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WEEKLY VERSE

Do not let any un-

wholesome talk come

out of your mouths,

but only what is

helpful for building

others up according

to their needs, that

it may benefit those who listen. Ephesians 4:29

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Inspired by One, **Created for All**



The events of a tragic day in early October 2017 have inspired tributes and memorials to a young man admired by many. Andrew Warren was a popular CHS student. He had completed his senior year in high school and was settling in as a freshman at NC State. He was just 19. But he was more than that to his Dark Horse friends. To them he would always be Lucky 13, the number on his soccer jersey.

One of those tributes to Lucky 13 is a permanent place at Clinton High School dubbed the Dark Horse Picnic Place. "It was the realization of a long-term idea," states CHS Principal, Dr. Steven Miller. He credits PTSO President Wanda Colman for much of the WARREN, see P. 4

Holiday Drug Bust Yields Multitude of Charges



LAKE







CHESTNUTT







BUTLER



WILLIAMS

On July 3, 2017, the Sampson County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant at 536 Harmony Church Road, Clinton, NC. The residence was a tar-DRUG BUST, see P. 3

Roseboro Native Emili **McPhail Crowned** Miss Virginia



McPhail will compete in Miss America in September

When Emili McPhail was crowned 2018 Miss Virginia on June 23 at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va., many in Sampson County erupted in cheers for the Roseboro native and Midway High

School graduate. McPhail, who is a recent Hollins University 2018 magna cum laude Graduate with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communication Studies and a Minor in Psychology, not only charmed the judges with her personality and intelligence but shared her passion for "Ending Hunger in the U.S." - her platform - and delivered a stellar performance from the Broadway musical, The Phantom of the

The former Miss Arlington will receive over \$20,000 in scholarship funds and compete in the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City, New Jersey this September.

Amazingly, McPhail took time out of her busy schedule to answer some questions from The Sampson Weekly.

Sampson Weekly: How nerve-wracking was the week before your crowning? Were you nervous?

McPhail: Truly, I don't remember feeling nervous. Because we were so busy during the week- we had the chance to tour Liberty and Bella Rose Plantation, as well as some rehearsals and events-I spent my time getting to know the other candidates. On finals night, I remember feeling a little anxious when they called me last for top 11 (before we knew they would add a top 12), but mostly I was at peace, because I knew how capable each candidate was for this job. I knew no matter who won the crown, the Commonwealth would be in good hands.

SW: It seemed like there was a great camaraderie and support with all the contestants, did you know a lot of the ladies coming MCPHAIL, see P. 3

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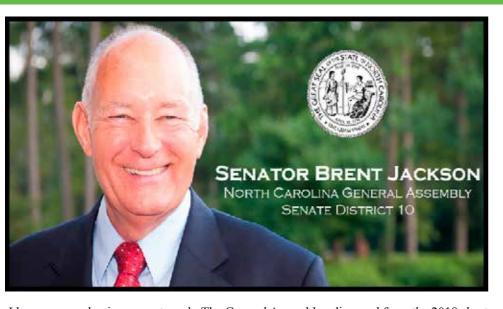
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I hope you are having a great week. The General Assembly adjourned from the 2018 short session last Friday, June 29th. We had a very successful session, and I am very proud of all that we were able to accomplish. Now that we are in the interim, I will be writing a bi-weekly newsletter.

I am happy to report that the House and Senate voted to override Governor Cooper's veto of the NC Farm Act of 2018, and the legislation is now law. I am very appreciative of everyone who assisted with getting this legislation passed, from all of the members who supported the legislation to all of the farmers who helped to have their voice heard, we would not have been able to make this bill law without your help, so I sincerely thank you.

I want to wish everyone a happy Fourth of July! While everyone is spending time celebrating with friends and family, I hope you spend time thinking on the significance of the Holiday. We live in a nation where we are all blessed to be able to enjoy life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. This is not something to be taken lightly. I wish you a happy and safe Fourth of July and would like to leave you with this inspiring quote from President Ronald Reagan, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it on to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free."

I want to thank my staff for their service to me, and to the citizens of the state and our dis-



trict. Above is a picture of me with them, Ross Barnhardt being on the left and Alex Fagg on the right. I truly appreciate their hard work and friendship.

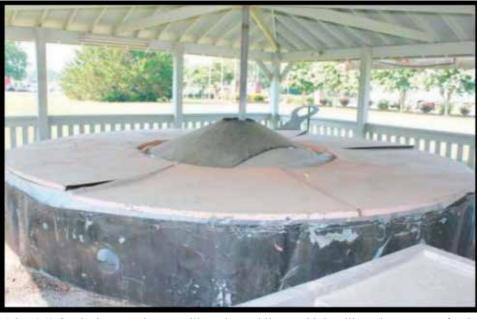
As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if I can assist you in any way possible.

From the District

Duplin County

World Largest Frying Pan to be Refurbished

A group of Rose Hill residents have recently decided to band together to help refurbish one of the most well-known tourist attractions in the state, the World's Largest Frying Pan. The World's Largest Frying Pan is a staple in Duplin County and is the face of Rose Hill. The Rose Hill beautification committee is heading up the effort to refurbish the pan, which will need a new metal skirting that goes around the large burner. It also needs to be repainted and have its surroundings replaced. The frying pan has been located in Rose Hill since 1963 and was built to honor the local poultry growers. The pan was first used on October



19th, 1963 for the inaugural Rose Hill Poultry Jubilee, and it is still used every year for the jubilee. The total costs of the renovations are estimated at \$8,500, and it is hoped to have everything completed over the next two months. If you are interested in joining the efforts through donations or service to refurbish the World's Largest Frying Pan, please call 910-289-2303.

Sampson County

Sampson Community College Project IMPACT Summer Program

Sampson Community College has partnered with the Telamon Coportation and its Project IMPACT (Improving Achievement for Children in Tobacco) program to give students of Sampson County a unique experience throughout the summer. Project IMPACT is an eightweek summer program for youth ages 10 to 17 and features a full day of hands-on activity and learning through creative arts and healthy living activities. Also, students will be able to learn of various career paths that are offered at the community college. Students will be exposed to a large variety of careers through exploration with the program. Telamon's goal is to teach clients to access resources in their community and learn how to overcome barriers to gain employment. Students will have the opportunity to experience a college campus, and have a chance to talk to students who attend Sampson Community College.

District Spotlight

Marlane Carcopo recently received the Community Leadership Award from Woodmen Life at a Wallace Town Council meeting. Mrs. Carcopo serves as the organizer for the well-known Carolina Strawberry Festival, which draws thousands of people to Wallace every year, and she was selected for the Woodmen Life award because of her service to her community and many hours of work and effort put forth for the citizens who attend the annual Carolina Strawberry Festival. Mrs. Carcopo has put together an effective and hardworking team as chair of the Carolina Strawberry Festival, and their commitment is noticed throughout the town and community. Please join me in congratulating Marlane Carcopo on receiving the Woodmen Life's Community Leadership Award, and thanking her for her service to her town, community, and attendees of the Carolina Strawberry Festival.

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



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LOCAL NEWS

MCPHAIL, cont. from 1



McPhail: I met all of the candidates beforehand at some local competitions and during our Workshop back in April. We become so close during the week because we spend 24 hours for those 6 days together laughing, learning dances, helping one another with hair and makeup, and supporting one another. It is a blessing to know each of the women who competed for Miss Virginia. They remind me why these competitions and the Miss America Organization are so important, because every young woman deserves to have a role model like these candidates- women who are not afraid to turn their dreams into ac-

SW: On the night of the event, how shocked were you when you kept rising with each cut? Also, how surprised were you when they announced the top 12 instead of 11 out of the top 30?

McPhail: The top 12 announcement was so exciting! Each of those women were so deserving and adding another candidate to the final competition seemed so appropriate. It was the greatest honor to continue moving forward in the competition.

SW: Did you feel that you left it all on the stage that Saturday night?

McPhail: I left it all on stage Saturday night. In fact, when I entered the auditorium to get ready, I remember feeling the greatest sense of peace which followed each of my performances. I knew no matter what, there was a plan for me, and it was my job to give it my all if I had the chance. I have prayed for this opportunity for so long, and this was my chance to make it mine. I hope in addition to my performance, I was also able to show how much this organization means to me.

SW: It must have been a mixture of excitement, stress, fun and a whirlwind week for you, what was your reaction as you were standing there waiting for the final results? When they announced your name?

McPhail: It was all fine until they called my name, because I knew Rachel Distefano would make a beautiful Miss Virginia. When they said, "Miss Arlington Emili McPhail," it took me a second to process, and then it hit me. I was so excited. There is a photo of me grabbing on to Cecili as she crowned me, because I was shaking so hard. In the next moment, I got to walk down the runway and see so many of the people I love, and who helped me prepare, cheering and smiling.

SW: Has it all sunk in for you yet?

McPhail: It's coming to me slowly. I actually went back and watched the competition and seeing the crowning moment definitely made it

SW: You got right to work with interviews and appearances, how exciting has it been for you in your first week?

McPhail: This week has been a whirlwind of moving, paperwork, phone calls and interviews in the best way. I have imagined myself doing this work, rehearsed what I might say, and imagined the type of Miss Virginia I wanted to be. I am grateful for the chance to put it into action.

SW: In addition to your platform, you are also very involved with the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals? When did you first get involved with the organization?

McPhail: I actually did not know much about the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals before competing (I was blessed with a healthy childhood). So, it was through the Miss America Organization that I learned the reach CMNH has, and how important it is across the country. I now know there are people in my life who might not be here with me without a Children's Miracle Network Hospital. I am grateful for the work they do every day, and it is an honor to serve them in any way possible.

SW: You are now in a great position to share your story with others, what do you want to accomplish during your tenure as Miss Virginia.

McPhail: My priority is for each person I meet to understand the value of the Miss America and Miss Virginia Organizations. We have experienced a lot of change in the past months, but ultimately, we are a program with a unique opportunity to offer thousands of dollars in scholarship to young women while they grow their personal skills and promote a social issue. I hope to inspire every person to find their passion through serving others. For me, that is working to End Hunger in the US by raising awareness of domestic hunger and connecting people with resources to end the cycle of hunger.

SW: Have you thought about competing in Miss America yet? Or is it too early.

McPhail: It's never too early! I think I have been designing my Miss America gown in my mind since I was in middle

SW: You have had so much support from your hometown - I know a lot of people made the trip to support you Saturday -How important has that support been for you personally?

McPhail: I would not be where I am without each person who has encouraged, supported and cared for me along the way.

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design and construction.

It was Coleman, owner of The Dance Shoppe, who termed the expression "Inspired by One, Created for All. And since it official dedication in mid-May, the Dark Horse Picnic Place has been used by many varying groups including students for lunch, out side lectures, study groups and faculty get togethers.

"It's a multiuse place," adds Miller. "It's located in a prominent place between student parking, the Media Center, and the Soccer Complex." And given Andrew's love of soccer, likely a place he stood many times during his four years at CHS.



"We wanted it to be a place that would get a lot of use. A place that would stimulate people's imagination. We wanted it to be a welcoming, happy place for all who have the opportunity to use it," said Miller.

Miller also explained some of the symbolism that could be easily overlooked if you didn't know Lucky 13. "There are 13 picnic tables, 13 large umbrellas and 13 Crape Myrtles.

MCPHAIL, cont. from 3



My support system are also the people that make long days and hard work worth it because I want them to know I am using everything they have given me to make a difference.

SW: What do you want to say to the people of Sampson County?

McPhail: While I have made my home in Virginia these past several years, I am so grateful to have grown up in Sampson County. SamCo has taught me to value community, hard work and perseverance, which has pushed me further in every step I have taken.

SW: Are you going to have a chance to visit your family here anytime soon?

McPhail: I will be making a quick trip back to NC to complete my move into my new apartment. In these next few months, I will be traveling to support Miss Virginia's Outstanding Teen Emily Kinsey at Miss America's Outstanding Teen and then onto Atlantic City for Miss America!

SW: Would you like to thank anyone in particular for their support?

McPhail: Thanking everyone might take up this entire newspaper! My mom, dad and brother have given me unending support- even for my dreams as big as becoming Miss Virginia! Each person who helped me with preparation, a mock interview, texted, called, prayed, or messaged me gave me the courage to continue growing and competing. I have a special thanks for Karen McClamb for the last-minute alterations and making my talent costume and Angela Martin who always reminded me I could do this.

I believe we are each handcrafted, and I am so grateful my life was made full of so much joy and love. It is my mission to share this across the Commonwealth during my reign.

McPhail will compete in Miss America 2019 that will be held in Atlantic City. It will be broadcast on ABC.

For more information click on to missamerica.org/miss-america-competition.

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DRUG BUST, cont. from 1

get of drug investigation involving the sale of selling heroin, crystal methamphetamine, cocaine, marijuana, and firearms. Subsequent to the search officers located trafficking amount of heroin, 118 grams of crystal methamphetamine, crack cocaine, powder cocaine, marijuana wax, pills, and several weapons including Glock semi-automatic handguns and AR 15 assault rifles. Officers arrested 6 subjects in the residence.

Kari Lynn Butler, 29, f Clinton, was charged with Trafficking heroin, Trafficking methamphetamine, PWISD heroin, PWISD methamphetamine, PWISD cocaine, maintaining a dwelling, 5 counts of possession of firearm by felon, 2 counts Cruelty to animals, Dog Vaccination. She was placed in the Sampson County Detention Center under a \$150,000 secured bond with a trial date of 7/13/2018.

James Carnell Brinson Jr, 28, of Clinton, was charged with Trafficking heroin by possession, Trafficking methamphetamine by possession, PWISD heroin, PWISD cocaine, and 7 counts of Possess firearm by felon. He was placed in the Sampson County Detention Center under a \$300,000 secured bond with a trial date of 7/13/2018.

Andrew Alexander Lake, 20, of Clinton, was charged with 7 counts Possess firearm by felon and placed in the Sampson County Detention Center under a \$15,000 secured bond with a trial date of 7/13/2018

Gabriel Shatel Chestnutt, 23, of Clinton, was charged with Possession of cocaine and placed in the Sampson County Detention Center under a \$2,000 secured bond with a trial date of 7/13/2018.

Christian Butler, 30, of Clinton, was charged with Maintaining a dwelling and placed in the Sampson County Detention Center under a \$2,000 secured bond. Trial date of 07/13/2018.

Brittany Nicole Howard, 29, of Clinton, was charged with Possession of cocaine and placed in the Sampson County Detention Center under a \$2,000 secured bond. Trial Date of 7/13/2018.

Myron Omar Williams, 35, of Erwin, was arrested on Harmony Church Road near the target residence for an outstanding warrant and drug charges. Williams was charged with PWISD Heroin, Possession of cocaine. He was placed in the Sampson County Detention Center under a \$20,000 secured bond with a trial date of 07/13/2018.

