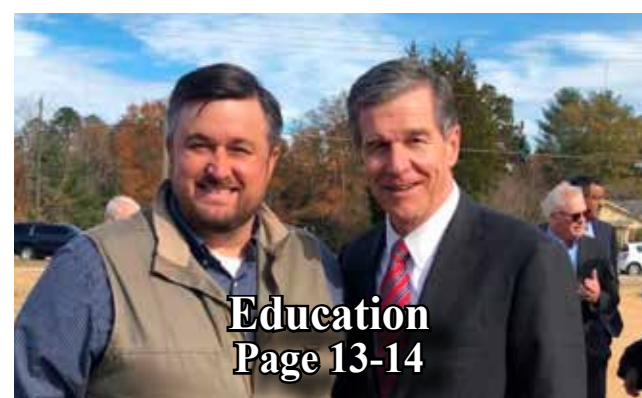




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Newton Grove to Retain Police Department



At an October 2018 Newton Grove Commissioners meeting concerns that developed after hurricane Florence and perceived lack of law enforcement by several members of the community it was discussed as an option to dissolve the Newton Grove Police Department and contract with the Sampson County Sheriff's Office for local coverage, as is done in several other small towns.

Town leaders agreed to look at the option as a way to provide local law enforcement cover-

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Santa To Visit Harrells Community December 18th



On Tuesday night December 18th at 6pm, the Town of Harrells will once again come together for the "Annual Singing Around the Christmas Tree" event. The yearly event usually attracts over 100 Harrells residents who came out to enjoy the festivities. Local residents come together, young and old, to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. The group always meets at the center of Harrells for the lighting of the Christmas tree and all join together for the singing of Christmas carols; songs like "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas", "Winter Wonderland" and "Let it Snow". Traditional Christmas songs like "Silver Bells", "Silent Night", "Rudolph", "O Christmas Tree" and many more will be sung with such Christmas spirit. The highlight of the caroling is definitely when the crowd breaks up into groups and sings "The Twelve Days of Christmas" with as much heart as the Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir.

After the caroling, everyone will meet in the Fire Dept. Training Hall where the Christmas Committee always puts out a spread of desserts and appetizers. Cindy Ezzell, Harrells Town Clerk commented, "This event brings the community together for an old fashioned Christmas. I think it is just wonderful! Everyone comes together to enjoy the singing and the true meaning of Christmas."

The highlight of the evening for the young and old alike will be the arrival of Santa Claus. Every child will have an opportunity to sit on Santa's knee and tell him what they want for Christmas. Even the 'adult' children will have the opportunity to put a bug in Santa's ear for what they are wishing for. The Sampson County Parks and Recreation Department will be on hand taking pictures of the children with Santa and giving each child their photo in a frame. It is a great way for the children to remember this special night.

Event coordinators stated, "It is important for communities to come together during good times so we can lean on each other during bad ones. It's events like this that make me so proud to be part of a small community."

Committee members commented, "You won't know what

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WEATHER

Fri Rain
100%

Hi: 63° Lo: 60°

Sat AM Showers
70%

Hi: 68° Lo: 48°

Sun Partly Cloudy
20%

Hi: 60° Lo: 43°

Mon Sunny
10%

Hi: 61° Lo: 35°

Tues Partly Cloudy
10%

Hi: 52° Lo: 32°

Wed Partly Cloudy
10%

Hi: 54° Lo: 37°

Richard Ammons Honored by Town of Roseboro



In a resolution from the Town of Roseboro, Mr. Richard 'Pete' Ammons Jr. was honored for his long-time service and devotion to the town and its citizens. At a Tuesday night town hall meeting Mayor Alice Butler presented commissioners with the resolution which was passed unanimously and with much pleasure.

Ammons began his service to Roseboro in September 1976 as a volunteer firefighter. Mayor Butler states, "Richard Ammons Jr. service and devotion to the Town and its fire operations have proven to an enormous benefit to the Town of Roseboro and its residents

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WEEKLY VERSE

"In Bethlehem in Judea, for this is what the prophet has written: 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means the least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.'" Matthew 2:4-6

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LOCAL NEWS

OneGenAway Set to Deliver Food to Families In Need This Saturday



No registration required to get food; Volunteers needed

ONE GENERATION AWAY

When Hurricane Florence blew through the state back in September, it was the second major hurricane to hit eastern North Carolina within two years (following Hurricane Matthew in September 2016).

