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FEMA Disaster Recovery Center Opens in Clinton



If you suffered property damage during Hurricane Florence, then you need to know that the Sampson County Disaster Recovery Center is now open. The center's first day for official business was Thursday October 18th. The Disaster Recovery Center is open Thursday-Saturday 9am to 7pm and is located at 406 County Complex Road Building C (Sampson County Manager's Office) in Clinton off of Rowan Road. **FEMA, see P. 4**



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County Seeks to Overhaul and Expand Economic Development



In an effort to gain support and garner ideas, John Swope (Executive Director Economic Development), Ed Causey (County Manager) and Clark Wooten (County Commissioner Chair) have been crossing the county at various town hall meetings seeking input and ideas on a plan to overhaul economic development in Sampson County.

Wooten begins his message stating that in Sampson County, when it came to economic development, the county was selling an idea or a concept when recruiting new business and industry. Fortunately, Enviva bought into that concept and located a new wood pellet manufacturing facility in the county.

Wooten stated, "Before Enviva I use to think economic development was just a real good feel good word, but I began to realize just what new business **OVERHAUL, see P. 3**

Arrest Made in Police Officer Shooting



Joseph Edwards

According to reports released by the sheriff's department on Wednesday, an arrest has been made in the shooting incident that involved an off-duty Fayetteville police officer on Monday evening.

According to sheriff reports Joseph Edwards, 63 year old male, was booked on October 17th at around 10:50pm and charged with Assault with a Deadly Weapon ISI. He was placed in the Sampson County Detention Center under a \$1,000,000 bond with a court date of 11-02-18. His address was listed on the arrest report as Centreville, **SHOOTING, see P. 4**

WEEKLY VERSE

Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. Psalm 27:14

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LOCAL NEWS

Rockin' Run for the Arts 5K and Fun Run



It's time to put on your running shoes and support the Arts in Sampson County!

Join the Sampson Arts Council for our 2018 Rockin' Run for the Arts 5K and Fun Run on November 10! The Rockin' Run will begin at the Victor R. Small House and wind a musical path through beautiful downtown Clinton. All runners will "rock as they run" to the sounds of talented local musicians. Numerous bands and musicians will be stationed along the route and will perform at the Victor R. Small House before and after the Run.

Run it, jog it, walk it – it's all up to you! This event is for all ages and there are several options for participation. The Fun Run is a one-mile route which encourages children, families and anyone who wants to take a leisurely stroll and enjoy the music. For the more serious runner, the 5k will wind 3.1 miles and timing will be provided by Run the East. Can't attend the event but want to support the arts? Register for the Virtual 5K and you can support the arts by running on the treadmill at the gym. All 5K and Virtual 5K runners receive a Rockin' Run t-shirt if registered by October 24. Register online at <http://www.runtheeast.com>

A variety of music styles will entertain you before, during and after the Run. Our talented local bands and musicians include Michael Daughtry (Rock and Roll), Charles Carlisle and the Grampas (Bluegrass), Jonathan Custer (Rock-a-billy Country) the Clinton High School Marching Band, and the Blake Davis Band (Rock) just to name a few.

All Fun Run and 5K participants receive a Rockin' Run medal. Pottery created by local artist, Beth Aspray, will be presented to the overall male and female 5K winners. All top male and female winners in each age category will be recognized.

As a non-profit organization, the Sampson Arts Council is excited to present the Rockin' Run for the Arts 5K and Fun Run to raise money to support unique arts programming in Sampson County. Funds raised from the past two years provided an artist residency in Sampson County Schools and a Jazz concert for adults. To learn more about the SAC visit: www.sampsonarts.net

The Sampson Arts Council would like to thank all of our Rockin' Run Sponsors! Gold Sponsors include: Hog Slat, Inc., Lew and Erika Starling, AP Designz & Photography, David Hobson Attorney at Law, and the Center for Health and Wellness.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Rockin' Run on November 10! Thank you for supporting the Arts in Sampson County! You ROCK!

Registration and Fees:

Participants can register online at www.runtheeast.com
 Fun Run Pre-Registration Fee: \$15
 5k Pre-Registration Fee: \$30.00
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 Groups of 10 or more: \$20 – contact Kara Donatelli at 910-596-2533 to register your group
 *All 5K participants who pre-register by October 24 will receive a race day t-shirt!
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OVERHAUL, cont. from 1

means to this county. Basically, there are two ways you can raise money. One is to raise taxes, and for those that know me I've made a pledge to not raise anyone's taxes. So, that option is better well off the board."

"Which means our other option is to increase our tax base. And that's what Enviva did for us. Remember, we have the lowest unemployment of any county that touches us. So, we don't have a thousand jobs to offer somebody. But Enviva came and brought us 75 jobs and \$229 million in tax base."

That increase in tax base, says Wooten, allowed the county to do several things. One was to increase per student funding in public schools from \$970 to \$1,040. "I think it's important that we do everything we can to empower our students to go as far as they can," expressed Wooten. He also stated that our students would be competing with students from Wake County whose county funding is at \$2,200 per student.

"The other thing (Enviva) allowed us to do was to knock down our tax rate by half a percent," stated Wooten. "We had the highest tax rate of any county that touches us before that decrease. And we did quiet a few other things."

Wooten explains that along the way they were able to re-fund the school debt for a total saving of \$17 million. The savings of course was a very good thing, but it also allowed the county to move \$1.5 million from a rainy-day fund to secure the school debt and use in another area.

"We became enthralled with this economic development," stated Wooten. "We want another Enviva right? We got a taste of what it can do for us."

Wooten says that by moving that \$1.5 million from the sequestered fund to economic development, John Swope would no longer be selling a concept but would truly have something to offer new industry. "We don't know what it is to offer," stated Wooten, "but what we do know is that we've got to have everybody in this county on the team to find the best way for us to spend that money."

"We're all Sampsonions first," says Wooten. "So, wherever new business goes we're all going to be winners. So, we want everybody to have input. We want everyone to be a part of what we're doing."

"Our next step after we get around through the county is we're going to hire a company to help us laser focus on what business to go after. We're no longer going to stand in line and hope and wish to catch

a crumb. We're going to laser focus and find what best suits us."

Sampson County Manager Ed Causey added, "We purposely have not had any internal discussions on anything specifically on what we want to do or how to do it. We really wanted to talk about the concept and give all the communities the opportunity to think about what would

be good. Sometime in the next two or three months we're going to move forward with that step. But I would tell you we are sincerely interested in anybody's ideas or suggestions about going forward. Ultimately, I don't think what sells will come from the Chair's (Clark Wooten) idea, or John's idea or my idea. I think what will likely come from a community idea and the research from the company that will come in to assist us."

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LOCAL NEWS

FEMA, cont. from P. 1

According to Rebecca Kelly, with FEMA, stated that the size of the Disaster Recovery Center's varies with each county. The Sampson County location has a DRC Manager, DRC Assistant Manager, Security, 10-20 IA Specialist (Individual Assistance) to explain the registration process, Mitigation Specialists, Specialists from the SBA, Public Information Officer (like myself to answer any questions from the media), someone from legal aid, sign language interpreters, bi-lingual specialist and representatives from the Red Cross or Salvation Army and occasionally faith based organizations.

Kelly explained the different services that can be obtained at the center. "Services include registration for disaster assistance, making updates to existing applications, uploading photos or receipts to your application, answer any questions specific to your case and what services are available to you, what to expect when FEMA inspector comes review your losses, referrals for additional services from county or state, answers to questions from mitigation specialist on cleaning up after the storm and repair process and applications for SBA residential loan." Limited state and federal assistance for uninsured homeowners and renters may include:

· Rental assistance grants—to help pay for a temporary place to stay while your home gets repaired. The amount varies based on the fair market rent for a house or apartment to accommodate the size and needs of your household, including any access and functional needs for those with disabilities. Each year, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) determines the fair market rent for all metropolitan areas.

· Home repair grants—to help pay for basic home repairs, but only enough to restore your home to a safe, sanitary and functional condition. Specific examples include:

1- Ceiling and roof damage: FEMA grants may cover the repair of disaster-caused leaks in a roof that damage ceilings and threaten electrical components like overhead lights. The cost to fix minor stains from roof leaks is not reimbursable.

2- Appliances: FEMA may assist in the replacement or repair of disaster-damaged furnaces and hot-water heaters. Non-essential items like dishwashers and home entertainment equipment will not be covered.

3- Floors: FEMA may assist to repair subfloors in occupied parts of the home that were damaged due to the disaster.

4- Windows: FEMA may assist with disaster-related broken windows, but not blinds and drapes.

5- Personal property assistance grants—to help pay for the repair or replacement of items damaged by the disaster. Regulations limit replacement costs to items of average quality, size and capacity.

6- Other Needs Assistance (ONA) grants—to help pay for serious disaster-related needs not covered by insurance or other sources. Expenses may include medical, dental, funeral, group flood insurance policy (when applicable), transportation, and moving and storage fees. For example, an ONA grant may go toward the increased cost of childcare expenses due to Hurricane Florence.

If applicants spend their financial assistance on anything other than the purpose for which it is directed, they may be denied assistance the next time a federal disaster strikes. In some cases,

FEMA will ask that the money be returned.

Some survivors are offered low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). While no one is required to take the loan (or any portion of that loan), the full amount offered may be considered a benefit—that cannot be duplicated—whether the loan is accepted or not.

Other disaster-related funding providers—such as HUD and long-term recovery committees—may consider the total amount of approved FEMA grants and SBA loans before awarding any monies to a household. This is also to prevent duplicating benefits.

Those receiving assistance are urged to keep receipts of their disaster spending for three years to document the money was used to meet disaster-related needs. If you receive an insurance settlement to cover the same expenses, you must reimburse FEMA. Random audits are conducted to confirm funds were spent properly.

If you have questions, call the disaster assistance helpline at 800-621-3362 (voice, 711 or VRS) or 800-462-7585 (TTY).

Most importantly – Stay in Touch With FEMA. They can't make you whole – but they are a life line to your recovery!

SHOOTING, cont. from P. 1 MS.

According to the initial reports on the day of the shooting October 15th:

On Monday, October 15th around 8:50 PM, the Sampson County Sheriff's Office received a report that an off-duty Fayetteville Police Officer had been shot off of Maxwell Road in the Clement community. The officer was transported to Cape Fear Valley Hospital in Fayetteville, NC, with serious wounds.

A short time later the suspect vehicle was discovered parked in the middle of Dunn Road, with the suspect sitting in the vehicle. Responding officers from the Sampson County Sheriff's Office and the NC State Highway Patrol attempted to talk the suspect into surrendering and used less lethal munitions to get the suspect to comply. The incident escalated when the suspect attempted to ram officers with his vehicle and resulted in officers discharging their firearms. The suspect, who was injured, was transferred by Sampson County EMS to an undisclosed hospital. The State Bureau of Investigation and the FBI are in charge of the investigation.