Most offenders were convicted felons with prior drug arrests.

Newton Grove to Celebrate Independence July 8th



Newton Grove's popular Independence Day Celebration has been a hit in recent years. And this year's Independence Day Celebration may in fact draw an even larger crowd than normal. Slated for Sunday, July 8th, Newton Grove's celebration doesn't compete with celebrations in other towns or beach trips by design.

Town leaders schedule their July 4th Celebration on the closest Sunday to Independence Day, giving people an option to celebrate with family and friends even if they spend the actual 4th at the beach or in larger cities. And doing so has worked out well for the small town with crowds over 600 attending the Sunday afternoon festivities.

This year's Independence Day Celebration in Newton Grove kicks off Sunday at 5pm in Weeks Park with the Little Miss 4th of July Pageant. There will also be live entertainment throughout the afternoon by the MikeMickXer Band. The Trio of the Triangle as the band has been called plays an eclectic mix of Reggae, Rockabilly, R&B, Country, Americana and Old-time Rock and Roll.

With a playlist including I'm Yours; Guitars, Cadillacs and Hillbilly Music; Ain't No Sunshine; and Snake Farm, MikeMickXer has quickly risen to become one of the most sought-after bands in North Carolina.

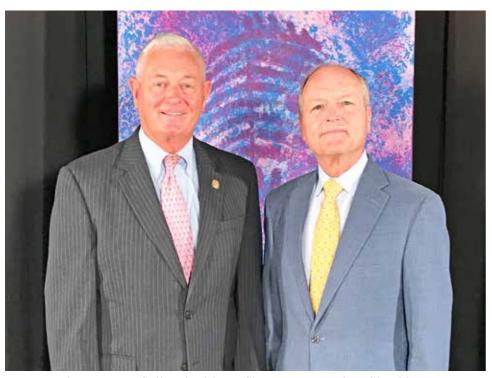
In addition to the live entertainment, there will be activities for kids and adults, including inflatables, and food vendors with funnel cakes, lemon aide, snow cones, hot dogs, sausage dogs and Italian Ice. Weeks Park promises to be a fun spot to spend a Sunday afternoon and evening while extending the Independence Day celebrations into the weekend.

And of course, a live fireworks show at 9pm will end the celebration with a bang.

Town leaders encourage everyone near and far to come experience a big Independence Day celebration in a small town with friends and family. And they express their gratitude to sponsors Hog Slat Inc. and Bleecker Automotive Group for making it all possible.

- LOCAL NEWS

We Should Know . . .



Judge Doug McCullough with JW Simmons, Host of We Should Know

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

The topic for this week's show is the Law and the guest this week is Judge Doug McCullough.

After earning a history degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1967 and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of South Carolina in 1970, McCullough served in the United States Marine Corps, retiring as a Colonel in the Marine Corps Reserves. McCullough worked as legislative counsel for New Mexico Senator Harrison Schmitt, as a counsel to the United States Senate, and finally as an Assistant United States Attorney in the eastern district of North Carolina from 1981 through 1996, when he left to enter private practice.

In November 2000, McCullough was elected to the North Carolina Court of Appeals with just over 50 percent of the vote, defeating incumbent Clarence Horton. In 2008, McCullough (via author Les Pendleton) penned a self-published novel called "Sea of Greed" which details the events that led up to the U.S. invasion of Panama, McCullough's prosecution of dictator Manuel Noriega, and one of the biggest drug busts in America's history.

JW Simmons begins the show asking Judge Doug McCullough to discuss the retirement of Justice Anthony Kennedy and what impact a new Justice nomination would have on ordinary people's life.

Judge McCullough explains, "I think that they should expect the president is going to pick somebody between 45 and 53 (years old) for that. Justice Kennedy was selected by President Reagan when he was 51 years old, and he served for 30 years which is a long time. But if you look at the Supreme Court it seems to foster old age. It's a job that doesn't require heavy lifting, but heavy thinking."

"I think what it will mean to the average citizen is that some of these decisions that have come along the last few years will be solidified and not overturned, and they will be the fabric of our law going forward. And we're not going to be in a situation where some other party gets to come in and say we don't like that decision we're just going to overrule it even though we have what's called Stare decisis. The rule that once a decision has been made then it's of precedential value and should not be overturned willy-nilly. There should be some good reason for overturning it, such as when they desegregated schools. That's a major event, but well worthwhile. But ordinary decisions should not be overturned just because I would have voted another way had I been here at the time."

Next, Simmons asks McCullough to discuss the NC Court of Appeals and the legation's desire to shrink the number of Appellate Court Judges in that body. McCullough begins, "I served on the Court of Appeals for the last 14 years just having retired last year."

"I can tell you the Court of Appeals is a very busy work-horse court for the NC Courts system. Of those cases that are appealed from the Superior and District courts, 95% of them end at the Court of Appeals. Once we make a decision, if its 3 to 0 (we sit in panels of 3) if 3 judges concur the losing party can ask the Supreme Court to hear it, but they don't have to and frequently don't. And so, its only in those cases where we disagree on the Court of Appeals that the Supreme Court must hear the case and must decide it. And that only happens in less than a third of the cases we hear. So, you can see if you're a litigant the Court of Appeals is probably going to be the final word in your case unless there is something really extra significant about it."

Simmons follows-up with a question on reducing the number of Appellate judges and its impact on caseloads. Judge McCullough explains, "Once you have a court that has a number not divisible by three that court is going to be administratively impacted."

"It's going to be very difficult to balance that workload out. We typically sit in panels of 3 and we have 5 panels each time we have court. So, we have 15 judges at work. Now if you have 14 judges what do you do. Do you rotate them in among 4 panels and make everything smooth and reduce the work output of the court because now you only have 4 panels hearing cases? Or, do you try to man that 5th panel by rotating one extra judge in. You have 14 so you just need to rotate one in to fill that 5th panel. Well then that extra work has to be done by this judge taking on the extra work, but he has no more resources to do that extra work. So, that work is naturally going to stretch out in time."

"We normally try to finish within 90 days of hearing a case, but you would see that time stretch. And what that means for the litigant is your case will be heard slower, you will get a decision later and that's not fair to the litigants. In fact, that was the primary reason that I resigned early, so that my seat would not disappear in that fashion and the Governor could appoint my successor to keep the court at 15."

Next, Simmons asks Judge McCullough if he thought the attempt to reduce the number of Appellate judges was a power move from the NC General Assembly. "That would be my take on it," states McCullough. "That they don't want this Governor to have any type of appointment power to appoint things that are routinely done by the governor."

"And you know, I'm at retirement age. I remember Governor Martin. Many listeners may not, but I remember Governor Martin when he had a democratic legislation and they allowed him to make appointments. But many people who are prominent in the judiciary today got their start by being appointed by Governor Martin back then, including our Chief Justice.

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LOCAL NEWS -

BRiX – Another Bryant Family Business



The Bryant Family is a busy family. Engaged in ministry, city council, education, civic work and local businesses, the Bryant family fills a lot of shoes. Recently some of the shoes have hit the BRIX, but its not the family members you might expect.

Bishop Darue Bryant and wife Darlene returned to Clinton a few years ago, along with their five children, and quickly immersed themselves into the community with ministry and elected office. Soon after it was local business with Wall St. Barbers Barbershop and 1K Productions Multimedia Company. And just recently the family added another business to their portfolio, BRIX Games & Sweets located at 108 Wall Street in Clinton.

BRIX is run by and was conceptualized by the Bryant family girls; Indyah- 20, Asjah-19, and Nyjah-18. But the two youngest boys also have a part according to Asjah, "Our little brothers, Judah-11 and Micah -9, do take part in watching over the videogames and eating the snacks."

Indyah explains how the business came about. "After our dad relocated Wall St. Barbers to Vance St., he presented us a with a business opportunity that we could do during the summer. We knew we wanted something that would involve the youth and that would be unique and entertaining. Being that we love playing games and eating, we knew we wanted to make that the main attraction of what BRIX was to become, so essentially, we all had the idea."

"At BRIX," adds Indyah, "we offer a variety of games, old and new, to incorporate all generations. We also have different types of snacks such as chips, candy, and ice cream. Our specialty item is Spanish Icees, a smooth and cold snack unlike anything around here especially because they are delivered directly from New York.'

What about the name? Nyjah explains that one, "We originally had the name 'Break' but while renovating the inside, I noticed there were a lot of brick walls. So, I suggested we call the place BRIX. We laughed at it at first, but we actually liked the name. The more we thought about it, it represented a solid foundation; something that our parents have always instilled in us to have. As far as spelling, we decided to play with the spelling and replaced the traditional 'ck' with an 'x'.'

But BRIX is not just a business venture, it also a way to give back and give kids a safe place to have fun. "Aside from the business aspect," says Asjah, "we acknowledged that Clinton is a small town and that there's not really any place here specifically for teens or kids to just hang out. We wanted to offer a safe and comfortable space for families to bring their kids instead of staying at home. BRIX provides a social atmosphere for everybody to chill without any space for social divisions.



Asjah adds, "During the summer we open Monday through Friday from 10am to 6pm. On Saturdays we open from 9am to 3pm. However, because 6 pm isn't when the day ends, if people are having a good time and are comfortable we are happy to stay open a little longer."

Meredith College, Asjah is a rising Sophomore at NC State, and Nyjah is a rising Freshmen at NC State. So, will BRIX be a summer only business, or will they be open during the school year. That

seems to be up to the community. Nyjah explains, "Since we are for the people, if that's

what they would like, we are happy to consider staying open after summer. It's open for

But the summer will end soon, and like the rest of the family, the Bryant girls are actually busy young ladies and all three will be away at college in the fall. Indyah is a rising senior at

discussion, especially because we would also be returning to school ourselves." "Lastly," according to Indyah, "even though we are very serious about business we aren't that strict or stiff because we are young. Although we like to have fun- we play our own games- we also make sure everything is at 100%. Our main goal is to provide for and please

the youth of the community. We aim to make them happy and consistent with BRIX. We

So, when looking for a little fun this summer, stop by BRIX Games & Sweets. The vibe is young, fun and hip; but there's a little something for everyone.

encourage suggestions and insist on satisfaction."

Operation Round Up Helps To Educate The Community

South River EMC's not-for-profit foundation, the Community Assistance Corporation, or CAC, awarded \$61,764 in Operation Round Up grants to local nonprofits and schools.

The following non-profit organizations each received grants for \$5,000: Transitions Life Care; Friends Fighting Cancer, Inc.; and the Clement Civic Center Inc. Other organizations receiving funding include; Godwin Falcon Fire Department, \$3,122; Suttontown EMS, \$3843; Gray's Creek Volunteer Fire Department, \$5,424; Wade Community Fire Department, \$3,000; and Herring Volunteer Fire and Rescue, \$1,500

Additionally, several schools received funding. These entities can apply for grants up to \$10,000. Schools awarded grants are; Hobbton Elementary School, \$5,000; Mac Williams Mid-



Herring Volunteer Fired Department: Chief Greg Wise

dle School, \$6,475; Hobbton High School, \$5,000; Midway Elementary School, \$10,000; and Sampson Early College High School, \$3,400.

"Operation Round Up celebrates 10 years of community care this year!" said VP of Member Services and Public Relations Catherine O'Dell. "These beneficiaries join an elite class of community-centric organizations that have been entrusted with funds to educate our children and support our commu-

Operation Round Up is a voluntary program that enables members to round up their electric bill to the next whole dollar. For example, if a bill is \$136.95, the bill rounds up to \$137



Hobbton Elementary School: Media



Sampson Early College High School (l-r): Teachers

and the extra 5ϕ is deposited into the CAC fund. Members can put small change together to make a positive difference in their community today, as well as providing better educational opportunities for the leaders of tomorrow.

South River EMC accepts and reviews applications on a quarterly basis. The next due date is August 17 by 5 p.m. Applications and rules can be found online at sremc.com. Always make sure you have the most recent copy of the application

South River EMC is a locally owned and operated electric cooperative, which provides electric service to 43,000 homes, farms and businesses in parts of Harnett, Cumberland, Sampson, Johnston and Bladen counties.



Hobbton High School (l-r): Carla Sutton, Danielle George and Principal Jennifer Daughtry



Suttontown EMS (l-r): Bradley Jackson, Thomas Jackson and Anthony Troublefield

Midway Elementary: Librarian Michelle Milliken

Michelle Smoak and Anna Gillespie

Making the Most of Local Produce

Fresh, local produce is in its prime, making now the perfect time to take part in the farmto-table movement. Whether you join a community supported agriculture (CSA) group or shop at your local farmers' market, it's easy to taste the elevated flavor profile of just-picked fruits and veggies.

Make the most of the season with these tips for storing, cooking and savoring fresh produce.

Plan, Prioritize, Prepare

Plan what produce you will purchase ahead of time. Many farmers' markets and CSAs distribute eNewsletters or flyers that highlight what's available. You can also search for seasonality charts in your region to get an idea of what items are at their peak, and plan accordingly.

Once you've shopped, prioritize your goods. Use tender greens and any ripe fruits and veggies right away. Roots, bulbs and squash tend to last longer and can be saved for later in the week.

Next, properly store produce to help to extend its life. If fridge space is limited, consider cooking down greens by either partially boiling or sautéing prior to putting them away, depending on what recipes you've selected for those items.

Smoothies, Sauces, Soups

Smoothies are a delicious, easy way to pack a lot of produce and nutrition into a meal. And if you're processing the toughest whole foods, like dark, leafy greens, be sure to use a high-powered blender such as the Ascent Series A3500, which offers five program settings, including one for smoothies. A recipe for the "Everything Smoothie," which incorporates a wide variety of produce found at your farmers' market, is available at vitamix.com.

Take advantage of tomato season, preparing pasta sauces to enjoy now or freeze for those months when they aren't readily available from local growers. Try adding red and green bell peppers, and even carrot shavings, to boost the nutritional value of a veggie Bolognese.

Soups make use of veggies now and later. Warm weather calls for cool concoctions like gazpacho or cucumber dill soup. A cabbage soup that combines hearty potatoes, onions and carrots can be made for cool fall nights or stored in your freezer for winter.

Use it Up

Remember that nearly all parts of produce are usable. Vegetables like beets, carrots, kohlrabi and turnips have edible greens that make an excellent addition to morning smoothies or a



nutrient-rich stir-fry. Compost any remaining scraps.

Don't be afraid of bruises or dents. Greens with slightly wilted leaves can be blended with a bit of water and frozen in ice cube trays for future use in soups or smoothies. If you see a great deal on fruit like strawberries or cherries, buy them and combine with sugar and pectin for an easy freezer jam, or dry them out for on-the-go snacks.