Florence, a category 4 hurricane, was an unwelcome storm that not only caused (to date) over 40 storm-related deaths, it also flooded roads, destroyed homes, downed trees and caused travel nightmares for those who attempted to travel for weeks after the storm.

In addition to the damages to businesses, many residents lost everything in the wake of Florence – the worst being in the southeastern part of the state.

Hardest hit by Florence was Lumberton and surrounding areas, whose residents were still trying to rebuild their lives, recovering from the damage and flooding done by Hurricane Matthew. Florence was just another devastating blow to an already fragile community.

One company is reaching out in hopes to bring some love and support to those struggling families by providing nourishment needs.

OneGenAway (One Generation Away), a 501(c)3 is a non-profit that works (around the country) to bring fresh food to those in need. The company works to serve the home bound, elderly, school children and the working poor and more.

Headquartered in Tennessee, the company rescues food seven days a week from grocery stores and restaurants such as, Whole Foods, Costco, GFS, Publix, Outback Steakhouse, Aldi and many others.

Each month, OneGenAway, with the help of many volunteers, brings food to neighborhoods in need – they recently brought their Disaster Relief trucks to Texas and Florida.

This Saturday, September 15, two OneGenAway semi-trucks filled with food will roll into North Carolina, making two stops – Lumberton and Pembroke.

The “Mobile Pantry” will pull into 300 Bailey Road in Lumberton and drop off the 15-25,000 pounds of food that will sorted and distributed by volunteers who will then give them to those families in need – no questions asked and there are no requirements for people who can receive food.

Food is distributed on a first come, first served basis. According to Founder Director Chris Whitney, distribution will start at 9:30 a.m. and run through 11:30 a.m.

“We want to go out there and just love on and serve the people who have had to go through this difficult time,” he said. “Our hope is to show them that someone out here cares about them and are aware of what they have been going through.”

In addition to the canned goods, volunteers will also be passing out potatoes, bananas, oranges and much more.

“We have shopping carts that our volunteers will load up and assist the families to their cars,” he explained. “You are going to get personal, one-on-one service, while having a face-to-face interaction with someone who really cares.”

Reaching out to communities in need is something that Whitney has devoted most of his life to. A pastor (at Hope Church in Franklin, TN), Whitney founded One Generation Away as a way to bring churches and organizations together to serve neighbors in need. OneGenAway’s mission is

to wipe hunger off the face of America by eliminating racism, denominationalism and poverty.

“I used to live in St. Louis in the early 1990s,” the founder explained. “I remember we had a big flood there [called ‘The Great Flood of 1993’] and there was disaster relief that was really needed. But weeks, months, after the flood there were still a tremendous amount of people who were still in need.”



Whitney (along with his wife, Elaine) moved to Franklin, TN over a decade ago with the hopes of starting a new church. While Whitney pastored at church, Elaine worked for a local non-profit – between the two, they began filling the need to deliver food to those in need.

In 2011, One Generation Away was brought to fruition to help those in need.

Whitney said that the goal is to get volunteers involved, as well as working in partnership with local community organizations, churches and other groups willing to join in the fight to combat hunger.

Since then, the organization has assisted and served thousands of families across the United States who have suffered through disasters – all with dignity and respect.

“There is nothing like that feeling of helping someone,” Whitney said. “Volunteers are really impacted by it as well. It is a beautiful thing to be part of.”

On Saturday, OneGenAway expects to serve 400 families (approximately 3,000 people) at each site – which is quite a workload.

“We want to have about 50 volunteers at each site,” Whitney said. “You know the old saying, ‘Many hands make light work’? That is what we are going for. This is a great opportunity to serve your community and we hope that a lot of volunteers come out.”

In addition to volunteers, Whitney is encouraging local businesses, organizations and churches to get involved with the effort.

“Oh yes, we want to get them engaged with this,” he added. “We would love to come back in a year or so. This (hunger) is a long-term problem that we want to put a stop to.”