The Fayetteville Police Department stated on Tuesday that the officer was "stable and working hard with their family to recover from the injuries". A social media post for the Fayetteville Police Department said, "The officer is currently being treated at an area hospital. We ask for your thoughts and prayers at this time for the officer and their family. Our focus is currently on the Officer's full recovery."

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We Should Know . . .



Carl Dombek and Sherod Schuler 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.

This week’s We Should Know centers on Hurricane Florence recovery and the guests are Carl Dombek and Sherod Schuler, both with the Small Business Administration Disaster Assistance.

JW Simmons starts the show this week asking his guests their thoughts having seen the results of Hurricane Florence in our area.

Sherod Schuler states, “This experience being here in North Carolina we’ve had an opportunity to travel quiet a bit, and I’ve seen a lot of damaged roofs, a lot of trees that have fallen down. Just understanding the impact that is having on families, their livelihood, communities and businesses, it’s shocking.”

“To see how businesses can be impacted, to see people’s lives being impacted. We’re on the go so we’re traveling quiet a bit. Going on homes where the flooding was at such high levels is shocking to see, but that’s the information we want to be able to come back and provide to help in the rebuilding process.”

Schuler states that being from the Detroit area he’s use to more condensed city life, but that as spread out as this community is he can sense a closeness of community. “I’ve enjoyed meeting people as we’ve been out and about. Everyone seems so close nit and willing to pitch in to help each other out.”

Simmons next turns to his guest Carl Dombek and states that to the one’s involved; each disaster is most horrific. Dombek replies, “Well, each one is different whether your talking about a hurricane, earthquake or tornado. What really surprised me is that I was driving just north of the hotel where we’re staying, and I saw the Starlite Motel in Spring Lake that actually lost an entire wing. The river came up behind it and eroded the foundation – I’m guessing, I’m not a construction analyst but that’s what I’m guessing happened – and the whole wing is just gone.”

“To see something that stark and massive is always a surprise no matter how long you’ve been doing it and how much you’ve seen,” adds Dombek.

Next, Simmons states that while the SBA or Small Business Administration focuses on small business recover, there is also an element of the SBA that works on individual recovery as well. He asks his guests to talk through the process of someone getting help from the SBA.

Sherod Schuler explains, “At the SBA, of course as you mentioned we provide the long-haul recovery to rebuild not only businesses, we also help homeowners and renters in times of disasters. So, we have what is called the Office of Disaster Assistance that helps during these times. It’s a small component of the SBA that provides assistance to homeowners and renters.”

“For homeowners or renters, we provide disaster loans up to \$200,000 to help repair damage to real estate. And we also offer up to \$40,000 for personal property like damaged furniture, appliances, computers or clothing. Anything of that nature. And that can impact renters as well as homeowners. And we’re also there to help businesses. We lend up to \$2 million to help businesses.”

“We offer low rates for both renters and homeowner loans as low as 2%. Whereas for businesses the rates are as low as 3.75%. And for non-profit organizations such as churches we offer rates as low as 2.5%.”

“Now,” adds Schuler, “to mention the process or how we go about doing that. We encourage you first to register with FEMA. That’s the first place you want to start. Register with FEMA and get that assistance up front. Again, we are long-term recovery, so we will provide help from there. Typically, FEMA will refer you to the SBA and from there there are several ways you can apply. One is online. The simple way is to go to www.sba.gov and there will be a banner at the top. Just click on that banner and it will lead you through the process. And the process is very easy.”

Schuler adds, “We understand some may not what to apply online or may not have access to it. So, we have centers located strategically throughout North Carolina and in this community as well, where we can provide assistance on site. We’ll have people on site who can help you with the process whether its for your home or business.”

“And by chance if you can’t come in person there is the option of calling us by phone and we can send you an application. That number is 1-800-659-2955.”

To visit the Office of Disaster Assistance with the SBA in Sampson County go to the County Complex at 406 County Complex Road, Building C Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9am to 7pm.

Carl Dombek says people can walk in off the street without appointment but will need to register with FEMA first to apply for aid from the SBA or any of the other agencies FEMA coordinates with during times of a natural disaster.

As of Monday night, Dombek says that the SBA had already approved \$141 million in loans across the state of North Carolina for a total 3,500 loans.

Dombek says that FEMA is the quick or short-term assistance channel and can help in the initial first days with food and lodging, where the SBA is a long-term assistance channel. Loans for home or business repair needs can be turned around in as little as a couple of weeks, but for most loans the payments are made like a construction loan and not a one-time payout. Smaller loans for property losses such as a vehicle however can be paid out in a single transaction.

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

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



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HEALTH

Breast Cancer

By Nettie Wilson-Pernell
Sampson County Partners for Healthy Carolinians

Breast cancer occurs when malignant tumors develop in the breast. These cells can spread by breaking away from the original tumor and entering blood vessels or lymph vessels, which branch into tissues throughout the body. When cancer cells travels to other parts of the body and begin damaging other tissues and organs the process is called metastasis.

Facts about Breast Cancer in the U.S.:

- 1.) One in eight women will be diagnosed with Breast Cancer in their lifetime.
- 2.) Breast Cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in women.
- 3.) Breast Cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among women.
- 4.) Each year it is estimated that over 252,710 women in the US will be diagnosed with breast cancer and more than 40,500 will die.
- 5.) Although Breast Cancer in men is rare an estimated 2,470 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer and approximately 460 will die each year.
- 6.) On average every 2 minutes a woman is diagnosed with Breast Cancer.
- 7.) Over 3.3 million breast cancer survivors are alive in the U.S. today.

All people whether male or female are born with some breast cells and tissue that have the possibility to develop into cancer. Even though males do not develop milk producing breasts, a man's breast cells and tissue can still develop cancer, although this is very rare. Less than one percent of all breast cancer cases develop in men, and only one in a thousand men will ever be diagnosed with breast cancer.

Breast cancer in men is usually detected as a hard lump underneath the nipple and areola. Of the men who develop breast cancer, the vast majority of cases are when the cells in or around the ducts begin to invade surrounding tissue. Male breast cancer can exhibit the same symptoms as breast cancer in women including a lump. Men may rarely be diagnosed with inflammatory breast cancer or Paget disease of the nipple. Men carry a higher mortality than women do, primarily because awareness among men is less and they are less likely to assume a lump is breast cancer which can cause a delay in seeking treatment.

Although most people who develop breast cancer will not be able to pinpoint one specific cause, scientists have learned much about the risk factors that may indicate a stronger likelihood for cancer. Some risk factors can be avoided, but most risk factors cannot be avoided. Risk factors that cannot be changed are gender; age; race; family history; personal



Breast Cancer Awareness

health history; early menstruation; and late menopause (after 55). Risk factors that can be changed are: lack of physical activity; poor diet; being overweight or obese; drinking alcohol; radiation to the chest and combined hormone replacement therapy (CHRT).

Anyone who notices anything unusual about their breasts, whether male or female, should contact their physician immediately. Survival rates and treatment are very similar for both men and women. Early detection of breast cancer increases treatment options and often reduces the risk of dying from breast cancer.

Sampson County's 20th Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Rally will be Saturday, October 20th from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Olivet Institutional Baptist Church, 537 McKoy St., Clinton. All are invited to attend and receive valuable information, door prizes, and a chance to hear the personal story of a male breast cancer survivor.

This article and others are brought to you monthly by the partners with Sampson County Healthy Carolinians. This groups meets on a regular basis in Clinton. This organization is committed to addressing major health and social issues with the county. Their on-going efforts are to provide prevention, education and awareness of the available resources that can assist families with their overall health and wellness. For more information about Sampson County Partners for Healthy Carolinians, call (910) 592-1131 ext. 4240 or visit www.scpfhc.org.

Sources: American Cancer Society, National Breast Cancer Foundation, Susan G. Komen.

Pretty in Pink



Walkers take time out for a quick photo.

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the Student Government Association of Sampson Community College played host to its annual Breast Cancer Awareness Walk.

The event is part of an annual campaign organized by breast cancer charities every October to increase awareness of the disease and raise funds for research into its cause, prevention, diagnosis, treatment and cure. The campaign also offers information and support to those affected by breast cancer.

"We are here every year," says Amanda Raynor, SGA Advisor at SCC. "To see all of the faculty, staff and students across campus turn out wearing their pink and stepping up to participate really says a lot. Anything we can do to raise awareness about steps you can take to reduce the risk of getting breast cancer is what the walk is all about. We hope we can educate and stress the importance of early screening and detection and that's why we are here."

In 1985, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM) was created as a collaborative effort between the American Academy of Family Physicians, AstraZeneca Healthcare Foundation, CancerCare, Inc., and a variety of other sponsors to raise awareness and gain funding for research for a cure." One in eight women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime. SCC's SGA walk is designed to bring focus to these facts and encourage women to seek preventive measures and look for signs of the disease early.

Anyone seeking further information about the college or its SGA, should visit www.sampsoncc.edu.



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The Black Cowboy Hat

Genesis 4:7, "If you do what is right, won't you be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it."

As a child I always enjoyed watching western movies. The kids in my neighborhood would reenact the movie scenes and everyone wanted to be the hero. It never took long to discover who was breaking the law and the one who was fighting for justice. The white hats were often worn by heroes and black hats by villains to symbolize the contrast in good versus evil. However, in real life it's not always that easy to distinguish between the two characters.

When some read the Bible, they tend to put themselves in the role of the good guys. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, they like to see themselves as the hero, not as those who walk past a beaten, bloody and dying man in great need. In the case of the prodigal son, they want to put themselves in the role of the forgiving father. In the case of Cain and Abel, they certainly do not want to equate themselves with Cain.

However, since one of our main purposes in studying the Bible is to improve our relationship with God and not to congratulate ourselves, then perhaps we should try to understand how even sinful characters can help us learn

from God's Word.

While Cain was a farmer, his brother, Abel, was a shepherd. Both brought an offering to the Lord. God accepted Abel's gift, but rejected Cain's offering. The reason is not fully explained, but instantly, Cain grew furious. "Why are you angry?" God asked. "Why is your face downcast?" Then God added, "If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But, if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it" (Genesis 4:6-7).

Here, in one of the earliest messages of God to humanity, Cain is told and we are told through him that even though he might be contemplating some sin, he can turn from it and do what is right. The Lord warned that sin is constantly "crouching at the door." In other words, we must recognize that we are tempted to give in to pride, self-congratulation, selfishness, complacency, envy, laziness, resentment, wasting of talents or opportunities and other sins. It can be a very long list that is waiting at our door.