Shopping for whole foods at farmers' markets or joining a CSA is an opportunity to help local farmers and explore your culinary interests. The availability of specific fruits and vegetables ebbs and flows; capture each at its peak to enjoy the bounty throughout the year.



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FAITH -

Loving God Intellectually

My wife and I love date night. With two small kids, we don't get to do it very much, but when we do, we try to make the most of it. I have learned in almost ten years of marriage that when we get a chance to go out to dinner together, my wife likes for me to pick where we are going to eat. If I ask her where she wants to eat, she will respond with "It really doesn't matter." All men know that in wife language, "It really doesn't matter" is code for "It really does matter." I say that because, if I choose somewhere like Ruby Tuesday, then all of a sudden it does matter. I know my wife hates Ruby Tuesday, that's why I suggest it. My wife wants me to choose a place that she loves, like MiFinca or somewhere out of town like Red Lobster or Olive Garden. When I pick somewhere that she likes, it shows her that I know and care about her likes and dislikes. It shows her that I know who she is and that I know our relationship well. For her (and all wives), part of being a good husband is not only knowing her and loving her emotionally, but intellectually as well.

Part of loving God and walking with Him is not only loving Him on an emotional level, but an intellectual level as well. God created our minds in incredible ways, and when we use our mind to understand the depths and the riches of God's own knowledge, we glorify Him and grow closer to Him in the process. Before many people will take a leap of faith and trust Christ, they have a lot of questions that are honest, some that are cop-outs, and some that are stumbling blocks. Being a Christian doesn't mean all of your questions get answered, but it does mean that some questions don't seem that important anymore.

It's no wonder the Bible parallels our relationship to Christ to that of a bride and a groom. Before I got married, I had a lot of questions that no one could answer for me. Now that I was married, what would my relationship with all of my friends look like? How much time would I have to spend with her friends and family? What would my free time look like? How in the world can I be a good husband? But as I began to know my wife, grow in my relationship with my wife, those questions either worked themselves out or didn't seem as important anymore.

In John 7:37-38, Jesus compares himself to living water and he says, "Come to me and drink." If Jesus is living water and

we are to thirst for Him, what takes us so long to do just that? What takes us so long to surrender? I believe that part of it is our obsession with our own rebellion towards God. Romans 1 says that we don't think it's worthwhile to acknowledge our need for Christ. We'd rather rebel against the only thing that can help us escape a depraved, wicked life. The same passage makes it clear that God's patience will indeed run out on the unrighteous, and he will give us over to our darkened minds to a point that we will never love God, emotionally or intellectually. Those who are not called into light will never have that ability. Romans 2:5 goes on to say "But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgement will be revealed." Those words should stir us.

Romans 2 also goes on to say that the requirements of God are written on the heart of men and seared into our consciences. In other words, all people know deep down (even if they say they don't) that there is a God because their hearts and minds bear witness to Him. In response to this general revelation, we either reject him or love him. There are no in-betweens (Romans 2:13-14). Jesus gave direction for those to love him, specifically, how they should live him: with all their heart, soul, mind and strength (Mark 12:28-30).

So how does Jesus comparing himself to water relate to knowing and loving God intellectually? I think four things are implied from Jesus in John 7.

First, the water is a free gift. There isn't a price for the water that Jesus offers. The only condition is that one has to be thirsty. Thirsty for knowledge of God; knowledge that can only be found in the image of the invisible God – that is Jesus himself. Through Bible study and prayer, God is willing and able to answer our questions. This doesn't cost anything.

Second, the human soul has a thirst. John Calvin called this sensus divinitas; or a sense of divinity. In other words, our human souls long to worship something. Our minds will make up idols if we can't come to a true knowledge of Jesus Christ and we reject him. Jesus wasn't speaking of physical thirst, but of spiritual thirst. The soul that goes without God is like the body that works itself without water: it thirsts, becomes dehydrated and dies. No idols that we make to worship will



satisfy us like Christ.

Third, what Jesus offers us does indeed satisfy us. The aim of knowing more about God, studying His word, thinking and meditating on the things of the Lord should lead us to be satisfied in and by Christ. Everything Jesus did for humanity (miracles, enduring persecution, enduring temptation, being murdered and resurrecting) was to make us completely satisfied in Him.

Finally, Jesus Himself is what we drink. Jesus didn't say, "Come to me and drink what I have." Jesus doesn't just have what our souls need, He is what our souls need. Because of this, when Paul stood among Greek Philosophers at the Areopagus in Acts 17, he was able to urge the Athenians to discover Christ himself, not just a worldview or set of beliefs – he knew that the resurrected Jesus was the ultimate answer to life.

I don't know this to be a fact, but I like to believe this is the case. When Jesus compared himself to water, he had a philosopher by the name of Thales in mind. Thales was a philosopher that lived about 600 years before Jesus who taught that ultimate reality for life, motion, and matter was found in water. Thales thought that reality was held coherent because all reality was a form of water. Water can appear as a liquid, as a solid or a gas – and therefore since water had the power to do such a thing, Thales believed that all of reality could be connected to it.

Yep, Thales was right. Ultimate reality is found in water, though not material water, but in living water. We can love God intellectually because He is the ultimate reality that can be known in the person of Christ.



Will Matthews

WHICH IVY IS IT?

Summertime is here! And all the fun things that it brings with it! Like spending time outdoors in the fresh air and sunshine, that is heavenly. So much to do – hiking, swimming, playing, boating, and gardening, just to name a few.

The beautiful flowers of summer give us such joy. But summer also brings work as well. Things like mowing grass and pulling weeds. Not much fun but they have to be done.

Now along with all these summer activities, fun and not so much fun, being outside to do them can be hazardous. Things like mosquitos and yellow flies love to bite and make us itch. Wasps, bees, and yellow jackets can deliver a painful sting. Ticks and red bugs are on the prowl. And let's not forget my worst nightmare – snakes! Snakes are slithering around and must be watched for!



But one summer hazard that can leave you in an awful mess doesn't fly, crawl, or slither. In fact, it stays put, just waiting for a poor unsuspecting victim to come along and fall into its clutches. I am talking about Poison Ivy! And it can leave a person in dire straits!

Yes, this innocent looking green vine is in fact a green monster that will leave you itching and blistered. Talk about miserable! It is best to avoid Poison Ivy at all costs!

Some people however don't know how to recognize poison ivy and that can lead to a very unpleasant experience! Grab a handful of it as you are pulling weeds, not realizing what you have, rub your eye or scratch your nose and, oh boy, you have set out upon the road to torment!

I recently posted a picture in a garden group I am in on Facebook. A picture of regular ivy growing in my hard in an old-timey wash pan. I was astonished when several people commented and asked me if I was growing poison ivy!

Now I really had to scratch my head on that one! Who in their right mind would deliberately grow poison ivy? "No," I answered. It is just regular old wild ivy that decided it liked my wash pan turned flower pot and decided to grow there. I kinda liked it so I left it!

I was amazed that grown folks obviously couldn't tell wild ivy from poison ivy. I don't know how country folks would make it through the summer without that knowledge.

When I was a little girl of about six years old, my Grandma Merritt taught me how to tell the difference between the two ivy cousins. She taught me a little rhyme about the ivy leaves. It goes like this – Leaves of five, let it thrive. Leaves of three, let it be! It simply means if the ivy leaves have five points on them, it is just plain old ivy and it won't bother you. But, if the ivy leaves have three points on them, don't touch it; it's poison ivy! And you will be sorry if you touch it!

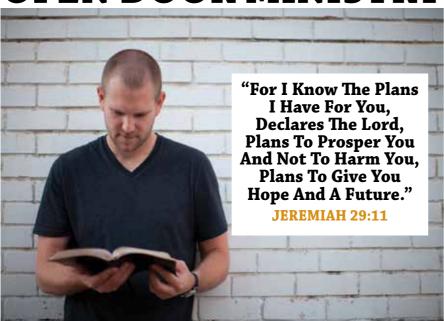
I have known since I was little how to tell the difference between the two ivies, thanks to my granny who was a country granny! I put this little ditty on my post of the ivy in the wash pan. Hopefully, it will educate some folks in the fine art of ivy identification!

So, if you encounter ivy in this wonderful summertime, don't fret. Just remember this little rhyme and you will know instantly if you have encountered the angel ivy or the demon ivy. And you can protect yourself from the consequences of an accidental run in with the poison ivy!



Sometimes it's really god to know a little country knowledge! Carolyn Horrell Mintz

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What's Happening SCT

By Angela Martin

Hairspray Opens!

Hairspray the Musical takes the stage this week, bringing 60 community members singing and dancing into your hearts. This beloved musical comedy tells the story of Tracy Turnblad, a young girl who dreams of performing on the Corny Collins Show. Through wanting to fit in, Tracy also is able to shed light on segregation and helps to integrate the dance show she wants to be a part of. This production will give you two hours of laughter, great music and an energized cast. We hope that you can spend one of your next weekends with us. This production was originally performed in 2013 and because of its popularity we brought it back five years later. There are some familiar faces and some new ones but this show and is message is perfect in 2018. Our performances are as follows: July 6-15 with 10 performances. Fridays - July 6 and 13 begin at 7:30 pm and on Saturdays and Sundays we have a double feature. Each of our Saturdays and Sundays, July 7,8,14 and 15 - the production will be at 2:30 and 7:30 pm. Our show is sponsored by Performance Automotive and is being directed by Angela Martin.

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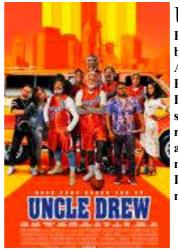


ANTMAN AND THE WASP

Rated PG-13 for some sci-fi action violence

In the aftermath of "Captain America: Civil War," Scott Lang (Rudd) grapples with the consequences of his choices as both a Super Hero and a father. As he struggles to rebalance his home life with his responsibilities as Ant-Man, he's confronted by Hope van Dyne (Lilly) and Dr. Hank Pym (Douglas) with an urgent new mission. Scott must once again put on the suit and learn to fight alongside The Wasp as the team works together to uncover secrets from their past.

> 7/06/18 through 7/11/18 2:00p 5:00p 8:00p



UNCLE DREW

Rated PG-13 for suggestive material, language and brief nudity

After draining his life savings to enter a team in the Rucker Classic street ball tournament in Harlem, Dax (LilRel Howery) is dealt a series of unfortunate setbacks, including losing his team to his longtime rival (Nick Kroll). Desperate to win the tournament and the cash prize, Dax stumbles upon the man, the myth, the legend Uncle Drew (NBA All-Star Kyrie Irving) and convinces him to return to the court one

7/06/18 through 7/11/18 1:30p 3:45p 6:00p 8:15p



THE FIRST PURGE

Rated R strong disturbing violence throughout, pervasive language, some sexuality and drug use

Behind every tradition lies a revolution. Next Independence Day, witness the rise of our country's 12 hours of annual lawlessness. Welcome to the movement that began as a simple experiment: The First

> 7/06/18 through 7/11/18 1:30p 4:00p 6:30p 8:50p



FALLEN KIN

Rated PG-13 for ntense sequences of science-fiction violence and peril

It's been three years since theme park and luxury resort Jurassic World was destroyed by dinosaurs out of containment. Isla Nublar now sits abandoned by humans while the surviving dinosaurs fend for themselves in the jungles.

> 7/06/18 through 7/11/18 1:45p 4:45p 7:45p



Incredibles 2

Rated PG for action sequences and some brief mild

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

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FAMILY FEATURES

The season of warm summer nights and bright sunny days calls for equally vibrant meals. As the season of entertaining continues, many at-home chefs are searching for exciting and flavorful meals to feed their

According to Mintel's 2018 US Flavor Trends Report, consumers continually seek to be more adventurous with their palates by trying ethnic flavors, such as those found in Asian cooking. When the hotter summer weather calls for light, fresh snackable fare, give Asian small plates a try.

Have a go at a variety of flavorful appetizers like dippable Chinese Shrimp Potstickers, which pair perfectly with a savory Thai Chicken Satay and Light Cucumber Salad. Round out your meal with a satisfying Korean Beef Bulgogi and Kimchi over Sticky Rice, featuring irresistible and exotic flavors that can have your guests

To create impressive meals with a variety of ingredients, incorporate an option such as Nakano clean-labeled rice vinegars, which are available in seven varieties and feature easy-to-read labels showing no more than six real, recognizable ingredients to help enhance the flavors of summertime dishes.

For more fresh and flavorful summer dishes, visit NakanoOrganic.com.

Thai Chicken Satay with **Light Cucumber Salad**

Prep time: 25 minutes, plus iaunig Cook time: 5 minutes Servings: 4 (about 4 skewers per serving)

Cucumber Salad:

- 1/3 cup Nakano Roasted Garlic Rice Vinegar 2 tablespoons sugar
- teaspoon toasted
- sesame oil teaspoon red
- pepper flakes teaspoon salt 1/2 thinly sliced English
- cucumber thinly sliced carrot
- thinly sliced scallion cup chopped peanuts,

for garnish

Chicken Satay:

- 15 bamboo skewers tablespoons soy sauce
- tablespoon peanut oil teaspoon toasted
- sesame oil
- tablespoons Nakano Organic Original Seasoned Rice Vinegar

- 1 teaspoon minced fresh ginger 1/2 teaspoon ground
- 2 teaspoons ground
- pound thinly sliced chicken breast
- fresh cilantro, for garnish

Peanut Sauce:

- 1/4 cup scallions, chopped 2 tablespoons chopped
- cilantro
- teaspoon minced jalapeno
- teaspoon minced garlic
- 1/2 teaspoon minced ginger cup smooth peanut
- butter tablespoon toasted sesame oil
- tablespoons Nakano **Roasted Garlic**
- Rice Vinegar 2 teaspoons lime juice
- 3/4 cup coconut milk tablespoons hoisin sauce
- tablespoons honey chopped peanuts, for garnish

To make Cucumber Salad: In large bowl, combine roasted garlic rice vinegar, sugar, toasted sesame oil, red pepper flakes and salt. Add cucumbers, carrots and scallions. Cover bowl and marinate 15 minutes. Garnish with chopped peanuts.

To make Chicken Satay: In dish, soak bamboo skewers. In large bowl, combine soy sauce, peanut oil, toasted sesame oil, seasoned rice vinegar, ginger, coriander, turmeric and thinly sliced chicken breast. Cover bowl and marinate

To make Peanut Sauce: In food processor, process scallions, cilantro, jalapeno, garlic, ginger, peanut butter, toasted sesame oil, roasted garlic rice vinegar, lime juice, coconut milk, hoisin sauce and honey until smooth. Garnish with chopped peanuts.

After 2 hours of marinating, skewer chicken. Heat grill or grill pan to medium heat and cook 2 minutes on each side. Garnish with cilantro and serve with Peanut Sauce and Cucumber Salad.

