Animal Science," says Bass. "Really though, proper handling of pesticides is an important part of the agriculture industry and can be incorporated into all areas of agriculture." Bass says the license will come in handy in the future should the Animal Science program at SCC develop into other areas that would require training on its uses in the future.

For almost fifty years, the North Carolina Pesticide Law requires licensing for individuals applying pesticides. Employees of federal, state, county, or municipal governments who apply pesticides in the course of their jobs are certified and licensed in the same manner as commercial applicators.

Private pesticide licenses are typically for farmers, or their employees, who use restricted use pesticides in the production of an agricultural commodity, on land that they own or lease, and are certified upon passing the North Carolina Private Pesticide exam. Bass is now certified and licensed for both public and private use.

New Nursing Chair Familiar Face at SCC

The list of accolades for the nursing department at Sampson Community College is not a well-kept secret. From its high-ranking position among best nursing schools in the state to graduating its largest class ever just last month, nursing has been one of the jewels of SCC for a long time.

This success is well represented by the number of upwardly mobile members of its department recently. This week, yet another longtime member of that staff was promoted at SCC. Dr. Lisa Smith, who has served as Nursing Faculty in the Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program for almost two decades, has earned the title of Department Chair of Nursing at the college.



Dr. Smith is no stranger to SCC's nursing department.

This comes weeks after two other members of that department received promotions.

On March 1st, Wanda Capps, who had served as Division Chair for Health Programs, was promoted to the position of Vice President of Academic Affairs. Capps brought three decades of experience from Sampson Community College to her new role. Dr. Veronica Stevens, who had served as a nursing instructor at SCC for more than two decades, earned the role of Division Chair for Health Programs.

"For much of my life, I've been passionate about serving others and advocating for those in need," says Dr. Smith, whose previous role also included being Course Coordinator for first-year ADN students over the past decade. "I recognize that nursing students are our future and as a nurse educator, I feel empowered to leave my footprint in this profession by leading and directing students that are dedicated to a lifetime of serving and caring for others."

A Sampson County native, Dr. Smith graduated with an Associate Degree in Nursing from SCC. She then graduated from Barton College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing with Cum Laude honors. She then earned a Master of Science in Nursing degree with a concentration in Nursing Education from East Carolina University. In May 2016, she completed her terminal degree, Doctor of Nursing Practice with a concentration in Education Leadership, from Gardner-Webb University. She is a member of the American Nurses Association, North Carolina Nurses Association, Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, and Alpha Chi National College Honor Scholarship Society.

EDUCATION

SCC Families Grow Legacy With New Scholarship



Ann Herring, Capps, Dr. Herring, Robin Bradshaw, Dr. Veronica Stevens and

The seeds of Sampson Community College's rich history were planted sixty years ago, well before its roots grew into what it is today. Even before its creation, Sampson Community College (SCC)—or Sampson Technical Institute as it was called in the late sixties—was on the drawing board. That drawing board sat on the desk of John Thurman Denning.

Denning, who was serving as Superintendent of Sampson County Schools, realized in 1963 that Sampson County did not have the means nor the facilities to meet growing educational needs in the county. Denning had been researching ways to educate soldiers returning from Korea and Vietnam in order to help them attend universities or enter the workforce.

After initially creating the Servicemen's Readjustment Act, more commonly known as the G.I. Bill, after World War II, the government extended these benefits to include all veterans who had served their country either in wartime or during peace. This created a need that Denning was happy to fill as he was able to launch a program that served as an extension of Wayne Technical Institute (WTI).

This small extension of WTI grew and soon there was enough demand to hire full time director. Not long after Denning appointed Midway High School English teacher James Earl Vann as director, educational demands were brought about as a result of the G.I. Bill. In 1967, Denning was able to secure a grant to develop what became known as Sampson Technical Institute.

Half a century later, Ann Denning Herring sits in the library named after her father, the John Thurman Denning Library on the campus at Sampson Community College. She laughs as she and her husband, Dr. Mac Herring, Jr. share memories with friends and those she calls family. Those gathered for the special occasion are Dr. Veronica Stevens, Robin Bradshaw and Lisa Smith, all members of SCC's nursing department. They are joined by SCC President Dr. Bill Starling, SCC Foundation Executive Director, Lisa Turlington and a former member of the nursing department, Wanda Capps. Capps now serves as Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Dr. Herring was a well-loved pediatrician at Clinton Medical Clinic in Sampson County for more than four decades and these nurses have all grown up together as family over that time. They all gathered to thank Dr. and Mrs. Herring, for continuing a legacy that began decades

ago.

"Both of my parents were educators who believed schooling was very important for everyone," says Ann Denning. So much so, as a matter of fact, her parents JT and Verna Denning already have an endowment named after them at the college as well. "I can't tell you what it means to us to see all of these nurses who trained at this college, who have taught others at this college and many of whom have worked with my husband in a medical capacity here in Sampson County for all these years."

This week, Dr. Mac Herring and his wife Ann, daughter of "Founding Father of SCC" JT Denning have announced that they have created a scholarship to help nurses at Sampson Community College. This new scholarship seals their legacy among health care educators here forever. It is called the Dr. Mac and Ann Herring Nursing Scholarship Fund.

"It was fun to gather with friends and colleagues to celebrate their generosity and to reflect on their impact on this community," said Turlington who is very familiar with both the Dennings and the Herrings. "Dr. Mac and Ann set the bar high for service to others, and it is evident through their careers, their families, and their relationships. While Dr. Mac is known throughout the county for having touched the lives of most children who've been born in Sampson County in the last forty years, I've watched Ann working quietly behind the scenes in our church and community. They have been longtime supporters of the college through the J.T. And Verna Denning Endowed Scholarship and now will continue the tradition through an additional scholarship for health care."

Wanda Capps, formerly Division Chair of Health Programs and currently VP of Academic Affairs, is close with the Herrings on several fronts "I was fortunate to work with Dr. Herring as a RN in the pediatric unit at SRMC in the late eighties, says Capps. "His compassion and love for children and their well-being is paramount to who he is not only as a pediatrician but as an individual. His family and his wife's family has impacted Sampson County in both the medical and educational arena which has defined and molded who we are as a community. He is indeed a special man in the hearts of many as well as Mrs. Herring."

