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Fri

Partly Cloudy  
20%

Hi: 61 °

Lo: 53 °

Sat

Partly Cloudy  
0%

Hi: 56 °

Lo: 31 °

Sun

Sunny  
10%

Hi: 54 °

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Partly Cloudy  
10%

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Hi: 46 °

Lo: 29 °

WEEKLY VERSE

If serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve.... As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.

Joshua 24:15

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Election Night Yields Red Wave



Great Night for Republicans

It’s definitely been a long election season and most Sampsonians are glad that it is over. Tuesday night proved to be a Red Wave for the Sampson County Republican party with only one seat other than Judicial ones going to a Democrat.

Voters in Sampson County turned out in large numbers for the Mid-Term Elections on Tuesday with 50.59% of registered voters going to the poll. This equates to a total of 19,421 voters out of the 38,390 registered voters in 2018. In the 2014 Mid-Term elections a total of 17,627 ballots (46.60%) were cast out of the 37,778 registered voters.

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‘Come to the Table’ Raises over \$7000 for Hurricane Relief



On Saturday, October 27th friends and neighbors Came to the Table for local Hurricane Florence relief efforts. Southern Smoke Barbecue, Harrells Christian Academy, and community sponsors worked together to raise over \$7,000 for the North Carolina Baptist Men. As this organization continues to send relief into areas impacted by the storm, they need support in every way possible. Event organizer Eva Thornton stated, “I am humbled by the outpouring of support for those who are in need and are rebuilding their lives.”

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A ‘Full Service’ Celebration in Salemburg



Warren’s Service Center Celebrates 65 Years

Businesses have come and gone in Sampson County over the past six decades – but there is one located in Salemburg that has stood the test of time since 1953 - Warren’s Service Center.

Last Saturday, November 3, the business located at 101 Main Street in Salemburg, threw a 65th Anniversary bash that pulled in over 350 people.

“We had a great turnout,” said owner Joe Warren. “It was a big day for us.”

In addition to honoring the service station’s customers, the event featured music, food, fun and visits from local celebrities “The Shed Heads” who have a hit show on Facebook called “The Grateful Shed”; as well as the current Miss Virginia Emili McPhail.

Visitors also got a chance to see the No. 92 race car owned by Black’s Tire Service.

“Everything went really smoothly,” Warren said. “We are just really happy to have such a big crowd and I am just thankful that we had a chance to say a big ‘thank you’ to all of our loyal customers.”

The celebration was a long-time coming, according to Warren.

“Well, we have been thinking about doing this for a while now,” he admits. “We wanted to do a big celebration when it was our 60th anniversary, but we didn’t get to it. We figured our 65th was the right time to do it to thank everyone for supporting us all these years.”

The full-service family business was the brain-child of Warrens’ parents, Joseph Sr. and his mother, Janice, as Pure Oil. In 1964, the business was Union 76; then changed to Citgo in 1994. In 2013 it became Valero.

“I really grew up working here,” Warren, who is also mayor of Salemburg, said. “I was born in 1957, so, being in this business was really second nature to me ... It came easy to me because I was born into it.”

For 65 years, Warren’s Service Center has always partnered with Sampson-Bladen Oil and has been working with Black’s Tire

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# LOCAL NEWS



I hope that you and your families are well. In the wake of Tuesday's election, I would like to express my gratitude. Ronald Reagan once said, "Democracy is worth dying for, because it's the most deeply honorable form of government ever devised by man." I would like to thank everyone so much for making your voices heard and for your vote for my re-election. I sincerely appreciate it and thanks to all of you, I will be able to continue working to represent Duplin, Johnston, and Sampson counties and the citizens of our great state in the North Carolina Senate. God Bless You All!

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

## Legislative Recap

Over the course of the interim, we have been including a Legislative Recap Section in the newsletter. This section reviews meaningful legislation that the legislature passed during the 2018 session

In the last column, we went over Senate Bill 3: Hurricane Florence Emergency Response Act, which provided much needed funding and policies to assist in the recovery of Hurricane Florence. In this newsletter, I would like to go over House Bill 1019: Fallen Wildlife Officer Memorial License. This bill honors fallen members of the wildlife law enforcement community by offering their surviving spouse, child, grandchild, or great-grandchild a Lifetime Sportsman License. There have been 11 fallen wildlife officers since 1930. This new license is named after John Oliver Edwards, who

was a wildlife law enforcement officer from Duplin County who lost his life in the line of duty.

This is a great way to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice, and if you would like to view this bill, you can do so at the following link: <https://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2017/Bills/House/PDF/H1019v3.pdf>

## From the District Sampson County

### FEMA Disaster Assistance Registration Deadline Extended

The deadline for North Carolinians to register for disaster assistance has been extended 30 days to 11:59 PM, Thursday, December 13th 2018. The extension comes at the request of the Governor, citing a continued flow of new applications for federal assistance in the wake of Hurricane Florence. FEMA and SBA are located in the Sampson County Disaster Recovery Center Thursday November 1st through Saturday November 3rd, from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. This is located at the County Administration Building, 406 County Complex Road in Clinton. FEMA encourages all survivors who sustained disaster-related damage or losses to apply for assistance before the December 13 deadline.

## District Spotlight



Sampson County has given recognition to Suzette Smith, deputy clerk, for her extraordinary service over 20 years. Suzette Smith received a special edition North Carolina wrist watch for her 20 years of service to the Sampson County Clerk of Court's office. I would like to thank Ms. Smith for her time and service to the community. I am glad to see she has been recognized for this incredible loyalty.

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



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# Operation Round Up Funds Continue To Strengthen Communities



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Plain View Elementary- Kimberly Johnson



SC Emergency Services- Prentice Medgar

The Community Assistance Corporation, or CAC, South River EMC's not-for-profit foundation, awarded \$39,928 in Operation Round Up grants to local nonprofits and schools.

The following non-profit organizations each received grants: Sampson County Emergency Services, \$4,962; Autryville Area Fire Department, \$5,164; and Beacon Rescue Mission, \$5,000.

Several educational programs received funding as well. Educational institutions can apply for grants up to \$10,000. Those who received grants are: Plainview Elementary, \$10,000; Stedman Primary, \$4,802; and South River EMC's Bright Ideas Grant Program, \$10,000.

"Our community has been through difficult times, especially after Hurricane Florence," said Catherine O'Dell, VP of Member Services and PR, South River EMC. "Operation Round Up continues to offer a mechanism to ensure our community support structure is firmly in place when needed."

Operation Round Up is a voluntary program that enables members to round up their electric bill to the next whole dollar. For example, if a bill is \$118.25, the bill rounds up to \$119 and the extra 75¢ is deposited into the CAC fund. Members can put small change together to make a positive difference in their community today, as well as providing better educational opportunities for the leaders of tomorrow.

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

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

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The dinner, which was hosted in the Foundation Center on the campus of HCA, featured delicious recipes from Chef Matthew Register. Guests gathered around linen-clad tables to enjoy traditional southern fare while beloved Carolina classics drifted through the speakers. "It was great to experience a nice family meal while helping others in the process," stated Jodie Nelson who attended the event with her family. Party Perfect Rentals, US Foods, Heritage Farms, Beach and Barn, and Blue Ribbon Show Services helped to sponsor the evening. "If we all do a little, then together we can do a lot," Thornton continued. "Thank you to all who attended and supported this event. It truly shows that in times of trouble, a community can come together and make a difference."

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# LOCAL NEWS

## ELECTION, cont. from P. 1

### Sampson County Sheriff Race:

Sheriff Jimmy Thornton easily won re-election for a fourth term beating out Freddie Butler. Thornton (Rep) garnered 12,157 votes (63.13% percent of the vote). His competition Freddie Butler (Dem) brought in a notable 7,101 votes (36.87% of the vote). After all precincts had reported, Sheriff Thornton released the following statement to his supporters: “I would like to thank the voters of Sampson county for their overwhelming support. Serving as your Sheriff is something I take great pride in and I am humbled by your support.”

Sheriff Thornton will be serving his fifth term. He was elected in 2002.



### Sampson County Clerk of Court:

Another highly contested race, Sampson County Clerk of Court was won by Republican Chris Fann who earned 10,448 votes (54.31%) and his Democrat opponent Tammy Grady garnering 8,788 votes (45.69%). Fann noted, “As a lifelong resident of Sampson County, I am committed to the citizens of Sampson County. My desire to serve and lead the citizens of Sampson County has been proven through my work with the Grove Park Baptist Church, Sampson Community College Board of Trustees, Clinton- Sampson Rotary Club, Sampson Agri-Expo Center Board, Sampson Regional Medical Center Foundation, and the Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce. If elected, I will continue to apply my customer service approach and business experience in order to maintain a staff

that promotes a commitment to serving others. I am committed to making the Sampson County Clerk of Court’s Office a better place for ALL of Sampson County.” Fann wanted to make sure he gave credit to his supporters and the countless volunteers that helped in his campaign.

### US House of Representatives District 7:

At the national level, Congressman David Rouzer defeated his opponents to continue in the House of Representatives District 7 where he has served since 2015. Rouzer easily defeated his opponents receiving 55.6% of the vote (155,705 votes). His Democrat opponent Dr. Kyle Horton received 119,606 votes (42.7%) and the Constitutionalist candidate David Fallin received 4,599 votes (1.6%). David Rouzer released the statement below following his re-election to serve North Carolina’s 7th District: “It’s an honor and privilege to be re-elected to serve the citizens of the 7th District. This race was a referendum on the great progress being made for this country and our district. The economic turnaround our nation has experienced the past two years proves that policies based on conservative principles work. I am humbled to have the opportunity to continue to fight for the principles that made this country great and serve the citizens of this district.”

### NC Senate District 10:

Senator Brent Jackson (Rep) will continue to serve as Senator of the 10th District serving Duplin, Johnston and Sampson Counties in Raleigh. He will be serving for a fourth term defeating his opponent Vernon Moore (Dem). Jackson garnered 33,260 votes and Vernon Moore received 19,939 votes. Senator Jackson released the following statement after his victory: “Thank you all so much for your vote of confidence in my re-election campaign. I am most humbled by the overwhelming support shown to me throughout this election season. It is most appreciated, and I will continue working to serve the citizens of Duplin, Johnston and Sampson counties and our GREAT STATE in the NC Senate! I also want to thank all the volunteers that have worked so tirelessly this season and please know that you and all your efforts are most appreciated!!”

### NC House District 22:

NC House of Representative William Brisson defeated his opponent Tony Denning to continue to serve Sampson County in NC House District 22. Brisson, a Republican, received 15,386 votes (56.7%) and Denning received 11,735 (43.3%). District 22 serves Bladen, Johnston and Sampson Counties. Brisson has served 5 terms in the NC House. Brisson said, “As a lifelong resident of Eastern North Carolina, I know the challenges that we face as a rural area. Growing up on the farm, my parents taught me the value of hard work and living as Christians. I take those values with me to the floor of the NC House. I have spent my life serving the people from the smallest local level to the State House of Representatives. My Campaign promises the same things that I have ran on since I first started in politics. To be open, accessible, honest, and to stand up for you!” Brisson is the former Chair of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners, Chair of Bladen County Hospital Board of Trustees & Bladen Medical Center, and Secretary & Treasurer of Bladen County Farm Bureau. He currently serves on 15 committees in the North Carolina House of Representatives, with leadership positions on 5 of those committees.

### NC House of Representatives District 21:

Raymond Smith (Dem)- 11,939 53%  
Robert Freeman (Rep)- 10,769 47%

### Sampson County Board of Commissioners:

District 3 winner Sue Lee holds onto the seat after getting the nod from voters on Tuesday night. She received 3,056 votes (76%) and her opponent Willie W. Bowden, Sr. (Dem)- received 965 votes (24%). Lee was elected county commissioner in 2014 and has served as vice-chair since that time. Lee noted concerning her record while on the board, “Continued improvement resonates with me more than change for Sampson County. Our county has made great strides in becoming more “customer friendly”, utilizing our resources better, funding education at a higher rate, lowering property taxes, expanding our water infrastructure among other things. Personally, I would welcome a more united effort by all in moving our county forward. Sampson County is a great place to live and work. We need to attract more businesses to this area, not only to increase our tax base, but to provide jobs and incentives for our youth to return to the area post-graduation. To that end, the Commissioners have created an economic development fund to be used to fuel growth for Sampson County.”

Other Sampson County Board of Commissioner seats on the ballot both ran unopposed.

Clark Wooten District 1 with 3,278 votes and Thaddeus Godwin District 5 with 2,464 votes.

### Judicial Races (Winners and Losers):

Judge Henry Stevens IV came out on top in the Judicial Race for Superior Court Judge of Sampson, Duplin, Jones and Onslow Counties District 4. His opponent was Sampson County native Judge Albert Kirby who had a strong backing from many Sampson County Republicans naming themselves, “Sampson County Republicans for Kirby.” Kirby was appointed by Governor Roy Cooper in 2017 to replace the late Superior Court Judge W. Douglas Parsons.

Stevens received 46,918 votes and Kirby received 28,216 votes. Judge Stevens noted after the election results came in, “Melissa and I offer a heartfelt thanks for the truly humbling support that we have received throughout this election campaign. It has been a very long and challenging year since the passing of my friend and mentor, Judge William Douglas Parsons, and I am elated that the citizens

of Sampson, Duplin, Jones and Onslow Counties have elected me to serve in the seat on the NC Superior Court that Doug held with such honor and distinction! Thanks to all of you for your support, encouragement and votes, as well as for the hard work and sacrifice that many of you eagerly provided! I am blessed to call you my friends! I would also like to publicly thank NC Superior Court Judge Albert Kirby, Jr. for his service on the bench; his continued friendship; and especially for the graciousness he has shown toward me throughout this process. Thanks again, and may God Bless you all!”