Korean Beef Bulgogi and Kimchi over **Sticky Rice**

Prep time: 15 minutes, plus marinating Cook time: 15 minutes Servings: 6 (about 1 cup per serving)

- 3 tablespoons light soy sauce
- tablespoons dark brown sugar
- tablespoons Nakano
- Natural Rice Vinegar
- tablespoon toasted sesame oil
- minced cloves garlic 1/4 cup grated red apple
- 1 teaspoon minced fresh ginger black pepper
- ounces thinly sliced rib-eye steak
- tablespoon canola oil cups sticky rice tablespoons Nakano
- Original Seasoned Rice Vinegar 1/2 cup kimchi, prepared
- tablespoon toasted
- sesame seeds scallion, sliced
- red jalapeno, sliced 1/4 cup carrots, julienned

In large bowl, combine light soy sauce, dark brown sugar, natural rice vinegar, toasted

sesame oil, garlic, apple, ginger and black pepper. Add in steak slices and cover bowl. Marinate 1 hour.

After marinating, in large nonstick skillet over mediumhigh heat, heat canola oil. Add steak slices and sear, reserving marinade. Once browned, add marinade and cook 1 minute, or until slightly thickened.

Cook sticky rice according to package instructions and sprinkle on seasoned rice vinegar. Serve beef bulgogi over sticky rice and garnish with kimchi, sesame seeds, scallions, red jalapeno and carrots.



Chinese Shrimp Potstickers

Chinese Shrimp Potstickers

Cook time: 10 minutes

Prep time: 25 minutes

Servings: 6 (4 potstickers per serving)

- 24 wonton wrappers 8 ounces large raw shrimp, peeled,
- deveined and chopped 3 tablespoons minced scallions
- 4 canned water chestnuts, minced (approximately 1/8 cup)
- 1 tablespoon oyster sauce
- tablespoons Nakano Original Seasoned Rice Vinegar, divided
- 2 tablespoons peanut oil 2 tablespoons water, plus additional for wonton wrappers pinch of salt pinch of pepper

2 tablespoons soy sauce

2 teaspoons toasted sesame oil

To make potstickers: Set aside wonton wrappers. In large bowl, combine shrimp, scallions, water chestnuts, oyster sauce, 1 tablespoon seasoned rice vinegar, peanut oil, water, salt and pepper. Fill one wonton wrapper with 1 teaspoon filling.

Lightly wet edges of wonton wrapper with water, fold into triangle and pinch edges closed. Repeat with remaining wonton wrappers and filling.

In large skillet over medium-high heat, heat peanut oil. Place potstickers in skillet and cook until golden on bottoms. Once browned, add 2 tablespoons water to skillet, cover and cook 4 minutes until steamed. Remove lid and cook until water has evaporated.

To make dipping sauce: In medium bowl, combine soy sauce, remaining seasoned rice vinegar and sesame oil.



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With 'Knowlydge' Comes Great Power



Clinton High senior football standout excited for another successful season

Knowlydge Evans has had a busy summer so far.

The 17-year-old Clinton High School football standout has been hitting the working out with the Dark Horses, learning a new offense and defense and preparing for his upcoming final year of high school, which he plans on enjoying to the fullest.

"That is all we have talked about since we started this summer," the running back, quarterback and defensive back said. "We want to come in this year and have fun, win games and go back to the state playoffs ..."

Evans, who, in his first-ever playoff game last November ran for 166 yards, said that the seniors on the team want to finish the year strong and have expectations of playing for the NCHSAA 2-A State Championship ring.

"That has been our mentality from day one," he said. "All of us, we want to go deep in the playoffs and hopefully, play for that ring."

And by the way things look this summer, the Dark Horses will be doing just that.

"Everything is just going great," Evans said. "I think we have a lot of talent and you have to have great chemistry, which is something that we have plenty of."

The team is coming into the season with new senior leaders and a new head coach, Cory Johnson.

"We are running a new offense and defense,"

notes Evans. "The whole team really likes Coach Johnson, so the transition has been really smooth. He has come in and has the philosophy of if you want to be coached, act like you want to be coached and everyone here wants to be coached."

Evans said that he has already formed a solid relationship with Johnson.

"It's going really good," he said. "Me and coach Johnson have a good bond with each other. All of the coaches have really been supportive and that is not just with me, it is with everyone."

Johnson shares his praise of Evans.

"He hasn't missed a day of summer," the coach said. "He is a great kid, who has been nothing but a leader at practice. I am very proud of him."

This week, Evans has been named the Performance Auto/Sampson Weekly Star Athlete of the Week.

"I am really surprised," Evans said. "I really had no idea until this morning ... I really appreciate it."

In addition to getting acclimated to a new coach, as well as his leadership role, Evans admits that he had a little trouble getting used to the new offense and defense early on.

"It was a bit frustrating at the beginning, but I had a lot of support from my boys and as it went on I was able to get more confidence."

Being called a 'leader' on the Dark Horses is something that Evans takes seriously.

"It really releases the pressure off of my shoulders," he says. "But it is important for me to continue to grow and learn new things so that I can share what I have learned and teach others."

He adds, "I'm a leader but I am just one of many on this team."

Born and raised in Clinton, Evans said in November that he began his foray into sports when he was younger.

"I played recreation football, starting with flag football and then worked my way up," he said. "I also played basketball."

Around middle school, Evans got serious about football.

"I would go watch the high school team play and I knew one day that I would play here," he said. "I played basketball, but only to stay in shape. My focus was on football."

His dream, he said, is to one day play in the

National Football League.

But he is also serious about his education.

"I really don't know what I want to study right now, I am still undecided," he admits. "But I do know that I want to go a get my degree. If I had a dream college to attend, I think I would want to go to the University of Florida and be a Gator, I have always been a fan."

The 5-foot 8-inch, 194-pound Evans has already garnered looks from nearby colleges but wants to choose carefully.

For right now though he plans on making his senior year a memorable one.

"I think that we are going to surprise a lot of teams," he said. "This offense is Taylor-made to gain yardage - that is how it is designed. That is all Coach Johnson wants to do - is gain yards and we have the people that are in the right places to do just that. It has been very exciting for me ... I just don't think other teams will be expecting it."

The team has been working hard in the weight room.

"We have a day of upper body; a day of lower body and a day of full body workouts," he said. "Coach has made it easier for us by letting us come in early in the morning, so we are not in the heat so much. It's been going really well."

In addition to football, Evans said that he plans on trying out for basketball and possibly track this school year.

of it as well," he says. "I know a lot of people are counting on me and I want to be sure that I am doing my best. I want to keep building on that."

"I want to be a leader not just on the field but off

Evans knows how important that is, since he was once was one of those kids who went to the high school games and watched his favorite players.

"If I can inspire just one of those kids to do their best and be the best that they can be in life, then that just really warms my heart and soul," he said.

In addition to his entire family and teammates, Evans said that he would like to thank coach Johnson and the Dark Horse coaching staff for all of their support.

He also wanted to thank his "boys".

"I would really like to thank the guys who really lifted me up and have kept me going," he said. "So, I want to thank Jaivah, Dante, Muhammad, Jaivon, Nehemiah and Jalen. They have really been there for me and keep me up when I got frustrated early on, I just appreciate them."

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EDUCATION -

UMO Graduate Transforms Young Lives in Clinton City Schools

When Heather Jordan of Clinton looks back on her time at the University of Mount Olive (UMO), she realizes how much of an impact it has made on her as an educator.

"I was very lucky to go to UMO. It is a diverse school filled with different people from many different backgrounds and cultures. I've learned so much from them. I am passing that knowledge on to my students to help them develop their cultural awareness," Jordan explained.

Jordan graduated in 2016 with a degree in elementary education. She now works as a fourth grade teacher at Sunset Avenue School in Clinton.

"I have always loved working with children, and I have had very inspirational and supportive teachers growing up," Jordan said.

One of Jordan's biggest inspirations throughout her educational journey has been her family. "My father has always told me that my education comes first, my mother has always puts her children before herself, and my older brother has always been there for me no matter what."

When it comes to teaching, Jordan has found that the most enjoyable aspect is getting to know her students on a personal level. "I love learning about their interests and personalities, because that helps me teach them. I'm able to pull their interests into lessons, keeping them engaged."

One of her students said, "Ms. Jordan always asks us about our day, and really listens to us."

One way Jordan keeps her students engaged is creating different environments for them. She has found that her students respond well to this technique. "I love doing room transformations! After reading a novel, I transform my classroom into one of the scenes from the story. Even though the students are studying, they are engaged, because they are in a different environment, and it is something new and exciting to them."

Her students agree. One student said, "We have so much fun in Ms. Jordan's class." Another commented, "I like Ms. Jordan a lot."

As an educator, Jordan is faced with the challenges that arise when working in the school system. She believes one of the most pressing challenges in education today is support. "I truly believe that it takes a village to raise a child. Parents need our support, and we need their

support," Jordan said.

Jordan's students are her biggest motivators to keep improving her skills in the classroom, and she feels very fortunate to be in a position where she can shape the minds of young children. "At times this can feel very overwhelming, but the rewards of teaching a child and getting that 'aha' moment outweigh the stress."

Jordan has seen the influence of her alma mater not only in her education, but in her personal life as well. "I have met some of my best friends at UMO, and would

we have high expectations from him as well."

not trade my time with them for anything!" Sunset Avenue Principal Vanessa Brown is also appreciative to UMO. "It is great being able to recruit and retain quality teachers from the University of Mount Olive. Ms. Jordan is a prime example. Last year Ms. Jordan was one of two teachers selected to attend the Ron Clark Academy in Atlanta. She was so excited about what she learned. She has incorporated many

As Jordan continues to impact lives as a teacher, she remembers how much her life has been impacted by UMO.

of the techniques into her daily teaching practices. We've just hired another UMO grad, and

"I am so thankful for my UMO experience. It has transformed me into the educator that I am today," she concluded.

SCC Instructor's Four Decades of Service

Odds are if you are an adult in Sampson County, you have taken a class offered by Paul Wolf. Wolf, a Psychology instructor at Sampson Community College, has taught here for 38 years. The college just celebrated its 50th Anniversary last year and Wolf has been there for most of

Things have changed quite a bit since I first got here," says Wolf. "In my early days there were only two buildings on this campus. Now there are several. The student population has changed and we have more diversity on campus."

Wolf says he too has had to change. "Your teaching methods have to change to keep up with the times. Technology changes and you have to adapt to keep moving forward. This has been a real adventure." Wolf says for a long time he just did not feel like it was time to retire. His wife, also a former instructor at SCC, retired a few years ago and now he felt the time was right.

Lew Gravis, Sociology instructor for 27 years and a colleague of Wolf, says the two became fast friends. "Paul knows how obsessed I am w neatness and organization," says Gravis. "I came in to work on my birthday one year and everything in my office had been switched around. Pens had different caps, my computer keyboard was unplugged and everything was out of place. I knew it was him."

State employee retirement regulations dictate that an employee in the North Carolina system cannot return to employment within six months after they retire. After that time, if an employee wishes to work and the employer has a need, the employee can serve in some capacity for the employer. Wolf has not ruled that out in the future.

"There were lots of people, some here still and some not," he says. A lot of them worked many years to establish what we now know as Sampson Community College. I hope as we hand off the baton they continue to invest time and effort into the college to make it even better in the



Sampson Community College President, Dr. Bill Starling (L) makes a presentation at Wolf's retirement ceremony.

New UMO President Begins First Week on the Job



The University of Mount Olive's new president is on the job. Dr. David L. Poole begins his tenure as the institution's fifth President this week.

Poole earned his doctorate from California State University Fullerton and he is a graduate of the Harvard Institute for Educational Management. He has over 36 years of experience in the business and education environment with significant experience in academic and enrollment management, marketing administration, operations, customer relationship management, information technology services, and program development. He most recently served as Vice President for Online and Professional Studies and as an Asso-

ciate Professor of Leadership and Management at California Baptist University.

The past six months have been an exciting time for Poole and his wife, Mary. They celebrated the marriage of their oldest daughter, Amy, in February, and the marriage of their second daughter, Mallory, in June. Their youngest daughter, Kimberly, just began her career in Speech Language Pathology in the Los Angeles area. On Sunday, David and Mary completed the 2,572 mile trek from California to Mount Olive to begin a new phase in their lives as President and First Lady of the University of Mount Olive.

"It is with great excitement and anticipation that Mary and I begin our journey with the University of Mount Olive," Poole said. "We are passionate about the mission of the University and look forward to joining an outstanding faculty, staff, board of trustees, and community on this journey into the future. The University of Mount Olive's decision, many years ago, to serve both traditional age students and adult working professionals clearly establishes the conditions for success and broadens the University's reach to offer Christian higher education to a significantly growing market."

The University of Mount Olive Board of Directors selected Poole as its fifth president in April after an extensive eight month search.

"David brings a rich combination of academic expertise, innovation, and student-centered focus that are at the heart of the UMO mission," said Earl Worley, Chair of the UMO

Board. "We are fortunate to have someone of his experience, accomplishment, and vision leading our University."

In a letter sent to UMO faculty and staff, Poole said, "We look forward to building a premier, comprehensive, Christian faith-based, values-centered private institution rooted in

the liberal arts tradition. A place where we can change lives, and faculty and staff can live their dream and God's calling for them. A place where prospective and current students of all ages would see as the preferred place to receive a quality education. An institution that academically prepares students to excel in their professions, that has a global mindset and heart for the nations and equips the entire community for a life of service."

Poole will spend his first few weeks getting familiar with each of the University's eight eastern North Carolina locations and their communities. He will meet with leaders in agriculture, business, education, civic organizations, and the Original Free Will Baptist Church. The University of Mount Olive fall

semester begins on August



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SCC Making IMPACT on Youth



Baxter (center) teaches class alongside instructors, BG Kennedy and Sharon Herring.

Sampson Community College continues its partnership with Project IMPACT (Improving Achievement for Children in Tobacco) this week. The program is an eight-week summer program for youth that features a full day of hands-on and project-based learning, creative arts and healthy living activities, leadership development, and career exploration.

"We have had the pleasure of working with students ranging from rising sixth graders to juniors in high school," says Susan Baxter, Division Chair of Education Programs at SCC. "They are visiting us from the Hobbton and Union districts. We have tried to show these kids what its like to be in a college setting...on a college campus."

Sampson Community College has partnered with the Telamon Corporation and its Project IMPACT program to give young students of Sampson County a unique experience. Students will be on campus all summer learning about the various career paths the college offers.

"Each student will get a chance to teach a short skill to their peers as they try their hand at teaching," Baxter adds. "We have enjoyed getting to know them and introducing them to Sampson Community College as they continued camp this week." Telamon teaches clients to access resources in their community and overcome barriers to employment. The Project IMPACT summer program continues at SCC next week.