When it comes to temptations we do not have to succumb to them. Sin does not have to be an inevitable part of our lives. Through a commitment to follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ and by the power of God's Spirit, we can



master it. Sin is strong, but with God's help, we can prevail over it. C.S. Lewis wrote in his book Mere Christianity, "Only those who try to resist temptation know how strong it is. We never find out the strength of the evil impulse inside us until we try to fight it: and Christ, because He was the only man who never yielded to temptation, is also the only man who knows to the full what temptation means—the only complete realist."

Like Cain, none of our thoughts or attitudes can hide from God. We need the courage to confess our shortcomings and correct them by seeking the guidance of Christ. Often we will think we are the ones riding into town wearing the white hat. However, if we have unconfessed sins in our heart, we are really the villain of the story.



Rev. Ken Smith

Do You Really Care?

Memory is a treasure to be cherished, and a truly precious memory is priceless!

One such memory was made when our granddaughter was in her most formative years. I had picked her up from school, and I recall that we were having a spirited discussion about something going on in her life. Sure enough, we very soon got around to a most important subject: your reputation. Well, my "Gran'Ma" mode kicked in, that moment in time was so profound that I recall the exact location in downtown Clinton when I said to her: "Look at me. Yes, your behavior, the manner in which you present yourself to others, does form your reputation. However more importantly, and do not ever forget this truth which affects every fragment of your future:

Your Reputation is what others think about you.
Your Character is what God knows about you."

Years have passed, and our family profile has changed, but our Christian standards have not. An important application has been an adage that I have used so often in every walk of life: "People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care."

That is so true, but a new perspective was gained as we were in the process of recovery from minimal Hurricane Florence damage. We had a problem with mildew and mold infiltrating our home and since Gene is somewhat homebound it was of concern to me. I made a few phone calls to folks whom I knew cared and could help us. In just a few hours five different friends showed up, climbed, crawled, repaired, cleaned and assisted our family in patch-up and cleanup!

During my quiet time that night, I read a quote by Billy Graham: "We must be willing to not only love people by telling them about Jesus, we must also love people by showing them Jesus. Do you really care?" I realized that we had literally seen that truth displayed in real time, that very day, by friends who showed us that they really cared. We praise our Heavenly Father for sending His angels to spend some time in our home and by showing us how much they cared.

A difference was made! From now on I have a new way to share an old teaching:

"People don't care how much you know, until they know, and you SHOW, how much you care."



You might ask, "how does that relate to the truth you impressed upon your granddaughter years ago?" I'll answer thus: I knew that the family and friends who came to our assistance loved us, and I knew that every one of them cared, but for about two hours one hot afternoon in October 2018, they SHOWED their true CHARACTER. They displayed the love of Jesus to us in a real way. Believe me, when you forget yourself for others, others will never forget you!

To quote Henry Drummond: "Strength of character may be acquired over time, but beauty of character is learned at home. In one word, the family circle is the supreme conductor of Christianity."

It is my sincere prayer that our family will continue to live in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, forming Godly character every day. May we leave this Lasting Legacy: "The inheritance that matters most is a Godly legacy of authentic Christian faith that will impact members of future generations for good throughout eternity." To God be the Glory!



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When it's time for a sweet treat, look for seasonal goodies that complement fun fall activities. For example, reach for an option like whole-grain, fluffy and crisp popcorn which can be an easy, DIY snack.

Combine sweet and salty flavors to create something delicious to devour like Coconut Popcorn Crunch Pie or delightful Down Home Apple Pie Popcorn.

To better serve a crowd, try these Perfect Picnic Popcorn Squares, Popcorn S'mores or Key Lime Popcorn Clusters at your next family gathering or fall cookout with friends.

For more creative, DIY popcorn recipe ideas, visit popcorn.org.

Down Home Apple Pie Popcorn

Yield: 10 cups

- 3 tablespoons melted butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 8 cups popped popcorn
- 1 cup dried apple chips, broken into large pieces
- 1/4 cup toffee bits

Heat oven to 300 F. Whisk melted butter with vanilla. Toss brown sugar with cinnamon, allspice and nutmeg.

Toss popcorn with butter mixture. Sprinkle evenly with brown sugar mixture. Stir. Transfer to baking sheet lined with parchment paper.

Sprinkle apple chips and toffee bits over top. Bake 15 minutes, or until toffee bits start to melt. Cool before serving.

Tip: Add chopped pecans for extra crunch.



Down Home Apple Pie Popcorn

Pop Up Sweet Treats



Key Lime Popcorn Clusters

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Yield: about 32 clusters

- 8 cups popped popcorn
- 4 whole graham crackers, finely chopped, divided
- 1 jar (7 1/2 ounces) marshmallow creme
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 2 tablespoons grated lime peel
- 1 tablespoon key lime juice

Line 9-inch square pan with foil.

In large bowl, combine popcorn and all but 2 tablespoons graham cracker pieces

In large glass bowl, microwave marshmallow creme and butter on high 1 minute. Stir until butter is melted. Stir in lime peel and lime juice.

Pour marshmallow mixture over popcorn, mixing thoroughly.

Using damp hand, firmly press mixture into prepared pan. Sprinkle with reserved graham cracker pieces. Refrigerate 2 hours until firm.

Lift foil from pan. Break popcorn mixture into clusters.

Coconut-Popcorn Crunch Pie

Yield: 12 servings

- 2 quarts popped popcorn, unsalted
- 1 can (4 ounces) flaked coconut, toasted
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup light corn syrup
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1/4 cup water
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 quart vanilla, spumoni or butter pecan ice cream
- fresh fruit, for topping (optional)
- chocolate sauce, for topping (optional)

saucepan, combine sugar, syrup, butter, water and salt. Bring to boil over low heat, stirring until sugar dissolves. Continue cooking until syrup reaches hard crack stage (290-295 F).

Stir in vanilla. Pour syrup in fine stream over popcorn mixture; stir until particles are evenly coated with syrup.

On buttered, 12-inch pizza pan, spread half of popcorn mixture in thin layer, covering bottom of pan. Mark off into wedge-shaped servings; set aside. Repeat using remaining popcorn mixture; cool.

Cover one layer with ice cream; top with second popcorn layer. Store in freezer. To serve, cut in wedges. Serve with fruit or chocolate sauce, if desired.



Coconut-Popcorn Crunch Pie



Popcorn S'mores

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Yield: 20 pieces

- 1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine
- 1/2 cup corn syrup
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 10 cups freshly popped popcorn
- 1 package (10 1/2 ounces) miniature marshmallows
- 2 cups mini graham cookies
- 1 cup chocolate chips

In medium saucepan, combine brown sugar, butter and corn syrup.

Cook over high heat 5 minutes; remove from heat and stir in baking soda.

In large bowl, combine popcorn and marshmallows.

Pour sugar mixture over popcorn to coat.

Gently stir in graham cookies and chocolate chips.

Spread mixture evenly into greased 15-by-10-inch pan.

Let cool completely. Break into pieces.

Perfect Picnic Popcorn Squares

Yield: 12 squares

- 1 cup light corn syrup
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup reduced-fat peanut butter
- 3/4 cup raisins
- 8 cups air-popped popcorn
- nonstick cooking spray

In large saucepan, combine corn syrup, sugar, brown sugar and peanut butter. Bring to boil over low heat, stirring constantly; boil 2-3 minutes. Remove saucepan from heat.

In large bowl, combine raisins and popcorn; pour hot mixture over popcorn and toss carefully with wooden spoons until well-coated.

Spray 9-by-13-inch baking dish with cooking spray; press popcorn mixture into pan and cool completely.

Cut into squares and serve.



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HCA's Taylor Brinson Is Enjoying Final Year of High School



Photo by **Laura Butler Harris**

Harrells Christian Academy tennis standout Taylor Brinson said she was in shock when told that she had been named this week's Performance Auto/Sampson Weekly Star Athlete of the Week.

"I really didn't know anything about it," the 17-year-old senior said. "It is a big shock ... It feels good."

Brinson, who has been playing the sport since she was in seventh grade, has been nothing short of spectacular this season. Going into last week's matches, Brinson carried a 9-1 record in singles.

Although the Lady Crusaders haven't had the greatest season (6-6 overall/3-2 in the conference), Brinson, as well as the rest of the seniors, are working on guiding the younger players for the future.

"We have a younger team with a lot of younger players, some who are still getting used to playing," Brinson explains. "We try to take the newer players under our wings, pair up and teach them some techniques that may help with their game."

It is something that happened to Brinson when she first started.

"When I first started out (in seventh grade) the older players really helped me out by taking me under their wings and showed me a lot of support," she explained. "That was something that really helped me out."

To her credit, Brinson was determined and put in the work to get better at her game each season.

"Last year I had trouble with my backhand," she admitted. "I worked with my coach (Carol Luanne Johnson) and she changed my grip - that has really helped me this season. I feel like I am playing much better."

Born and raised in Kenansville, Brinson has spent her entire educational career at Harrells Christian Academy.

"My father (Davis) played tennis in high school," she said. "So, growing up, we would always play together."

However, Brinson's first foray into sports came playing soccer - a sport that she still plays at Harrells. "I played on a summer team when I was younger," she admits. "I also played in high school, but I quit playing my junior year."

When Brinson was in seventh grade, she was put on the varsity tennis team. By the time she entered high school, she had rose to the second seed.

"I have always tried to find ways to get better," Brinson explained. "I keep trying ..."

In addition to her dad, as well as the older tennis players who took her under her wing, Brinson said her favorite tennis player

is already legendary Serena Williams.

"Growing up I loved watching her; I still do," Brinson says. "She has motivated me to stay determined and always go out and do my very best."

As good as she is on the court, Brinson is just as good in the classroom.

An 'A-B' student, who says her favorite subject is Math ("I have always been good at it," she said. "It just comes easy to me."), Brinson said that she is going to enjoy her final year at the only school she has ever known.

"Harrells Christian Academy is like a second family to me," she explains. "Everyone knows each other. I have been really lucky to have made a lot of friends here over the years - and we have all grown closer each year. Not just with my classmates, but with the teachers too. They have always been helpful and kind. So, I think it will be difficult to leave, but I am excited about moving on too."

Brinson has already been thinking about her post-high school career.

"I want to go to Cape Fear Community College to study radiology and then transfer to University of North Carolina-Wilmington (UNC-W) to finish out," she said. "I have always been a person who really enjoys helping out and caring for other people."

Is there plans to play soccer or tennis in college?

"I really would like to continue playing as long as I possibly can," Brinson said.

When asked where she hopes to be at the end of the next decade, Brinson says, she wants to be working at a great job.

"I will probably be living in Wilmington," she laughs.

Which makes sense because when she does get free time, Brinson likes to hang out with her friends and family and, of course, go to the beach.