Volunteers should be at the Lumberton location at 8 a.m.

For more information on OneGenAway, to donate, volunteer, partnership or to get involved in any program, click on to www.onegenaway.com or call 615-538-7413 during regular office hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.). You can also send email to contactus@onegenaway.com.

What does Whitney want the people in need to know?

“We want to show them some love and to remind them that it is only a season they are going through.”



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If paying by mail, the US Postmark must be dated no later than January 7, 2019. The County Tax Department is located at 126 West Elizabeth Street, Clinton, NC 28328.



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Deadline to Register for Federal Hurricane Florence Assistance Extended to Dec. 19

***Governor Cooper Urges North Carolinians to Apply with FEMA Right Away**

The deadline for North Carolinians who suffered damage during Hurricane Florence to apply for federal help has now been extended to December 19, Governor Roy Cooper announced today.

Gov. Cooper requested the extension to give North Carolinians more time to take the critical step of applying for assistance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Recovery efforts in North Carolina following Hurricane Florence continue to progress, with now more than \$1 billion in state and federal resources approved for people in the state.

The first step in applying for assistance is to register with FEMA. The deadline to register has been extended to December 19, at 11:59 p.m.

"We want to make sure that our hurricane survivors get the help they need to get their lives back on track," Gov. Cooper said. "I urge anyone impacted by Hurricane Florence to register with FEMA right away."

The governor continues to visit communities hit hard by the storm to understand the extent of the impact and monitor recovery efforts closely. Today, Governor Cooper visited Pender County to check on recovery progress in that area.

Gov. Cooper also continues to push for additional federal and state resources to help communities and families recover from Hurricane Florence, including working with the state's congressional delegation to request \$8.8 billion in federal funds to help with housing, farms, businesses, roads and more.

Individuals and businesses with uninsured losses can register with FEMA in several ways:

-Call the disaster assistance helpline at 800-621-3362 or 800-462-7585 (TTY) from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Multilingual operators are available.

-Go online to DisasterAssistance.gov.

-Download the FEMA mobile app.

-Visit a Disaster Recovery Center. To find center locations and hours, go online to FEMA.gov/DRC, or download the FEMA mobile app or the ReadyNC app.

People who register with FEMA may be eligible for a number of assistance programs:

-Individual Assistance – Helps pay for losses not covered by insurance for things like basic repairs, rental assistance and replacing personal property.

-Housing Help - Includes temporary housing in hotels, apartments, travel trailers and manufactured housing.

-Low Interest Loans - The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) offers low interest loans to homeowners, renters and businesses.

For more information on North Carolina's recovery from Hurricane Florence, visit ncdps.gov/Florence and FEMA.gov/Disaster/4393. Follow us on Twitter: @NCEmergency and @FEMARegion4.

Giddens Recognized for Certification



Assistant Town Clerk Wendy Giddens was recognized Monday night in Newton Grove for completion of the North Carolina Official Zoning Certification. Giddens is responsible for Water/sewer billing and collections as well as Zoning Administration for the Town of Newton Grove.

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LOCAL NEWS

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age at the October meeting and on Monday, November 10th the option was discussed prior to being removed from consideration.

During the December Commissioners meeting, Mayor Gerald Darden stated that he had discussed the idea with Sherriff Jimmy Thornton and learned that it would take as much as 6 months or longer before the Sherriff's Office could be in position to offer coverage. Additionally, Darden stated that the Sherriff's Office would not be able to guarantee 24-hour, 7-day coverage for the town. Currently, the Sherriff's Office responds as back-up for the Newton Grove Police Department as does the North Carolina Highway Patrol if needed.

With the recent resignation of Police Chief Frankie Harrell, a change in method and operation of the police department will take place, even though the Sherriff's Office will not be employed to provide that coverage. Adding additional staff was also considered but ruled out due to the required tax hike as much as 30 to 35%.

Mayor Darden stated, "Of course, I think we need to keep the police department. That's my personal view. I think we'll get some good applicants for chief and we can keep our police department going."

"I agree with you," stated Commissioner Teresa Wilson. "I think we should try to keep it ourselves."