UMO Student Furthers Faith



Born and raised in Beaverdam, North Carolina, Jessica Sellers has been familiar with the University of Mount Olive (UMO) since childhood. A member of Beaverdam Original Free Will Baptist Church, Sellers participated in youth group activities such as Youth Conventions and Bible Bowls at UMO.

Through her church, Sellers was also introduced to Cragmont Assembly in Black Mountain, NC, a conference center for Original Free Will Baptists. She quickly fell in love

with Cragmont and feels fortunate enough to work there now as a representative of the University.

At Cragmont Sellers serves as an admissions representative for UMO. "During each week of camp, I am given a period of time to talk to the high school students about UMO. I tell the students about the different opportunities that UMO has to offer and how those opportunities have affected me," Sellers explained.

Sellers' connection with Cragmont was formed in 2006 when she visited the camp for the first time as a nine-year-old. "After a week full of fun activities and seeing God move, I hated to leave," Sellers said. "I fell in love with Cragmont that week and I've loved it ever since. To me, Cragmont is a little piece of heaven on earth."

Cragmont is also where Sellers began her personal relationship with Jesus. "I remember everything about that night. I had a mountain top experience," she said.

Sellers also works with The Challenge, a theological camp at UMO started in 2015 as part of grant from the Lily Foundation.

"I have learned so much from the students who have been involved with The Challenge. These students really want to learn how they can better serve God with the talents they have been given, and that is such an inspiration to me," Sellers said.

A first-generation college student, Sellers is majoring in agricultural education. She plans to graduate in the spring of 2019. On campus Sellers is a member of CFFA, the UMO Concert Choir, and the UMO Senior Giving Committee. She has also been a Resident Advisor, a Student Ambassador, and the recipient of the UMO Most Caring Student Award.

Whatever Sellers decides to do in the future, she will certainly continue to rely on her faith for guidance.

Laying the Foundation for Learning



Grady instructs students on how to strip the vegetative layer before digging footings for a house

A common theme at Sampson Community College is hands-on learning. More than a lecture, a book or a video, hands-on training can immerse students into real-world scenarios so when they enter the workforce they have actually already done the job.

This week, students from the Building and Construction discipline hopped on a Bobcat and expanded what was already a great project at the college. SCC began a program a few years ago where students in the program are able to actually build a real house and pass a real inspection before the house is sold to real clients to help sustain the program.

After more than half a dozen satisfied clients, the students are taking it a step further. "Students are preparing the foundation for the house to sit on," says Barney Grady, Department Chair for Building and Construction. "House number seven was purchased and will be delivered to this property soon. To be able to allow students to work on a real live project is already a plus. Now we have new equipment and they are out here prepping the foundation and the footing for the house to sit on too!"

"We are scraping the ground to prepare to paint lines for the foundation and dig footings," Says Alex Ander, one of the students in the summer program. "Throughout this program, we have constructed a house, remodeled part of chemistry lab and made repairs to things that needed it. Hands-on experience is invaluable. You learn as you go so you know what to do when it comes time to do it later on."

Grady says the more students can get involved with every layer of the process, the better.

"Any aspects of our program that remotely had any limitation are being eliminated," he says. "We are determined to see that these students are ready, willing and able to work for any employer once they leave here." For more information about hands-on learning in construction trades at SCC, contact Barney Grady at bgrady@sampsoncc.edu.

New Trucks, New Training for Popular SCC Program

Sampson Community College is opening up new roads for students in its truck driver training program. Already a popular choice of study at SCC, the college has brought in new trucks specifically for a brand new course. This comes on the heels of breaking ground on a new driver training facility to be located in Clinton.

"We picked out two types of trucks specifically for the new Class B course," says Fred Stamey, head of the college's Truck Driver Training program. "Students will learn on both a dump truck and a box truck. We decid-



Stamey and Bradshaw check over the new trucks.

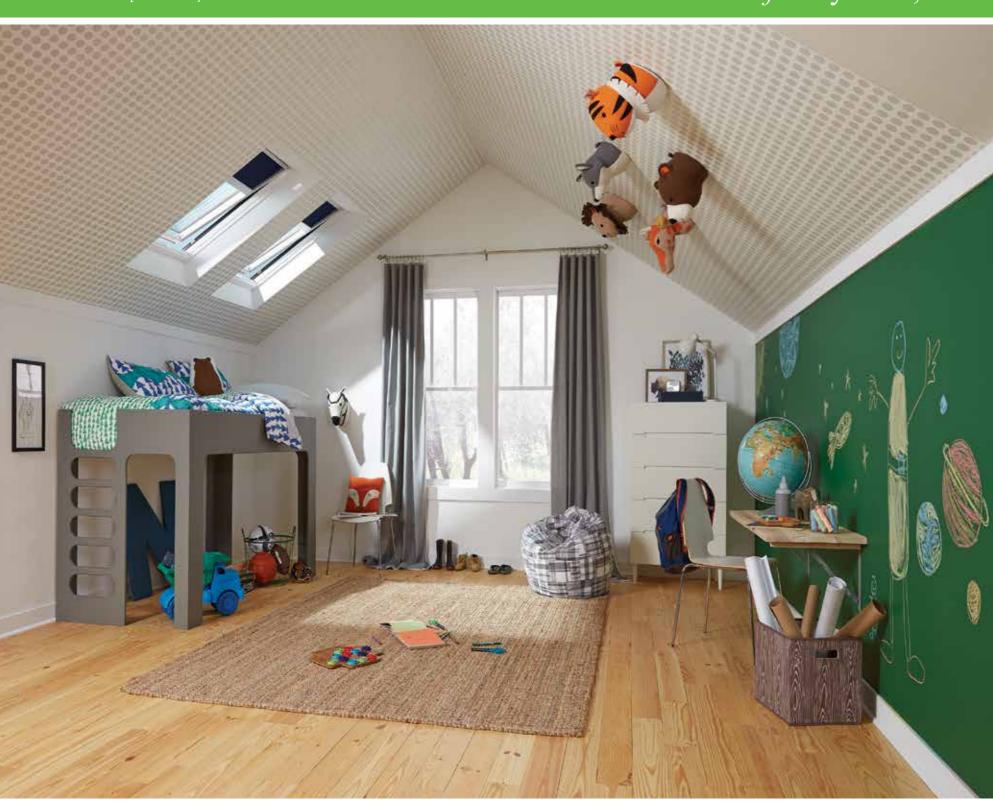
ed to get one of each just so students could train on both so when they get a job driving they can be prepared to drive either one." Stamey says the moves are a result of public demand.

A Class B license allows a driver to operate commercial trucks that have an attached cab and cargo area with a combined weight greater than 26,000 pounds, as well as trucks with a detached towed cargo vehicle that weighs less than 10,000 pounds. Examples of vehicles that drivers with a Class B license may operate include tow trucks, dump trucks, delivery trucks and utility trucks. Drivers of certain special-purpose vehicles, such as school buses, commercial buses, certain farm vehicles and fire engines, may have to satisfy additional test requirements.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that jobs for tractor-trailer and other heavy truck drivers is expected to grow by 6% from 2016-2026. The median salary for these workers is about \$42,000 now. Amanda Bradshaw, Dean of Continuing Education and Workforce Development, is excited about the new offering. "We have more and more requests locally from businesses and the general public who have a need to train for Class B licenses," she says. "We are starting work on new training facility with the understanding that we want this to become a transportation program versus just a Class A driving school. We are listening to what community wants and needs so we can better train our workforce"

Registration for the new Class B program begins July 31st at 6pm. For more information about the truck driver training programs at Sampson Community College, contact Fred Stamey at fstamey@sampsoncc.edu.





Healthy at HOME

How to improve indoor airflow and quality

FAMILY FEATURES

ore efficient, tightly built homes than those constructed in previous generations are generally well-regarded, for the most part with good reason. However, when you consider people spend 90 percent of their time indoors on average, according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), such airtight environments raise some concerns.

All that efficiency cuts down on airflow, effectively trapping allergens and toxins inside. According to estimates from the EPA, the air inside the average home may be as much as five times more polluted than the air outdoors, even in a bustling city.

"We know instinctively that spending so many hours in stuffy places isn't good for us," said Peter Foldbjerg, head of daylight energy and indoor climate at Velux. "According to research, living in damp and moldy homes increases our risk of asthma by 40 percent and leaves us vulnerable to developing other ailments."

Limited fresh air and light during the day can negatively impact mood, sleep and performance. Air pollution can also pose a health risk through irritation to the eyes, nose and throat; headaches, dizziness and fatigue; and respiratory conditions, heart disease and cancer. To help alleviate some of these concerns, consider these tips.

Bring the outside in. Even a small step like ad

Even a small step like adding some potted plants, which are known to purify air, can improve your indoor environment. In addition, think of how you could create a better view to the outside through smart use of windows and doors that bring in fresh air and daylight.

Rely on natural air flow.

Open your windows 3-4 times a day, at least 10 minutes at a time, to allow fresh air in. To complement natural light and fresh air from vertical windows, consider adding skylights to rooms you use most often. Skylights that can be opened, such as those offered by Velux, contribute to greater indoor comfort and ventilation by removing excess heat, moisture, odors and other indoor pollutants. They can also help reduce the need for air-conditioning due to the chimney effect, which occurs when skylights and vertical windows are both opened, allowing warm, stale air to rise and escape through the roof, replaced by fresh air drawn in through traditional

Eliminate potential obstacles.

Avoid blocking fresh air with drapes, blinds and other hindrances, like heavy furniture placed too close to windows. Also consider other aspects of your home that



could be thwarting your efforts to improve air circulation and quality, such as dust, dirt and mold. Regular and thorough cleaning can help keep those irritants at bay and make your quest for cleaner air easier.

Find more tips for creating a healthier home at veluxusa.com/indoorgeneration.

Creating Cleaner Indoor Air

Creating more airflow is an important step to improving your indoor environment, but considerations like air quality should not be overlooked. More air is a good thing, but more clean air is better yet.

Everyday home life activities such as cooking, showering, lighting candles, sleeping and doing laundry can all contribute to polluted indoor air, which over time can lead to the development of illnesses.

These tips from the indoor climate experts at Velux can help make the air inside your home healthier:

- **1.** Keep bathroom doors closed and turn on the extractor fan or open a window or skylight when showering.
- 2. Turn the hood fan on when cooking and open your windows, if weather permits.
- **3.** Avoid burning candles excessively; look for alternatives such as sprigs of lavender to add a natural fresh scent.
- **4.** Dry clothes outside when possible, which reduces carbon emissions from the dryer and minimizes potential pollutants traveling through the dryer vent.
- **5.** Clean regularly with non-chemical based cleaning products, and pay attention to ingredients in cleaning products that may create hazardous fumes.

INCREASING NATURAL LIGHT

Sunlight is a natural antidepressant, and there is ample scientific evidence that associates daylight with better health and quality of life, such as improved mood, less fatigue and reduced eye strain. If your home needs some brightening up, consider these home features with natural light in mind:

Paint

Choosing a lighter-colored paint and avoiding statement wallpaper or large blocks of color can naturally make a space feel brighter and reflect any natural light entering the room. Think soft shades of off-white or subdued, neutral hues.

Flooring

Wooden, ceramic or stone floors with a polished finish typically reflect light to help brighten spaces. If you prefer carpet, consider light, neutral colors to help make the space feel brighter.

Skylights

Adding skylights is a relatively low-cost, high-impact home improvement that can enhance home decor and deliver



energy-saving benefits, as well. Fresh air skylights, like those from Velux, can help reduce dependence on artificial lighting and mechanical ventilation, which helps save money on electric bills. Convenience features like remote control operation make it easy to manage air flow and natural lighting with the touch of a button.

Mirrors

Adding furniture and accessories with reflective surfaces can help diffuse light and add stylish touches throughout the home. Metallic, glass and mirrored accessories, or even mirrors themselves, can spread light throughout your home.

Lighting

Go easy on artificial lighting, and instead work to optimize natural light sources. Consider supplementing areas where natural light doesn't reach such as corners and corridors with small lamps, and install dimmer switches that can easily be adjusted depending on the amount of natural light flowing into your home.

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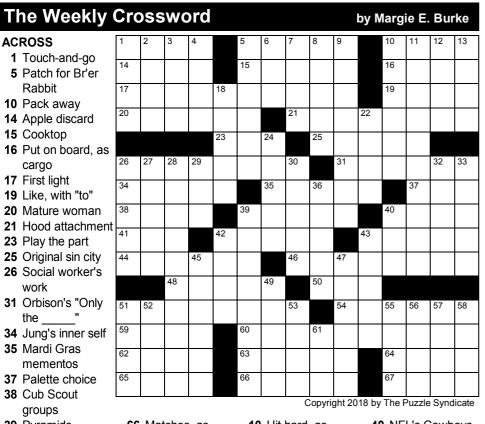
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You can find more help, tips and hints at www.str8ts.com



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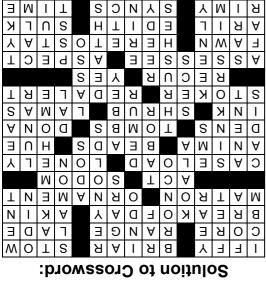
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06-26 Ronnie Lee Ritch Jr., 39; 51 Piano Lane, Roseboro; 2 Counts: Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear-DWLR Not Impaired Rev; Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear- Cancel/Revoke/Suspend Certificate/Tag; Court Date 06-12

06-27 Richard Cale Matthews, 40; 104 Pandora Circle, Erwin; Counterfeiting-Possessing/Concealing; Drug Violations; Drug Violations-Equipment/ Paraphernalia; Possessing/Concealing Weapons; Secured Bond \$10,000; Court Date 06-29

06-27 Ashley Byrd Hicks, 28; 11 Country Manor Lane, Dunn; Simple Assault; Communicating Threats; No Bond; Court Date 06-24

07-01 Isaias Lopez Moreno, 36; 33 Mallie Lane, Newton Grove; 2 Counts: Failure to Appear-No Operators License; Failure to Appear- Expired Tags; Secured Bond \$1,000; Court Date 07-25 07-01 Willie Graham, 52; 811 Isaac Rd.,

Clinton; Communicating Threats; Written Promise to Appear; Court Date 07-24 07-01 Jose Luis Vasquez, 28; 506 Williams St., Clinton; Failure to Appear-Failure to Comply; Court Date 07-12

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Hubert; DWI; Secured Bond \$1,500; Court Date 07-23 07-02 Angela Nicole Ward, 24; 855 Mill-

er Rd., Benson; Drug Violations-Possess Methamphetamine; 2 Counts: Drug Violations-Equipment/Paraphernalia; Secured Bond \$15,000; Court Date 07-13