Sarah Seaton ran unopposed for District Court representing Sampson, Duplin, Jones and Onslow Counties. She received 52,071 votes. Paul Hardison also ran unopposed for District Court and garnered 45,891 votes.

NC Supreme Court nod went to Anita Earls with 1,788,668 votes defeating her opponents Barbara Jackson (1,235,160 votes) and Chris Anglin (593,263 votes).

### Amendments

Of the six amendments that were on the ballot in 2018, only 4 of them passed with two failing to meet the criteria in the ballot box.

#### The following amendments passed:

- 1- Constitutional amendment to strengthen protections for victims of crime; to establish certain absolute basic rights for victims; and to ensure the enforcement of these rights.
- 2- Constitutional amendment protecting the right of the people to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife.
- 3- Constitutional amendment to reduce the income tax rate in North Carolina to a maximum allowable rate of seven percent (7%).
- 4- Constitutional amendment to require voters to provide photo identification before voting in person.

#### The two amendments that failed were:

- 1- Constitutional amendment to change the process for filling judicial vacancies that occur between judicial elections from a process in which the Governor has sole appointment power to a process in which the people of the State nominate individuals to fill vacancies by way of a commission comprised of appointees made by the judicial, executive, and legislative branches charged with making recommendations to the legislature as to which nominees are deemed qualified; then the legislature will recommend at least two nominees to the Governor via legislative action not subject to gubernatorial veto; and the Governor will appoint judges from among these nominees.
- 2- Constitutional amendment to establish an eight-member Bipartisan Board of Ethics and Elections Enforcement in the Constitution to administer ethics and elections law.

Other wins for the night were Ernie Lee District Attorney who ran unopposed with 47,913 votes and Sampson Soil & Water Conservation Supervisor Henry Moore with 10,352 votes.

## WARREN, cont. from P. 1

Service (Whiteville) over the past two decades.

Both were on hand Saturday to celebrate.

“I really can’t say enough about the Clark family,” Warren said. “They have always been really supportive throughout the years. Anything that I ever needed – they were there.”

Black’s Tire Service also showed their love and support for the business Saturday.

“They had about 5-6 guys come out and set up cookers in the yard and cook,” explains Warren. “They cooked chicken, sausage dogs ... I just can’t say enough about them. They furnished everything and brought the race truck. It was just incredible.”

He also sends a special thank you to his customers.

“I really just want to thank them all of my loyal customers,” he says. “You know, I never had any trouble or any problems with them and I really do appreciate every one of them.”

When asked the secret to his success – Warren doesn’t hesitate.

“I am just lucky to have had the blessings of the good Lord,” he said. “I was lucky enough to be in a true family business and I thank the good Lord that I had great parents who taught me the value of a dollar.”

Although Joe Sr. passed in 1988 and, sadly, Janice past away last year, Warren is making sure that their legacy will continue.

His son, Joseph, III and his daughter, Laura Faircloth also work alongside Warren and his wife, Linda, at the full-service station. Warren and his wife have two grandchildren – Grace and Layton Faircloth – and are expecting a third, Warren IV.

“You know, the great thing is – I really do have it made,” Warren said. “I have the opportunity to work with my family ... to me that is as good as it gets.”

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Chief Stephen Lovette 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 is focused on cooling weather, the holidays and fire prevention and the guest this week is Clinton’s Fire Chief Stephen Lovette.

Chief Stephen Lovette has 32 years of service in firefighting beginning in 1986 with the Salisbury Fire Department.

JW Simmons begins the show stating that Clinton, NC was a very different community than where Chief Lovette came from, and he asks Lovette what it was that actually brought him to Clinton.

Lovette replies, “Coming from an organization that’s 230 plus to an organization where we are about 30 provided lots of different challenges. And to be able to lead an organization like Clinton Fire Department provides me the challenges I’m looking for in the senior years of my career. Having over 30 years’ experience as a career firefighter I’m enjoying it. I’m enjoying the opportunity to lead my own ship. And to lead an incredible group of individuals.”

Simmons says that we are very blessed in this community to have such a dedicated mix of paid and volunteer first responders willing to get up a 2am to go to the scene of a wreck or fire, complete their mission and go home or back to work.

Lovette agrees, “Having started out as a volunteer myself, 4th generation firefighter, having the opportunity to start as a volunteer in 1984, having been raised in the fire department, having seen lots of life experiences through the volunteer aspect, I didn’t choose fire service, it chose me.”

“I enjoy the job,” adds Lovette. “I enjoy the aspect of helping people. And that volunteer aspect should beat within our heart. But now we are in a career aspect and we don’t have the luxury of volunteers. Where volunteer guys out numbered career guys 7 to 1, it’s now down to about 3 to 1. And the volunteers, I’m sorry, are just kind of moving toward that threshold. I still get

the opportunity to work with some great volunteer organizations in Sampson County. I was a volunteer along with the career aspect before I moved to Sampson County. So, I was still a volunteer and I enjoyed it.”

Next, Simmons asks Lovette to discuss the importance of fire safety and fire inspections and the connection of the two. Lovette begins, “A great inspection program, a great prevention program, a great public safety education program goes back to the aspect of having good community involvement.”

“We need to be out, both career and volunteers, as professional out in our communities.” Lovette explains that changing batteries in smoke detectors during the fall time change is a simple task that can go a long way to improve fire safety.

“So, we look at fire protection and fire prevention safety and that aspect of teaching our children what happens if our cloths catch fire, stop, drop and roll. Being able to provide a good quality educational message to the public is a very important task, not only with Clinton Fire Department but with any fire department.”

Next, Simmons asks Lovette to discuss what happens in a house fire and how quickly fire can spread throughout a home. “Percentages have shown, and civilian deaths have shown that its not the flame that kills the resident. It truly is the smoke.”

“Fires burn differently now than they did 10, 15 or 20 years ago. Look at how things are constructed. What do we have in our house that doesn’t have some form of plastic involved. Plastics put off nauseous fumes. They put off cyanide gases, they put off styrene and polystyrenes. All of these things that we inhale are going to cause our lungs to shut down. Once the respiratory system shuts down so to does the circulatory system. And we can’t get by without either one of those, so we make sure we have good preventative measures in place.”

“When we look at fire deaths holistically as a country, we look at what may have caused it. And there are certain situations where true the fire does get the individual and is their cause of death. But the inhalation hazards are just incredible. Things are not built, houses are not built, furnishings are not built as they were 10, 15 or 20 years ago because of the products of combustion.”

Simmons next asks Chief Lovette to discuss recommendations for smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. Lovette states, “Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors detect two different things. Always, always, always look for that underwriter’s seal. That way it’s a tested product. It’s a reputable product.”

Lovette explains, “You have to determine what you want your detector to do. How and where do you want it placed. Where do you feel are your key points? Stop by any of your local fire departments we have pamphlets put out by the United States Fire Administration that we can give you to aid you in that. But look at what you want that detector to do.”

“Smoke alarms. Smoke is a product of combustion. Smoke rises due to the heat put off by a fire. So, you want to see then close to the ceiling and close to bedroom doors and close to areas in our kitchen.

“Carbon monoxide detectors. Colorless odorless gas. You have to look to where you might have an issue. If you have propane or natural gas logs. If you have propane or natural gas stove. Asks you gas professional where you need to put detectors. They should be able to help you with that.”

To view the entire broadcast of We Should Know please visit their YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/user/WeShouldKnowEDU](http://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](mailto:weshouldknowedu@gmail.com) or you can find them on Facebook.



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# VETERANS DAY



## Sampson County to Hold Twentieth Annual Veterans Day Celebration



On Sunday November 11, 2018, Sampson County will be holding its twentieth annual Veteran's Day Celebration at the Sampson County Exposition Center located on Warsaw Rd in Clinton. The event is scheduled to start at 2:00pm. Event coordinators would like to invite everyone out to join in the celebration of our Veterans and their sacrifice and service. The event is sponsored by the Sampson County Exposition Center, the Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce, the Sampson County Office of Veterans Affairs, the Sampson County Veterans Council and Sampson County.

The program will be a tribute to "All Who Served."

According to Ann Knowles, Director of Sampson County Veterans Services, "Sunday's event will be a day to celebrate our Veterans and their service to this country. This is a way that Sampson County citizens can show their appreciation to the ones who have fought for their County and Country. It tells all who live here, that our soldiers and veterans are important to us. We stop on Veterans Day to remember the sacrifices they made, so we can go about our lives each and every day as free people; with the right to worship in our churches and not be afraid of being taken prisoner. Even to the ones who protest our service, spit on our flag or burn our Bibles, the soldier fought to give them the right to express themselves. They know (the veterans) that this is their celebration and that we are thankful for their service."

Narrator for this year's event will be Cliff Ireland, President of the Sampson County Veterans Council. Music will be provided by Dwight Williams, Patricia Williams Warren and Worth and Linda Stephens. In attendance will be representatives for the following branches of service: US Army- Willie Mitchell (Ret), US Navy- James E Britt, US Coast Guard- Kenny Williams, US Air Force- Andrea Goodman and US Marine Corps- Darryl Price.

Posting of the Color will be done by VFW Post #7547 Color Guard which includes, Alvin Herring Jr, Andrea Goodman, Marshall Thornton,

Walter Rayner and Russell Raines. The National Anthem will be sung by Worth and Linda Stephens who will also be performing the God Bless the USA. My Country Tis of Thee and Blades of Grass and Pure White Stone will be performed by Dwight Williams Jr accompanied by Patricia Williams Warren.

POW presentation by Cliff Ireland, President of the Sampson County Veterans Council. The keynote speaker for this year's event is Colonel Deborah B. Gray, US Army (Ret.) Avon Jones, Vice President of the Sampson County Veterans Council, will perform "Taps" in closing.

Directly following the event in Heritage Hall, there will be a reception sponsored by the Sampson County Office of Veterans Services honoring Sampson County Veterans.

Ms. Ann Knowles concluded, "We invite all veterans, their families and all citizens of Sampson County to come and join us in the celebration of the freedoms we enjoy because of the sacrifices made by the brave men and women of our armed forces, both past and present. May we never forget them and may we always remember that our Freedom is not Free. It was paid by someone's Son, Daughter, Husband, Wife, Mother, Brother or Sister. May we never forget."

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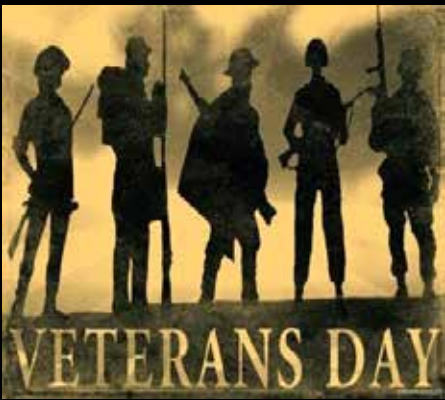
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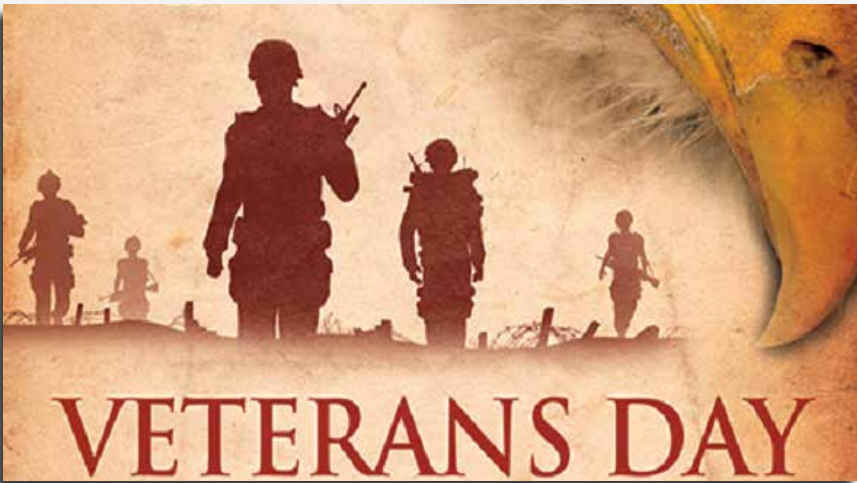
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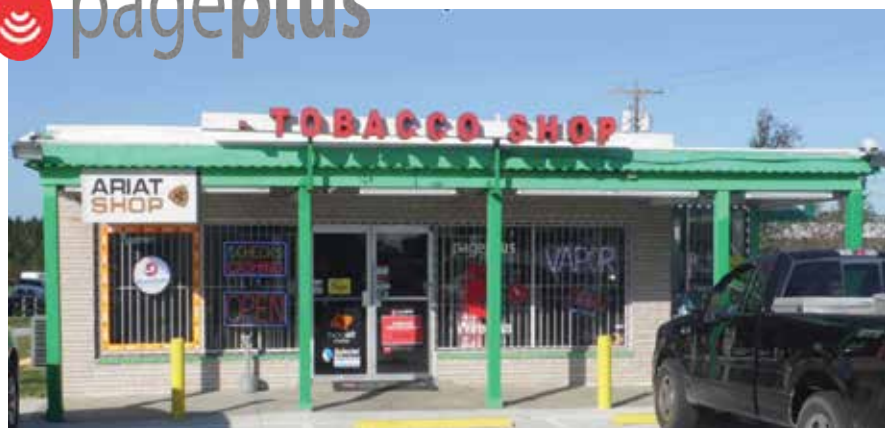
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## CHS Senior Lukas Jerez Leading Dark Horses by Example