Looking back at her high school career, the senior said that if she could give a piece of advice to a future Crusader heading into their freshman year, it would be to always be their best in no matter what they do.

"I would also tell them not to blink, because it really flies by," she said. "You hear people say that, but it really is true. Now that I am a senior, I know they are right. It flies by."

When given a chance to give a final word, Brinson took the opportunity to thank the people who have been the most supportive to her.

"I want to thank my family (Father Davis; Mother Kristy; and older sister Ashley Parker) for all of their support," Brinson said. "I would also like to thank my coach (Carol Luanne Johnson) for helping me to improve my skills and always encouraging me to play to the best of my ability."

The standout also gives a special shout-out to the Harrells Christian Academy sports fans.

"We always have a lot of family and friends come out to cheer us on," she said. "Even during our not so great seasons, they have always been there for us, rooting for us."

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DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE	RECORD
Aug 11th	Sampson Co Jamboree	Away	7:00		
Aug 17th	Pender High School	Away	7:00	W 47 - 06	1-0
Aug 24th	Heide Trask	Away	7:00	W 14 - 06	2-0
Aug 30th	Camp Lejeune	Away	7:00	W 30 - 06	3-0
Sept 7th	Midway Raiders	HOME	7:00	W 35 - 32	4-0
Sept 14th	North Lenior	HOME	7:00	Postponed	0-0
Sept 21st	Western Harnett	Away	7:00	Postponed	0-0
Oct 5th	North Duplin	HOME	7:00	W 21 - 07	5-0
Oct 12th	Rosewood Eagles	Away	7:00	L 13 - 43	5-1
Oct 19th	Hobpton Wildcats	HOME	7:00	W 00 - 00	0-0
Oct 26th	Princeton Bulldogs	Away	7:00	W 00 - 00	0-0
Nov 2nd	Union Spartans	HOME	7:00	W 00 - 00	0-0
Nov 9th	1st Round Playoffs	TBD	TBD	W 00 - 00	0-0

Home Games in Bold ** Homecoming

Clinton Dark Horse 2018 Varsity Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE	RECORD
Aug 10th	Sampson Co Jamboree	HOME	7:00		
Aug 17th	Cape Fear Colts	Away	7:30	L 00 - 15	0-1
Aug 24th	East Bladen Eagles	Away	7:30	W 14 - 00	1-1
Aug 31st	Northside Monarchs	HOME	7:00	W 24 - 07	2-1
Sept 14th	Southern Lee Cavaliers	HOME	7:00	Postponed	0-0
Sept 22st	James Kenan Tigers	HOME	7:00	Postponed	0-0
Oct 1st	Midway Raiders	Away	7:00	W 50 - 08	3-1
Oct 12th	Goldsboro Cougars	Away	7:00	W 37 - 28	4-1
Oct 19th	Spring Creek Gators	HOME	7:00	W 00 - 00	0-0
Oct 26th	Wallace-Rose Hill Bulldogs	HOME	7:00	W 00 - 00	0-0
Nov 2nd	East Duplin Panthers	Away	7:00	W 00 - 00	0-0
Nov 9th	First Round Playoffs	TBD	TBD	W 00 - 00	0-0

Home Games in Bold ** Homecoming

Hobpton Wildcats 2018 Varsity Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE	RECORD
Aug 11th	Sampson Co Jamboree	Away	7:00		
Aug 17th	Goldsboro High	Away	7:00	L 00 - 56	0-1
Aug 24th	Chatham Central	Away	7:00	W 29 - 21	1-1
Aug 30th	North Johnston	HOME	7:00	L 08 - 42	1-2
Sept 7th	Spring Creek	HOME	7:00	W 33 - 06	2-2
Sept 14th	Midway Raiders	Away	7:00	Postponed	0-0
Sept 28th	Smithfield-Selma	HOME	7:00	W 23 - 06	3-2
Oct 5th	Rosewood	HOME	7:00	L 00 - 35	3-3
Oct 12th	Princeton	Away	7:00	L 14 - 69	3-4
Oct 19th	Lakewood Leopards	Away	7:00	W 00 - 00	0-0
Oct 26th	Union Spartans	HOME	7:00	W 00 - 00	0-0
Nov 2nd	North Duplin	HOME	7:00	W 00 - 00	0-0
Nov 9th	First Round Playoffs	TBD	TBD		

Home Games in Bold ** Homecoming

Harrells Crusaders 2018 Varsity Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE	RECORD
Aug 17th	Carrboro High School	Away	7:30	L 34 - 36	0-1
Aug 31st	Rocky Mount Prep	HOME	7:00	W 61 - 08	1-1
Sept 7th	Village Christian Academy	HOME	7:00	L 06 - 43	1-2
Sept 14th	Trinity Christian Academy	Away	7:00	Postponed	0-0
Sept 21st	Charlotte Latin	Away	7:00	Postponed	0-0
Sept 28th	North Raleigh Christian	HOME	7:00	W 33 - 08	2-2
Oct 5th	Fayetteville Christian School	Away	7:00	W 52 - 00	3-2
Oct 12th	North Wake Saints**	HOME	7:00	L 14 - 16	3-3
Oct 19th	Wake Christian Academy	Away	7:00	W 00 - 00	0-0
Oct 26th	Ravenscroft School	HOME	7:00	W 00 - 00	0-0
Nov 2nd	NCISAA Division II 1st Round	TBD	TBD		

Home Games in Bold ** Homecoming

Union Spartans 2018 Varsity Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE	RECORD
Aug 11th	Sampson Co Jamboree	Away	7:00		
Aug 17th	Midway Raiders	HOME	7:00	L 18 - 25	0-1
Aug 24th	South Robeson	HOME	7:00	W 22 - 20	1-1
Aug 31st	Pender Patriots	Away	7:00	W 40 - 17	2-1
Sept 7th	Heidi Trask	HOME	7:00	L 06 - 25	2-2
Sept 14th	Jones Senior	HOME	7:00	Postponed	0-0
Sept 21st	Swansboro	Away	7:00	Postponed	0-0
Oct 5th	Princeton Bulldogs	HOME	7:00	L 18 - 61	2-3
Oct 12th	North Duplin	Away	7:00	L 06 - 23	2-4
Oct 19th	Rosewood**	HOME	7:00	W 00 - 00	0-0
Oct 26th	Hobpton Wildcats	Away	7:00	W 00 - 00	0-0
Nov 2nd	Lakewood Leopards	Away	7:00	W 00 - 00	0-0
Nov 9th	1st Round Playoffs	TBD	TBD	W 00 - 00	0-0

Home Games in Bold ** Homecoming

Midway Raiders 2018 Varsity Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE	RECORD
Aug 11th	Sampson Co Jamboree	Away	7:00		
Aug 17th	Union Spartans	Away	7:00	W 25 - 18	1-0
Aug 24th	Princeton Bulldogs	HOME	7:00	L 36 - 50	1-1
Aug 31st	West Bladen Knights	HOME	7:00	W 55 - 32	2-1
Sept 7th	Lakewood Leopards	Away	7:00	L 32 - 35	2-2
Sept 14th	Hobpton Wildcats	HOME	TBA	Postponed	0-0
Sept 21st	Spring Creek High	HOME	7:00	Postponed	0-0
Oct 1st	Clinton Dark Horses	HOME	7:00	L 08 - 50	2-3
Oct 5th	James Kenan	HOME	7:00	L 34 - 47	2-4
Oct 10th	Wallace-Rose Hill	Away	7:00	L 00 - 68	2-5
Oct 19th	James Kenan High	HOME	7:00	W 00 - 00	0-0
Nov 2nd	Goldsboro High	Away	7:00	W 00 - 00	0-0
Nov 9th	1st Round Playoffs	TBD	TBD	W 00 - 00	0-0

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Reflection and grace each day keep the devil away and encourage God's children to praise and pray! Encouraging one another is important, especially when stormy seasons threaten to take our sunshine away. When comfort zones are challenged during life's storms, reflecting and realizing God's grace is sufficient for each new day gives encouragement along our way.

Rising early each morning for quiet time reading, praying, and writing is my cup of tea. Reflections, a program on Christian stations with no talking, only powerful pictures reflecting nature of God's world and scriptures reflecting truths in His Word, encourages me to rise up, get ready, and reach out to encourage people God puts in my path each day. Surely, personal times of reflecting, praying, and being filled with God's grace keep you pressing forward through storms and enjoying each new day also.

Timothy was sent to encourage! Reading about his impact on people's lives in First Thessalonians 3: 2-3 provides a perfect example for us to embrace in a world where 'hurting people, hatred, and hatefulness' is made to seem right, while 'forgiving, encouraging, and loving our neighbors (from Clinton to China, Sampson County to Sudan)' is made to seem wrong! Reflecting on this truth in Revelation is a sure sign of the times. Being encouraged to walk on through storms holding our heads up high - not being afraid of the storms - walking on through the wind - through the rain - through our world being turned upside down with hope in our hearts. When we stand strong knowing God's grace will get us through any storm, we can sing lyrics to an old song with a message meant to bring reflection and encouragement to people going through storms from here to the uttermost parts of our

nation and God's creation!

Is your heart being stirred to reflect and rise up...by God's Grace? Are you convicted to come closer to Christ? Has God sent you, as He did Timothy, to encourage His children who need acts of love and helping hands? Sing the following lyrics with hope and happiness in your hearts!

"When you walk through a storm hold your head up high and don't be afraid of the dark. At the end of the storm is a golden sky and the sweet silver song of a lark. Walk on, walk on, with hope in your heart, and you'll never walk alone...!"

Take time daily for reflection, prayer, praise, and encouragement to walk on through storms even when broken hearts and homes threaten to take our sunshine away. Trusting Jesus and knowing God's promise to never leave or forsake us is real and relevant enables us to weather any storm.

By God's grace...let us be encouraged to: rise up, reflect, get ready, and reach out in faith to enjoy each new day!



Edith Williams is hosting a GRIEF Support Group at Tim's Gift on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays - 6:30 until 7:30pm. Call 302 - 0781 FMI

EDUCATION

Hobbs High 2018 Homecoming Court



Introducing Hobbs High School's 2018 Homecoming Court - our Homecoming game will be Friday, October 26 at 7:00 pm - come out to support Hobbs Athletics and these 20 seniors who are representing the Class of 2019 as Homecoming Court Representatives. Pictures left to right front row: Alyson Capers, Jovanna Zapata, Natalie Aman, Zaylea King, Priscilla Avilez, Lakelyn Bass, Alexis Bustamante, Gabriele Williams, Sarah Suggs and Anahi Escalera and back row from left to right out Homecoming King candidates: Isaiah Wilson, Marquaves Beamon, Francisco Rosas-Gomez, Anthony Romero-Jorge, Jackson McLamb, Ja'Quan Jones, Garrett Monk, Edgar Aburto, Ellis Craddock and Zachary Harrison

SCC Veteran Serves County, Country



Rogers shows no signs of slowing down.