07-02 Summer Ann Jackson, 32; 87 Rabbit Runn Lane, Godwin; Drug Violations-Simple Possess Schedule IV; Drug Violations- Equipment/ Paraphernalia; Secured Bond \$5,000; Court Date 07-25

Christian Thomas Romanger, 19; 156 Sir Lane, Roseboro; Failure to Appear- Release Order; Secured Bond \$50,000; Court Date 08-13

Myron Omar Williams, 35; 109 Barnes Dr., Erwin; Possession with Intent to Sell/Deliver Heroin; Possession of Cocaine; Secured Bond \$20,000; Court Date 07-13 07-03 Edward Lee Brown III, 38; 1774 Microwave Tower Rd., Roseboro; Resist Arrest;

Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 07-25 07-03 Brittany Nicole Howard, 29; 212 Lonnie Parker Lane, Clinton; Possession of Cocaine; Secured Bond \$2,000; Court Date

07-03 Christian Wayne Butler, 30; 536 Harmony Church Rd., Clinton; Maintaining a Dwelling; Secured Bond \$2,000; Court Date

07-03 Steve Carson Horne Jr., 37; 478 Elon Rd., Autryville; Assault Inflict Serious Injury; No Bond; Court Date 07-10 07-03 Steve Carson Horne Jr., 37; 478 Elon

Rd., Autryville; Possess Methamphetamine; Possess Marijuana up to ½ ounce; Secured Bond \$10,000; Court Date 07-13 07-03 Dana Nicole Lucas, 27; 478 Elon Rd.,

Autryville; Possess Methamphetamine; Possess Marijuana up to ½ ounce; Unsecured Bond \$10,000; Court Date 07-13 07-03 Paul Hue Murrell Jr., 25; 3228

Buckhorn Rd., Harrells; Failure to Appear-DWLR; Secured Bond \$1,000; Court Date 07-03 Andrew Nathan Cobb, 32; 901 Mid-

dle Rd., Dunn; Possessing Stolen Vehicle; Drug Violations-Possess Heroin; Drug Violations-Equipment/Paraphernalia; Bond \$15,000; Court Date 07-13 07-03 Dakota Oneil Brayboy, 18; 718 Share

Cake Rd., Clinton; First Degree Burglary; Second Degree Burglary; 2 Counts: Break or Enter a Motor Vehicle; 2 Counts: Larceny after Break/Enter; Misdemeanor Larceny; 3 Counts: Possess Stolen Goods/Property; 2 Count: Felony Conspiracy; Secured Bond \$150,000; Court Date 07-13 07-03 Gabriel Shatel Chestnutt, 23; 11270

Garland Hwy., Clinton; Possession of Cocaine; Secured Bond \$2,000; Court Date 07-13 07-03 Andrew Alexander Lake, 20; 203

Green Tree Lane, Clinton; Possess Firearm by Felon; Secured Bond \$15,000; Court Date 07-03 James Carnell Brinson Jr., 28; 974

Mathis Rd., Clinton; Trafficking Heroin by

Trafficking Methamphetamine Possession' by Possession; Possession with Intent to Sell/ Deliver Heroin; Possession with Intent to Sell/ Deliver Cocaine;7 Counts: Possess Firearm by Felon; Secured Bond \$300,000; Court Date 07-07-03 Kari Lynn Butler, 29; 536 Harmony

Church Rd., Clinton; Trafficking Heroin; Trafficking Methamphetamine; Possession with Intent to Sell/Deliver Heroin; Possession with Intent to Sell/Deliver Methamphetamine; Possession with Intent to Sell/Deliver Cocaine; Maintaining a Dwelling; 5 Counts: Possession of Firearm by Felon; 2 Counts: Cruelty to Animals; Dog Vaccination; Secured Bond \$150,000; Court Date 07-13

07-04 Amy Victoria Rodriguez, 36; Building 51 101 Harpers Glenn, Clinton; Child Support; Court Date 07-17

07-04 Derrick Bernard McLymore, 24; 101 E Roseboro St., Roseboro; Possession with Intent to Manufacture/Sell Controlled Substance; Resist Public Officer; Larceny; Secured Bond \$2,000; Court Date 07-13 07-04 James Dexter Barrett, 55; 466 Cannady

Rd., Harrells; Larceny; Possessing Stolen Property; Secured Bond \$5,000; Court Date 07-14 07-04 Samuel Jeremiah Stephens, 19; 621 Grand Wailea Dr., Hope Mills; Failure to Appear- Possess Marijuana up to ½ ounce; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 07-19

Incident/Investigation Reports

0 6-26 Robert Cornley reported a Larceny located at 1100 Laurel Lake Rd., Salemburg. Items reported missing included a NC Drivers License, Social Security Card and medications. 06-27 Gary Wells reported a Burglary located at 1820 N Peavine Rd., Clinton. Items reported missing included a drill and an air compressor. 06-27 Adam Smith reported a Burglary located at 406 Triple H Lane, Garland. Items reported missing included US Currency and a firearm. 06-27 Sallie Cannady reported a Burglary located at 11497 Old Mintz Hwy., Garland. Item reported missing a laptop.

06-27 Patricia Green reported a Burglary located at 220 Taylors Bridge Hwy., Clinton. Items reported missing included US Currency and pocket watches.

06-27 Pamela White reported the Larceny of a NC Registration Plate located at 44 Cooper Rd.,

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Salemburg.

06-27 Beverly Strickland reported a Larceny located at 2616 Hobbs Rd., Roseboro. Items reported missing included a generator, rims, fishing poles, sledgehammer and a impact wrench. 06-29 David Jones III reported a Bur-

glary located at 995 Tomahawk Hwy., Harrells. Items reported missing included battery cables, handguns and bullets. 06-29 Christophor Faust reported a

Larceny located at 2191 Union Grove

Church Rd., Dunn. Items reported missing included industrial fans, copper wiring and a wheel barrel. 06-30 Jean Swaringen reported a Burglary located at 1400 Tyndall Grove Rd.. Clinton. No items were reported missing. 06-30 Armando Maldonado reported a Burglary located at 63 Quail Run Lane. Clinton. Items reported missing included

07-01 Woody Goodrich reported the Larceny of a Utility Trailer located at 8695 High House Rd., Salemburg. 07-01 Bobby West reported the Larceny of a Cellphone located at 144 East Faison

a speaker, telephone projector, US Cur-

rency and a wallet.

Ave., Turkey. 07-01 Kevin Salamanca reported the Theft of a Vehicle located at 6758 Green Path Rd., Dunn.

07-01 Betty Herring reported the Larceny of Medication located at 42 Wildflower Lane, Clinton.

07-03 Thomas Rich reported a Larceny located at 2123 Payton Daniels Rd., Salemburg. Items reported missing included socket sets, allen ratchet set, air wrench, cordless drill and cordless drill batteries.

07-03 Joel Robinson reported the Larceny of Firearms located at 6350 Ivanhoe

07-04 Ricky Thornton Sr. reported a Larceny located on White Oak Church Rd.. Clinton. Items reported missing included a 280 gallon diesel tank, utility trailer and 280 gallons of diesel. * The Crime Report is provided by

the Sampson County Sheriff's Office and the Clinton City Police Department.

Sampson County VITAL STATS

Deaths

- -Berline Beaslev
- -Jerry Robert Draughon -Resson Faircloth
- -Donald Dixon Guy -Elaine Jernigan
- -Sue Catherine Rogers -Dorothy Evelyn Simmons

-Alberto Mejias-Diaz

-Lillie Mae Rambeau

-Daquonn David Earl Thompson

Marriage Certificates

- -Jason Lee Young to Amy Nicole Butler
- -ArQuimides Roblan Meza Martinez to Dania Emelia Avila Cabrera
- -Brent Douglas Stone to Amy Nicole Smith -Miguel Lopez to MaDel Carmen Rodriguez Zavela
- -James Alex Dees to Kellie Cornelia Johnson
- -Alfonso Martinez Reves to Mayra Anai Anaya DelaRio -Jeremiah Isaiah Davis to Baileigh Layner Moser

- -Eliana Victoria Lopez Maradiaga born on June 15, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Victor Antonio Lopez Meza and Caren Yepcel Maradiaga
- -Kai O'Neal Rudd born on June 16, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Brandon O'Neal Rudd and Rachel Nichole Price -Sebastian Ray Blackwell born on June 19, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Michael
- Shawn Blackwell and Sara Leah Blackwell -Benjamin Emmanuel Gomez born on June 19, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Al-
- maruth Gomez -Xavier Sherrod Foye born on June 20, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to GQ Sherrod
- Foye and Tiffany Iesha Pitts -Itzia Gonzalez born on May 25, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Mauricio Gonzalez Gallardo and Guadalupe Aguilera Vedeta
- -Dayra Luzia Acosta born on June 11, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Elvis Leonardo Acosta and Mayra Lucia Zuniga
- -Juan Jaylen Acosta born on June 11, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Juana Rocio
- -Eimy Elizabeth Ramos Diaz born on June 11, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Cecilia Beatriz Diaz Erazo -Presley Blaine Tyndall born on June 17, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Willian
- Austin Tyndall and Ivey Caroline Parker -Dafne Johana Rocha-Zaragoza born on June 18, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Griselda Zaragoza
- -Leah Aylin Fernandez born on June 21, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Alexi Fernandez Alvarez and Nolbia Yamileth Bonilla
- -Julian Mateo Garrido Herrera born on June 21, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Nelcis Julian Garrido and Jessy Jassely Herrera
- -Khalil Ray Henry born on June 21, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Jatelya Kyania Anders
- -Mila Nicole Tanner born on June 22, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Robbie Lynn Tanner and Cary Nicole Tanner

-Ketzaly Ibarra Rendon born on June 21, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Juan Carlos

- -Nayeli Troncoso born on June 22, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Luis Esteban Troncosco-Pena and Catalina Romero
- -Shelcea Belinda Martinez Martinez born on June 23, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Sandra Beatriz Martinez Ramos
- -Emir Usiel Pablos Hernandez born on June 23, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Usiel Gamaliel Pablos Miquel and Maria Alicia Hernandez Velasquez

- -Fidel Dominguez to David Borja Ponce- 2.0 Acres Lot 13 MS Williams Subdivision Halls -James C Butler Sr, James Clark Butler Sr, Mavis Carroll Butler to Anthony Allan Moore- 2

-Pam Johnson Realty Inc to LE 3B Group LLC- Tract 4 31 Acres w/exceptions

Tracts Turkey

-Linda S Harris, Printice W Harris to Bobby Joe Jackson Jr and Teresa Jackson- 20.27 Acres

- -Pearl Hobbs Gainey to Christie T Gainey, Eric Ray Gainey- 2 Acres Tract 1 of the Pearl H Gain-
- ev Property Mingo -Ellery F Craft/By AIF, Sandra Gwen Crat/AIF, Sandra Gwen Honeycutt Craft/AIF, Carol Ly-
- nette Honeycutt, James Steven Honeycutt, Joey Darlene Honeycutt, Dwight Leroy Naylor, Holly Honeycutt Naylor to Joshua Lee Canterbury, Mary Elizabeth Canterbury- 15.18 Acres Honeycutt -SECURE Inc to Jose Cruz- 0.66 Acres North Clinton -Judy Carr Gardner to Dennis B Carr, Linda C Carr- 2.94 Acres Lot Franklin
- -Billy Chapman, Deborah Boyette Chapman to Clara Beatty Lockamy- 2 Tracts McDaniels
- -Harry Steve Honeycutt Estate, Judy T Honeycutt/TR to Shiloh Pentecostal Holiness Church of Godwin Inc- 1.50 Acres Dismal - Shiloh Pentecostal Holiness Church of Godwin to Harry Steve Honeycutt Estate, Judy T Hon-
- eycutt/TR- 0.10 Ares Dismal -Kathy Rose Jones, Karl Raymond Peterson, Kevin Roger Peterson- 0.81 Acres Property of Mon-
- tana Westbrook -James Curtis McLamb, Patsy B McLAmb to Harley McLamb Mayes, Ryan Mitchell Mayes-0.97 Acres Plainview
- -S&W Ready Mix Concrete Company LLC to Logan Johnston, Johnston Diesel Performance/ DBA- 0.611 Acres
- -John C Hone/MBR/MGR, Precythe Properties LLC to Burch Farms LLC- 226.0 Acres w/exceptions Halls
- -Linda Marie Jacobs, Ricky Jacobs to Brad Davis Jacobs- 1.62 Acres South Clinton
- -Adam Ross Cox to Jesus Cruz Nunez- Lots 10 and 11 Deerfield
- -Lisa Nicole Peele Ferguson, Barbara T Peele, Robert A Peele to Byrd Farms Inc- 47.4 Acres Lot 1 w/exceptions Plainview -Kenneth W Adams, Wanda A Adams, Andrew Allen Arrington, Betsy C Arrington, John W Ar-
- rington, Wanda A Faircloth/FKA, Bobby McCallum, Terry A McCallum, Terry M McCallum to Challie Robert Fisher- 1.71 Acres Little Coharie -Elizabeth M Lucas, George Hamilton Lucas to John Richard Lincoln- Little Coharie
- -Stephen Paul Rose to Dalton A Murphy, Madeline W Murphy- 0.50 Acres Newton Grove
- exceptions -Guillermina Carabajal, Angel Ortiz to Zeferino Lopez Diaz- 4.42 Acres Lisbon

-Charles Douglas Boone, Lori Mallard Boone to Anne Bryan Faircloth- 33 Acres Honeycutts w/

- -Joseph Sherrill Cobb to Jacob Caleb Wilson- Lot 3 1.31 Acres Randall Autry Estate Subdivision
- Dismal
- -Jeffrey Lynn Rich, Monica Lynn Rich to Erika Jimenez Cruz- 3 Tracts
- -James W Weeks, Linda H Weeks to Gavin B Myers, Heather Weeks Myers- Lot 43 James H Draughon Subdivision
- -Addie J Hill, Jack Ray Hill, Carol J Reaves, James W Reaves to Addie J Hill- Tract 1 103.709 Acres Piney Grove - Addie J Hill, Jack Ray Hill, Carol J Reaves, James W Reaves to Carol J Reaves- Tract B 33.112
- Acres Piney Grove -Liliana Velasquez-Vera, Jose Vianey Nunez Albarran- Lot 1 1.14 Acres North Clinton
- -Alderman Junior Faison, Daphne Faison, Iris Jewell Faison Moses, Leon J Moses to Porfirio Iglesias, Angelica Vasquez- 0.558 Acres South Clinton
- -Curtiss A Pritchard, Lynn M Pritchard to Mary P Wells, Taylor Dane Wells- Lot 2 Pinecroft Subdivision Plainview
- -Brenda Brock Barbour, Donna Brock Cummings, Alvin Jeffrey Griffin, Betty Brock Griffin,
- Betty Brock Griffin/EXR, Glady Horne Estate to Nicholas Allen Wilkins- Lot Turkey -Cynthia R Kirk Visser, Albert G Visser to JW Sealey & Associates Inc- 0.60 Acres Lot 4 Appaloosa Trails Subdivision Section One Herring