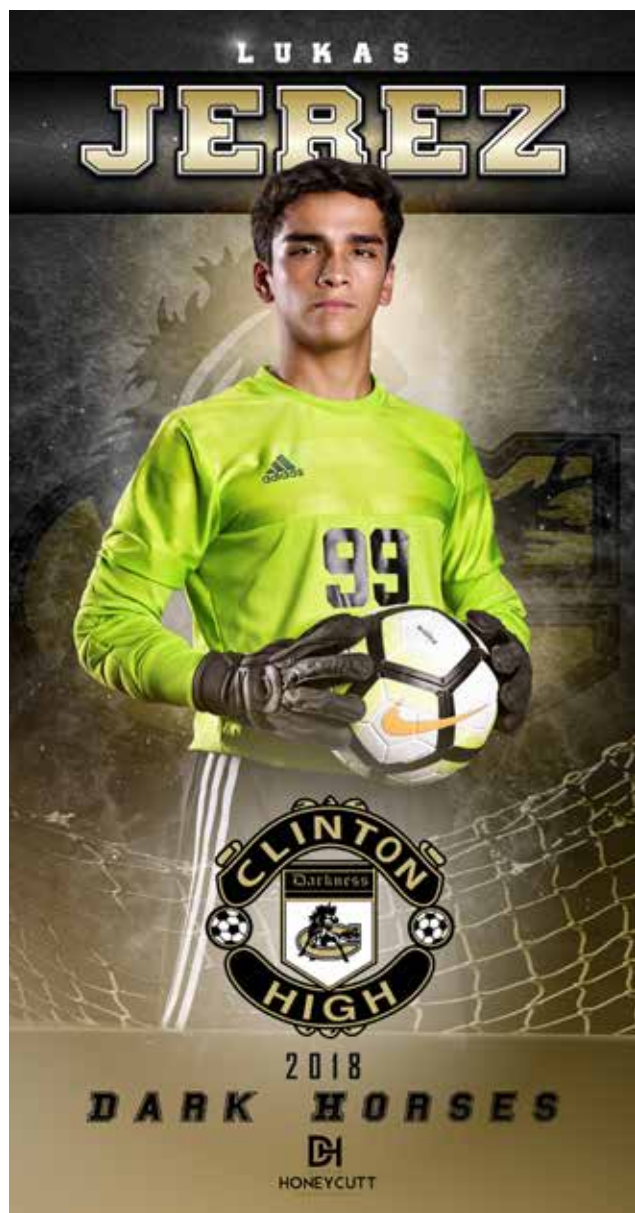


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Clinton High School Senior Lukas Jerez is having an incredible senior year so far.

The 17-year-old back-up goal keeper for the Dark Horse Soccer Team and his team just played in the third round of the NCHSAA 2-A State Soccer Championships (against No. 10 Dixon in a game held Thursday night – results were not available before press time Thursday) after beating No. 18 seeded Beddingfield Tuesday night 5-1 and could possibly be headed for a championship appearance that will be held this Saturday (at 7 p.m.).

The team, has been on an amazing run this season, going 21-1 through the regular season (the only loss coming from James Kenan High School on September 10 in a 3-2 final), beat Randleman 9-0 in the first round of the state playoffs.

"We came in with the mindset of returning to the playoffs this season," Jerez, who also plays tennis for the Horses, explains. "Especially for the seniors - our mindset has always been to get a ring. That is what we have always been shooting for."

Jerez and the remaining 11 seniors on the team have been working together for years.

"We have been playing together since recreational soccer," he explains. "So, the chemistry is really great between all of us. There are some new guys too, but, for the most part, we have been playing together for years. Those new guys are welcomed in like family – because we are a family."

Those seniors have been part of an incredible time for the Dark Horse program – since their freshman year, the players have only lost 12 games (going 20-6 in 2017; 21-3 in 2016; and 25-2 in 2015).

Last season, the team, seeded at No. 10, fell in a heart-breaking 3-1 loss in overtime to No. 2 seeded First Flight – one game shy of the championship game (First Flight ultimately lost to Newton-Conover 1-0).

"We knew last year that we were going to be prepared coming into this season," Jerez explains. "We have to be."

'Have to be' because the Dark Horses compete in one of the toughest 2-A conferences in the state – the East Central - A conference that includes James Kenan, East Duplin, Wallace-Rose Hill, Midway, Spring Creek and Goldsboro.

Which makes losing just 12 games in four seasons that much more of an incredible feat.

"We have always worked hard," Jerez explains. "Our goal is to go out and really compete with the other teams. As a captain, it is my job to keep my teammates motivated and try to get everyone to be at their best."

So, when did Jerez know the Dark Horses would be a force this season?

"Coming in, we knew we would have a good team," he admits. "But I really knew it was going to sink in was when we beat East Duplin for the second time ... that's when I knew we would have a chance to return to the playoffs."

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

"It feels great," the soccer standout said when told he won the honor. "I really didn't know anything about it; I am really surprised, but I am happy."

"Lukas truly understands his role on this team," notes Clinton High Head Soccer Coach Brad Spell. "It has been an honor for me as a coach to witness an individual such as Lukas who comes to practice each day willing to work as hard as he does to improve, not only himself, but the team."

Spell continues, "His work ethic is second to none and watching him inspire his teammates with his actions and words of encouragement motivates the program to strive for elite success. I know for a fact that our team, program and myself, are much better with Lukas's leadership as a captain. Lukas exemplifies the quote: 'If you are going to do something, do it right'."

A Clinton native, Jerez first foray into sports came at the recreational level.

However, playing the game never came easy for him.

"I was born with a Clubfoot and hip displacement," Jerez says with honesty. "So, I was in a body cast for a while."

His foot was turned inward at birth and his hip displacement (also called 'dysplasia') put him in cast. As he grew, he would still need a cast on his foot – but that didn't stop him from playing.

"During my elementary years, I would be on the team, but I would sit the bench," Jerez says. "But my three brothers (Francisco, Tomas and Jose Felipe) would always encourage me and tell me to just hang in there and my time would come. That is what I did."

By Middle School, Jerez couldn't be stopped. Still wearing a small cast on his foot, Jerez began playing keeper.

"It was good for me," he says. "It gave me a lot of time to focus and really learn the position."

During that time, Jerez was also diagnosed with severe scoliosis – a condition that still haunts him to this day.

"The doctors told me that I would have pain in my back and probably shouldn't play, but I was going to play," he explains. "Yes, I do have a lot of pain – but I have been used to playing with it, so I just keep moving and play through it."

During his seventh-grade year, Jerez also began playing travel soccer for the Clinton United team (team B), a team that also honed his skills in the net.

"It really helped me and my game a lot," he admits. "I was the starting goal keeper and played with them up until last year."

As a keeper, Jerez is ranked nationally at 154; and 12 in the state of North Carolina (according to MaxPreps.com). This season he has 18 saves and 7 shutouts.

"I just go out and do my best," Jerez explains. "I go out and compete for my spot every time I go on the field."

While he is enjoying his final year of high school, Jerez knows that it will only be a short time before he is moving on to college.

"It is going to be hard to leave this school," he said. "I am going to leave behind a lot of great memories and special people."

Jerez plans on going to college – in fact, he has already been accepted to a few that he has applied to.

"I want to study engineering and get my degree," he said. "I don't know if I will play soccer – if I do, that would be great, but I am going to focus on my education first."

His dream college to get into would be North Carolina State University. Jerez has applied but will not find out if he got in until after January 2019.

"Honestly, I really don't think that it has really sunk in yet," Jerez says about graduating in a few months. "I know when it was Senior Night, that was when it really hit me – when I walked out there with my parents (Jose Jerez and Nelly Chandia). It was intense."

Jerez says that the support of his close-knit family has been very crucial in his success.

"They have always encouraged me in whatever I have done," he said. "I am just very thankful that they have always been there supporting me."

It was his brother (Francisco) that gave him the piece of advice that has stuck with him since he was still sitting the bench when he was playing rec soccer.

"He told me to never let anyone tell me that I can't do something," Jerez says. "That has always stuck with me."

So now that Jerez is almost finished with his high school career, what piece of advice would he give to that upcoming freshman making the awkward transition from middle to high school?

"I would tell them to enjoy every minute of it," he said. "You know, it might suck at some point, but trust me, everything will work out for the good in the end."

In addition to his family, Jerez said that he wanted to thank his friends, teammates and his coaches, especially coach Spell.

"I have known Coach Spell since I was little," he explains. "My brothers played soccer and graduated from Clinton High School – so I have known him for a long time. He has always encouraged me and pushed me to be the best I can be – on and off the field. I would also like to thank coach Smith and coach Lanier."

Jerez also had something special for the Dark Horse fans. "They have always been great to us ... There is always a big crowd who have been there cheering for us and that is something very special."

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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  | Hobbton Wildcats    | HOME | 7:00 | W 63 - 17 | 6-1    |
| Oct 26th  | Princeton Bulldogs  | Away | 7:00 | L 22 - 37 | 6-2    |
| Nov 5th   | Union Spartans      | HOME | 7:00 | W 35 - 00 | 7-2    |
| Nov 9th   | 1st Round Playoffs  | TBD  | TBD  | W 00 - 00 | 0-0    |

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## 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 58 - 00 | 5-1    |
| Oct 27th  | Wallace-Rose Hill Bulldogs | HOME | 7:00 | W 34 - 30 | 6-1    |
| Nov 2nd   | East Duplin Panthers       | Away | 7:00 | L 06 - 19 | 6-2    |
| Nov 9th   | First Round Playoffs       | TBD  | TBD  | W 00 - 00 | 0-0    |

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## 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** Wake      | HOME | 7:00 | L 14 - 16 | 3-3    |
| Oct 19th  | Christian Academy             | Away | 7:00 | W 35 - 21 | 4-3    |
| Oct 27th  | Ravenscroft School            | HOME | 7:00 | L 13 - 26 | 4-4    |
| Nov 2nd   | Northside Christian Academy   | HOME | 6:00 | W 55 - 38 | 5-4    |
| Nov 9th   | Village Christian Academy     | Away | 7:00 |           |        |

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## Hobbton 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 | L 17 - 63 | 3-5    |
| Oct 26th  | Union Spartans      | HOME | 7:00 | W 33 - 22 | 4-5    |
| Nov 3rd   | North Duplin        | HOME | 7:00 | W 48 - 41 | 5-5    |
| Nov 6th   | Midway              | Away | 7:00 | L 38 - 44 | 5-6    |

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## 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 | Hobbton 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 Wallace- | HOME | 7:00 | L 34 - 47 | 2-4    |
| Oct 10th  | Rose Hill            | Away | 7:00 | L 00 - 68 | 2-5    |
| Oct 19th  | East Duplin          | Away | 7:00 | L 12 - 55 | 2-6    |
| Nov 2nd   | Goldsboro High       | Away | 7:00 | L 06 - 48 | 2-7    |
| Nov 6th   | Hobbton              | HOME | 7:00 | W 44 - 38 | 3-7    |
| Nov 9th   | Spring Creek         | HOME | 7:00 |           |        |



## 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 | L 00 - 34 | 2-5    |
| Oct 26th  | Hobbton Wildcats    | Away | 7:00 | L 22 - 33 | 2-6    |
| Nov 5th   | Lakewood Leopards   | Away | 7:00 | W 00 - 35 | 2-7    |
| Nov 9th   | 1st Round Playoffs  | TBD  | TBD  | W 00 - 00 | 0-0    |

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## Miss Clinton High School Crowned



Photo from Left to Right: Zaikya Johnson (Extra Effort Award), Amaya Apolinario (2nd Runner - up), Maura Westbrook (Miss CHS 2019 and Overall Talent Award), Kendall Spell (1st Runner - up), Jade Harris (Miss Congeniality)

Maura Westbrook was crowned the 40th Miss Clinton High School on Thursday, Nov. 1st. She is the 17 year old daughter of Brent and Michelle Westbrook, and is a Senior. Maura performed a vocal selection to “On My Own” from the Broadway musical Les Miserables, which also won her the Overall Talent Award. Maura will serve as a literacy advocate in the Clinton City School District during her reign.

## Salemburg Elementary November Students of the Month



Bristle Tripp, Alin Cruz-Sosa, Lindsey Gamboa, Nivea Johnson, Natosha Vera-Bernal, Leanna Autry, Abby Jackson, Kimberly, Ramos, Anthoni Yanes, Rilyn Bradford, McKenzie Johnson, Victoria McCain, Elizabeth Venegas, Alyanna Williams, Gerson Navas, Aylin Pineda, Katie Rodriguez, Airianna Stevens, Eliana Aguilar, Amelya Bass, Shyann Freeman, Haley Smith, Diego Espinoza, Addison Evans, Mahalia Tyndall.

## Rotary Club Distributes Dictionaries



The Clinton Rotary Club came to Butler Avenue to distribute dictionaries to every third grade student. Pictured here are Rotary Members, Mike Lanier, Pam High, Candy Taylor and Cary Taylor along with Mrs. Lindsey McLamb and her third grade homeroom.