"I'm all for keeping our police department," Commissioner Cody Smith explained, "but raising taxes by 30% in the town limits that ain't going to fly."

Darden agreed, stating that to add two additional permanent officers was estimated to cost 30 to 35% more in property taxes; which was not something he felt the citizens would appreciate.

"This is my personal opinion," stated Mayor Darden, "I think we're doing a good job with what we have, and I think maybe we can tweak it some and make it even better. I don't think the town can afford (a large tax increase) and if was taken for a vote, I don't think it would pass."

"I agree with you," stated Commissioner Gary Mac Herring. "I think we keep what we have, tweak it and improve it. I just don't see us raising taxes on the town. I don't think it's doable."

Commissioner Smith stated that he would like to see a return to the use of axillary officers who volunteer to gain hours and experience after BLET. "I think if we can reinstitute that program once we get a new chief in place it will work." Commissioner Herring stated that the addition of a new chief would bring fresh ideas to the department, and he would much rather take a chance on that than entertain going another direction with the police department.

After additional discussion the board voted unanimously to retain the police department and begin a search for a new chief of police immediately.

ROSEBORO, cont. from 1



in numerous ways, all of which have contributed to Roseboro having the finest Fire Department in the area."

Butler went on to explain that Pete Ammons also served as a Police Officer for the Town of Roseboro for 21 years, "devoting his time to the preservation of law and order and the protection of his fellow citizens."

Richard 'Pete' Ammons Jr., after having served the Town of Roseboro, Sampson County, North Carolina for 42 years in fire service, and 21 years as a police officer, has decided to retire from active fire service.

Chief Lee Coleman and his fellow firefighters gather last week, in part to celebrate the achievements of Mr. Ammons. Ammons was joined that night by his wife Connie and other family members and friends.

42 years of unselfish sacrifice, service and devotion to the Town of Roseboro is well worth honoring. Congratulations and very well-done Mr. Richard 'Pete' Ammons Jr.

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you're missing unless you come and friendship and socialize with us! I think you will enjoy it!"

Harrells Town Clerk Cindy Ezzell also wanted everyone to know that on the same day, "We have a home decorating contest. The judges drive around the Town limits at least twice...."

Once at night to see the decorations all lit up and the other during the day to see the decorations that aren't illuminated. Prizes are \$75 for 1st, \$50 for 2nd and \$25 for 3rd."

So bundle up on Tuesday December 18th at 6pm and meet all your friends and neighbors in Harrells for a night of fun, family entertainment bringing back the Ol' Timey Christmas of Yester-Year.

It's Beginning to Look Alot Like Christmas Clinton Christmas Parade



See More Photos From The Christmas Parade on The Sampson Weekly Facebook Page

We Should Know . . .



Joseph Leggett with JW Simmons, Host of We Should Know

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

The subject of this week’s show is humanitarian services and the guest for the show is Joseph Leggett, CEO/Superintendent of Falcon Children’s Home, Inc.

Falcon Children’s Home has been providing a home for children who, for whatever reason, are unable to live with their parents in a regular home setting for over one hundred years. Established in 1909, it has been estimated that approximately ten thousand lives have been either directly or indirectly touched by the various programs and ministries offered by Falcon Children’s Home.

JW Simmons begins the show asking Joseph Leggett to discuss Falcon Children’s Home and how it came about. Leggett explains, “It was actually in 1908 at a camp meeting service in the little town of Falcon and someone stood up at that camp meeting service and said listen, we’ve got to do something about the amount of orphans coming each night to camp meeting. And they took up about \$832 and said let’s begin a children’s home.”

“So, here we are almost 109 years later, and we’ve estimated, and I think we’re pretty accurate, that either directly or indirectly, over 15,000 lives have been touched by the ministry at Falcon Children’s Home. Now, we are supported in large part by the International Pentecostal Holiness Church, but a lot of other churches support us as well as civic groups.”

“I’ve been at the children’s home for 11 years,” states Leggett. “I left Mary Gran Nursing Center right here in Clinton. I was the director there. I went to an event down at Falcon and someone asked had the Bishop talked with me. And I said why would the Bishop want to talk to me, I’m not a preacher. He said, well the children’s home is having a very difficult time and they have about 15 children there. There thinking about closing the doors but wanted to see if you had any interest in being the director.”