-Melissa D McLamb, Michael Scott McLamb, Melissa D Phillips/WATA to Heidi J Stephenson,

- Jack R Stephenson Jr- Lot 6 Michael Meadows Subdivision Phase One -Tracy Bean to Clara Beatty Lockamy- 2 Tracts McDaniels
- -H&H Constructors of Fayetteville LLC to Barbara E Goodwin, Stanley W Goodwin II- Lot 28 Mill Ridge Subdivision Phase 2 Dismal

Land Transfers

Ibarra Segura and Zarai Rendon Romero

OBITUARIES

Mr. Lee Troy Albertson,91 of 4221 Union School Rd., passed away Saturday, June 30th, 2018 at his home. Funeral services will be held Sunday evening at 6:00PM at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1610 Boykin Bridge Rd., with President Norman Adkins officiating. A graveside service will be held Monday morning at 11:00AM at the Amos Lanier Cemetery, Brinson and



Raynor Lane Chinquapin, NC 28521. Born on September 10th, 1926 in Duplin County, Lee Troy was the son of the late Lib Cooper and Margie Frances Wilson Albertson and He was married to the love of his life, the late Sadie Mae Henderson Albertson. Lee Troy was a Veteran of The United States Army having served in World War II and was a soldier in "General Patton's Third Army." Lee Troy spent several years in the Police force and later pursued what he made a career as a Sewing Machine Machinist. He was very creative and enjoyed poetry and was known to always have a joke to tell. Lee Troy is survived by his four daughters: Velma Piercy and husband, Ralph of Clinton, Christine Page and husband, Jimmy of Wallace, Roberta Albertson of Wallace and Ann Barrineau and late husband, Ray of Clinton; three sons: Doug Albertson and wife, Karen of Baton Rouge, LA., Ricky Albertson and wife, Sandy of Sumner, GA., and Tony Albertson and wife, Kelly of Phoenix, AZ. Lee Troy also had 17 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren who he truly adored. In addition to his parents and his beloved wife Sadie, Lee Troy was preceded in death by all of his siblings. Flowers are welcome, or memorials may be made to the Sampson County Veterans affairs in Lee Troy's honor; 335 County Complex Rd., Bldg. D, Suite 100 Clinton, NC. 28328. Condolences may be sent by visiting www.royalhallfuneralhome.com. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Albertson family.

CLINTON

Francis Clifton was born in Giddensville, NC to Bernice Clayton and Edna Highsmith Clifton. He was raised on a farm with his four siblings and cousin and continued the family tradition with his young bride, Eloise Lanier. Francis farmed for many years and in 1980 he took a leap of faith and opened Clifton Construction. He loved his newfound way of working the land and it showed as his company grew and



evolved through the next 30 years. His daughter, Sandra, later joined the business and they enjoyed many years of working together until his retirement in 2016. Even then he loved being a trusted advisor for the company, for Sandra and the employees he loved so much. Faith and Family were also passions for Francis and he served both with all his heart. He and Eloise have three daughters whom they raised and passed on many traditions and values. All three daughters have lots of stories and lessons they share with others on a regular basis of their years growing up. Family gatherings with Aunts, Uncles and cousins were large and often. Francis was a lifelong member of Piney Grove Baptist Church. He was ordained a Deacon and served for over 50 years. He also shared his love for the Lord and knowledge of His word as a Sunday School teacher and member of the choir. He became a member of the Gideon's International in June 1984 and worked for many years to make sure Bibles were made available to everyone that wanted them, as well as to those who may not have known they needed them. In 1973 Francis was elected to serve on the South River Electric Membership Corp. Board of Directors. He was devoted to the commitment of providing electricity for its members and made many close friends over the 45 years he served. His love and dedication for this organization was a priority for him and lead to his service as President from 2004 to 2016. Francis was proceeded in death by his parents, Clayton and Edna; a sister, Sarah Rogers; brother Gerald Clifton; and cousin Bryant Clifton. Francis is survived in death by his loving wife of 64 years, Eloise; daughter Sandra Kay Clifton and husband Gene Darden; daughter Renee Clifton Simopoulos and husband Ernie Simopoulos; daughter Barbie Clifton Wood and husband Art Wood; five grandchildren, William Francis, Audrey Lanier, Sarah Faith, Paige McCullen and Mackenzie Parrish; two great grandchildren, Fynnley and Wyatt; brother John Bernice Clifton; sister Imogene Clifton Baggett; 13 nieces and nephews and their spouses; many great nieces, nephews and cousins. The family wants to thank all of the beautiful and gifted staff at Kitty Askins that took care of our father and husband these past few weeks. We are forever grateful for you and the blessing you were to us. The family received friends from 6 to 8 pm on Saturday, the 30th of June at Royal Hall Funeral Home in Clinton. The funeral service was held at 3:00 pm on Sunday, July 1st at Piney Grove Baptist Church, 1818 N. McCullen Road, Faison, NC 28341 with Rev. Michael Maragelis, Rev. Farrell Miller and Rev. Richard Weeks officiating. Interment followed at Piney Grove Cemetery. All other times the family received at the family home. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Piney Grove Baptist Church or Gideon's International, Sampson County North, P.O. Box 2413, Clinton, NC 28329.

AUTRYVILLE

Mr. Henry Irvin Hall, Sr., 71 of Autryville passed away on Tuesday, July 3, 2018 at his home. The funeral service will be held at 3:00 PM Friday, July 6 at Pleasant Union Baptist Church with Rev. David Willis officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Mr. Hall was a native of Sampson County, the son of the late William Carl Hall, Jr. and Mary Alice Willis Hall. He was an Army veteran and a farmer. He is survived by his wife, Gail Hall of the home; son, Henry Irvin Hall, Jr. and



wife, Shari of Salemburg; daughter, Sabra Hall Tyndall and husband, Dwight of Clinton; three granddaughters, Hannah West, Madison Hall and Shannon New; three great granddaughters, Haven West, Mary Beth New and Brooke New; brother, Robert Hall and wife, Linda of Autryville. The family will receive friends from 6-8 PM Thursday, July 5 at Butler Funeral Home in Roseboro. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.

FAYETTEVILLE

Mr. Donald Alvis Hughes, 79 of 515 Hughes Road, passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 1, 2018 at his home. Funeral services will be held at 1:00pm Friday, July 6, 2018 at Butler Funeral Home Chapel, officiating will be Pastor Billy George Hughes. Burial will follow at

Lafayette Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 12:00pm to 12:50pm Friday at the funeral home prior to the service. He is preceded in death by his parents, John Thomas Hughes & Thelma Leona Adkins Hughes; son, Darrell Howard Hughes; brother, Jimmy Hughes; sister, Shirley Cranes and grandson, Matthew Brandon Hughes. He is survived by his wife, Dixie Hughes; sons, Daniel Alvis Hughes and Donald Wayne Hughes, Sr. & wife, Sharon;



brothers, Ray Hughes & wife, Verda and Billy George Hughes & wife. Debbie; sisters, Mary Rose O'Brien & husband, Jerry, Barbara Edge & husband, Leonard and Linda Nunnery; 6 grandchildren, Donald Wayne Hughes, Jr. & wife, Sarah, Angela Elizabeth Hughes, Daniel Scott Hughes, Johanna Nicole Anderson & husband, John Michael, John Timothy Hughes & wife, Karen and Heather Marie Hughes; 3 stepgrandchildren, Scott Andrew Thorne & wife, Carrie, Dewey Nunnery and Katie Nunnery & husband, Joey; 11 great grandchildren and 8 stepgreat grandchildren. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 6535 Clinton Road, Stedman, NC 28391.

Mrs. Flonnie Pope Manning, 88, of Dunn died Sunday morning July 2018 at SECU Hospice House in Smithfield. Flonnie was born June 22, 1930 in Harnett County daughter of the late Nealie and Clara Wade Pope. She was also preceded in death by her husbands, L.H. Tew and James M. Manning; grandson, Marvin Wesley Gustafson; sisters, Lou Frances Royal and Barbara Ann Jackson. Flonnie was retired from the medical records department at Betsy Johnson Hospital



and at the time of her death was the oldest charter member of North Clinton Avenue Baptist Church. A funeral service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, July 7, 2018 at North Clinton Avenue Baptist Church with Rev. Grover Blackburn and Rev. Leon Tart officiating. Burial will follow at Greenwood Cemetery. Flonnie is survived by her son, Tony Harris Tew; daughters, Judy Tew Holmes and Linda Tew Gustafson all of Dunn; grandchildren, Neal Holmes and wife Kristen of Apex, Al Gustafson and wife Angie of Durham, David Gustafson and wife Eunmi of Jacksonville, Florida, Nathan Tew and wife Amy of Autryville; great grandchildren, Crosby and Emma Holmes, Josie, Gram, Cassidy, Dylan, Katie and Evan Gustafson, Aubrey and Emily Tew. The family will receive friends 10 -11 a.m. Saturday at the church prior to the service and at other times beginning Thursday at 607 N. Park Ave. Dunn. Memorials may be made to North Clinton Avenue Baptist Church 507 North Clinton Ave. Dunn N.C. 28334. Arrangements are by Skinner & Smith Funeral Home in Dunn.

CLINTON

Patricia M. Osborne, 67, of Clinton passed away at Duke Medical Center on Saturday, June 30, 2018. Ms. Osborne's funeral service was held on Tuesday, July 3, 2018 at 7:00 pm at Newton Grove Baptist Church in Newton Grove. The Rev. Jim Baldwin officiating the service. A graveside service was held on Thursday, July 5 at 10:00 am at Hillcrest Cemetery in Newton Grove. The family will receive friends at the church on Tuesday, July 3, from 5:00 pm to 7:00



pm. Ms. Osborne's survivors include her daughters, Dawn Marshburn and husband Michael of Clinton and Kristie Blanken and husband Tyler of Pennington Gap, Va.; grandchildren, Allyson, Cameron, Mckenzie and Aidan; sisters, Barb Bolinger and husband Rick of Clinton Township, MI and Jackie DeFrancesco of Roseville, MI; and her brother, Greg Tipton of Oxnard, Ca. She was preceded in death by her, father, Clayton Wuestenberg, mother, Anna Sue Tipton; sister, Carol Hilden; step dad, Jack Tipton. Services have been entrusted to West & Dunn Funeral Home of Newton Grove, North Carolina.

CLINTON

Mr. Timothy Nelson "Timmie" Quinn, 82, of Clinton passed away on Tuesday, July 3, 2018 at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill, after a courageous battle with cancer. A Funeral Service to celebrate his life will

be held at 3pm on Friday, July 6, 2018 at Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. E.C. Mattocks and Rev. Kenneth Benton of Lacoma, NC officiating. Burial will follow in the Clinton Cemetery. Born on February 25, 1936 in Sampson County, Timmie was the son of the late Dewey and Callie Pope Quinn. He was a member, former Deacon and lifelong member of the building and grounds committee of Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church and was a



retired farmer. He also was a carpenter, brick layer and cabinet maker. He worked hard all his life, with a passion for working with his hands and helping anyone with a project, no matter how big or small. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Delores Pope Quinn of the home; a daughter, Denise Rackley and husband, Tony of Clinton; two sons: Teddy Quinn and wife, Diane of Clinton; Van Quinn and wife, Teresa of Harrells; and three sisters: Frances Sutton, Marie Butler (Bobby) and Shelva Warren (Ronnie), all of Clinton. He was also blessed with six grandchildren: Matthew Quinn (Mindi), Jimmy Driver (Lisa), Josh Rackley (Nicole), Tara Laymon (Zach), Dewey Quinn and Katlyn Quinn; four greatgranddaughters: Abby Driver, Cassie Driver, Vanna Claire Rackley and Matilyn Quinn, and another great-grandchild due to arrive in November, baby girl Laymon. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a son, Anthony Quinn and his brothers, Sam and Junior Quinn. The family will receive friends before his service on Friday, beginning at 1:30 pm in the Church Sanctuary and other times at the home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church, PO Box 886, Clinton, NC 28329. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Quinn

CLINTON

Mrs. Ruby Lee Nunnery, 92, formerly of Clinton, passed away on July 4th 2018 at Harnett Woods Nursing & Rehab Center in Dunn. Funeral services will be held Sunday, July 8 at 2pm in the Sanctuary at First Baptist Church with Dr. Ray Ammons officiating. Burial will follow in the Clinton Cemetery. Born on July 24, 1925 in Sampson County, Ruby was the daughter of the late James L. and Luberta Bass Lee. She was a homemaker and member of



First Baptist Church. She enjoyed quilting and loved to dance, and especially loved spending time with her family. She had a zest for life and great personality and a smile that would light up a room. She will be greatly missed. Mrs. Ruby is survived by her son, Walter "Teddy" Nunnery and wife, Kathy of Linden; her daughter, Helen N. Eshelman of Mt. Joy, Pennsylvania; four sisters: Lucille Franklin of Brooksville, Florida; Peggy Hairr of Clinton, Dixie Lee of Apex, Ann Robinson of Clinton; eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three sisters: Alva McDuffie, Ramona Blackburn, Virginia Howard; and her brothers: James, Roy and Earl Lee. The family will receive friends on Saturday evening, from 6-8 pm at Royal-Hall Funeral Home; and other times at the home of her sister, Ann Robinson, located at 300 Blount Street, Clinton. Flowers are welcome, or memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 408 College St., Clinton, NC 28328. Condolences may be sent by visiting www.royalhallfuneralhome.com. Royal Hall is honored to serve the Nunnery Family.

AUTRYVILLE

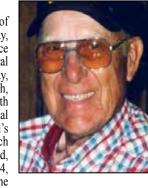
Mr. Bryon Dwayne Sessoms, 56 of Autryville, passed away Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at Kitty Askins Hospice Center in Goldsboro. The funeral service was held at 11:00am Saturday, June 30, at Autryville Baptist Church, 425 E. Williams Street, Autryville, with Reverend Michael Bartlett and Reverend Andy Wood officiating. Burial followed atGeorge Horne Cemetery.



Born August 23, 1961 in Sampson County, he was the son of Paul and Mildred Smith Sessoms. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Paul M. Sessoms, Kenneth Sessoms; two sisters, Delores Yuille, Karen Poche'. He worked as a Heavy Equipment Operator. He is survived by one son, Joshua Sessoms of Atkin, SC; one step-son, William Barnhill of Atkin, SC; one brother, Bruce Sessoms and wife, Billie Sue of Autryville; three sisters, Helen Sessoms of Autryville, Betty Woody of Vidalia, LA, Frances Faircloth of Autryville; two sisters-in-law, Frances Sessoms of Autryville, Judy Sessoms of Long Beach, MS; one brotherin-law, James Poche' of Wade. The family received friends from 10:00 to 10:45am Saturday prior to the service. Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro is proudly serving the family.