Edith Rogers doesn't shy away from service. As a United States Air Force veteran, she served her country and her fellow soldiers. Today, she marks her 35th year of service to our community as Division Secretary of Sampson Community College's Business and Occupational Technologies Programs.

Born in Dunn, Rogers, who now resides in Newton Grove, was an Honor Graduate at Hobbs High School class of 1975 before joining the military. After that, she became an Honor Graduate at SCC and even won the Outstanding Student Award in 1983 before finishing her Associate of Applied Science degree in General Office Technology here.

"I thank God for blessing me to be here and I am honored to work at our community's college," she says. "Sometimes community colleges do not get the credit they deserve; some think they are just somewhere to go to pass the time away and that the course work is easy, and it is a breeze to get through. I want everyone to know - IT REALLY IS COLLEGE, in every sense of the word and I wouldn't trade a thing for my experiences here."

Rogers, who has been here for well over half of the college's existence, remembers how things used to be and they are vastly different than they are today. She remembers double-wide trailers housed the nursing departments and the only buildings on campus were the North and East Buildings, mobile units, and shop areas. The college was on a quarter system, not a semester system and there was no such thing as the internet or online classes.

One thing that has never changed in her 35 years, she says, is the feeling of closeness. "When I was a student, I loved the atmosphere," she says. "It was not intimidating at all because of the friendliness of the faculty and staff. I was impressed with how you could visit someone's office today and weeks later they would remember your name. It was like we were one big happy family and I never felt like I was just another number. In many ways, it still feels that way. Everyone cares about you and goes out their way to help you. I try to emulate that quality with everything I do here."

If you are ready to begin your journey at SCC, visit www.sampsoncc.edu.

Class B Trucks Get Makeover at SCC



Finishing touches added to new Class B trucks at SCC.

Sampson Community College has wasted little time getting the word out about its new Class B license program. This week, the college had new decal work installed on its newest trucks.

"We are definitely excited about the new Class B program" says Fred Stamey, Director of Transportation programs at SCC. "We now have two types of trucks specifically for the new Class B course and now we are dressing them up with our logos." 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 newly decorated trucks come after news of a new driver training facility to be moved to Clinton, relocated from the original training grounds resided at the Ag Provision Lot in Kenansville.

The new site will offer growth for the program with one of the major benefits for students being travel time to and from school. Stamey says the move will cut commute time to about one-third for out of town students. 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.

For more information about the Truck Driver Training program at SCC, contact Fred Stamey at fstamey@sampsoncc.edu or at 910.900.4042.

SCC Student Uses Obstacles as Motivation

Unfortunately, students who are older than the average college student or those who haven't been to college in years believe that they are at a disadvantage when they go to college. However, there are some such students who will tell you that having the maturity to understand the obstacles and how to eliminate them can instead serve as a plus.

Sondra Hart had gotten a certificate in Cosmetology three decades ago and became a successful hairdresser for more than 27 years. "Obviously I was able to get a job and I was very happy with it," she says. "But when I turned 50 a few years ago, it hit me. I am single, self-employed and have no benefits or medical insurance that an employer would normally provide."

Hart says she did not want to go back to school. Hairdressing was all she had ever known, so the fear of trying something new or returning to the classroom after so many years struck fear into her. She felt that if she did not have a degree, she would have no way out of the situation she found herself in. She wondered how a student that is much older than the rest of the average students could fare. How would she be received. Was she too old to learn in 2018?

Dr. Tonita Smith, a counselor at Sampson Community College, who also just happens to be a friend of Hart's since they were in the fifth grade, says any fear an older student has about coming to college, shouldn't deter anyone from coming back. "No matter what age you are or how long you have been away, never fear going back to college," Dr. Smith says. "Every day of our lives, we face challenges that are new to us, but, there is always someone to help us along the way. Older students should embrace the opportunity to learn. It doesn't matter what type of setting you may find yourself, focus on how your coming back to school will help you, your family and help you to better serve others."

While the SCC family knows this all too well, how does one convince the student of this? "I had never had training on a computer, I used my laptop for shopping and paying bills," said Hart. "I had never even heard of Microsoft Word or knew what it was. What helped is getting a tutor and making friends with younger students who knew how to get around and that helped. The staff at SCC was very helpful. After about a month I was in the flow of things and I was navigating the computer. The Academic Success Center is now my new favorite place!"



Dr. Smith (L) knew Hart long before her journey to success

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CRIME

Arrest Reports

10-12 Debbie Ann Wallace, 37; 305 Dogwood Circle, Clinton; Warrant Service; Written Promise to Appear; Court Date 10-31

10-12 Harrison Tyler Lambert, 26; 743 Vander Rd., Autryville; DUI; Secured Bond \$2,500; Court Date 11-20

10-12 Alyssa Haley Borja, College St., Clinton; Order fro Arrest-Speeding; Order for Arrest- Improper Equipment

10-12 Nicole Royal, North Blvd., Clinton; Order fro Arrest- Fail to Return Rental Property

10-13 Cole Patrick Fitzsimmons, 20; 119 Allan Lane, Clayton; Possession with Intent to Sell/Deliver Marijuana; Maintain Vehicle for Controlled Substance; Secured Bond \$15,000; Court Date 10-19

10-13 Floyd Lawade Sutton, 47; 4542 Bearskin Rd., Clinton; Order for Arrest; Secured Bond \$1,000; Court Date 11-16

10-13 Kristina Williams, 33; 135 W Second St., Garland; Simple Possession Schedule VI Controlled Substance; Court Date 12-13

10-13 Manuel Garcia, 26; 15657 US 701 North, Garland; DWLR Not Impaired Rev; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 10-18

10-14 Gregorio Vargas-Bautista, 24; Auctioneer Rd., Clinton; Simple Possession of Schedule VI

10-14 Bobby Simpson, 61; 104 W North St., Apt C, Roseboro; Misuse of 911 System; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 11-01

10-15 Matthew Scott Kramer, 22; 96 Day Lily Lane, Dunn; Larceny; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 10-30

10-15 Jessica Cordelia Corbett, 28; 110 Poplar Circle, Warsaw; Order for Arrest-Disorderly Conduct; Secured Bond \$415; Court Date 11-06

10-15 Jennifer Lynn Norris, 27; 2121 Basstown Rd., Clinton; Possess Methamphetamine; Possess Drug Paraphernalia; Failure to Appear- Breaking and Entering; Court Date 10-19

10-15 Sharon Amanda Carter, 37; 2121 Basstown Rd., Clinton; Failure to Appear- Breaking and Entering; Failure to Appear- Felony Conspiracy; Failure to Appear- Possess Paraphernalia; Failure to Appear- Possess Schedule VI; Failure to Appear- Larceny after Breaking and Entering; Failure to Appear- Possess Stolen Property; Secured Bond \$30,000; Court Date 11-05

10-15 Zachary Thornton, 25; 687 Tyndall Town Rd., Roseboro; Simple Assault; Written Promise to Appear; Court Date 11-13

10-15 Joseph Tyler Gibson, 19; 1326 Church Rd., Clinton; Order for Arrest/

Failure to Appear- Possess Marijuana up to 1/2 ounce; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 10-25

10-15 Melody Ortiz Camacho, 1415 Sunset Ave., Fail to Return Rental Property

10-15 Taleek Raeshon Corbett, 105 W Johnson St., Clinton; Breaking and Entering

10-15 Jamesa Niyel Joyner, 105 W Johnson St., Breaking and Entering

Incident/Investigation Reports

10-12 Leo Williams reported the Theft of a Vehicle located at 380 Chesters Rd., Roseboro.

10-12 Wesley Jefferson reported the Larceny of a Riding Lawn Mower located at 169 Weeks Rd., Clinton.

10-13 Marquita Johnson reported a Breaking and Entering located at 218 Dogwood Circle, Clinton. Items reported missing included a TV and clothing.

10-14 William Whitaker Jr reported the Theft from a Vehicle located at 604 W Cutchin St., Clinton. Items reported missing included a vehicle battery, tire inflater, Handicap mirror placard and portable oxygen tanks.

10-15 Joyce Mayo reported a Breaking and Entering located at 1258 Wilson Rd., Clinton. Item reported missing an assortment of pills.

10-15 Danniell Maynor reported a Breaking and Entering located at 440 Sasser Lane, Clin-

ton. Item reported missing a TV.

10-16 James Jones reported a Lost Firearm located at 2460 Tew Rd., Godwin.

10-16 Robert Jackson reported the Theft of a Utility Trailer located at 2024 North Salemburg Hwy., Salemburg.

10-16 Terry Melvin reported a Larceny located at 211 W Roseboro St., Roseboro. Items reported missing included food, microwave, toaster and dishes.

10-17 Alexander Construction Inc., reported the Theft of a Vehicle located at 25 Wildflower Lane, Clinton.

10-17 Alice Gainey reported a Burglary located at 3904 Taylors Bridge Hwy., Clinton. Items reported missing included a weedeater, chainsaw, skill-saw and an assortment of tools.

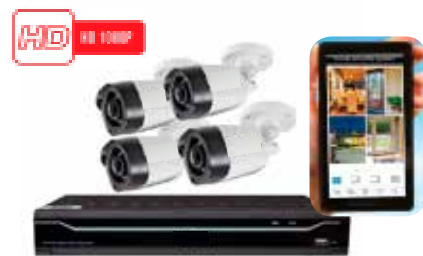
10-17 Michaelangelo Murphey reported a Burglary located at 2435 Harrells Hwy., Garland. Item reported missing US Currency.

10-17 Margarita Morales-Aburto reported a Burglary located at 11 Wildflower Lane, Clinton. Item reported missing two TVs.