## Students Salute Veterans



Students at L.C. Kerr School salute the Veterans who have served our country. Students in Ms. Jessica Casteen’s kindergarten class learned about the important people that have helped serve our country. They proudly display their art work and say “Thank You” to Veterans. Students pictured: Abdalhalim,Za’Riya, Brooklynn, Savely, Savannah, Francko, Raeqwon, Mia, Rodrigo, Kevin, William, Hayden, Marcos, Hallie, Katie, Linsy, Deino, Jesse.

## Notary Class Gets, Gives Seal of Approval

As is the case with many of the courses offered through Sampson Community College’s Workforce Development office, the focus of training notaries is to offer skills to employees seeking to become more valuable to their employer.

A Notary Public of the common law is a public officer constituted by law to serve the public in non-challenging matters usually concerned with estates, deeds, and powers-of-attorney. Notaries are charged with protecting, serving, and protecting public interests. The Notary Public can perform in the State of North Carolina if licensed, as authorized duties vary by state.

“You don’t really realize how valuable having a notary on hand is until you need them,” said Katie Brown, Director of Customized Training and Occupational Extension Programming at SCC. “Many individuals become notaries to work as an independent contractor. These individuals contract with business and industry by handling mortgage signings, notarizing trust documents, and performing many other tasks.”



Eleanor Bradshaw goes over the fine details of becoming a notary.

Aside from the additional income opportunities available, the office of the Notary Public has a long history and brings with it both credibility to the individual Notary and service to the State of North Carolina. A Notary does not serve their employer; their service is to the state or territory that issues their commission.

Sampson Community College offers the six-hour course; the course provides basic information needed to perform the duties of a Notary Public. A person who desires to become a commissioned notary must satisfactorily complete the course approved by the North Carolina Secretary of State’s office. Students learn concepts and terms to successfully understand policies to complete and sign forms for the public per rules and regulations mandated by the North Carolina Secretary of State’s office.

The course is offered on the college campus during the day or night at the Sampson County Register of Deeds Office. The next class scheduled is Wednesday, November 14th. For more information, contact Katie Brown at 910-900-4055 or kbrown@sampsoncc.edu or Patty Oates at 910-900-4130 or coates@sampsoncc.edu.




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# FAITH

# After The Ballot Has Been Cast

By Will Matthews

In the week after the mid-term elections, we will finally begin to see television commercials return to normal things like movie trailers, prescription drug, and car insurance ads. Slowly but surely, yard-signs telling us to vote for different candidates will come down. About the time they all come down, it will be time for more to come up for the primary season.

In the middle of the election cycle, how should we wait? What do we do after our ballots have been cast? First of all, let's address confusion about how Christians should or should not vote. Do not confuse your heavenly citizenship with your American citizenship. A Christian has no moral duty to vote in any election. Voting is a right as an American citizen, and as American's we are all blessed to live and thrive in a basically free system. It is wise for a Christian to vote and should certainly be considered, but by no means is voting a primary issue of the Christian faith. Your vote is your voice in the American system of politics, but don't be easily exploited by candidates and those who champion certain candidates. If you vote Democrat, you're not going to hell, despite what many believe and infer. If you vote Republican, you're not a religious maniac who is full of hate and intolerance. If you vote third-party, you're not casting a vote for somebody that somebody else doesn't like. If you do not vote at all because it requires you to violate your conscience, you are not under any condemnation. If a Christian does decide to vote, consider voting for candidates who will make decisions that are best aligned with biblical values. There are no perfect candidates, so we should prayerfully seek to make the wisest choices.

But after our ballot has been cast, there are a few things that we should take into consideration.

## #1 Focus on the issues, not the factions.

George Washington famously charged Americans in his farewell speech to beware of two-party systems. Washington warned us what would happen: factions would become about polarizing the nation. Parties would become more about revenge and dissension instead of representing the people and the issues in which they care about. Republicans and Democrats will always be opposed to each other simply because. Issues live and die in the background. After we vote, we should move ahead without focusing on who won or who lost. Whoever won now has the responsibility to represent the population, whether they are Senator, Superior Court Judge, Clerk of Court or the Dog-Catcher. If they do a terrible job, we have the right to vote them out next time around. Instead of making every seat up for grabs about who is a Republican, Democrat, Conservative or Liberal, we should take an honest look at how they've kept their promises and how they have handled the issues that we deeply care about.

## #2 Win and lose with dignity.

John Piper stated, "Political life is for making much of Christ whether the world falls apart or holds together." When our candidates win or lose, we can easily become emotional. We become emotional because we care. But we should both win and lose with dignity. 1 Corinthians 10:31 reminds us, "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." Voting falls into that "whatever you do" category. In either case, if our favorite candidate or party wins or loses, turn those opportunities into making

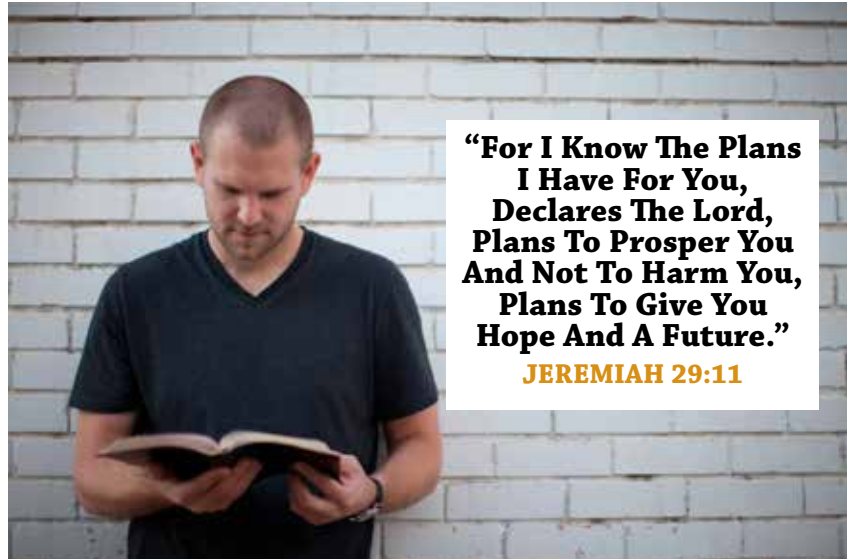


much about Jesus. The best this world can offer us is temporary – even political victories and losses. At the end of the day, King Jesus is the ultimate authority over the entire universe, even your precinct.

## #3 Pray for our elected officials

Scripture is clear about how Christians should interact with governing authorities. We should submit – not to the point where we violate God's law, but we should cooperate with; government is a gift of God to carry out justice on earth (Acts 28:16-30, Romans 13:3-4, 1 Peter 2:13-17). As elected officials carry out their duties to govern the people by the consent of the people, they are worthy of our prayers. Pray that they will lead well and fairly, giving proper consideration to the value of life and the execution of justice. We would do well to also pray that our elected officials will put politics aside for the betterment of our area. Politicians who are united for the good of their constituents and cast away party lines make voting for them next time around much easier.

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## Know before you Enroll



### Medicare Open Enrollment for 2019 runs through

December 7th. This is the time when many beneficiaries review their current Medicare plan coverage and explore options for the upcoming year. We understand the options are many, and the answers are few. While we do not endorse any products or plans, our Patient Financial Services Department does offer these tips:

- 1 There is a difference between a Medicare plan with a supplemental and a Medicare Advantage plan. Medicare Advantage plans are paid by Medicare to cover the beneficiaries who choose their plans. They may have different rules, such as requiring pre-approval (authorizations) for services that traditional Medicare automatically covers. They may also have higher copayments or deductibles than Medicare, especially if you are out of network for services. Plan designs may be different, so we caution you to ask. Always read the details!
- 2 The plans can and do change from year to year. For example, vision coverage may be included in your plan this year but removed next year. A benefit, such as skilled nursing, may also change, say from 30 days this year to 10 next year. Deductibles and coinsurance are subject to change as well. Again, be careful as you select your plan, and read the details.
- 3 Know if your providers are contracted with your insurer. Not every physician, hospital, or service provider is contracted with every insurer. Sampson Regional Medical Center, for example, currently has one signed Medicare Advantage contract. We do not believe it's right for an insurance company to sell a product in a county where the hospital is not contracted. It puts the hospital in a position to bill the beneficiary for services provided or deny non-emergency services for Medicare Advantage beneficiaries.

Sampson Regional Medical Center currently has a signed Medicare Advantage plan with **Blue Medicare** and **Aetna**. We cannot contract with insurance companies that offer to pay less than what traditional Medicare will pay. As such, we are not likely to agree in terms with United Healthcare (which is different than the AARP supplemental insurance plan) for their Medicare Advantage plan. We are in active discussions with Gateway for their Medicare Advantage plan but cannot guarantee at this point we will agree in terms by end of open enrollment. We currently do not have any contracts with Humana, nor are we in discussion with them.

We advise you to please be careful in making changes. The rules are different between Medicare Advantage plans and traditional Medicare. If you move to a Medicare Advantage plan, you can always get your Medicare plan again, but you will not be guaranteed that you can pick up your secondary insurance plan again.

Additional help is available through Medicare by calling **1-800-633-4227** or online at [www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan/questions/home.aspx](http://www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan/questions/home.aspx).

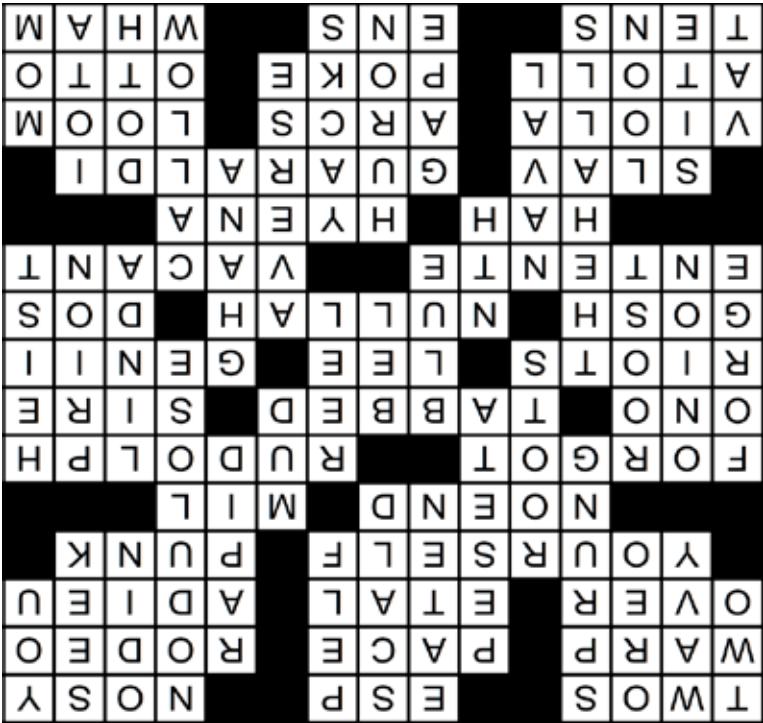
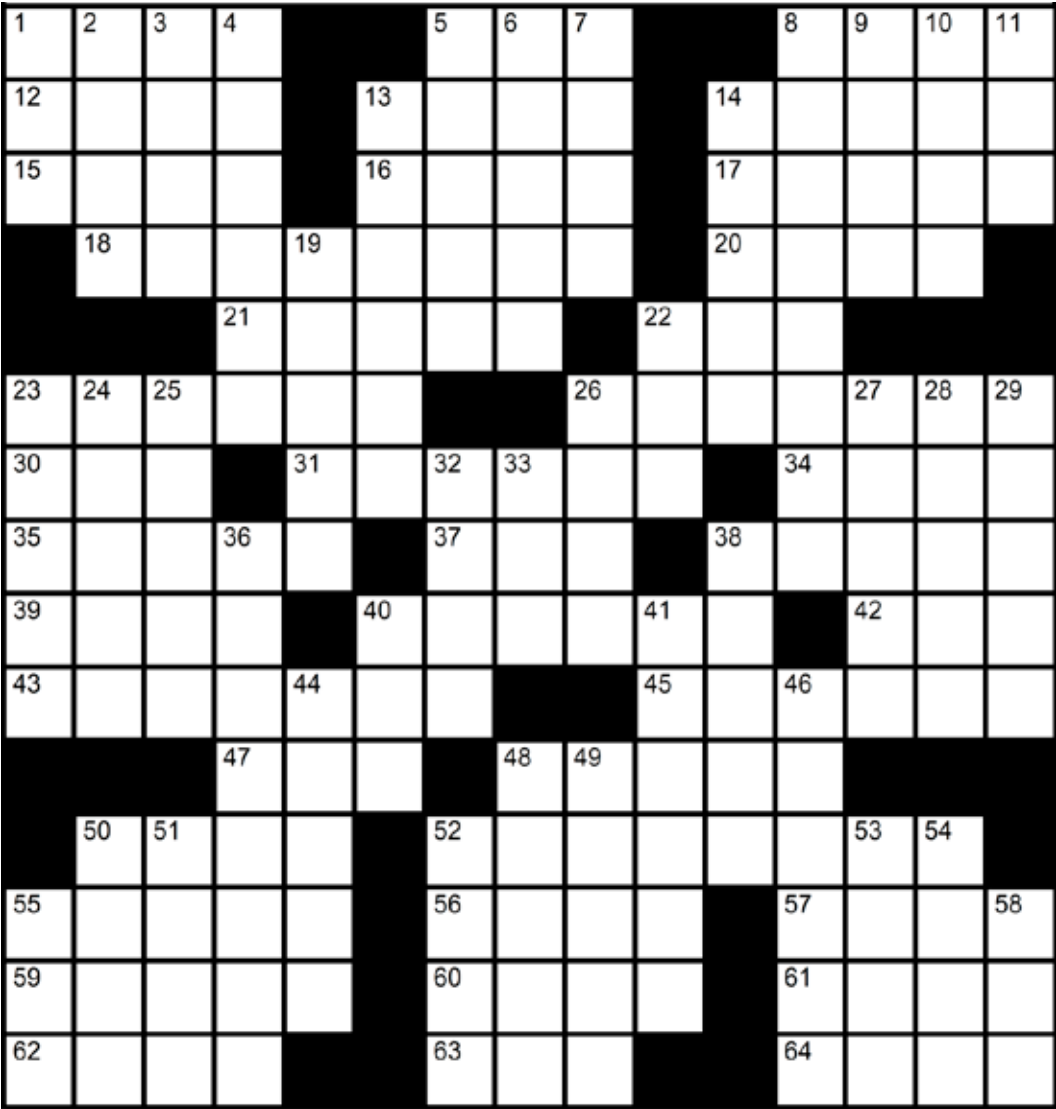