"We are excited about the newly-established nursing scholarship from Ann and Mac Herring," says Dr. Paul Viser, a colleague of Dr. Herring and President of the SCC Foundation. The Dennings are key pillars in SCC's very existence and certainly we are nothing short of grateful for this continued support by the Herrings as well. Dr. Herring has seen firsthand the critical importance of the SCC nursing program over the years. It's great that this family's dedication to SCC's mission will continue to benefit current students."

"We want to thank Dr. Herring and Ann for their scholarship support for nursing students," said SCC President, Dr. Bill Starling. Starling has been with SCC for as long as any employee of SCC. "Seeing the Herrings today was particularly rewarding. To listen to Dr. Herring's recollection of his practice when he and a number of the College's nursing faculty were assisting his patients brought back many memories for all of us. For many of us who grew up in this community, Dr. Herring provided invaluable care to children and helped ease the fears of young parents."

Dr. Herring says JT Denning's proudest accomplishment was the establishment of Sampson Community College and he and Ann will do their part to carry on that legacy. "I worked besides dozens of nurses who graduated from and taught school at SCC," Dr. Herring remembers. This includes my office nurse of 35 years, Patsy Gregory. I remember another graduate, Judy Hall with whom I worked together for a decade after she graduated from SCC in 1974. I have always been impressed by the training and preparation of SCC graduates. Ann and I establish this nursing scholarship as a token of our appreciation for this wonderful institution and what its graduates have meant to us."

Sampson County TOY Recognized



Brenda Nordin recognized the 2018-2019 Teachers of the Year for Sampson County Schools: Union Elementary, Pedro Carrion; Union Intermediate, Amy Tart; Union Middle, Corina Vann; Union High, Stephanie Woodcock; Hargrove Elementary, Keith Coleman; Hobpton Elementary, Madison Melvin; Hobpton Middle, Veronica Harris; Hobpton High, Jennifer Jackson Bass; Roseboro Elementary, Elizabeth Dailey; Salemburg Elementary, Vanessa Parker; Roseboro-Salemburg Middle, Wendy Butler; Lakewood High, Chelsie Hall; Clement Elementary, Susan McPhail; Plain View Elementary, Cynthia Lee; Midway Elementary, Jamie Harrelson; Midway Middle, Jodi Ellis; Midway High, Brian Wallum; Sampson Early College High, Michelle Smoak. The top three finalists are Union Elementary, Pedro Carrion; Sampson Early College High, Michelle Smoak; Union Intermediate, Amy Tart (No Picture) The 2018-2019 Sampson County Teacher of the year is Amy Tart from Union Intermediate.

Clinton City Schools' Students of the Month for May 2018



L. C. Kerr School: Leanne Bennett- Grade 1, Butler Avenue School: Laken Montgomery- Grade 2, Sunset Avenue School: Austin Thirft- Grade 4, Sampson Middle School: Andy Underwood- Grade 8, Clinton High School: Jamid Williams- Grade 12

Sampson County School Nurses Recognized

Mrs. Carr recognized Sampson County Schools' school nurses at the May Sampson County School Board meeting held on Monday night. May 9th was National Nurses Day, which makes this month a great time to celebrate the specialty practice of school nursing. This year, the National Association of School Nurses (NASN) celebrates its 50th Anniversary and continues to recognize the contributions school nurses make every day to improve the safety, health, and academic success of all students. Students across the country are able to fully access their education due to the interventions and actions performed by school nurses every day. In Sampson County, we are truly blessed with nine outstanding school nurses. As the needs of our children increase daily, their work becomes even more vital in helping our schools develop the "whole" child. The days of simply applying band-aids and taking temperatures are gone. Every week these ladies travel between two or more locations, see thousands of students and handle a vast array of medical and social issues. Sadly, they may also be the only health care professional some of our students ever see. Please join me in honoring our school nurses for their hard work, dedication and commitment to Sampson County Schools: Kim Jackson, Michelle Williams, Kathryn Prater, Phyllis Lane, Cindy Mitchum, Cary Booyer, Marcie Faircloth, Beverly Bradshaw, Angela Flowers.





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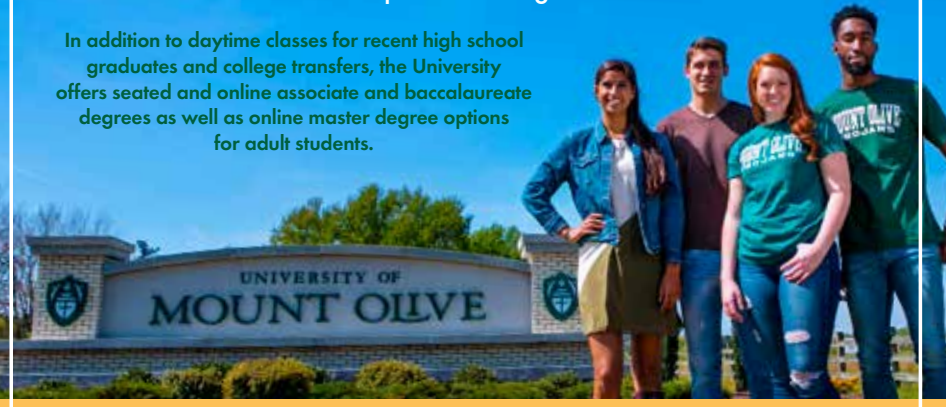
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05-25 William Henry Monroe, 45; 605 Airport Rd., Garland; Failure to Appear-Fishing without a License; Failure to Appear- Fishing without a License; Secured Bond \$400; Court Date 06-07

05-25 Madison Paige Johnson, 25; 271 Midway Elementary School Rd., Dunn; Possess Weapon of Mass Destruction; Possession of Schedule I Controlled Substance; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Secured Bond \$75,000; Court Date 06-01

05-25 Justin Lee Joyner, 36; 1229 Charles Newland Rd., Godwin; Order for Arrest/Failure to Comply- Child Support

05-25 Marlique Travon Taylor, 24; 7234 Old Mintz Hwy., Garland; 2 Counts: Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear; Secured Bond \$2,000; Court Date 06-06