FAYETTEVILLE

Mr. Charlie Crockett Tew, 86 of Fayetteville passed away on Friday, June 29, 2018 at Southeastern Hospice House in Lumberton. The funeral service was held at 11:00am Tuesday, July 3 at Lake Lynn Baptist Church, 3363 Gillespie Street, Fayetteville, with Dr. Thomas Fortner officiating. Burial was held at 2:00pm at the Holland's Chapel Pentecostal Holiness Church Cemetery, 2069 Huntley School Road, Roseboro. Mr. Tew was born April 4, 1932 in Sampson County, and was the



son of the late Lorenza D. and Lessie Royals Tew. He was a retired supervisor with Burlington Industries. He was an Army Veteran. He is survived by his wife, Luella Tew of the home; daughter, Terry Krotzer and husband, Ken of Raeford; son, Steven Weese and wife, Linda of Raleigh; two grandchildren, Justin Sanders, Logan Sanders. The family received friends from 10:00 to 10:45am Tuesday prior to the service. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Lake Lynn Baptist Church Building Fund, 3363 Gillespie Street, Fayetteville, NC 28306. Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro is proudly serving the family.

TSgt. John Raymond Vann, 75 of 305-A Fourth Street, Clinton, NC passed away on Sunday, July 1, 2018 at UNC Hospitals, Chapel Hill, NC. The funeral will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, July 7, 2018 at Union Star Original FWB Church with Rev. Elwood McPhail and Rev. Anthony Vann officiating. Burial with full military honors will be held at 10am, Monday, July 9th at Eastern Carolina State Veterans Cemetery, Goldsboro, NC. Mr. Vann is survived by his DAUGHTER-Lori Merritt of



Douglasville, GA; SISTER-Estella Mathis of Clinton, NC; BROTHERS-Alton Vann and Oliver Vann both of Clinton, NC. Visitation at Worley Funeral Home Friday, July 6, 2018 Public 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. Family 5 p.m.

Mr. James Curtis Williamson, 38 of Clinton passed away on Friday, June 29, 2018. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM Sunday, July 8 at Butler Funeral Home in Roseboro with Houston Crumpler, III, officiating. The family will receive friends following the service. Mr. Williamson is survived by his mother, Alice Willetts; father, James Williamson and step mother, Aeron Williamson; grandmother, Betty Willetts; brother, Jamie Willetts and his wife, Cristy; two nieces, Kaitlyn Willetts, Abbiegail Willetts and a



nephew, Christopher Willetts. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, P. O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123. Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro is serving the family.

Mr. Robert Lindon "Bob" Coleman, 84 of 3534 Moseley Ave. died Monday July 2, 2018 at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill. Born in 1933 in Cumberland County, Mr. Coleman was the son of the late Clifford Greene and Annie Pearl Hall Coleman and the widower of Betty Jean Stahl Coleman. He was a retired Mechanical Engineer. He is survived by two daughters, Janice Van Beurden and husband, Richard and Valerie and husband, Gary; a son, Brian "Scott" Coleman and wife, Suzane of Knightdale; and ten grandchildren. In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a son, Lindon Coleman. Services will be held by the family at a later date. The family would like to extend their sincere appreciation to Sampson County Home Health Care for the excellent care shown to Mr. Coleman. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Coleman family.

CLINTON

Mr. George W. "G.W." Rackley, 92 of 211 Tomahawk Trail, passed away peacefully Thursday, June 28th, 2018 at his home. Funeral services were held Sunday evening, July 1st, 2018 at 6:00PM at the Royal-Hall Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Nancy Smith Edwards and Rev. Lee Monde Parker officiating. An Entombment was held Monday July 2nd at 2:00PM at Clinton Cemetery. Born in 1925 in Sampson County, "G.W." was the son of the late Ross and Pearl Brewer Rackley. "G.W. was a Veteran of the United States Marine Corp., a member of Rowan Baptist Church and the Former owner and operator of Central Heating, Inc. He is survived by his loving wife, Doris "Dee" Crumpler Rackley Son, Lee Rackley and wife Yvonne of Clinton. Two grandchildren, Colin Lee Rackley and Anna Leigh Rackley. One great grandson, Jaxon Lee Rackley and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a sister, Kelly Thompson. Four brothers, Gaston, R. J., Tamp and Norwood Rackley. The family received friends following the service at the funeral home on Sunday and other times at his home. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Liberty Home Health & Hospice, 1206 S. W. Blvd. Clinton, NC. 28328 or Tim's Gift, 108 N.E. Blvd. Clinton, NC. 28328. Condolences may be sent by visiting www.royalhallfuneralhome. com. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Rackley family.

Ret. MSGT Lowell Eugene Schiebe, 83 passed away Monday, July 2, 2018. He is preceded in death by his wife, Dalla Mae Sheets-Schiebe. Arrangements are incomplete at this time. He is survived by his daughter, Patricia Schiebe Ringlund of Roseboro; son, Dennis Schiebe of Sanford; 3 grandchildren, Jamie Ringlund, Kristina Schiebe and Korey Schiebe; 4 great grandchildren; and a brother, Larry Schiebe & wife, Deloris of Hope Mills. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC 28382.

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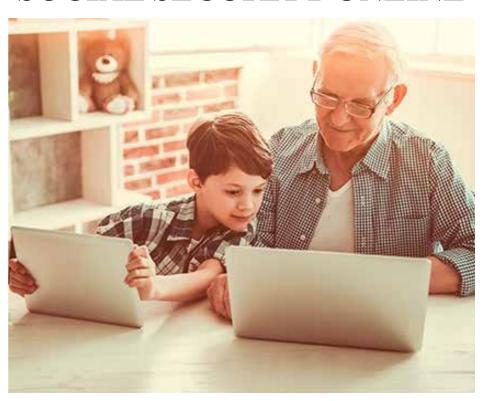
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SPEED FREAKS

A few questions we had to ask ourselves

Was the Kyle & Kyle show the best finish of the season so far?

GODSPEAK: The two Kyles are now the official poster children for Chicagoland Speedway's competition department. Congrats, you

KEN'S CALL: Well, yeah, of course. That's the type of highlight they use in commercials for years to come.

Best bet for an outsider to win this week's plate race?

GODSPEAK: First, about 321/2 guys fit that description. I think this kid Brad Keselowski could have a breakthrough run at Davtona.

KEN'S CALL: The guy who was a mile away in February, Aric Almirola. Or last year's platemaster, Ricky Stenhouse Jr.

FEUD OF THE WEEK

KURT BUSCH VS. KEVIN

HARVICK: Busch was very unhappy with his Stewart-Haas Racing teammate for snatching the Stage 2 victory away from him on Lap 160. The two cars made contact to the finish line.

GODWIN KELLY'S TAKE: Of course, the powers that be at SHR will have a sit-down with Busch, pointing out that Harvick has a series-leading five Cup Series wins this season.

GODWIN'S PICKS FOR DAYTONA

WINNER: Brad Keselowski **REST OF TOP 5:** Joey Logano, Chase Elliott, Martin Truex Jr., **Kevin Harvick**

FIRST ONE OUT: Denny Hamlin **DARK HORSE:** Aric Almirola **DON'T BE SURPRISED IF:** We see a big run from the

2012 NASCAR Cup Series champion.

MOTOR MOUTHS PODCAST

Don't tell anyone, but we're not installing restrictor plates this week.

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CHICAGOLAND

THREE THINGS WE LEARNED



Kyle Larson, who drives the No. 42 Chevy, took race winner Kyle Busch to the limit in an exciting, last-lap run to the checkered flag at Chicagoland. [AP/NAM Y. HUH]

1. It's alive!

After lying dormant since February, Chevrolet made some gasping sounds at Chicagoland on Sunday thanks to Kyle Larson, who finished second to Kyle Busch. "Hey, we put on a hell of a show for you guys, and that was a blast," Larson said after trading paint with Busch.

2. Reset mindset

After the drama between Busch and Larson on the last lap, there was talk of the finish being one of the greatest of all time. Not so fast. The new kid on the

NBC announcers block, Dale Earnhardt Jr., put it in perspective. "This was a great race from start to finish," he said.

3. Some surprises

Aric Almirola earned his first stage point and led a race-high 70 laps, but pit-road trouble pushed him to a 25thplace finish. Young guns Erik Jones and Alex Bowman quietly scored top-10 finishes at Chicagoland. "This is good momentum going into next week's race," Bowman said.

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THREE THINGS TO WATCH

1. Daytona-bound

Saturday's Coke Zero Sugar 400 at Daytona represents the halfway point (Race 18) of the 2018 Cup Series - only nine races remain in the regular season. The 160-lap run over Daytona's 2.5-mile tri-oval will be the last restrictor-plate race before the playoffs begin in September. The first two plate races were won by Austin Dillon (Daytona 500) and Joey Logano (Talladega).

2. Refresh button

Almost any driver who shows up can win Saturday's race at Daytona. Of the six drivers with wins, the two oddballs are Dillon and Logano, who scored their lone Victory Lane appearances at plate tracks. How about Aric Almirola? Maybe. "We are going to win a race," he said at Chicagoland. "I guarantee you we are going to win a race. We have to be perfect to do it though." On deck, Daytona.

3. Labonte second

Former NASCAR Cup Series champion



Why is this man smiling? Because Austin Dillon knows any driver can win Saturday's race at Daytona. He's looking for a Daytona sweep.

[NEWS-JOURNAL/JIM TILLER]

Bobby Labonte scored a second-place, oval-track finish last weekend. The big question is where? The runner-up showing was at Tours (France) Speedway. The 54-year-old driver is running the entire NASCAR Whelen Euro Series. "Second feels good," he said. "I think we needed another lap or two and we might have had a chance at the win."

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QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers

Why were the two Kyles OK with all the rough stuff on Chicagoland's final lap?

Kyle Larson was happy because he made a late charge, had a chance to win and seems to genuinely enjoy that brand of give-and-take it reminds him of his short-track roots. Kyle Busch was happy because it ended with him holding the checkered flag. It's all good hard racin' until Kyle gets the short straw. He likely would've had a different opinion if he hadn't been able to get back to Larson's bumper.

Does someone crash the playoffs party with a surprise win this week?

It's always possible at a plate race, but let's not consider Aric Almirola a shocker. He's been running too well all season, and he was up front near the very end in February at Daytona. But Bubba Wallace, Chris Buescher and Paul Menard were also in the last-lap mix at the Daytona 500, so you never know.

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CUP STANDINGS

1. Kyle Busch

2. Kevin Harvick

3. Joey Logano	61
4. Martin Truex Jr.	59
5. Brad Keselowski	592
6. Clint Bowyer	579
7. Kurt Busch	56
8. Denny Hamlin	53
9. Kyle Larson	52
10. Ryan Blaney	49
11. Aric Almirola	493
12. Jimmie Johnson	442
13. Chase Elliott	43
14. Erik Jones	408
15. Alex Bowman	39
16. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	36
17. Paul Menard	36
18. Daniel Suarez	31
19. Austin Dillon	31
20. Jamie McMurray	309

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WHAT'S ON TAP

CUP SERIES: Coke Zero Sugar 400 SITE: Daytona International Speedway (2.5-mile tri-oval)

TV SCHEDULE: Thursday, practice (NBC Sports Network, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.). Friday, qualifying (NBC Sports Network, 4 p.m.). Saturday, race (NBC Sports Network, coverage begins at 6:30 p.m.; NBC, green flag, 7:15 p.m.)

XFINITY: Coca-Cola Firecracker 250 **SITE:** Daytona International Speedway

SCHEDULE: Thursday, practice (NBC Sports Network, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.). Friday, qualifying (NBC Sports Network, 2 p.m.), race (NBC Sports Network, 7:30 p.m.)



MARTIN TRUEX JR. Zero-for-53 in plate races

CLINT BOWYER Has won at Talladega, but not Daytona

KESELOWSKI The man to beat with a plate

BRAD

KYLE LARSON Eighteen career runner-up finishes

Has to be getting impatient

KURT BUSCH

ning bad, not running great

Seventh, sixth past two weeks

ERIK JONES

ALMIROLA He promised a win this year; will he

ARIC

KYLE BUSCH

His turn

again at #1

KEVIN

HARVICK

Will he and

Kurt play nice

this week?

deliver?

JOEY

LOGANO

Not run-

2018 SCHEDULE AND WINNERS

Feb. 11: Clash at Daytona (Brad Keselowski) Feb. 15: Can-Am Duel at Daytona (Ryan Blaney and Chase Elliott)

Feb. 18: Daytona 500 (Austin Dillon)

Feb. 25: Folds of Honor 500 at Atlanta (Kevin Harvick) March 4: Kobalt 400 at Las Vegas (Kevin Harvick) March 11: Camping World 500(k) at Phoenix (Kevin Harvick)

March 18: Auto Club 400 at Fontana (Martin Truex Jr.) March 26: STP 500 at Martinsville (Clint Bowyer) April 8: O'Reilly Auto Parts 500 at Texas (Kyle Busch)

April 15: Food City 500 at Bristol (Kyle Busch) April 21: Toyota Owners 400 at Richmond (Kyle Busch) April 29: Geico 500 at Talladega (Joey Logano)

May 6: AAA 400 at Dover (Kevin Harvick)

May 12: Go Bowling 400 at Kansas (Kevin Harvick) May 19: All-Star Race at Charlotte (Kevin Harvick)

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

June 3: Pocono 400 (Martin Truex Jr.)

June 10: FireKeepers Casino 400 at Michigan (Clint June 24: Toyota/Save Mart 350 at Sonoma (Martin

Truex Jr.) July 1: Chicago 400 at Chicagoland (Kyle Busch)

July 7: Coke Zero 400 at Daytona July 14: Quaker State 400 at Kentucky

July 22: New Hampshire 301 July 29: Pennsylvania 400 at Pocono Aug. 5: 355 at the Glen, at Watkins Glen Aug. 12: Pure Michigan 400 **Aug. 18:** Night Race at Bristol

Sept. 2: Southern 500 at Darlington

Sept. 9: Brickyard 400 at Indianapolis

Sept. 16: Las Vegas 400 Sept. 22: Federated Auto Parts 400 at Richmond

Sept. 30: Bank of America 500(k) at Charlotte road course Oct. 7: Delaware 400 at Dover

Oct. 14: Alabama 500 at Talladega

Oct. 21: Hollywood Casino 400 at Kansas

Oct. 28: First Data 500 at Martinsville Nov. 4: Texas 500

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

Nov. 18: Ford EcoBoost 400 at Homestead