PUZZLES

# Crossword Puzzle

## HOLIDAY SONGS

- ACROSS**  
1. Rare bills  
5. Clairvoyant's gift  
8. Snoopy  
12. Time distortion  
13. Show worry  
14. Wyoming's official sport  
15. \*John Lennon's "Happy Xmas (War is \_\_\_\_)"  
16. And elsewhere  
17. Opposite of bonjour  
18. \*\*Have \_\_\_\_ a Merry Little Christmas"  
20. MTV's "\_\_\_\_'d"  
21. Incessantly  
22. A cool \_\_\_\_, as in money  
23. \*\*Should auld acquaintance be \_\_\_\_"  
26. \*\*Run \_\_\_\_ Run" sung by Chuck Berry  
30. \*Co-writer of #15 Across  
31. Used tabulator key  
34. Your majesty  
35. 1965 Watts events  
37. \*\*Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree," sung by Brenda \_\_\_\_  
38. Mozart and Einstein, e.g.  
39. Golly!  
40. Dry ravine, in Asia  
42. Not don'ts  
43. Diplomatic alliance  
45. Like empty hotel room  
47. "Fat chance!"  
48. Shenzi of "The Lion King"  
50. Eastern European  
52. \*Vince \_\_\_\_ Trio of "Linus and Lucy" fame  
55. Between violin and cello  
56. Rainbows and such  
57. Rumpelstiltskin's weaver  
59. Coral reef island  
60. Facebook's "psst"  
61. \_\_\_\_ Mann of "The Simpsons"  
62. Decades  
63. Lt.'s inferior, in the Navy  
64. \*\*"Last Christmas" duo
- DOWN**  
1. \*\_\_\_\_ Turtle Doves  
2. Not straight  
3. Post-meal sandwich  
4. Spring action, past tense  
5. Like yesterday's meal  
6. Coffee burn, e.g.  
7. Bread or cabbage  
8. Having small nodules  
9. Scandinavian war god  
10. Radio button  
11. \*\*"All I want for Christmas is \_\_\_\_"  
13. Bygone Spanish money  
14. R in R.E.M.  
19. Alex Haley saga  
22. \_\_\_\_ pie in a sand box  
23. Blacksmith's hearth  
24. Gibson garnish  
25. Fowl perch  
26. Film roll  
27. Ronstadt, e.g.  
28. Infectious protein particle  
29. Bank job  
32. \*Like Elvis' Christmas?  
33. 10 decibels  
36. \*Deck'em  
38. Ivory Coast neighbor  
40. Utmost degree  
41. Not sympathetic  
44. Maryland Academy  
46. Young and inexperienced  
48. Second-largest Great Lake  
49. Talks and talks and talks  
50. It houses web content  
51. "On Golden Pond" bird  
52. Open-mouthed astonishment  
53. Shakespearean "does"  
54. Tiny bit  
55. Port vessel  
58. Mrs. Goldberg, e.g.

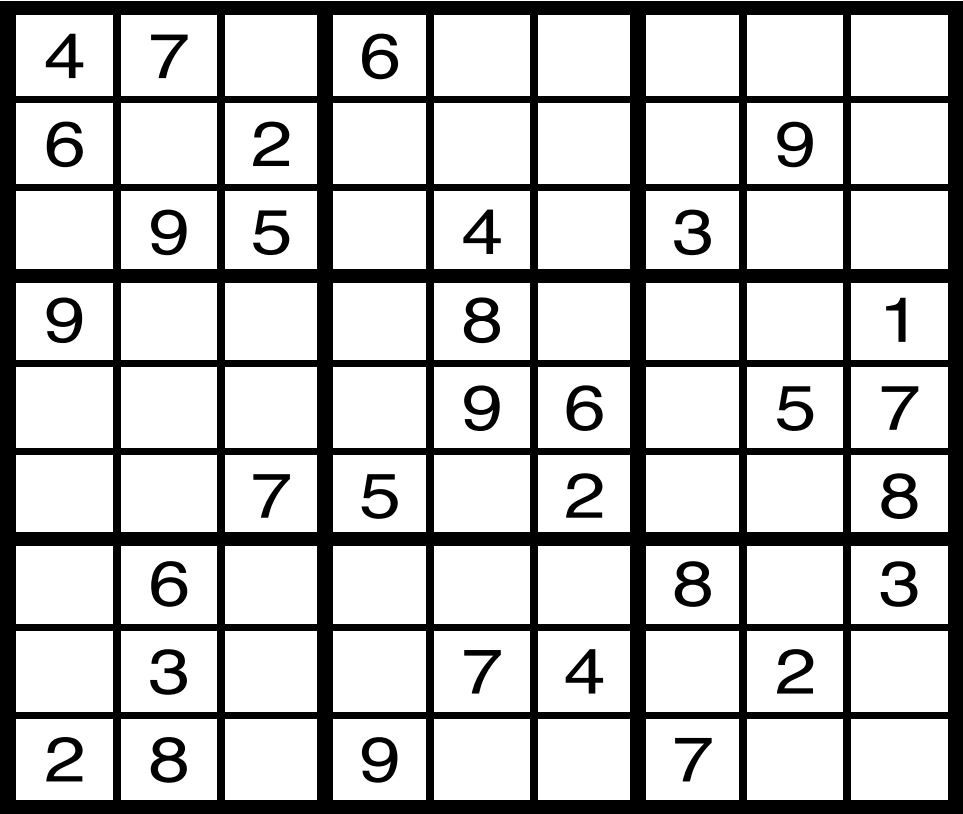


PUZZLE SOLUTION

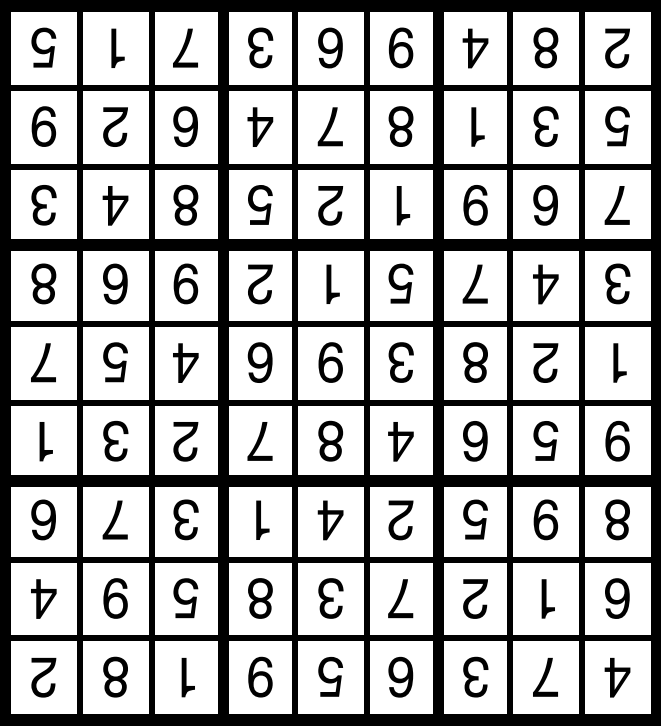
# SUDOKU

## Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test.



Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!



## The Descendants of Boaz (Ruth 4:13-22)

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| BIRTH     |   |   | BOAZ     |   |   | CARE     |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| CHILD     |   |   | DAVID    |   |   | ENABLED  |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| FAMILY    |   |   | FAMOUS   |   |   | FATHER   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| GAVE      |   |   | HEZRON   |   |   | HOME     |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| ISRAEL    |   |   | JESSE    |   |   | LORD     |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| NAHSHON   |   |   | NAOMI    |   |   | OBED     |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| PEREZ     |   |   | PRAISE   |   |   | PREGNANT |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| PROVIDED  |   |   | REDEEMER |   |   | RUTH     |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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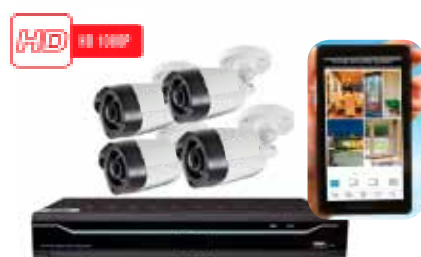


# CRIME

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| <b>Arrest Reports</b><br>11-01 Phillip Brandon Daw, 37; 2136 Dr. Kerr Rd., Ivanhoe; 2 Counts: Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear- Obtain Property by False Pretense; Unsecured Bond \$25,000; Court Date 01-07<br><br>11-01 Austin Tyler Lewis, 19; 365 N Herring Ave., Garland; Assault on a Female; No Bond; Court Date 11-28<br><br>11-01 Katrina Mercer Edwards, 53; 12567 Boykin Bridge, Roseboro; Order for Arrest-Reckless Driving to Endanger; Order for Arrest-Fail to Wear Seat Belt-Driver; Order for Arrest-Fail to Report Accident; Secured Bond \$1,000; Court Date 12-13<br><br>11-01 Patrick Alfred Nixon, 45; 1453 Bill Town Rd., Rose Hill; Failure to Comply-Order for Arrest Child Support; Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear; Court Date 11-21<br><br>11-01 James Desmond Stevens, 27; 151 JS Stevens Lane, Turkey; Speeding; Failure to Secure Passenger under 16; DWLR; Use Foreign License while DWLR; Criminal Summons-Communicating Threats; Court Date 12-18<br><br>11-01 Tavis Rache Lamb, 29; 2394 Trinity Church Rd., Magnolia; Order for Arrest-Child Support; No Bond; Court Date 11-20<br><br>11-01 Erica Lynette Parker, 43; 1973 HB Lewis Rd., Clinton; Trespass of Real Property; Written Promise to Appear; Court Date 11-28<br><br>11-01 Felix Pascual Diego-Juan, 29; 75 Tonia Lane, Clinton; DUI; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 12-13<br><br>11-02 Albert Ahmad Deaver, 22; 60 Deems Dr., Clinton; Warrant Service: Failure to Appear-DWLR Not Impaired | Rev; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 11-19<br><br>11-02 Emanuel Ramon Howard Jr., 20; 131 Kayla Lane, Clinton; 3 Counts: Warrant Service: Failure to Appear- Speeding, DWLR; 2 Counts: Warrant Service: Failure to Appear- No Operators License Unsafe Equipment; Secured Bond \$1,500; Court Date 12-13<br><br>11-02 Prince Vidal Parker, 25; 112 Eastover Ave., Clinton; DWLR Not Impaired Rev; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 11-14<br><br>11-02 John Allen Coleman, 37; 1005 Layton St., Clinton; 3 Counts: CS Financial Transaction Card Fraud; Court Date 11-13<br><br>11-03 Tyrone Devon Bell, 30; 425 Tarheel Dr., Clinton; Habitual Larceny; Second Degree Trespass; Failure to Appear- Misdemeanor Larceny; Secured Bond \$7,500; Court Date 11-16<br><br>11-03 Ernest Smith, 23; 2365 Herring, Rose Hill; Order for Arrest- Possess Marijuana up to ½ ounce; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 11-26<br><br>11-03 Susan Darlene Smith, 37; 40 Knorr Lane, Clinton; MO DWLR; Unsecured Bond \$500; Court Date 11-13<br><br>11-03 Yvette Nicole Spinks, 32; 202 Collins St., Clinton; Failure to Appear- Injury to Personal Property; Secured Bond \$1,000; Court Date 11-27<br><br>11-04 Lilly May Bradshaw, 46; 946 Cedar Point Rd., Newton Grove; 2 Counts: Simple Assault; Injury to Personal Property; Unsecured Bond \$2,000; Court Date 12-11<br><br>11-04 Latihf Esannason, 28; 206 Jacobs St., Clinton; Shoplifting; Failure to Appear-DWLR Not Impaired Revoke; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 11-13<br><br>11-05 Tommy William Smith, 26; 1001 | Lloyd St., Clinton; Possession of Paraphernalia other than Marijuana; Court Date 12-06<br><br>11-05 Brian Chad Block, 52; 6826 Parkton Rd., Parkton; Mis Larceny of Building Materials; Trespass of Real Property; Secured Bond \$1,000; Court Date 11-28<br><br>11-05 James Edward Cashwell, 36; 135 Buckhorn Rd., Parkton; Mis Larceny of Building Materials; Trespass of Real Property; Secured Bond \$1,000; Court Date 11-28<br><br>11-05 Courtney Jacqueline Matthews, 34; 3608 Corinth Church Rd., Salemburg; Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property; Court Date 11-29<br><br>11-05 Christopher Blaine Jackson, 39; 900 Lake Artesia Rd., Turkey; DWLR; Court Date 11-19<br><br>11-05 Roger Hyden Phillips, 53; 227 Hamilton Dr., Clinton; Injury to Personal Property; Assault on a Female; Court Date 11-13<br><br>11-05 Destiny Nicole Sessoms, 19; 110 Madeline Lane, Autryville; Burglary/ Breaking and Entering; Conspire Breaking and Entering Building Felony Larceny; Court Date 11-16<br><br>11-05 Larry Newton II, 24; 110 Madeline Lane, Autryville; Burglary/Breaking and Entering; Conspire Breaking and Entering Building Felony Larceny; Court Date 11-16<br>11-07 Michael Glenn Edwards, 51; 246 Bid Lane, Faison; Assault on a Female; Simple Assault; Court Date 11-29<br><br>11-07 Joshua Robert Talbot, 20; 471 Serenity Lake Drive, Clinton; Injury to Personal Property; Court Date 12-11<br><br>11-07 Leelander Marcell Harris, 34; 149 E Worth St., Saint Pauls; Failure to Appear-DWLR; Court Date 11-15<br><br>11-07 Justin Allen Hinson, 28; 315 North West St., Autryville; Cyber Stalking; Court Date 11- | 21<br><br>11-07 Claude Hearman Miller, 61; 681 West Rd., Turkey; Order for Arrest- DWI; Court Date 11-27<br><br>11-07 Bobby Allen Bryant, 37; 892 Overland Rd., Clinton; Communicating Threats; Assault on a Female; Failure to Appear- Simple Assault; Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear- Child Support; Court Date 11-21<br><br>11-07 Rashawn Hermon Terry, 27; 80 Pridgen Lane, Clinton; Assault on a Female; Court Date 11-13<br><br><b>Incident/Investigation Reports</b><br>11-01 Sherry Casteen reported a Larceny located at 450 Bobby Hope Rd., Harrells. Items reported missing included a pressure washer, riding lawnmower, plow, dog pen, wine barrel, weed eater/pole saw, antique pole saw, propane burner and a welder.<br>11-03 Lesile Tyndall reported a Breaking and Entering located at 103 Felix St., Clinton. No items were reported missing.<br><br>11-03 Dansy Murphy reported the Larceny of a Debit Card located at 424 McKoy St Apt E, Clinton.<br><br>11-05 Your Way Construction reported the Larceny of Building Materials located at 400 Williams St., Clinton.<br><br>11-05 Dacey Horne reported a Burglary located at 3017 South River Rd., Autryville. Item reported missing a Dirt Bike.<br><br>11-05 Jose Isaias reported a Burglary located at 77 Madeline Lane, Autryville. Item reported missing Aircraft.<br><br><i>* The Crime Report is provided by the Sampson County Sheriff's Office and the Clinton City</i> |
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## Sampson County VITAL STATS