05-26 Alexander McLean, 35; 406 B Jacobs St., Clinton; Larceny; Secured Bond \$1,000; Court Date 07-05

05-26 Jimmy Lee Smith, 67; 4051 Isaac Weeks Rd., Clinton; Assault on a Female; No Bond; Court Date 06-12

05-26 Malique Travon Taylor, 24; 7234 Old Mintz Hwy., Garland; Non-Support of Child Support; Court Date 06-05

05-26 Christine Elizabeth White, 25; 1614 Berriedale Dr., Fayetteville; Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear-DWLR; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 06-07

05-26 Janet Tatum Jones, 62; 2495 Delway Hwy., Rose Hill; Trespassing; Written Promise to Appear; Court Date 06-12

05-26 Kendall McNeil, 47; 103 Melodie Lane, Goldsboro; Trespassing; Written

Promise to Appear; Court Date 06-12

05-26 Anthony Dale Tatum, 52; 9495 Delway Hwy., Rose Hill; Trespassing; Written Promise to Appear; Court Date 06-12

05-26 Leon Griffin Jr., 50; 200 Crane Creek Lane, Clinton; Resisting Public Officer; 2 Counts: Flee/Elude Arrest with Motor Vehicle; Fail to Heed Light or Siren; Reckless Driving to Endanger; Secured Bond \$10,000; Court Date 06-01

05-27 Franklin Tirrell Hodges, 33; 450 Paul Ed Dail Rd., Kenansville; 2 Counts: Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear; Court Date 06-26

05-27 William Kary Ray Jr., 49; 199 Della Chestnut, Ivanhoe; Failure to Appear-Failure to Comply; Secured Bond \$315; Court Date 06-12

05-27 Amanda Joyce Carter, 49; 1820 Microwave Tower Rd., Roseboro; Probation Violations; Secured Bond \$10,000; Court Date 06-06

05-27 Cynthia Marie Perez, 32; 404 W Turlington St., Salemburg; Simple Assault; No Bond; Court Date 06-13

05-27 William Maurice Moore, 20; 230 Brantwood Court, Roseboro; Failure to Appear- Gun on Educational Property; Failure to Appear-Probation Violation; Secured Bond \$10,000; Court Date 06-25

05-29 Ashley Gene Fye, 24; 930 Minnie Hall Rd., Autryville; Failure to Appear- Resisting a Public Officer; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 06-04

05-29 Johnnie Paul Melvin, 41; 1631 Butler Island Rd., Roseboro; Failure to Appear- Possess Marijuana up to ½ ounce; Secured

Bond \$500; Court Date 06-27

05-29 Daniel Wayne McLamb, 26; 65 Elwell Rd., Garland; Fictitious Information to Officer; Unsecured Bond \$500; Court Date 07-19

05-29 Esther Mangual, 46; 27 Bumpy Lane, Clinton; Failure to Appear- No Operators License; Secured Bond \$1,000; Court Date 06-07

05-29 Alexander Cabrera Rivera, 24; 36 South Clinton Dr., Clinton; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 06-25

05-29 Jamesha Harris, 24; 924 Fiske Dr., Fayetteville; Failure to Appear- DWLR; Secured Bond \$1,000; Court Date 06-14

05-29 Christopher Earl Carr, 49; 865 Cecil-Odie Rd., Clinton; Animal Fighting; 3 Counts: Restraining Dogs in Cruel Manner; Cruelty to Animals; Secured Bond \$3,000; Court Date 07-24

05-29 Rodney Levell Carr, 19; 865 Cecil Odie Rd., Clinton; Dog Fighting; Secured Bond \$5,000; Court Date 06-01

05-29 Joshua William Corbett, 19; 4006 Reedsford Rd., Clinton; Dog Fighting; Secured Bond \$5,000; Court Date 06-01

05-29 Kobe Alexander Jackson, 18; 2500 Trinity Church Rd., Magnolia; Dog Fighting; Secured Bond \$5,000; Court Date 06-01

05-30 Jamie Ray Byrd, 25; 1971 Needmore Rd., Turkey; Fail to Work After being Paid; Secured Bond \$750; Court Date 06-06

Incident/Investigation Reports

05-25 Justin Turner reported a Burglary located at 8320 Keener Rd., Clinton. Item reported missing a TV.

05-25 Elmo Jones reported the Larceny of TV/ Stereo Equipment located at 87 Old Drag Strip Rd., Clinton.

05-25 Berry House reported the Theft of a Four Wheeler located at 6050 Minnie Hall Rd., Roseboro.

05-25 Starr Gibert reported a Burglary located at 164 Fred Tew Rd., Dunn. Items reported missing included an Xbox One, Xbox One Controller and a Xbox One Headset.

05-25 Jennifer Tadlock reported a Burglary located at 2116 Warren Mill Rd., Newton Grove. Items reported missing included a Xbox 360 and a TV.

05-27 Wesley Merritt reported a Breaking and Entering located at 116 Waterhouse Circle, Clinton. Items reported missing included beverages and hygiene products.

05-28 Stewart Clement reported the Larceny of a Zero Turn Mower located at 1493 Christmas Tree Rd., Dunn.

05-29 Leroy Fisher reported a Burglary located at 1560 Turkey Hwy., Clinton. Items reported missing Medications.

05-29 Dellie McDouglad reported the Larceny of a Wallet located at 6860 Turkey Hwy., Turkey.

05-30 Elizabeth Bryant reported the Larceny of a Checkbook Sheet located at 139 Buckhorn Creek Lane, Clinton.

05-30 Clay Strickland reported a Burglary located at 2284 Laurel Lake Rd., Salemburg. Items reported missing included hand tools and cleaning supplies.