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DEATHS

-Maria Sophia Augustin
-Claude Edwin Bagley
-Wanona Jane Strickland

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES

-Abel De Jesus Martinez Ramos and Ashley Lenora Barber
-Anthony Reid Armatys to Alanna Denise Hunter
-Tyler Elton Ladner to Amanda Ann Bowden
-Juan Pedro Escalera to Felipe De Rio Montes
-John Lloyd Pierce to Makay La Ann Taylor
-Jorge Villeda Mendieta to Vianey Hube Aviles
-Adrian Burgos De Dios to Geneva Lopez Trejo

BIRTHS

-Sha-Rell Keyhara Kendrick born on October 2, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Kevan Shuwan Kendrick and Abigail Richardson Kendrick
-Cameron Amaziah Hendricks born on September 16, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Dorrell Orlandas Hendricks and Anastasia Agosto Hendricks
-Redick Glenn Carter born on October 3, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Cameron Wayne Carter and Destini Hope Carter
-Jackson Andreas Daw born on October 3, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Christopher Coy Daw and Jacqueline Yvonne Daw
-Brycen Edward Griffin born on October 3, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Jonathan Edward Griffin and Gillian Farroll Griffin
-Naomi Lee Molina Ferrera born on October 3, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Joel Molina Rosario and Heidi Lee Lara Ferrera

LAND TRANSFERS

-John R Jackson, Marcia B Jackson to Daniel Hollingsworth, Tracy Hollingsworth- 0.46 Acres Lot 18 IN Warrens Subdivision North Clinton
-Cheryl Joyner to Mattie H Atkinson- 1.27 Acres Piney Grove
-Ellen M Broome, Hoyle S Broome Jr, Wilma Broome Miller to Pamela Sutton Spell, Terry Alfred Spell- 1.0 Acre Lot 3 Little Coharie
-Edward B Bottiglier, Edward M Bottiglier to Cliftonius D Sutton- 9.58 Acres Turkey
-Jeremy Mailhot, Lisa Mailhot to Lisa M Mailhot- 2 Tracts
-Anthony Grajales, Claudia C Grajales, Claudia C Pineda/FKA to Sandra C Pineda- Lot 23 Herring Acres 0.49 Acres Herring
-Bankers Trust Company of California NA as Trustee/Fka, Deutsche Bank National Trust Company /By AIF, Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2001-1/By AIF, Select Portfolio Servicing Inf/AIF to William Johnson- 3.11 Acres Herring
-Eunice Treva M Cook/FKA, Eunice Treva Merritt, James Robert Merritt Jr, Jody Alston Merritt to Amanda Kaye Oates Byrd, William Patrick Byrd- 1.0 Acres North Clinton
-Graham Moore/MGR, P&G Investments Co LLC to Tiger Investments of North Carolina LLC- 15.25 Acres Lot 6 w/exceptions Plainview
-Jason Daryl Long to Jerry Lester Naylor Jr, Sandra Cain Naylor- 3 Tracts w/exceptions South River
-Eunice H Lee, Harvey R Lee, Siobhan Lee to Department of Transportation- Lot 2 0.65 Acres South Clinton
-CR 2010 LLC, Victor Naar/MGR ti Karen Ann Bahler- Tract 2 2.33 Acres South River
-Richard Pope, Sabrina Pope, Shalina Pope to Cornell Whitehead- Lot 1 South Clinton
-Laura Elmore Goodrich, William John Goodrich Jr to Cathy Honrine- 1.02 Acres Lot 2

EARLY VOTING

Early Voting for the November 6, 2018 General Election will be offered at the following locations in Sampson County beginning on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2018 on the days and during the hours listed below:

Sampson County Board of Elections Office
120 County Complex Road
Building F; Suite 110
Clinton, NC 28328

Additional Early Voting Locations

Garland Town Hall
190 S. Church Avenue
Garland, NC 28441

Newton Grove Fire Station
313 Weeksdale Street
Newton Grove, NC 28366

WEEK DAY VOTING HOURS

October 17, 2018 through October 19, 2018
October 22, 2018 through October 26, 2018
October 29, 2018 through November 2, 2018
Monday – Friday, 7:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M.

WEEKEND VOTING HOURS

Saturday, October 20, 2018 – 10:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.
Saturday, October 27, 2018 – 10:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.
Sunday, October 28, 2018 – 1:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M.
Saturday, November 3, 2018– 8:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M.

Any Sampson County resident may vote early at any of these three locations during the hours indicated above. No excuse is needed.

For further information on voter registration and absentee voting, please call (910) 592-5796.

Ashley Pate Tew, Director of Elections

OBITUARIES

CLINTON

Mr. Joseph "Joe" Lee Cannady, 81 of Clinton, passed away Sunday, October 14, 2018 at Cornerstone Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Dunn. Joe was born January 17, 1937 in Sampson County and was the son of Willie and Elizabeth Batts Cannady. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Carol Jean Parker Cannady; and one granddaughter. He worked as a repairman with Sears and retired after 33 years. He was an Army Veteran. He is survived by his two sons, Phill Cannady of Roseboro, Lee and wife, Debbie Cannady of Clinton; four grandchildren, five great grandchildren; two step-grandchildren, three step-great grandchildren. The funeral service was held at 7:00pm Thursday, October 18, at Mt. Moriah United Methodist Church, 1414 Odom Road, Clinton, with Reverend Andy Wood and Reverend Leonard Henry officiating. The family received friends following the service, other times at the home of his son, Lee, 3137 Parker Memorial Road, Clinton. Graveside service was held at 10:00am Friday, October 19, at Parker Family Cemetery, Parker Memorial Road, Clinton. Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro is serving the family.



NEWTON GROVE

Mr. John F. Conerly, Sr., 66, passed away Monday, October 15, 2018 at his residence surrounded by his loving family. His funeral service was Thursday, Oct. 18th at Hopewell United Methodist Church, Newton Grove at 2:30 p.m. Officiating was Rev. Adam Brinkley and Rev. Dennis Sheppard. The family received family and friends from 1 till 2:30 p.m. prior to the funeral service. Mr. Conerly was laid to rest in Hopewell UMC Cemetery. His survivors include his wife, Jean H. Conerly of the home; daughters, Carol Marsh and husband Michael of Hillard, Ohio, Becky Absher and husband Jeremy of Fuquay Varina; sons, John Franklin Conerly, Jr. and wife Mellisa of Fuquay Varina, David Conerly and wife Chrystal of Greenville; grandchildren, Zach, Ben, Jonah, Laura Clare, Brandon and Ashlyn; brothers, Michael Conerly and wife Sonia of Fuquay Varina; sister, Marci Johnson and husband Keith of Autryville. Also, left to cherish his memories are several nieces, nephews and cousins. Mr. Conerly was preceded in death by his parents, Bobby Byron and Mattie Moore Conerly, his natural father, Whitfield Pruitt; grandson John Mark Absher, granddaughter Conerly Morgan Absher; brothers, Bobby Conerly, Jr. and Stephen Conerly. Flowers are welcome or Memorial may be made to: Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America 355 Lexington Ave., 15th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10017, phone# 1-800-541-5454. All flowers should be sent directly to Hopewell United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be made at www.westanddunn.com. Services have been entrusted to West & Dunn Funeral Home, Newton Grove, North Carolina.



NEWTON GROVE

Mr. Jessie "Larry" Edwards, 87, passed away Friday, October 12, 2018 at Rolling Ridge Assisted Living in Newton Grove. His funeral service was held Monday, October 15th at 11:00 a.m. at Roanoke PFWB Church, 1197 Roanoke Road, Newton Grove with the Rev. Jerome Edwards, the Rev. Virgil Murphy and the Rev. Matt Spence officiating. Interment was in Hillcrest Cemetery, Newton Grove. Survivors include daughters, Donna Tyler and husband Donald of Clinton and Amy Murphy and husband Jerry of Newton Grove; son, Jerome Edwards and wife Renee of Newton Grove; grandchildren Anthony, Lea Ann, Brennon, Jesse and Justin; great-grandchildren, Emily, Raegan, Anna, Nathan and Molly; sisters, Shelby Jean Johnson, Cherry Earlene Vann, Nannie Westbrook and Bonnie Giddens; and brothers, M.B. Edwards and Layton Edwards. He was preceded in death by parents, Jonah Braston & Lula Cobb Edwards; wife, Connie Edwards; grandson, Adam Murphy; and brother, Russell Edwards. Visitation took place from 6 till 8 p.m. Sunday, October 14, at West & Dunn Funeral Home, Newton Grove. Online condolences may be made at www.westanddunn.com. Services have been entrusted to West & Dunn Funeral Home, Newton Grove, North Carolina, Skinner and Smith.



TROY

Ms. Sarah Nell (Hilton) Evans 96, of 1259 Lovejoy Rd Troy, NC, formally of Garland died Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at Sandy Ridge Assisted Living in Candor, NC. Ms. Evans was born June 19, 1922 in Chesterfield County, SC to the late Henry E. and Bertha Ruth (Atkinson) Hilton. She was preceded in death by her husband Mr. Claud D. Evans. One daughter in law Elise Evans; five brothers: J.W., Hazel, Pete, Bobby and Wilbert Hilton and one sister, Louise Matthews. Funeral service will be held at noon Friday, October 19, 2018 at Carter Funeral Home in Garland. Rev. Tommy Haynes will officiate. Burial will follow in the Cypress Creek Baptist Church Cemetery. Ms. Evans is survived by four sons Harold Evans (Connie) of Troy, NC, Randy Evans (Rhonda) of Asheboro, NC, Wayne Evans of Ashe, NC and Billy Evans of Sanford, NC. One daughter Debbie Kotoris (Steve) of Siler City, NC. One sister Mrs. Ina Mae Moore of Raleigh. 6 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. The family will receive friends on Friday, October 19, 2018 from 11:00A.M.-12:00 P.M. at Carter Funeral Home.



GARLAND

Mr. Donald Wilson Furmidge 63 of 117 Post Ave., formerly of Sampson Co. died Tuesday, October 09, 2018 at UNC Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill, NC. Mr. Furmidge was born on December 10, 1954 in Sampson Co. the son of the late Donald Belvin Furmidge & Reba Hall Furmidge. He was preceded in death by two brother, Bobby Furmidge & Richard Furmidge. Funeral service was held at 1:00 P.M. Saturday, October 13, 2018 at Carter Funeral Home. Burial followed in the Furmidge Cemetery in Garland. Mr. Furmidge is survived by his wife, Sandra Stancil Furmidge, two sons, Dwayne Furmidge wife Beth of Wilmington, Bryan Furmidge and wife Jesse of Fayetteville, one daughter, Donna Furmidge of Fayetteville, step-daughter, Shauna Sharpe of Torrance, CA, two sisters, Ellen Norris of Garland, Diane Prosper and husband Guy of Castle Hayne, NC, one brother, William Furmidge and wife Barbara of Clinton, 5 grandchildren. The family received friends on Saturday, October 13, 2018 from 11:30A.M.-12:45 P.M. before the service at Carter Funeral Home.