### Deaths

|                           |                            |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| -Cynthia Ann Blanton      | -Annie Grace Faison        |
| -Ellis Ray Burgette       | -George Hand               |
| -John Franklin Conerly Sr | -Juan Jarmillo             |
| -Billy Gene Edwards       | -Albert Earl Melvin        |
| -James Dwight Fann        | -Edward Andrew Radford     |
| -Bobbie Denise Few        | -Millard Franklin Thornton |
|                           | -Ceness Leon Taylor Jr     |
|                           | -Queen Esther Wilson       |

### Marriage Certificates

-Johnathan Lee Williams to Karmen Ashlea McCullen  
-Donall Santez Currie to Ana Maria Hernandez-Benitez  
-Daniel Lee Brewer to Mary Keene Ortiz  
-Juan Miguel Lopez to Selena Hernandez  
-Stephen Tew Holden to Hannah Nicole Sessoms  
-Tyree Joel Smith to Jazmine Etoria Dominique

### Births

-Ji'Suan Rymel Smith born on October 21, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Jermelle Levar Smith Sr and Nasheema Shanae' Henry  
-Aviona Necole Venable born on October 23, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Rozell Wayne Venable and Devin Leigh Burgess  
-Alex Lopez Marroquin born on October 28, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Celso Lopez Salazar and Floribel Marroquin Ramirez  
-Anthony Martez Davis Jr born on October 29, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Myesha Katasha Faison

### Land Transfers

-Vivian Davis Rich Utley to Dorothy Smith Faison and James F Faison- 0.79 Acres Turkey  
-Gerry D Pearson, Glenn M Pearson, Linda H Pearson, Patricia S Pearson, Ronald Gene Pearson, Ellen P Smith, Ronnie Dewitt Smith to Herbert Mark Pearson- 9.65 Acres Tract 3 South Clinton  
-Alice Rich Straughn, Clayton Lee Straughn to Clayton and Alice Straughn Revocable Trust, Alice Rich Straughn/TR, Alice Rich Straughn, Clayton Lee Straughn, Clayton Lee Straughn/TR- 8 Tracts North Clinton  
-Nancy P Dillman, Mary Jane P Osborne, Connie T Pearson, Herbert Mark Pearson, Jason Scott Pearson to Kyle Bailey Smith- 9.67 Acres Tract 2 South Clinton  
-Gerald Keith Barlowe, Joan Bass Barlowe, Doris McLamb Bass Estate, Linda Gail Bass, Steven Johnson Bass, Steven Johnson Bass/PR to Barbara Bass Elmore, Dewey Stephen Elmore - Lot 2 4.22 Acres Taylors Bridge  
-Home Buyers of Wilmington LLC to Lesly Jhona Artega Jacome, Allan Osiel Murillo Reyes-

### 2 Tracts North Clinton

-MLCSDI LLC to Roger Lee Davis, Wanda Denease Davis- Lot 1 0.77 Acres South Clinton  
-Thornton Homes Co to Dinah W Fuller, Peter Fuller- Lot 17 Block AW Newton Grove  
-Par 5 Development Group LLC, R Lee Pittman/MGR to Jean Smith- Tract 1 1.50 Acres  
-Jim Warren Mobile Homes Inc, T&W Development/DBA, T&W Development/G PTNR, Thornton Logging Company to Miquel Angel Gomez Martinez- Lot 4 0.76 Acres Mill Branch Subdivision Halls  
-Amy M Bartlett/FKA, Amy B Rich, Corey Rich to Lani N Mason, Matthew H Mason- Lot 46 Stagecoach Estates Section One Little Coharie  
-OCWEN Loan Servicing LLC to Angelia D Rpdroquez Soto- Tract One 2.121 Acres Piney Grove  
-Daniel Mack West, Nancy Jo West to Clyde Scott Jackson/TR, Mary Louise Jackson/TR, The Jackson Living Trust- 2 Tracts Plainview  
-Durwood P Boney/AIF, Durwood P Boney, Judy Boyette Boney, Lois Register Boney/ By AIF, Patricia Weeks Boney, Richard H Boney/AIF, Richard H Boney to Donna Elaine Zeznock, Terence Michael Zeznock - 6.32 Acres Little Coharie  
-Ben J Miller Jr, Erica Leigh Miller, Sylvia Peterson Miller to Daisy-Doodle LLC- Tract 5 0.41 Acres South Clinton  
-Edward Foster, Esterline Jackson, Alfred Edward Johnson, Arrida H Johnson, Bryson Rice Johnson, Claude Gregory Johnson, Dennis Lee Johnson, Dorothy Johnson, Johnnie B Johnson to Marjie Foster- Lot 12 15.10 Acres in the Oscar Henry Division Taylors Bridge  
-JB McLamb/AKA, Jasper Benton McLamb, Jerry Don McLamb Estate, Linda Louise McLamb, Virginia Kay Barbour McLamb/EXR, Monica McLamb Royals/EXR to CLCH LLC- 3 Tracts Plainview  
-Christopher H Caison, Mary Jane A Caison to James Bizzell Darden III, Mary Nell Darden-North Clinton  
-Virginia J Beasley to Virginia J Beasley/TR, The Virginia Beasley Family Trust- 13 Parcels w/exceptions Mingo & Plainview  
-Suzanne B Reiber to Ashley Maria Carpenter, Timothy Wayne Carpenter- 2 Tracts Westbrook  
-Home Telos/LP, Secretary of HUD of Washington DC to Christopher L Cook Jr- Lot 1  
-Carlos Martinez, Mary Martinez to Florencio Trejo Martinez, Erika Serreno Villa- 1.30 Acres Halls  
-John D Hornaday/MGR/MBR, Hornaday Homes LLC to Gary Robinson Homes LLC- Lot 2 Fox Hill Subdivision Section III Dismal  
-Danny L Williams, Sabra Lynn S Williams to Haslin Scott Williams, Sabra Lynn S Williams- 2 Tracts Mingo  
-Dwayne E Dubey to Matthew S Dubey- 11.14 Acres w/exceptions Belvoir  
-Natalie Melvin to Coley Melvin Jr- McDaniels  
-Deborah S Owen, Millard T Owen III to John Wayne Ottaway- Lot 71 0.91 Acres Laurelwood Acres Subdivision Section Four Honeycutts  
- Deborah S Owen, Millard T Owen III to James Henry Graham, Teresa Ann Cousar Graham- Lot 34 0.55 Acres Lot 35 0.55 Acres Bluegrass Ridge Little Coharie  
-Thornton Homes Co to Elizabeth Vazquez De La Piedra- Lot 10 1.76 Acres South Clinton  
-Ernest Ray Powell, Jenny Annette Pope Weaver to Teresa Pope Matthews- Mingo 7.37 Acres



# OBITUARIES

## RALEIGH

**Donald Batts, 81**, of Raleigh, NC, passed away Monday, November 5th, 2018 in the peace and comfort of his home. He was born on August 17th, 1937 in Chinquapin, NC to John Thomas Batts and Etta Parker Batts. He married the love of his life, Martha Ann Pridgen Batts, on July 6th, 1963 and she survives. Also surviving are his twin brother Ronald Batts, brother Gerald Batts, sister Evelyn Faye Batts Rogers, very special daughter Patricia Ann Batts Hansford, granddaughters Sydney Paige Hansford and Meredith Hunter Hansford, the newest light of his life and great-grandson Kenneth James Smith, and many beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, John Thomas Batts and Etta Parker Batts, and his sister Lois Batts Savage. Donald was a long-time resident of Raleigh, NC where he and his wife have lived since 1977. He got his electrical license in 1972 and started Batts Electric Company, which he ran with so much pride and honor until retiring in 2005. He was very well respected and he positively impacted everyone he worked with. He also served in the Army National Guard for 12 years until he was honorably discharged in 1966. He had two loves in his life; his family and his work. He was such an incredibly smart man and using his mind to solve problems and fix things was his passion. He would teach anyone who was willing to listen and found pride in helping others succeed. His latest protégé was his great-grandson, Kenneth James Smith, who spent almost every day following Donald around and learning about all things mechanical. As much as he loved work, it paled in comparison to the love he had for his family. Those who saw him could feel the joy emanating from him when he was around those he loved. He always knew how to make people feel comfortable and could make a friend anywhere he went. His unending love, happiness, intelligence, and radiant personality will be remembered by all of those touched by his passing. A time of visitation will be Saturday, November 10th, 2018 at 12:00 pm and the funeral service will start at 1:00 pm at Harmony Independent Presbyterian Church, 7640 Wildcat Rd, Harrells, NC 28444. Interment to follow. Arrangements are by Carter Funeral Home, 111 N Ingold Ave, Garland, NC 28441. Condolences may be made to [www.carterfh.com](http://www.carterfh.com). The family asks that you spend time with your children and loved ones, cherish your enduring friendships lifelong and beyond, and always keep up with oil changes for your car. That is what Donald would wish.



## SALEMBURG

**Mr. William John “W.J.” Goodrich, Sr., 77** passed away Friday, November 2, 2018 at his home. Funeral service was held at 2:00 pm Monday, November 5, 2018 at Corinth Baptist Church in Salemburg, officiating will be Rev. W. A. Creech and Rev. Tommy Honeycutt. Burial followed in the church cemetery. He is preceded in death by his parents, John Love Goodrich and Nannie Lewis Goodrich and brother, Woody Goodrich. He was the owner and operator of Goodrich Brothers Construction Company. He is survived by his wife, Joyce Goodrich of the home; son, William Goodrich & wife, Laura of Clinton; daughter, Kelly Goodrich Collier & husband, David of Wade; 3 grandchildren, Ashley Holloman & husband, Nick, Heather Goodrich & Ryan Hall - extended family and Taylor Collier & Eric McPhail - extended family; 2 great grandchildren, William Camden Holloman and Eliza Jane Holloman; 2 brothers, Charlie Goodrich & wife Emily of Salemburg and Donnie Goodrich & wife, Daphne of Williamsburg, VA. The family received friends from 2:00pm to 5:00pm Sunday, November 4, 2018 at the home and from 1:00pm to 1:45pm Monday at the church prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in W.J.’s honor to Corinth Baptist Church, 991 Corinth Church Road, Salemburg, NC 28385. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro.