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

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Deaths

-Michael Ray Arnette
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Marriage Certificates

-Gregory Dashaun Weathers to Tiffany Nicole Copeland
-Iwone Jermaine Maynor to Regina Ann Huffin
-Dusty Wayne McLamb to Amber Dawn Lucas
-Stephen David Cooke to Amber Michelle Piotrowski
-Alfredo Murillo Saldana to Maria Guadalupe Pina Lopez

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-Josue Rivera Lopez born on May 15, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Sulmy Lopez Mateo
-Diego Eduardo De La Cruz Villagran born on May 17, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Fernando De La Cruz Tuy and Yoselin Vanesa Villagran Hernandez
-Chloe Maria Quick born on May 17, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Cody James Quick and Jovana Berenice Lira
-Sawyer Graceson Phipps born on May 18, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to John Lacy Phipps and Christy Lynn Key
-Camellia Ariana Thomas born on May 18, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Allysha Mondreona Owens
-Joshua Leon Sanchez born on May 19, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Jessica Marcelina Sanchez- Cortez
-Landon Sebastian Tapia Manriquez born on May 19, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Porfirio Tapia Villegas and Maria De Lourdes Manriquez Rosas

Land Transfers

-Burgess Group Consolidated LLC/AKA, The Burgess Group, Thornton Logging Company to Karien Estevez- Lot Q-1 Community Development Dept North Clinton
-Louise Williamson Fann/TR, Louise Williamson Fann Revocable Trust to Jon Andrew Lehman- Lots 6A 0.16 Herring
-Alice T Surles, Rufus L Surles to James L Surles- Tract 2 9.64 Acres Newton Grove
-Balam A Burles, Mary W Surles to James L Surles- Tract 1 9.64 Acres Newton Grove
-Connie Denise Melvin Deaver, Yerrance Deaver, Connie Denise Melvin/FKA to Jose Moris Amaya- Lot 27 0.60 Acres Wheat Ridge Subdivision North Clinton
-Elizabeth Denise Sullivan, Michael Patrick Sullivan to Alana Glenn, William S Glenn Jr- Lot 15 Section Two Oaks Subdivision 1.07 Acres
-Elman C West/AKA, Elmond C West, Jane C West/AKA, Jane N West, Melissa Jane Naylor West/WTTA to Dewayne Beasley, Rebecca West Beasley, Elman C West/AKA, Elmond C West, Jane C West/AKA, Jane N West, Melissa Jane Naylor West/WTTA- 1.4 Acres Mingo
-Elman C West/AKA, Elmond C West, Jane C West/AKA, Jane N West, Melissa Jane Naylor West/AKA to Elmond C West/AKA, Elmond C West, Elmond Ray West, Jane C West/AKA, Jane N West, Mary J West, Melissa Jane Naylor West/AKA - 4 Tracts w/exceptions Mingo
-H Lawrence Sanderson/MGR, Warren Realty LLC to Penny Latimer Horne- Lot 6 0.17 Acres Villas at Birch Cove North Clinton
-Randy Steven Foster, Sarah Parker Foster, Jean Gale Parker Estate, John Rainey Parker III/EXR, John Rainey Parker III to Janice M Thomas, Theodore B Thomas-One Acre
-Free and Easy Farm LLC, Kenneth Nesbihal/MBR/MGR to Melissa H Hoff- 4 Tracts
-Lisa Nicole Peele Ferguson, Barbara Faye Tew Peele, Barbara Faye Tew Peele/EXR, Robert A Peele, Estelle McLamb Tew Estate-9 Acres Lot 1 Plainview
-Dwight Dean Miller, Terrace Patrice Miller to Covington & Shaw LLC- Lot B 0.04 Acres North Clinton
-April Victoria Alcorta to Jose Abram Alcorta, Marie Lynn Alcorta- Lot 2 1.07 Acres South Clinton
-Sharilyn T Weeks, William Anthony Weeks to Jeffrey F Fann, Melanie Brooke Fann- Tract 2 15.21 Acres North Clinton
-Sharilyn T Weeks, William Anthony Weeks to James S Jones Jr, Krista Underwood Jones- 1.4 Acres South Clinton
-Margaret Williford to John Davis- 2 Tracts Herring
-Ashleigh Reed Bowden, David Allen Bowden, David Allen Bowden/TR to Alyssa Bowden, James L Bowden- 2 Tracts w/exceptions Halls