DALLAS

Clyde Macie Hobbs, born February 21, 1926, passed away in Dallas September 14, 2018 at the age of 92. Gentle in spirit, generous in love, Clyde personified the traits of faith, family, humility, character,

service and friendship. Clyde lived her faith, secure in the saving grace of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To know Clyde was to experience an always positive attitude and optimistic outlook on life, no matter what circumstances might face her. She loved to serve others, volunteering at church and countless non-profits focused on helping those less fortunate. Her sweet and caring nature attracted life-long friends and served as an example for all of us. Her sense of humor was infectious, her mind was bright, and her creativity inspired many different interests. Clyde loved her family and they adored her. As a wife, mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother, Clyde lived and modeled what it's like to be the "best of the best." She celebrated her friends and families every success but could always make any disappointment somehow feel better. Self-sufficient and caring, it was always about you, never about her. In essence, she was the sweetest person we knew and she will be deeply missed but we celebrate a "life well-lived by a good and faithful servant of the Lord." Clyde was born in Hillsborough, North Carolina and after graduation from Chapel Hill high school, she moved to New York and assisted in the war effort with the Red Cross. She met and married the love of her life, Ed Hobbs, and they were blessed with their daughter, Genny Anne. Corporate opportunities offered Ed and Clyde the chance to live in various cities in the south and midwest until they retired to Wilmington, North Carolina. Several year's following Ed's death, Clyde moved to Dallas to be close to her family and beloved grandsons. Clyde quickly made a host of new friends and enjoyed spending time with each one. Clyde excelled at bridge and had an uncanny ability to win almost any game she ever played, much to the dismay of her friends. Clyde was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Jackson Hobbs; parents Clyde Vernon Pickett and Janie Farrell Pickett; and her brother Ronald Pickett. Clyde is survived by her devoted and beloved daughter, Genny Doramus and husband Mike; grandchildren Ben Doramus and wife Lindsey, Bill Doramus and wife Amy, Luke Doramus and wife Christy; great grandchildren Rachel and Ashley Doramus, William and Caroline Doramus. Memorial contributions may be made to Highland Park Methodist Church, 3300 Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, TX 75205. A memorial service was held in Cox Chapel at Highland Park Methodist Church on Thursday, September 20 at 10:00 a.m. A graveside service was held at 11:30 A.M. Wednesday, October 17, in Clinton City Cemetery, Clinton, North Carolina.



CLINTON

Jerry Edwin Hope, 63, of 848 Pine Ridge Road, passed away Monday, October 15, 2018, at Rex Hospital. Funeral was held at 2 P.M., Thursday, October 18, 2018 at Grace United Methodist Church with the Reverend Tony Calhoun officiating. Interment followed in the Clinton City Cemetery. Jerry, born in Sampson County in 1954, was the son of the late John Edwin Hope and Eva Mae Bass Hope. He was retired from the Dept. of Correction and was a farmer. Jerry enjoyed tending God's land and sharing his produce with his family and friends. He loved fishing and spending time with friends and family at the beach. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by siblings, Kenneth Wayne Hope, Evelyn Hobbs McCullen and Betty Doris Hope Raynor and his mother-in-law, Mildred L. Jordan and father-in-law, Hubbard D. Jordan. Survivors include; wife of forty-two years, Ann Jordan Hope; sister-in-law, Gayle Jordan; brother-in-law, Herbie Jordan (Amy); many loving nieces and nephews, great nieces and great nephews; and his German Shepard companions, Sheriff and Baby. The family received friends from 6 PM - 8 PM, Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home and at other times at the home. Memorials may be made to the Grace United Methodist Church Building Fund, 800 Smith Street, Clinton, NC 28328. Arrangements are by Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral, 118 Fayetteville St., Clinton, NC 28328.



CLINTON

Ms. Margaret Kim Register, 48, of Clinton, passed away on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at her home, with her loving family by her side. A Memorial Service to celebrate Margaret's life will be held Saturday, Oct 20th at 1:30 pm at Graves Memorial Presbyterian Church with Dr. Stephen Wilkins officiating. Visitation will follow the Service, in the church Fellowship Hall. Born on July 18, 1970, Margaret is the daughter to James H. Register, Jr. and the late Sang Boon Kim Register and a member of Graves Memorial Presbyterian Church. She had a passion for music, playing the piano and was a member of the church music ministry and a part of the Handbell Choir. She enjoyed spending time at the beach with her children and lived life to the fullest. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She is survived by her daughter, Hope Jania and son, Tyler Jania, both of Clinton; her brother, William "Bill" Register of Fort Mill, S.C.; and father, James H. Register of Clinton. The family would like to extend their sincere appreciation to the entire staff at Liberty Hospice for their excellent care of Margaret during her illness. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her honor to "Metavivor" by visiting www.metavivor.org or by mailing a donation to Metavivor, 1783 Forest Drive, #184, Annapolis, MD 21401. Condolences may be sent by visiting www.royalhallfuneralhome.com. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Register Family.



SMITHFIELD

Mr. Randy C. Maynard, 64, of Smithfield, passed away Monday October 15, 2018 in Johnston UNC Health Care surrounded by his loving family. His funeral service will be Friday, October 19 at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel of West & Dunn Funeral Home, Newton Grove. Officiating the service will be Rev. Allison Lancaster. He will be laid to rest in Maple Grove UMC Cemetery, Newton Grove. The family will receive family and friends at the funeral home from 10 till 11 a.m. prior to the funeral service and other times at the home of Lydia Smith 1205 W. Pearsall St. Dunn, N.C. He is survived by his wife Mary "Jane" Maynard of the home; sister, Lydia Smith of Dunn; brother, Danny Harold Maynard and wife Kay of Dunn. Also, left to cherish his memories are several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; Bernice Austin and Hettie Maybelle Maynard, sister; Janet M. Jones, brothers; J. R. Maynard, Willie "Pete" Maynard, Roy Sherrill Maynard and Bernice Allen Maynard. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to West & Dunn Funeral Home, Newton Grove to help defray funeral cost. Online condolences may be made at www.westanddunn.com. Services have been entrusted to West & Dunn Funeral Home, Newton Grove, North Carolina.



CLINTON

Ricky Nelson Moore, 59, of 513 Lafayette St., Clinton, died Wednesday, October 10, 2018. Visitation will be from 2-3:45pm on Saturday, October 13, 2018 followed by a Funeral Service at 4pm. The Visitation and Service will be held at Grove Park Baptist Church, 609 Northeast Blvd., Clinton, with Dr. Ray Ammons officiating. The Eulogy will be provided by his longtime friend Mr. Tim Bass.

At other times, family and friends are being received at his home, 513 Lafayette St., Clinton. Born in Clinton on March 6, 1959, Ricky was the youngest of three sons of the late Henry Elliot and Christine Tart Moore of Clinton. Upon graduation from Clinton High School, he began a crop-dusting career with Moore's Aerial Applicators, Inc. while also beginning a poultry farming operation. Beyond these initial careers, he held many professions including service as a dedicated fireman with the Raleigh, Taylor's Bridge and Clinton Fire Departments. Ricky also owned and operated a number of businesses. These included Maaco of Jacksonville, Enroute Auto Sales and Enroute Transportation, Inc. In addition to his entrepreneurship, Ricky was a man of many special interests and hobbies. These included fishing, hunting, boating, water skiing, snow skiing, collecting classic cars and flat track motorcycle racing. He loved nothing better than spending an abundance of quality time enjoying each with his son, Kelby. Throughout his highly active life, he was a committed member and contributor to a number of organizations. These include Clinton Jaycees, Duck's Unlimited, Sportsman's Hunting Club, River Bend Hunting Club and Ol' Lightnin' Rods Antique Car Club. During his years of declined health, Ricky found comfort and companionship with his beloved Great Danes Cinder, Sienna and Chloe. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, William Clarence "Bill" Moore, of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He is survived by his son, Kelby Clayton Moore; a brother, Henry Elliot Moore, Jr and sister-in-law Gracie Barber Moore; and numerous nieces, nephews, several special friends and his beloved "Mother Figure", Ms. Shirley Bass. In lieu of flowers, memorials made be made to the American Cancer Society or United Way of Sampson County. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.royalhallfuneralhome.com. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Moore Family.



CLINTON

Mitchell Drew Rivenbark, 63, passed away unexpectedly, Monday, October 15, 2018 at his home of 151 Boykin Drive. Family and friends were received from 7pm to 9pm, Thursday, October 18, 2018 at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home. Mitchell, was preceded in death by his parents, Sewell Kenneth Rivenbark and Lucille Drew Rivenbark of Warsaw, NC. Survivors include his wife, Ginger, and his daughters, Lauren and Alli. Mitchell loved his family, traveling, reading, writing, all sports and Wake Forest University. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to a newly established 529 college fund for Lauren and Alli in Mitchell's memory. Checks should be made payable to: College America, please write "Lauren and Alli" in the memo section. Please mail contributions to: Janney Montgomery Scott, LLC * Attn: Julie Layne * 4140-300 Parklake Avenue * Raleigh, NC 27612. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com. Arrangements are by Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville St., Clinton, NC 28328.



CLINTON

Mrs. Marie Sophia Augustin, 33 of 253 Faison Hwy, Apt. 36, Clinton, NC passed on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center, Clinton, NC. The funeral service will be held at 3 p.m., Sunday, October 21, 2018 at Faith Temple Pentecostal Church, Clinton, NC with Pastors Vincent & Jackie Gunn officiating. Entombment in Springvale Cemetery, Clinton, NC. Mrs. Augustin is survived by her HUSBAND-Gracia Exil of the home; PARENTS-Eddy Jean and Mireille Augustin of Clinton, NC; SISTER-Julie Augustin of Clinton, NC; BROTHERS-John Augustin of Clinton, NC and Sony Augustin of Haiti. Visitation at Worley Funeral Home on Saturday, October 20, 2018 Public: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. Family hour: 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

TURKEY

Ms. Nina Ray Faison, 74 of 34 Smithway Lane, Turkey, NC passed on Thursday, October 18, 2018 at Southwood Nursing Center, Clinton, NC. The funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.

STEDMAN

Mrs. Sara L. Harner, 78 passed away Thursday, October 18, 2018 at her home. Arrangements are incomplete at this time. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 6535 Clinton Road, Stedman, NC 28391.

NEWTON GROVE

Annie Ruth Haywood 79 died peacefully Wednesday 17, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center. Funeral arrangements are incomplete will be announced by Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Service & Cremation.

CLINTON

Kaleef Jonathan Johnson Sr. age 33, entered eternal rest on October 12, 2018 in Clinton, NC. Born in New York but raised in North Carolina where he attended Clinton City Schools. Home going services will be held at 12:00 pm on Saturday, October 20, 2018 at New Life Outreach Ministries, 708 Sampson St with Pastor Perry Ashford officiating, burial will follow in the Sandhill Cemetery. As a child he played football for the "Crusaders" and became a lifelong New York Giants fan. Kaleef was a well-known individual known by the names "Weeble" and "Meko". Every day he lived life to the fullest. He would give the shirt off his back if it came down to it. He was a good, funny, loveable, loyal son, father, brother, uncle, nephew, cousin, and friend. Kaleef leaves to cherish his many memories: Beautiful Children: Son: Kaleef Johnson Jr., Daughters: Tytiana Wilson, and Cassidy Johnson. His Mother: Kim Johnson Lofton and husband Michael, and Father: Robert Wells. 8 Sisters: Chrystal Johnson, Rosemarie Wells, Erica (Shaqonda) Johnson, Marshla Loftin, April Wells, Michelle Loftin, Zenia Jones, and Alisa Jones. 3 Brothers: Robert (Brittany) Johnson, Michael Loftin Jr., and Marshall Loftin. Special Friends: Agnes Smith, Zachary Wilson, Corey Thompson, Kevin Thompson, Christopher McDoe, Larry Sutton, Patricia Salerno and Barbara Phillips. A host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Visitation will be held on Friday, October 19, 2018 from 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm with family present from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm at Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Service, 1246 Hobbton Hwy.