## RALEIGH

**Miss Kennedy Rose Lusnia**, infant daughter of Emily Boyette Lusnia and Kraig Lusnia of Raleigh, was born on July 17, 2018 and went to be with the Lord on Monday, November 5, 2018 at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh, with her loving family by her side. A Funeral Service will be held on Friday, November 9, 2018 at Grove Park Baptist Church in Clinton at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Mike Shook officiating. Kennedy Rose will be laid to rest in a private ceremony. Kennedy Rose is survived by her loving parents, Emily Boyette Lusnia and Kraig Lusnia of Raleigh; maternal grandparents, Toby and Melba Boyette; paternal grandparents, Kenneth and Kathryn Lusnia; paternal great-grandmother, Adeline Lusnia and many aunts, uncles and cousins. She was preceded in death by her paternal great-grandfather, Chester Lusnia; paternal great-grandparents, Robert and Virginia Larson; maternal great-grandparents; Ernest and Dorothy Boyette; maternal great-grandparents, Lester and Eunice Haney. In lieu of flowers, memorial may be made in memory of Kennedy Rose Lusnia to Ronald McDonald House, 110 North Carpenter Street, Chicago, IL 60607 or visit [www.rmhc.org](http://www.rmhc.org). Condolences may be sent to [www.coxmemorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.coxmemorialfuneralhome.com). The family has entrusted services to Cox Memorial Funeral Home & Crematory in Vass. Cox Memorial...”Serving GOD, by serving families in a time of need.”



## CLINTON

**Helen Mae Dixon Matthis, 89**, of 4170 Turkey Hwy, passed away, Thursday, November 1, 2018 at Kitty Askins Hospice Center. Funeral services were held at 3 PM, Sunday, November 4, 2018 at Turkey Baptist Church with the Rev. Dr. Ron Bryan officiating. Interment followed in the Matthis Family Cemetery. The family received friends one hour before the service at Turkey Baptist Church. Helen, born in 1929 in Sampson County, was the daughter of the late James Daniel Dixon and Sallie Mae Flynn Dixon. She retired from Lundy Packing Company with over forty years of service. She attended Turkey Baptist Church. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by husband, Benjamin Tillman Matthis, children, Nettie Rae Matthis, Jimmie Lang Matthis and grandchild, Jonathan Matthis. Survivors include; daughter, Diane Cain (Ray) of Turkey; son, Clayton Matthis of Turkey; sister, Doris Cottle of Turkey; grandchildren, Lisa Cain, Laura Cain, Joy Matthis, Patrick Matthis, Janie Matthis; great-grandchildren, Garrett Whipkey, Jack Whipkey, Savannah Whipkey, Abigail Whipkey, Alannah Cain and Emma Lee Matthis. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.crumpler-honeycutt.com](http://www.crumpler-honeycutt.com). Arrangements are by Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville St., Clinton, NC 28328.



## SUPPLY

**Mrs. Alma Gray Tew Pollard, 87** of Supply, passed away Friday, October 26, 2018 at her home. The funeral service was held at 3:00pm Sunday, November 4, at First Baptist Church of Erwin, 300 S. 12th Street, Erwin, with Rev. Thomas Greene and Rev. Don Pollard officiating. Burial followed at Erwin Memorial Park, S. 18th Street, Erwin. Mrs. Pollard was born December 14, 1930 in Harnett



County and was the daughter of Wiley Buck and Lucille Keen Tew. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Hugh Donald Pollard, Sr.; and her sister, Vernell Tew Porter. She was employed in the cafeteria at Erwin High School while her children attended school there, then worked as an X-ray technician at Good Hope Hospital. She is survived by one daughter, Donna P. Williford (husband Mike); two sons, Hugh Donald Pollard, Jr. (wife Mindy), William Keith Pollard (wife Pam); ten grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren; one brother, Wiley Buck Tew, Jr. (wife Terri). The family received friends from 2:00 to 2:45pm prior to the funeral service. Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro is serving the family.



Reverend Leonard Henry officiating. The family received visitors from 6 PM – 7 PM, one hour before the service at the funeral home. Survivors include: mother, Gaye Cheryl Sullinger; aunts and uncles, Paul and DeVon Kaveler, Phillip and Claudette Kaveler, Bob and Lu Kaveler, and Joey and Candy Sullinger; cousins, Joshua Kaveler, Rachel and Danny Mueller, Alex Kaveler, Kaitlin Kaveler, Andrew Kaveler, Devin Kaveler, Justin Kaveler, Joey Sullinger, and Matthew Sullinger; numerous other family members; and special friends, Alandra and Ricky Williams, Jalesa Hicks and Peggy Avery and family. Memorials may be made to the Autism Society of NC, ATTN: Donations Coordinator, 5121 Kingdom Way, Suite 100, Raleigh, NC 27607. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.crumpler-honeycutt.com](http://www.crumpler-honeycutt.com).

## HARRELLS

**Mrs. Virginia Rhodes Gurganious, 94**, passed away on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at Southwood Nursing & Rehab Center in Clinton. A Graveside Service was held at 11:00 am on Thursday, November 8th at Harrells Cemetery with Rev. Tom Murray officiating. Born on November 19, 1923 in Duplin County, Virginia was the daughter of the late Samuel Wright and Beulah Frances Teachey Casteen and the widow of Deleon T. Gurganious. She was a retired farmer and a member of Centenary United Methodist Church of Harrells. She is survived by her son, Robert Wayne Gurganious of Clinton; one sister, Effie Chesnutt of Wilmington; two grandchildren: Leslie Stotts and James Gurganious; two great-grandsons: Luke and Dillon Stotts; two nieces: Mary Frances Hobbs and Lucinda Lee; and several great-nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents and husband, Virginia was preceded in death by five sisters and five brothers. A visitation was held following the service on Thursday morning at the cemetery. The family would like to extend their sincere appreciation to the entire staff of Southwood Nursing & Rehab Center for their compassionate care shown to Mrs. Virginia during the last few years. Condolences may be sent by visiting [www.royalhallfuneralhome.com](http://www.royalhallfuneralhome.com). Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Gurganious Family.



## PLAIN VIEW

**Mrs. Geraldine Raynor Beasley** gained her angel wings on Monday, November 5 at Rex Hospital in Raleigh, NC after a brief illness. Mrs. Beasley was born on February 9, 1929 to the late Moses Paschal and Della Strickland Raynor. In addition to her parents, she is also preceded in death by her husband of 38 years, Otis Beasley, Sr.; daughter Barbara Lynn Beasley Barefoot; sisters, Annie Mae Jernigan, Euphemia Jernigan, Pauline Weeks, and Edith Houston; and brothers Alton Raynor, James Raynor and Bynum Raynor. Mrs. Beasley was a 1945 graduate of Plain View High School. Geraldine was a woman of strong faith, always putting others first in everything. She was a member of Stoney Run PFWB Church since early childhood and a member of the choir for many years, as well as a charter member of the Ladies Auxiliary. After the death of her husband in 1983, she began working at Belk Department Store in Dunn and retired after 15 years of service. She cherished visits from friends and family, particularly from her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren who stopped by almost on a daily basis. A funeral service will be held 11 a.m. Friday, November 9, 2018 at Stoney Run Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church with Rev. Rick Kelly and Dr. Preston Heath officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. She is survived by sons Otis Beasley, Jr. (Dale), Marshall Beasley (Diane Langston) and Steve Beasley (Terry); daughter Sharon R. Beasley (Charles Pate); grandchildren Michelle Brown (Billy), Bridget Lee (Brandon), Angela Lucas (Kevin), Ethan Beasley (Britany), Morgan Beasley, Joe Vowell and Steven Vowell; great grandchildren Jeremy Brown, Colby Brown, Kaelynn Brown, Hannah Lucas and Wyatt Lucas; and several nieces and nephews. The family received family and friends from 6:00-8:00 p.m., Thursday, November 8, 2018 at the funeral home and other times at the home. Memorials may be made to Stoney Run PFWB Church, 12481 Harnett-Dunn hwy. Dunn, N.C. 28334.



Carter Funeral Home. Mrs. Bonnett is survived by two daughters, Denise Goodwin (Jeff) of Raleigh, Lisa Whittle (Jamie) of Four Oaks, two sons, Don Spivey (Pennie) of Clayton, Doug Spivey (Karen) of Angier, 7 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren. Service by Carter Funeral Home in Garland.

## SALEMBURG

**Ellis Ray Burgette 70** of 1706 N. Salemburg Hwy. passed away on Friday morning November 2, 2018 at his home. He is the son of the late James Robert and Eliza Branch Burgette. He is survived by his wife, Darlene Valentine Burgette; sons, Kenneth (Kelly) of Hawaii and Bradley Burgette of the home; two grandchildren, Alyssa and Jeremiah Burgette; and sisters, Myrtis Westbrook and Carolyn Sessoms, both of Clinton, and Grey Britt of Roseboro. A private memorial service will be held at a later date.



## CLINTON

**Alan Louis Henry Sullinger, 24**, of 207 Park Avenue, passed away on Sunday, November 4, 2018 at his home. Alan, born on June 21, 1994 in Cumberland County, was the son of the late Curt Alan Sullinger and Gaye Cheryl Kaveler Sullinger. A memorial service was held at 7 PM, Thursday, November 8, 2018 at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville St., Clinton, NC, with

funeral. She was preceded in death by her husband, Matthew Carter; and parents, Clifton and Cattie Simmons. Mavis is survived by her son & daughter-in-law, Shane & Jennifer Carter, Dacula; daughter, Ashley Fleeman, Richmond, KY; son, Wesley Carter, Lawrenceville; special friend, Mr. Billy White, Lawrenceville; sister & brother-in-law, Wanda & Bobby Bandy, Charlotte, NC; brother & sister-in-law, Cliff Marty & JoAnn Simmons, Tar Hill, NC; sister, Gaye Simmons Cushing, Lumberton, NC; sister-in-law, Perleen Simmons, Clinton, NC; grandchildren, Devon Carter, Ashton Fleeman, Summer Fleeman, Jolynn Fleeman & Emily Carter; numerous family and friends. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.crumpler-honeycutt.com](http://www.crumpler-honeycutt.com). Local arrangements are being handled by Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville Street, Clinton, NC 28328.



## MARYLAND

**Mr. Willie “Babe” Ray Sellars 69** of 5411 16th Ave., Hyattsville, Md formerly of Harrells, died Monday, October 29, 2018 at his residence. Mr. Sellars was born January 08, 1949 in Sampson Co., the son of the late William Ras Sellars & Marish Fennell Sellars. Funeral service was held at 1:00 P.M., Sunday, November 04, 2018 at Keathern Chapel Baptist Church by the Rev. Harvey Robinson. Burial followed in the church cemetery with military honors. The public was received from 1:00 P.M.-5:00P.M. Saturday, November 03, 2018 at Carter Funeral Home.

## AUTRYVILLE

**Mrs. Vivian “Vicky” Williams Walker, 59**, of Autryville died Sunday, November 4, 2018. Vickie was born July 15, 1959 in Harnett County, daughter of Penny Wrench Williams and the late Donald Williams of Autryville. She was a member of the Freedom Biker Church of Fayetteville. A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, November 10, 2018 at the Freedom Biker Church of Fayetteville 455 Rock Hill Rd. in Fayetteville with Rev. J.D. Tew officiating. Vickie is survived by her husband, Cliff R. Walker; daughter, Amber Williams of Autryville; mother, Penny W. Williams of Autryville; sisters, Debra Powers and husband Billy of Florence, South Carolina, Madonna Tew and husband Robert of Autryville, Denise Fann and husband Tommy of Roseboro; sister-in-law, Debbie Marshall of Stafford, Texas; seven nieces & nephews and six great nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Freedom Biker Church of Fayetteville 455 Rock Hill Rd. Fayetteville, NC 28312. Arrangements are by Skinner & Smith Funeral Home of Dunn.



## Clinton

**Mrs. Lynda Darnelle Chestnutt, 66** of 2504 Hobbton Hwy, Clinton, NC passed on Saturday, November 3, 2018 at Duke Medical Center, Durham, NC. The funeral service was held at 2pm, Thursday, November 8, 2018 at First Baptist Church, Clinton, NC with the Rev. Dr. Tremayne M. Johnson officiating. Burial in Hillcrest Memorial Park, Clinton, NC. Viewing was held on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 from 3pm - 6pm at the Worley Funeral Home, Inc., Clinton, NC. Mrs. Chestnutt is survived by her husband, Albert Chestnutt of the home; daughter, Justina Chestnutt of Marietta, GA; son, Justin Chestnutt of Severn, MD; sisters, Rev. Vivian Raynor of Clinton, NC, Dr. Jacqueline Wilson of Rocky Mount, NC; Arletha Herring of Enfield, NC, Teresa Ann Herring of Woodbridge, VA and Tracey Barham of Newton Grove, NC; brothers, Larry Herring and Jerry Herring both of Clinton, NC and Ollie Herring, Jr. of Fayetteville, NC. Online condolences may be sent to [www.worleyfuneralhomeinc@aol.com](http://www.worleyfuneralhomeinc@aol.com).

## CLINTON

**Mrs. Annie Grace Faison, 103**, of 180 Southwood Drive, Clinton, NC, passed away Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at Southwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Clinton, NC. The funeral service will be held at 11am, Friday, November 9, 2018 at First Baptist Church, Clinton, NC with Rev. Thomas Farrow, Jr. officiating. Burial in Hillcrest Memorial Park, Clinton, NC. Viewing will be held on Friday, November 9, 2018 from 10am - 11am at the Church. Mrs. Faison is survived by a grand daughter, Coryndi McFadden, nieces and nephews. Online condolences may be sent to [www.worleyfuneralhomeinc@aol.com](http://www.worleyfuneralhomeinc@aol.com).