-James Keith Jones, Leanne B Jones to Dale Lloyd Olson II, Peggy Jo Olson- Tract 4 4.94 Acres Herrings
-Annie Myrle Johnson to Aaron Johnson, Alyssa Paige Smith- Tract 3 4.56 Acres South River
-Annie Lyrle Johnson, Aaron Johnson to Alyssa Page Smith- Tract 3 4.56 Acres South River
-Howell Edwards Jr/MGR, Edwards Enterprises of Dunn LLC, Glenda N Tew, L Craig Tew to Craftsmen Construction/DBA, Danny E Norris, Joan L Norris- 3 Parcels Plainview
-David Wilson Stewart, James R Stewart, Sandra M Stewart to Seven Mile LLC- 80.75 Acres Westbrooks
-Dixiw B Ezzell/By AIF, Joanna Ezzell Farriss/AIF, Lisa Ezzell Lee/FKA, Lisa Ezzell Wheeler/AIF to Julie M Higgins, Ronald L Higgins- Taylors Bridge 5.48 Acres
-Willie Lee Blackmon to Clarence Lee Underwood- 0.53 Acres Lot 6 of the Leslie S Hobbs Austin Lands
-Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance Inc to Thomas K Bowden III- Lot 1 0.9 Acres Honeycutt
-Deborah Top Newell, Michael S Newell to Bertus L Brewington, Rosie M Brewington- 1 Acre Herring
-Deneice Elmore, Jason M Elmore to Deneice Elmore, Jason M Elmore- 7.06 Acres Plainview
-Scott Randolph Moore to WG Thornton & Associates LLC- Lot Franklin
-Peggy Bass Cottle, William T Cottle Jr to Sharilyn Tyndall Weeks, William Anthony Weeks-1.00 Acres
-Johnny C Pridgen Jr/ADM/DBN, Johnny Speer Jr Estate to Donna J Parter, Michael Parter- Lot 29 Country Estates Section Two South Clinton
-Gerald Donatien, Jeraldine Donatien, Pamela LaFaye Hobbs, Donald Jackson, Lenda Parker Jackson, Jimmy Joseph Parker, Annie Parker Toraine, Demonde Keith Toraine, Joseph Toraine, Mario Andre Toraine, Junius Wilson, Shirley Parker Wilson to Joy Diann Parker - Lot 1 1.66 Acres McDaniels
-Village Capital & Investment LLC to Secretary of HUD- Lot 11 Marianna H Shields Property
-Crystal L Carter, Crystal Lenora Carter, Justin Leslie Carter to Clarence Ross Kirven, Linda H Kirven- 2 Tracts North Clinton
-Michelle Elease Odom to Steven Haid Blackman- Tract 5 Bert Blackman Land Division 5.4 Acres Westbrook
-Elbert Spell Jr, Elbert Nixon Spell Jr to Marilyn Daughtry Spell- 2 Tracts Halls
-David J Conrad, Kathy Renee Conrad, Kathy Renee Packman/FKA to David J Conrad- Little Coharie
-F Sherrill Jackson Estate, Robin J Walston/EXR to RSZ Farming LLC- 45 Acres Piney Grove
-Donna King Britt, John P Britt, Linda King Watkins to Michael Orlando Mauriello- Lot Sampson
-Richard Winfield Adams/MGR, Sampson Bladen Properties LLC to Simpson Farms LLC- 163.1 Acres Little Coharie
-Ellen Stone Edwards, James Ray Edwards, Diane P Stone, Dwight David Stone to James R Holder, Tina C Holder- Lot 32 Stonehenge Subdivision
-Donald Edward Johnson, Linda P Johnson to Tracy Bass, Randall Malpass- 0.89 Acres
-Jeffery Ingram Darden, Paula Usher Darden to Jill Usher, Patrick L Usher- 6 Tracts
-Richard Winfield Adams, Sampson Bladen Properties LLC to Steven Devond Tew, Tammy Reeves Tew- Lot 2 8.15 Acres Little Coharie
-Aldrick Underwood, Angelia L Underwood to Jonathan S Pounders- Lot 8 0.65 Acres Meadow Land Subdivision Honeycutts
-National Asset Advisors LLC as Administrator, The Brady Impact Trust, Wilmington Saving Fund Society FSB as Trustee to Kristine L Harvey, Kristine L Harvey Roth IRA, Polycomp Trust Company CON FBO- 4.50 Acres
-Deborah S Hall, Gary W Hall to Arthur Robert Harris Jr, Maria Torres- Lot 3 Edwards Land Company Second Section North Clinton
-Suzanne Johnson, William Wood Johnson to Jazmin Oliveros Lopez- Lot 8 Sandy Acres Subdivision
-Linda Jones Lockamy to Amy Suzanne Tyndall, William Atlas Tyndall Jr- 1.97 Acres Belvoir
-Ann Fay Fryar, Jimmy Fryar to Omar Hernandez- 0.55 Acres South River
-Thornton Homes CO to Lorenzo Dean Smith- McDaniels 0.64 Acres
-Alicia Carr, William Carr, Tina Underwood Jackson, Alicia Underwood/FKA, Tina Underwood/FKA to Eva Rogers Underwood- Lot 1 JW Underwood Division
-Haley Ann Cooper/FKA, Haley Ann Cooper Rivenbark, Zachary Slate Rivenbark to Cecilla D Cumbo, Daniel Cumbo- Lot North Clinton

OBITUARIES

ROXBORO

Mrs. Mary Cleo Edmondson, 71, of Roxboro, NC passed away on Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at Canterbury House Nursing Facility in Roxboro. She was born in Sampson County, NC. February 18, 1947 to Needham Eldon and Annie Lee (Rose) Summerlin. She was the youngest of four children. She was preceded in death by brothers Larry A. Summerlin, Jesse S. Summerlin, her parents and two husbands. She attended grade school at Herring School and graduated from Midway High School in 1965. She worked as a nursing caregiver at John Umstead Hospital. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, June 9, 2018 at Hopewell UMC, 4641 Church Road, Newton Grove, NC. Pastor Adam Brinkley will officiate the service. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service beginning at 10 a.m. till 11:00 a.m. Cleo is survived by two sons, Jeffrey Alan Giddens of Charlotte, NC and Brian Thomas Edmondson of Roxboro, NC; sister, Anne S. Barham, Newton Grove, NC, a special cousin, Bobby Hinson of Newton Grove, NC, several brother and sister-in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins and an Uncle. The family wishes to thank everyone for the many acts of kindness shown to the family during Mary Cleo's illness and bereavement. West & Dunn Funeral Home, Newton Grove is assisting with the arrangements.



STEDMAN

Mr. Oddis Faircloth, 84 passed away Friday, June 1, 2018 at his home surrounded by his family. Funeral service was held at 6pm Sunday, June 3, 2018 at Butler Funeral Home Chapel, officiating was Rev. Tommy Honeycutt. Burial followed at Magnolia Baptist Church Cemetery. The family received friends from 5:00 pm to 5:45 pm Sunday at the funeral home before the service. He is survived by his wife, Virginia Faircloth of the home; son, Larry Faircloth and daughter, Susan Cooper both of Sterling, VA; 3 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; brother, Eugene Faircloth and a sister, Pearl Hairr both of Stedman. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home 6535 Clinton Road, Stedman, NC 28391.



STEDMAN

Mrs. Sharon Leann Fonk, 73 of Stedman, passed away Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at her home. The funeral mass was held at 3:30pm Sunday, June 3, at Butler Funeral Home, 6535 Clinton Road, Stedman, with Father Jack Kelly presiding. The family received friends from 2:00 to 3:15pm prior to the service. Following the service, the family had a luncheon at the Stedman Community Building, 335 First Street, Stedman. She was born February 18, 1945 in Kenosha, Wisconsin, to the late Casper John and Drusella Wagner Pfeiffer. She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 36 years, Micheal Ernest Fonk; her brother, Ron C. Pfeiffer; and her nephew, Randy Pfeiffer. She worked in vehicle manufacturing with Chrysler. She is survived by her son, Keith Micheal Fonk and wife, Charlene; her daughters, Justine Marie Fonk and friend, Scott Hoffman, Jodi Petersen and husband, Dave; her grandchildren, Shelbi Klein and husband, Bryant Sadlier, Codi Fonk, Matt White and Kaleigh, Mikey Fonk, Casey Petersen, Jacob Petersen; her brother, LeRoy Pfeiffer and wife, Linda; and nieces and nephews, Debra Pieruschka and family, Mark and Darci Pfeiffer, Rhonda Murdoch and family, Roxanne Goergen and family, Ron Pfeiffer and family, Connie Pfeiffer and family. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 6535 Clinton Road, Stedman, NC 28391.