“I told them no. But I got home, and I’m a person of faith, and the Lord started dealing with me

because I grew up with the kids at Falcon. I grew up in the town of Falcon. My father was the pastor at the church they attended. And I had a lot of good friend and I began to think about if they closed those doors. I knew what a great advantage it was to those kids in Sampson, Cumberland and Harnett to have Falcon Children’s Home right there on the line. And I really wanted to see if I could do something to help. So, 11 years later we’ve gone from 15 children to about 90 some children on the campus.”

“We’ve started a mothers and baby program which now has 10 mothers and 10 babies. We have a maternity home that now has 4 girls. We started our own private Christian school. We also started licensing foster homes. We now have 20 foster homes under the umbrella of Falcon Children’s Home. And last year for the first time we went outside the state of North Carolina and we now have a children’s home home in Turbeville, South Carolina that houses 30 children.”

“I say that to say this, there’s a need out there and I was glad I was able to be a part of that. And again, it’s not about me. But really, I cut my teeth here in Sampson County. I was a social worker here in Sampson County, I was a probation and parole officer here in Sampson County, and then I ran Mary Gran Nursing Center for 10 years. So, everything I learned as far as running a facility and working with those kids that need help, a lot of whom came right here from Sampson County, I learned in Sampson County. And I worked with two great gentlemen George Wilson and Sherriff Jimmy Thornton who is one of my best friends. Both of them are and what great leaders they were.”

Leggett adds, “Falcon I think is really making a difference. The children that we have, we had 16 graduate last year from our private school on campus and 13 are in college this fall. And we’re very excited about that. So, we covet the support from everyone, community, churches, civic organizations. And I can say this, if you ever doubt the goodness of mankind, spend the Christmas season with the children of Falcon Children’s Home. What would seem the worst thing – a child being removed from their home – you see the outpouring of people coming saying we want to be a part of making this child’s life better.”

“In fact, we have a skate party coming up next Thursday at Round About in Fayetteville. They rent the whole skating rink. And every person that’s a part of that party has to agree to spend \$600 per child to be part of that party and help these kids have a wonderful, magical Christmas.”

“A real quick story,” says Leggett, “a few years ago we were leaving that party taking the kids back to the children’s home and this young lady, about 9, said this is first time in my whole life that I got everything I wanted for Christmas. She was so excited, but about that moment she thought about it and said, but I would give it all back tomorrow if I could just go home.”

“And that’s what I remind people sometimes when they say those kids get more than my kids, that’s when I say but, our kids are coming back to a mother and father and a home. They’re going back to a dormitory or cottage. It’s a wonderful place to be Falcon, but it still ain’t home.”

For more information about Falcon Children’s Home please visit www.falconchildrenshome.com or email at info@fchfs.org. To donate go to www.falconchildrenshome.com/donations/ or visit the main campus at 7569 N WEST ST, FALCON, NC 28342.

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

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

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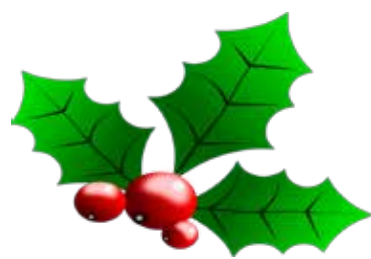
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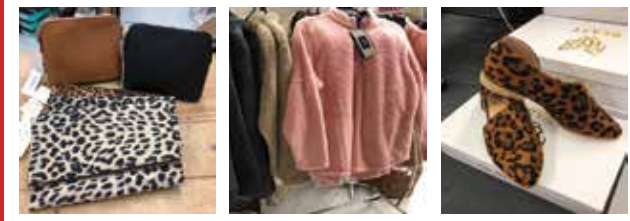
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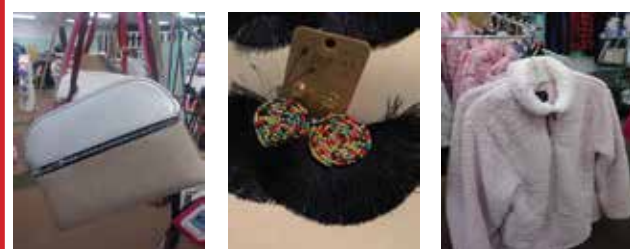
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FAITH

The Shepherd Is My Lord

No, that is not a misprint, nor did you read it incorrectly. Please allow me to explore with you another way of understanding the beloved 23rd Psalm.