CLINTON

Mrs. Lila Williams, 76 of 1307 Jasper Street, Apt C, Clinton, NC passed away on Friday, October 12, 2018 at home. The funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.

Newton Grove

Mr. Jerry Wayne Morrison, 63, Passed Away Wednesday, October 17, 2018 Surrounded By His Loving Family. Arrangements Are Incomplete At This Time And Will Be Announced By West & Dunn Funeral Home, Newton Grove When Available. Online Condolences May Be Made To At Www.westanddunn.com. Services Have Been Entrusted To West & Dunn Funeral Home Of Newton Grove, North Carolina.

CLINTON

Robert Lee Faison 62 of 116 Hicks Lane passed away on Sunday, October 14, 2018 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington. Home Going Service will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, October 20, 2018 at Greater Six Runs Missionary Baptist Church, 400 6 Runs Church Rd, Turkey, NC with Rev. James Jackson officiating, burial will be held privately at the family's request. Visitation will be held from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm at Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Service & Cremation, 1246 Hobbton Hwy. Clinton.

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Chamber Chat



Allie Strickland
Clinton-Sampson
Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber has been mighty busy the past couple of weeks. We are proud to share that we launched our 2018-2019 Jr. Leadership Program Tuesday, October 9th. Through a highly competitive process, 24 high school students from across the county will join us through 6 months of educational field trips to explore Sampson County and beyond. Our Jr. Leadership program will offer these students an exclusive look at the endless opportunities Sampson County has to offer. Juniors will meet with several community, county and state leaders providing an invaluable networking opportunity. Many thanks to the Chamber Steering Committee who has helped to plan this years Jr. Leadership.

Sherrill Allen- State Government Day

Eileen Coite- Agriculture Day

John Swope- Economic Development Day

Tom Hart- Local Government Day

Greg Thornton- Jr. Workshop Day/Criminal Justice Day

Amber Cava- Health & Human Services Day



Congratulations to Raices Mexican Restaurant!

On Friday October 12th, the Chamber celebrated Raices' Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting. Located in Clinton Plaza between Subway & White Swan BBQ this authentic new Mexican restaurant is sure to be a hit! Open 7 days a week 11am-9pm.



Mark your Calendar for the Clinton Christmas Parade!

Saturday, December 8, 2018 @ 10am

We are now accepting parade entries. Entry forms can be requested via e-mail at info@clintonsampsonchamber.org or picked up at the Chamber office 414 Warsaw Road Clinton.

No entries will be accepted after November 21st.

The Western Union Missionary Baptist Association, Inc. will hold its 150th Annual Session - October 22 - 26, 2018, at Snow Hill Missionary Baptist Church, 531 Marion-Amos Road, Clinton, NC. The service will begin nightly at 6:45PM. The following is scheduled for each night:
Monday, October 22, 2018 - Usher's Night- (Wear your WUMBA T-Shirts)
Tuesday, October 23, 2018 - Minister/Deacon night
Wednesday, October 24, 2018 - Missionary Night
Thursday, October 25, 2018 - Laymen League
Friday, October 26, 2018 - Business/Moderator Address/Ordination Night

We look forward to seeing you and pray that you will mark your calendar to attend.

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SPEED FREAKS

A few questions we had to ask ourselves

Among the "bottom four," who has best chance to advance?

GODSPEAK: I gotta go with Brad Keselowski. There's no reason why he can't jump that line to the good.

KEN'S CALL: Mathematically, Kez, but Mr. Hunch says Ryan Blaney might be the guy to grab a win and move along.

What does Almirola's win at 'Dega do for him going forward?

GODSPEAK: Aric Almirola has a ton of confidence, and so does his team. When was the last time we saw the No. 10 in Victory Lane?

KEN'S CALL: For immediate purposes, it gets him to the next round. Other than that ... nothing. Plate-race wins mean NOTHING beyond the next plate race.

FEUD OF THE WEEK

KURT BUSCH VS. NASCAR:

Busch said NASCAR stripped him of victory with two late calls in the closing laps at Talladega — an unneeded caution lap and failing to freeze the field on the last lap.

GODWIN KELLY'S TAKE: Busch led the most laps but ran out of fuel on the last lap, which had him watching the fuel gauge. He expressed frustration. "Two missed calls by NASCAR at the end," Busch said.

GODWIN'S PICKS FOR KANSAS

WINNER: Kevin Harvick

REST OF TOP 5: Kyle Busch, Joey Logano, Clint Bowyer, Chase Elliott

FIRST ONE OUT: Martin Truex Jr.

DARK HORSE: Kyle Larson
DON'T BE SURPRISED IF: Harvick completes a sweep of both Kansas Cup Series races.

MOTOR MOUTHS PODCAST

Who's leaving the playoffs after this week? We'll tell you. Maybe.

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KANSAS

THREE THINGS TO WATCH

1. Swelled bubble

Six drivers will be battling to advance into the Round of 8 at Kansas Speedway. Kurt Busch, who led the most laps at Talladega but finished 14th, is 30 points to the good ahead of ninth-place Brad Keselowski, who is 18 points behind bubble boy Martin Truex Jr., with Clint Bowyer sandwiched in between. Ryan Blaney is 22 points behind Truex, followed by Kyle Larson, 26 points from the cut line.

2. Truex watch

The Truex slide continues as the life of the defending championship team begins to flicker. The No. 78 Toyota has five races left in its history before it shuts down forever. At least Truex is talking a tough game. "I think that's a good place (Kansas) for us even



Martin Truex Jr. has a problem. His No. 78 Toyota team is fading as the NASCAR playoffs tighten. The defending Cup champ is on the playoff bubble going into Kansas. [AP/BUTCH DILL]

if we had to win," he said. "I am not saying we're going to go there and win. But anytime we can go to any of those tracks, I feel like we have a shot. It's racing."

3. Jimmie's streak

NBC Sports has been making a big deal of Jimmie Johnson's streak of winning at least one race every season since 2002. The No. 48 Chevy

is crumbling. Crew chief Chad Knaus and Johnson will separate in 2019. "It's important to try to win this season," Johnson said. "You guys rely on stats way more than what I do. But, yeah, contrary to what people believe, we go to the race track to win every week. That is kind of the goal."

— Godwin Kelly, godwin.kelly@news-jrnl.com

QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers

Is Kurt Busch right to be mad at NASCAR?

Yes and no. It's always better to finish under green rather than yellow, even as cars are wrecking behind the leaders, assuming it doesn't create a safety issue. Problem is, that's a judgment call. Any other time, the yellow might fly and Kurt would be declared the winner instead of running out of gas on the final lap. We'll keep lobbying to take the judgement out of it — throw the yellow and keep restarting as many times as it takes.

Will Chad or Jimmie benefit most from their split?

It's obviously impossible to tell at this time, but one definite winner and one possible winner have already emerged. Kevin Meendering, an Xfinity Series crew chief for Elliott Sadler, will be promoted to Jimmie's No. 48 car and, let's assume, gets a nice raise. And "Billy the Kid," William Byron, gets a brand-new crew chief who happens to have seven championship rings in his toolbox.

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CUP STANDINGS

1. Kevin Harvick	3128
2. Kyle Busch	3111
3. Joey Logano	3104
4. Kurt Busch	3095
5. Aric Almirola	3087
6. Clint Bowyer	3086
7. Martin Truex Jr.	3083
8. Chase Elliott	3066
9. Brad Keselowski	3065
10. Ryan Blaney	3061
11. Kyle Larson	3057
12. Alex Bowman	3015
13. Denny Hamlin	2136
14. Jimmie Johnson	2128
15. Austin Dillon	2124
16. Erik Jones	2108
17. Ryan Newman	641
18. Paul Menard	619
19. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	615
20. Daniel Suarez	614

WHAT'S ON TAP

CUP SERIES: Hollywood Casino 400

SITE: Kansas Speedway (1.5-mile tri-oval)

SCHEDULE: Friday, practice (NBC Sports Network, 2 p.m.), qualifying (NBC Sports Network, 7 p.m.). Saturday, practice (CNBC, 10:30 a.m.; NBC Sports Network, 1 p.m.). Sunday, race (NBC, coverage begins at 1:30 p.m.; green flag, 2:45 p.m.)

XFINITY: Kansas Lottery 300

SITE: Kansas Speedway

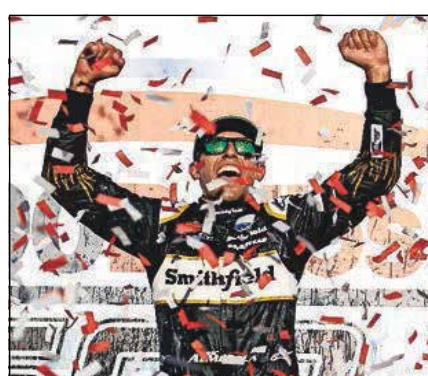
SCHEDULE: Friday, practice (NBC Sports Network, 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.). Saturday, qualifying (CNBC, 11:30 a.m.), race (NBC, 3 p.m.)

TALLADEGA

THREE THINGS WE LEARNED

1. The winners

Aric Almirola, obviously, after emerging from Talladega with the trophy. The four Stewart-Haas Racing Fords led 155 of 193 laps. AJ Allmendinger was best in class for Chevy, finishing sixth. Jimmie Johnson wrecked early but rallied for seventh place.



Aric Almirola celebrates after winning at Talladega and clinching a berth in the NASCAR Round of 8. [AP/BUTCH DILL]

2. The losers

Not enough room in this space, but Kurt Busch leads this category after pacing the field for 108 laps only to run out of gas on the last lap. Ouch. Martin Truex Jr., fighting to defend his Cup title, struggled to finish 23rd. Michael McDowell finished last overall, turning only 155 laps.

3. Holding ground

Clint Bowyer finished second and has a three-point advantage on Truex, who is now the playoff bubble

boy. Kevin Harvick had to pit before the last restart and finished 28th but is 63 points above the cut line. Joey Logano can advance on points after finishing fifth at Talladega.

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