ROSE HILL

Norman Earl Hardison of Rose Hill, NC departed his earthly home for his heavenly home on May 30, 2018 while in Fayetteville, NC. He was born on July 5, 1929 in New Hanover County to the late Ephriam Fennell and Eunice Marie Batts Hardison. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by one sister and three brothers. Surviving to cherish his memory is his wife—Joyce Jones Hardison; one daughter—Deborah Hardison King and husband J B of Fayetteville, NC; grandson—Jordan Bradley King and wife Anna of Wilson, NC; and great granddaughters—Hadassah, Trinity, and Selah. Mr. Hardison was a "quiet, gentle soul" who was very serious about his spiritual life and attended church at Rose Hill Baptist Church in Rose Hill for many years. Having worked in the church nursery for more than thirty years, he was lovingly called "Papa Norman" or "Uncle Norman" by many kids who continue to call him that as grown-ups. In high school he played basketball and was very dedicated to the sport. After high school he spent three years in the United States Army. In younger life he was an accomplished fisherman and more recently was a TV fan who liked travelling in the mountains of North Carolina. A memorial celebration of Mr. Norman's life was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 2, 2018 at Rose Hill Baptist Church. Family greeted friends at 12:30 p.m. before the service and at the home on 110 Canal Street, Rose Hill at other times. Family asks that, rather than flowers, contributions be made in his memory to the Rose Hill Baptist Church elevator fund.



DUNN

Mr. James Marshall "Jimmy" Hinson, Sr. 83, of Dunn died Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at Liberty Commons Nursing & Rehab in Benson. Jimmy was born November 22, 1934 in Sampson County, son of the late Harvey Thomas and Vada Lou Williford Hinson. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Thomas and Gene Hinson; and great grandchild, Abbygayle Harant-Norris. Jimmy was a 1953 graduate of Plain View High School, retired from the Dunn Fire Department and a member of the First Baptist Church of Dunn. He had worked for Godwin Building Supply in Dunn, Raynor Accounting in Erwin and The Hardwood Man in Angier. Jimmy loved sports and had attended many sporting events in the Dunn area during his life. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Friday June 8, 2018 at the First Baptist Church of Dunn with Dr. Len Keever officiating. Burial will follow at Greenwood Cemetery. Jimmy is survived by special friend, Liz Lee of Raleigh; his son, James Marshall Hinson, Jr. and wife Patricia of Dunn; daughter, Dianne Turpin and husband Wayne of Dunn; brother, David Hinson of Raleigh; sister, Margie Tart of Dunn; grandchildren, Kevin Hinson (Jessica), Dustin Hinson (Ashley), April Stone (Donald), Pamela Tucker, Magan Ellis (Devine), Rhett Sullivan, April Turpin (Sara), Tommy Turpin (Nina); and twenty-one great grandchildren. The family will receive friends 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the Skinner & Smith Funeral Home in Dunn. Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Dunn 309 W. Broad Street Dunn, N.C.28334.



CLINTON

Mr. Edmond Jacob Hobbs, 69, of 200 Ocracoke Lane, Clinton, NC, passed away Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at home. The funeral service was held at 2pm, Saturday, June 2, 2018 at Andrews Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Clinton with the Rev. Gerald Underwood officiating. Burial in the church cemetery. Mr. Hobbs is survived by WIFE-Evelyn Hobbs of the home; DAUGHTERS-Patrice Hobbs and Karenia Hobbs both of Warsaw, NC, Claudia Hobbs of Charlotte, NC, Joy Hargrove and Katrina McPhail both of Clinton, NC and Quaralend Lipscomb of West Virginia; SONS-Edmond Hobbs, Ricky Hobbs and Travis Hobbs all of Clinton, NC; SISTERS-Lillian Daughtry, Ernestine Hobbs, Eva Pearl Hobbs, Mary Walker and Linda Swinson all of Clinton, NC; BROTHERS-Jimmy Hobbs and Larry Hobbs both of Clinton, NC and Alford Hobbs of Raleigh, NC; 11 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Visitation at Worley Funeral Home Friday, June 1, 2018 Public: 1pm - 7pm.



AUTRYVILLE

Mrs. Julia Faye Naylor Horne, 70 passed away Monday, June 4, 2018 at Carolina Rehab of Cumberland in Fayetteville. She was born in Sampson County to the late Marvin Alec Naylor and Mary Laverne Faircloth Naylor. Funeral services will be held at 3:00pm Thursday, June 7, 2018 at Autryville Baptist Church, officiating will be Rev. Michael Bartlett. Burial will follow at Johnson-Brock Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 2:00pm to 2:45pm Thursday at the church prior to the service. She is survived by her husband, James W. Horne of the home; daughters, Cindy Ray & husband, Allen and Emma Liebengood all of Autryville; and 4 grandsons, Spencer Ray, Sean Liebengood, Chandler Ray and Cole Liebengood. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Butler Funeral Home, P.O. Box 638, Roseboro, NC 28382 to help offset the funeral expenses. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC 28382.



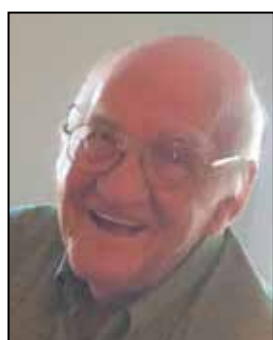
CLINTON

Mr. Joe King, Jr., 74, of 404 B Jacobs Street, Clinton, NC, passed away Sunday, June 3, 2018 at Rex Healthcare, Raleigh, NC. The funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 9, 2018 at the First Baptist Church, Clinton, NC with Elder Derrick King officiating. Burial in the Sandhill Cemetery, Clinton, NC. Mr. King is survived by his daughters, Michelle K. Smith of Clinton, NC and Kimberly Hemingway of Fayetteville, NC; son, Shannon D. King of VA; sisters, Janice King of Clinton, NC, Ethel Mae Sampson and Betty Boykin both of Newburgh, NY; 13 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. A Visitation will be held on Friday, June 8, 2018 from 1 p.m. - 7 p.m. with the family present from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. at the Worley Funeral Home, Inc., Clinton, NC. Online condolences may be sent to www.worleyfuneralhomeinc.com.