## CLINTON

**Louis Elton Rackley, 80**, of 1560 Pope Road, went to be with the Lord, Friday, November 2, 2018 from the UNC Hospital. The family received friends from 3 PM – 5 PM, Sunday, November 4, 2018 at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home and at other times at the home of his son, Bobby Rackley, at 2345 Old Warsaw Rd., Clinton, NC 28328. A funeral service was held at 2 PM, Monday, November 5, 2018 at Miller’s Chapel Church, 10441 Faison Hwy, Faison, NC, with Rev. Bill Cotton officiating. Interment followed in the Clinton City Cemetery. Louis, born in 1938 in Sampson County, was the son of the late Lonnie Washington Rackley and Nettie Hair Rackley. He was a carpenter and lifelong member of Miller’s Chapel Church. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brother, Lonnie Rackley, and sister, Ester Bradshaw. Survivors include; wife, Delynn Rackley; daughters, Barbara Fennell and husband Kenny, Betty Arnette and husband Frank, Bonnie Miller and husband Don; son, Bobby Rackley and wife Gina; and sister, Elizabeth Pate; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; several nieces and nephews; and his best friend Red. Flowers are welcome or memorials may be made to one’s favorite charity. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.crumplerhoneycutt.com](http://www.crumplerhoneycutt.com).

## CLINTON

**Mrs. Agapita Ramirez, 79**, of Clinton, passed away on Monday evening, November 5, 2018 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in Fayetteville. Funeral Services will be held Friday, November 9th at 4pm at Royal-Hall Funeral Home Chapel with Pres. Alfred Tyndall officiating. Burial will follow at Sandhill Cemetery in Clinton. Born on September 16, 1939 in Texas, Mrs. Ramirez was the daughter of the late Jose and Josephine Balderas Gonzalez, and the widow of Enrique Ramirez. She was a Jehovah’s Witness and a homemaker all her life, taking care of her children and grandchildren, whom she adored. She is survived by daughters: Viola Martinez (Enrique) of Clinton, Melody Silves of Georgia and Casandra Ramirez of Florida; sons: Enrique Ramirez of Clinton, Hector Ramirez and David Ramirez, both of Florida; twenty-five grandchildren and sixty-five great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two daughters, Norma Valledo and Elizabeth Ramirez. The family will receive friends prior to the service on Friday, from 2-4 pm; and following the services at her daughter’s home, Viola Martinez, 269 Westbrook Rd., Clinton. Condolences may be sent by visiting [www.royalhallfuneralhome.com](http://www.royalhallfuneralhome.com). Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Ramirez Family.

## ROSEBORO

**Mitchell K. Barefoot, 82**, of Roseboro passed away on Friday, November 2, 2018. He was surrounded by family. Mr. Barefoot’s graveside service will be held on Monday, November 5, at 1:30 pm. The service will be held at Wayne Memorial Park in Dudley. Dr. Ricky Warren will be officiating the service. Mr. Barefoot’s survivors include his wife, Eva S. Barefoot; his brother, Donnie Barefoot and wife Nancy of Salemburg; and his nephew and family. Mr. Barefoot was preceded in death by his parents, Corbin and Cleo Barefoot. Flowers are welcome and memorials may be made to a charity of one’s choice. Condolences may be made at [www.westanddunn.com](http://www.westanddunn.com). The family has entrusted West & Dunn Funeral Home of Newton Grove to handle the services.

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# Christmas

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**Thursday**  
**Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**2018**

*Schedule of Events*

**5:30pm Clinton Community Christmas Tree Lighting with Miss North Carolina 2018 - Laura Matrazzo**  
Park behind the City Market - 215 Lisbon Street

**5:30-8:00pm Gingerbread Decorating Activity**  
(free to the public) at the Republican Party Headquarters at 107 Wall Street

**6:00-8:00pm Kiwanis Secret Christmas Shop**  
(where kids shop for grown-ups) on the Courthouse Square- Gifts from \$2-\$10

**5:30-8:30 pm Train Rides - (\$2 per person) on the Courthouse Square**

**5:30-8:30pm "Twas the Lights Before Christmas at the History Museum"**  
313 Lisbon Street (free to the public)

**5:30-8:30pm Live Christmas Music - Sampson County Courthouse**

**5:30-8:30 pm Carriage Rides - (\$15 per person/reservations required)**  
For reservations call Betty Holland at (910) 299-4904

**Hay Rides by Hubb's Farm & Kyle's Farm - (\$3 per person) City Market - 215 Lisbon Street**

**5:30-8:00 pm - Food Trucks at the Clinton City Market**  
215 Lisbon Street

**5:30-7:00 pm Candlelight Tours with Lessons and Carols at 7:00 pm**  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church - 110 W. Main Street

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## SampsonRMC welcomes new member to family medicine faculty



Sampson Regional Medical Center (SampsonRMC) welcomes the newest member of its medical team, Joshua Ferrell, MD. Dr. Ferrell is Board Certified in Family Medicine and fellowship trained in OB-GYN. He joins Sampson Medical Group as part of the faculty for the hospital's family medicine residency.

Dr. Ferrell is excited to be in the Clinton community. "My first month has been terrific! SampsonRMC's staff are a joy to work with and there is true compassion for each and every patient," stated Dr. Ferrell about his time in Clinton so far.

Dr. Ferrell comes to our community from rural upstate New York where he has spent the last two years practicing full-spectrum family medicine at a federally qualified healthcare center caring for high risk obstetrics, gynecology, pediatrics and adult medicine patients. In his previous role, he served as clinical professor of family medicine with faculty appointments at the University of Washington and SUNY-Buffalo. In addition to his family medicine training as a resident, Dr. Ferrell additionally completed an obstetrics fellowship. "We are excited Dr. Ferrell has joined our team. With his special interest in obstetrics and gynecology, he brings a great skill set to our academic training program," said Dr. John-Mark Miller, DO Program Director of Family Medicine Residency.

Dr. Ferrell and his wife have young triplets. They are both happy their relocation puts them closer to family and out of the snow belt region.

Dr. Ferrell and other providers at Sampson Regional Medical Group are accepting new patients. For more information call 910-590-0046, or visit [www.SampsonRMC.org/SMG](http://www.SampsonRMC.org/SMG).

SampsonRMC looks forward to introducing Dr. Ferrell at its annual Provider Meet and Greet on Tuesday, November 13, from 5:30 to 7:00pm at 226 McKoy Street (formerly the Courthouse Inn). The community is invited to join this event for an opportunity to meet Dr. Ferrell. SampsonRMC's transitional year interns, Dermatology and Family Medicine residents will also be in attendance for introduction; Hors D'oeuvres will be served.

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## SPEED FREAKS

A few questions we had to ask ourselves

**Did Kevin Harvick just become the Cup favorite again?**  
**GODSPEAK:** Harvick is the man. He called the Texas win after Martinsville and delivered.  
**KEN'S CALL:** Once he wins again at Phoenix, let's say he enters Homestead on a roll. Yep, the favorite.

**Who's the best bet to reach the Final 4 by winning at Phoenix?**  
**GODSPEAK:** Given his rage after Texas, I'm shifting my vote over to Aric Almirola to take that win.  
**KEN'S CALL:** If we're assuming Harvick doesn't win, I tend to think it's Chase Elliott's destiny to have a shot at Homestead.

## FEUD OF THE WEEK

**ARIC ALMIROLA VS. JOEY LOGANO:** Almirola had a top-five car but finished eighth at Texas because Logano shoved past him in the closing laps. Almirola is fighting for his playoff life going into Phoenix.  
**GODWIN KELLY'S TAKE:** Said Almirola: "If that is the way he wants to race me ... and we are out here fighting for our lives, that is fine. When Homestead comes around, if I am not in, he will know it."

## GODWIN'S PICKS FOR PHOENIX

**WINNER:** Kevin Harvick  
**REST OF TOP 5:** Aric Almirola, Martin Truex Jr., Kyle Busch, Chase Elliott  
**FIRST ONE OUT:** Alex Bowman  
**DARK HORSE:** Kyle Larson  
**DON'T BE SURPRISED IF:** Harvick wins. He called his shot at Texas and calls the shots at Phoenix.

## MOTOR MOUTHS PODCAST

The shadows are growing long on the 2018 season, but the sun never sets on the pod!

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# PHOENIX

## THREE THINGS TO WATCH

### 1. The Logano burn

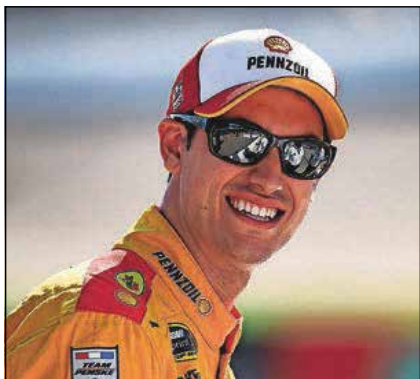
Two races into the NASCAR Cup Series Round of 8 and Joey Logano has a pair of high-profile drivers giving him the stink-eye. Logano did a bump and run on Martin Truex Jr. at Martinsville and roughed up Aric Almirola at Texas during a late restart, which probably cost Almirola five finishing positions. Both Truex and Almirola have vowed revenge, if necessary. Logano's haters list will likely grow at Phoenix.

### 2. Bubble boy saga

Half the Championship Round field has been decided. Any of the remaining six hopefuls can win at Phoenix and get in for Homestead. At least one driver will go in on points. Kyle Busch has a slim three-point lead on Martin Truex Jr. In the must-win category are Chase Elliott, who is minus 39 to the leader, followed by Aric Almirola (-57) and Clint Bowyer (-73). "I am fired up. Let's go," Almirola said.

### 3. Long trucks

The NASCAR Camping World



**Joey Logano is smiling now, after qualifying for the Championship Round, but is he making too many garage-area enemies to win the title?** [AP/PAUL SANCYA]

Truck Series doesn't get much ink on this page because there is so much going on in the Cup Series. After taking a peek at this week's schedule, well, just a tip of the hat to those truckers. First, it is a 2,100-mile drive. Once they get to ISM Raceway in Avondale, Arizona, they do all their business Friday, starting with practice at 10:30 a.m. and ending with a race at 8:30 p.m. Chins up, guys.

— Godwin Kelly, [godwin.kelly@news-jrnl.com](mailto:godwin.kelly@news-jrnl.com)

# TEXAS

## THREE THINGS WE LEARNED

### 1. Harvick calls it

After a disappointing 10th-place finish at Martinsville, Kevin Harvick said he would turn things around at Texas. He kept his promise. He led 177 of 337 laps and survived three late restarts and overtime to win and get his golden ticket to the Championship Round.

### 2. Busch League day

Kyle Busch had a rotten day at Texas. He finished 17th. "We had a fast car," crew chief Adam Stevens said. "You speed on pit road, you go to the back and you have a loose wheel under



**Kevin Harvick celebrates on top of his race car after winning Texas.** [AP/LARRY PAPKE]

green, then lose a couple laps." The only good news is that Busch remains up in points.

### 3. Unusual five

Generally speaking, the drivers still alive in the NASCAR playoffs hog top-five positions out of desperation.

Three of the top five drivers at Texas were not championship-eligible. Ryan Blaney, who started on pole, led the charge of the less fortunate with a second-place showing.

— Godwin Kelly, [godwin.kelly@news-jrnl.com](mailto:godwin.kelly@news-jrnl.com)

## QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers

### Now you're talking symmetry?

Yes, symmetry. Everything just might be lining up in the proper order for the conclusion of the 2018 Cup Series season. Remember, on three different occasions this year, a driver put together a three-race win streak. Kevin Harvick did it beginning in Week 2. Kyle Busch followed in spring. And Brad Keselowski had his own hat trick starting in early September. It'd be fitting to end the year with another.

### You're assuming Harvick wins Phoenix?

He has a bit of a track record there, you know. Nine of his 45 career wins have come at Phoenix, including this past March, when he capped his three-race streak. If he does it again, he goes to Homestead with a chance at another three-peat and, of course, the championship. To help his cause, let's assume Joey Logano would be a little more careful around a guy like Harvick.

— Ken Willis, [ken.willis@news-jrnl.com](mailto:ken.willis@news-jrnl.com)

## CUP STANDINGS

|                         |      |
|-------------------------|------|
| 1. Kevin Harvick        | 4143 |
| 2. Kyle Busch           | 4128 |
| 3. Martin Truex Jr.     | 4125 |
| 4. Joey Logano          | 4119 |
| 5. Kurt Busch           | 4100 |
| 6. Chase Elliott        | 4086 |
| 7. Aric Almirola        | 4068 |
| 8. Clint Bowyer         | 4052 |
| 9. Ryan Blaney          | 2283 |
| 10. Brad Keselowski     | 2259 |
| 11. Denny Hamlin        | 2220 |
| 12. Kyle Larson         | 2211 |
| 13. Erik Jones          | 2204 |
| 14. Jimmie Johnson      | 2195 |
| 15. Alex Bowman         | 2187 |
| 16. Austin Dillon       | 2184 |
| 17. Ryan Newman         | 721  |
| 18. Ricky Stenhouse Jr. | 676  |
| 19. Paul Menard         | 672  |
| 20. Daniel Suarez       | 666  |

## WHAT'S ON TAP

**CUP SERIES:** Can-Am 500  
**SITE:** ISM (Phoenix) Raceway (1-mile oval)  
**SCHEDULE:** Friday, practice (NBC Sports Network, 1:30 p.m.), qualifying (NBC Sports Network, 7 p.m.). Saturday, practice (CNBC, 11:30 a.m.; NBC Sports Network, 2 p.m.). Sunday, race (NBC, coverage begins at 1:30 p.m.; green flag, 2:45 p.m.)

**XFINITY:** Whelen 200  
**SITE:** ISM Raceway  
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**CAMPING WORLD TRUCKS:** Lucas Oil 150  
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