NEWTON GROVE

Faison- Clayton Sherwood Murphy, 81, passed away Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at UNC Rex Hospital. His funeral service will be held Friday, June 8, 2018 at 11:00 at West and Dunn Funeral Home in Newton Grove, North Carolina, officiated by the Rev. Stanley King. The family will receive friends prior to the service, beginning at 10:00. Interment to follow at Hillside Cemetery. Clayton, born in Sampson County was the son of the late Harvey and Ruth Murphy and was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Betty his parents, Harvey Clayton and Ruth King Murphy and siblings: Harvey Charles Murphy and Carolyn M. Harwell. He was a lifelong member of the Skeeter Point community, farming alongside his father and then transitioning to Carroll's Food Inc. in his later years. He continued to love gardening after retirement and could be found outside most days. He was the most devout husband and enjoyed 57 years of marriage. He is survived by his children, Joy and Kenn Thornton of Newton Grove and Jeffrey Murphy of Clinton; grandchildren, Georgia and Matthew Perry of Washington and Rachel and Bobby Iannuzzelli of Middlesex. Great grandson, Brycen Perry, Siblings, Shirley M. Lee of Franklin, VA, Jeanette M. Baker of Newton Grove, Hetty M Whitfield of Mt. Olive, Joyce M. Newcomb of Dudley, Margaret M. Nelms and husband Grover of Rocky Mount, Lynn M. Weeks of Faison, and Ann M Crawford and husband Murray of Faison and many loved nieces and nephews. Arrangements made by West and Dunn Funeral Home, Newton Grove, North Carolina.



CLINTON

Mr. Resson Oliver Faircloth, Sr. 80 passed away Saturday, June 2, 2018 at his home surrounded by his family. The funeral service was held at 11:00 AM Monday, June 4, 2018 at Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. John Hobbs and Rev. Dudley Neal officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Mr. Faircloth was born on August 10, 1937 to the late Willie Cornelius and Nina Sessoms Faircloth. He was a farmer and a veteran of the U. S. Air Force. He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Hilda Mae Hobbs Faircloth; two brothers, Jim Faircloth and Joel Faircloth and one sister, Minnie Frances Faircloth. He is survived by his wife, Pauline Spell Faircloth; two sons, Resson O. Faircloth, II of Dunn and John N. Faircloth of Clinton; one daughter, Frankie Mae F. Driver of Raleigh; grandchildren, Clif and wife, Brittney, Nichole and husband, Joseph, Allison, Sarah Mae and Trey; great grandchildren, Payton, Chason, EllaJoe and soon to be Raelee Mae; one brother, Bill Faircloth of Autryville and one sister, Faye Hall of Autryville. The family received friends from 6-8 PM Sunday, June 3 at Butler Funeral Home in Roseboro. Memorials may be made to the Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina, P. O. Box 127, Lake Waccamaw, NC 28450 or to the Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church, 1481 Fleet Cooper Road, Roseboro, NC 28382. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC 28382.



SALEMBURG

Mr. Otis Hobert Rierson, Jr., 85 of 848 Country Club Rd., passed away with his family by his side Friday, June 1st, 2018 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in Fayetteville. Funeral services were held Monday June 4th, at 2:00 PM at Salemburg Baptist Church with Rev. John Adams, Pastor Cindy Shelton and Rev. Bryan Strickland officiating, with burial following at Sunrise Memorial Gardens in Salemburg. Born on April 7th, 1933 in Stokes County, Mr. Rierson was the son of the late Otis Hobert Rierson, Sr. and Thelma Kallam Rierson. He attended Salemburg Baptist Church and was a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He was a Veteran of the U.S. Army and retired Banker with First Citizens

Bank in Greensboro. He loved his grandchildren, the beach and his Carolina Tar Heels. He is survived by his wife Judy J. Rierson; stepdaughter, Olivia Bullard and husband Jason of Roseboro; and two step-grandchildren: Jaycie and Mason Bullard. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: Caroline's Crew by visiting www.gofundme.com/pray-for-caroline. Condolences may be sent by visiting www.royalhallsfuneralhome.com. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Rierson family.



GARLAND

Mr. Eddie Franklin Robinson Sr. 84 292 Cain Rd., Garland, NC died Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at Rex Hospital in Raleigh, NC. Funeral service 2:00 P.M. Wednesday, June 06, 2018 at Carter Funeral Home. Public viewing will be on Wednesday, June 06, from 10:00AM-1:45PM. at Carter Funeral Home, in Garland.



YORK, PA



Ms. Selena Ann Bennett, 53, 118 Pleasant Acres Road, formerly of Clinton, passed away Thursday, May 31, 2018 at Pleasant Acres Nursing Home, York, PA. The funeral will be held at 3 p.m., Saturday, June 9, at Lisbon Street Missionary Baptist Church, Clinton with Rev. Thaddeus Godwin officiating. The burial will follow in Sandhill Cemetery, Clinton. The visitation will be held Saturday, June 9, from 2-3 p.m. at the Church. Online condolences may be sent to www.worleyfuneralhomeinc.com.

CLINTON

Mrs. Bessie Emma Mathis Vann, 73 of 1315 Apt. A Jasper Street, Clinton, NC died on Friday, June 1, 2018 at UNC Hospitals, Chapel Hill, NC. The funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Monday, June 4, 2018 at Andrews Chapel Baptist Church, Clinton, NC with Rev. Linda McLymore officiating. Burial in the Church Cemetery. Mrs. Vann is survived by a DAUGHTER-Tausha Renee Caldwell of Roseboro, NC; BROTHERS-Howard M. Mathis and Arther Samuel Mathis both of Clinton, NC; 2 grandchildren. Visitation was held at Worley Funeral Home Monday, June 4, 2018 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.



CLINTON

Willie Vale Hobbs, 71, of 102 Wilson Street, passed away on Wednesday morning, June 6, 2018 at his sister's home in Clinton. Funeral services will be held Friday, June 8, 2018 at 2pm at Grove Park Baptist Church with Dr. Gary Threatt officiating. Burial will follow in the Clinton Cemetery. Born on June 8, 1946 in Sampson County, Willie was the son of the late Vennie Bass and Jack Gibson Hobbs and a member of Grove Park Baptist Church. Willie was a long-time former employee with Fussell's Restaurant & Steakhouse and in 2003 he began working at Oasis Oyster Bar & Grill. He always had a smile on his face, enjoying the company of his customers and friends. He is survived by his sister, Paulette H. Mintz and husband, Kim of Clinton and several Aunts, Uncles and cousins. The family will receive friends at the home of his sister, Paulette Mintz, 102 Wilson Street, Clinton. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Tim's Gift, 108 Northeast Blvd., Clinton, NC 28328. Condolences may be sent by visiting www.royalhallsfuneralhome.com. Royal Hall is honored to serve the Hobbs Family.



CLINTON

Miss Jane Gwendylene Bass, 77, died Friday June 1, at Sampson Regional Medical Center in Clinton. A graveside service was held at 10 A.M. Tuesday, June 5 in Owen Grove Cemetery with Rev. Kim Strickland officiating. The family received friends following the graveside service. Miss Bass, born in Sampson Co., was the daughter of the late Carrie Thomas Bass and Annie Wise Bass. She was preceded in death by a sister Geraldine B. Dickinson. Jane was a member of Owen Grove PFWB Church. She is survived by her brother-in-law, James F. Dickinson and nephews, nieces, and cousins. Condolences can be made to the family online at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Owen Grove PFWB Church, 1085 Kitty Fork Road, Clinton, NC 28328. Arrangements by Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville Street, Clinton NC 28328.

CLINTON

Marvin Brown of 425 Dusty Road passed away on Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at Kitty Askins Hospice in Goldsboro. Services and burial will be held in Alabama. Professional services are entrusted to Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Service & Cremation.

CLINTON

James R Melvin, Age-61, 3072 Big Piney Grove Rd., Clinton, NC died Friday, June 1, 2018 at Highsmith Rainey Specialty Hospital, Fayetteville, NC. Funeral service Saturday, June 9, 2018 at 3 pm at Butler & Son Funeral Home, Roseboro, NC. Visitation: Saturday, June 9, 2018 1 to 3 pm. Interment: Warren Family Cemetery, Clinton, NC. Butler & Son Funeral Home, Inc. Roseboro, NC.

AUTRYVILLE

Mrs. Sadie McLaurin Williams, 87 of Autryville, passed away Friday, June 1, 2018 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. Mrs. Williams was born on September 15, 1930 to the late Archie Franklin and Rena Mae Faulkner McLaurin. She was a faithful member of Baptist Chapel Church. She worked at Salemburg Sewing Factory for several years and she and her husband owned and operated Williams Flower Shop in the Clement Community for 44 years. In her later years she worked around Williams Produce in Clement. She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years Nathan Thomas (N. T.) Williams, Jr. and a sister, Gernell Canady. She is survived by a son, Wayne Williams and wife, Rosemary of Greenville; a granddaughter, Tonya Williams and husband, Ron of Hertford; two great grandchildren, Kendall and Jackson; one sister, Betty Adcox of Parkton; two brothers, Robert McLaurin and wife, Mae of Goldsboro and Dan McLaurin and wife, Ann of Eastover. The funeral service was held at 3:00 PM Monday, June 4 at Baptist Chapel Church with Rev. Joey Cantrell and Rev. Alan Roberts officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. The family received friends from 2:00 PM until 2:45 PM Monday at the church. Services are entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.

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PUZZLES

The Weekly Crossword by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

1 Crack, in a way
 5 Breakfast staple
 10 Pool exercise
 14 Scowl
 15 Title holder
 16 Cartoon ant
 17 Not belonging
 19 Chamber group, maybe
 20 Teaser
 21 Word of welcome
 23 Snub, in a way
 26 "The Second Coming" poet
 27 Washer cycle
 30 Man of many words
 32 Quote, as a source
 33 Tartan topper
 34 Casual eatery
 39 Spoon or spatula
 41 Explain
 42 Word before "Pizza" or "River", in film
 43 Feathered scarf
 44 Hosiery shade
 45 Pour into a carafe
 47 Property title
 48 Kind of wool
 52 Roll-book notation
 54 Great injustice
 56 Kidney or spleen
 60 Split apart
 61 Aid
 64 Start the bidding
 65 Kind of trip
 66 Prefix for "normal" or "legal"

DOWN

1 Hoofbeat
 2 Happy ending?
 3 One for the road
 4 Noticeable
 5 Pinnacle
 6 One of Pooh's pals
 7 Cheaters, to teachers
 8 Hush-hush
 9 Grove growth
 10 Coffee bar order
 11 Courtyards
 12 Sharp end

13 Urban pollutants
 18 Driving danger
 22 Eagle's nest, alt.
 24 Bulletin board posting
 25 Kind of tradition
 27 Pond crud
 28 Compassion
 29 Suffix with social
 31 Flattened at the poles
 35 Golf course hazards
 36 Test answer, sometimes
 37 Ill-mannered
 38 Page for columnists

40 Move furtively
 41 Hoodwinks
 43 Watch the kids
 46 Diner bottle
 48 Razor sharpener
 49 Baloney
 50 Roof overhangs
 51 Calendar entry
 53 "Death Be ___ Proud"
 55 "Roots", e.g.
 57 Buzzing pest
 58 Something to build on
 59 Half-moon tide
 62 Down with the flu
 63 Hog haven

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STR8TS

No. 390 Medium

Previous solution - Easy

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

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

SUDOKU

No. 390 Very Hard

Previous solution - Tough

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

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| HEAVENS | HOLY | INSTRUCTIONS |
| LAND | LIVE | LORD |
| LOVE | MAKE | MALE |
| MISUSE | NAME | NEIGHBOR |
| OTHER | PEOPLE | PLACE |
| RESCUED | REST | SABBATH |
| SERVANT | SEVENTH | SLAVERY |

Nature Word Find

Just in time for Great Outdoors Month, find the hidden words in the puzzle.

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| ANIMALS | HIKING | SUNSHINE |
| BLOOMING | NATURE | TREES |
| FLOWERS | OUTSIDE | WEATHER |
| FRESH | PLAY | WILDERNESS |

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Get Scrambled

Unscramble the letters to determine the phrase.

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