Christian Author Robert Morgan shares: "Dr. Allen a devout Christian, was traveling on an airplane with a man who had risen to the top of his company, but along the way had lost his peace of mind. He was a worried, tense, sick man. He'd been to doctors, taken bottles of pills, but nothing helped."

"Dr. Allen took out a piece of paper and wrote a prescription for the man. He prescribed the Twenty-third Psalm five times a day for seven days. He insisted the man carry out the assignment to the letter. Upon awakening each morning, the man was to read the Psalm carefully, not recite it from memory. Read it meditatively, and prayerfully. Immediately after breakfast, he was to do the same, then after lunch, again after dinner, and finally the last thing before going to bed."

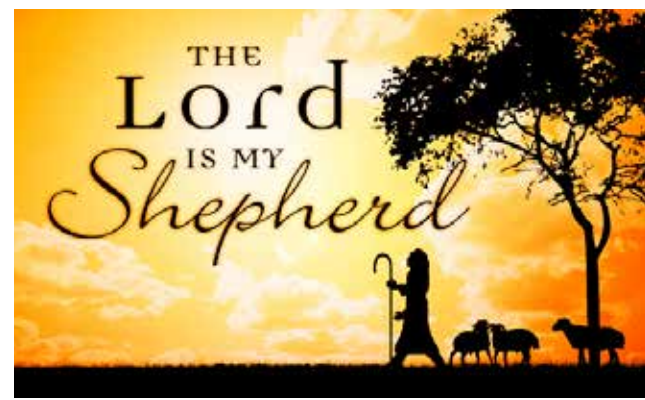
The doctor gave the prescription with the confidence that it would work, because he had given out that same advice many times, and it had never failed. In his words, "That prescription sounds simple, but really it isn't. The Twenty-third Psalm is one of the most powerful pieces of writing in existence. It can do marvelous things for any person. I have suggested this to many people, and in every instance where I

know it was tried, it always produced results. It can change your life in seven days."

Helen Steiner Rice, Beloved Poet: "Most of us know this Psalm by heart, but we repeat it without grasping the full meaning. I am convinced that it is the most powerful piece of writing in this world. Just think what it means to know that the Lord is your Shepherd and that He is leading you and anointing your scars and heart-hurt with the balm of His love. No matter how steep the hill or mountain is, the Lord is going to climb it with you. As soon as you come to those dark places in your life, just reach out for the Hand of the Shepherd. If you stop and get very quiet and still, you will feel the Presence of God."

This truth has had a profound impact on my life long since I learned to "recite" it as a young child, sitting in my Daddy's lap. Every time I recall my very favorite Psalm I feel such peace and assurance of His presence, even in the valleys of my life. Try it for yourself, I urge you to make Psalm 23, a Psalm of David, your personal Psalm.

Now let's go another step in our spiritual journey: Allow JESUS the good SHEPHERD to become the LORD of your life. Think about it. You can't sincerely say and mean "The Lord is my Shepherd" unless you also can say and claim the truth that "The Shepherd is



my Lord." As you embrace willingness to follow the Lord your Shepherd wherever He leads, it will take commitment, and it will bring contentment. What a remarkable adventure awaits us as we follow our Lord all the days of our life! Our Shepherd knows the way home. Actually, the last word of Psalm 23 is FOREVER---the first word of eternity!

I'd like to paraphrase one of my very favorite quotes: "Your Shepherd meets you where you are and takes you where God wants you to be." Assuredly, He does not send you, He does not push you, He does not leave you. He gently and lovingly sees wherever you are in this life, and just like the Shepherd in the 23rd Psalm, He tenderly wraps you in His arms and carries you where He wants you to be and stays there with you.

Oh Yes, thanks be to God, I'll gladly proclaim that "The Shepherd is my Lord!"



Martha M. Pierce

Grinch Sized Heart

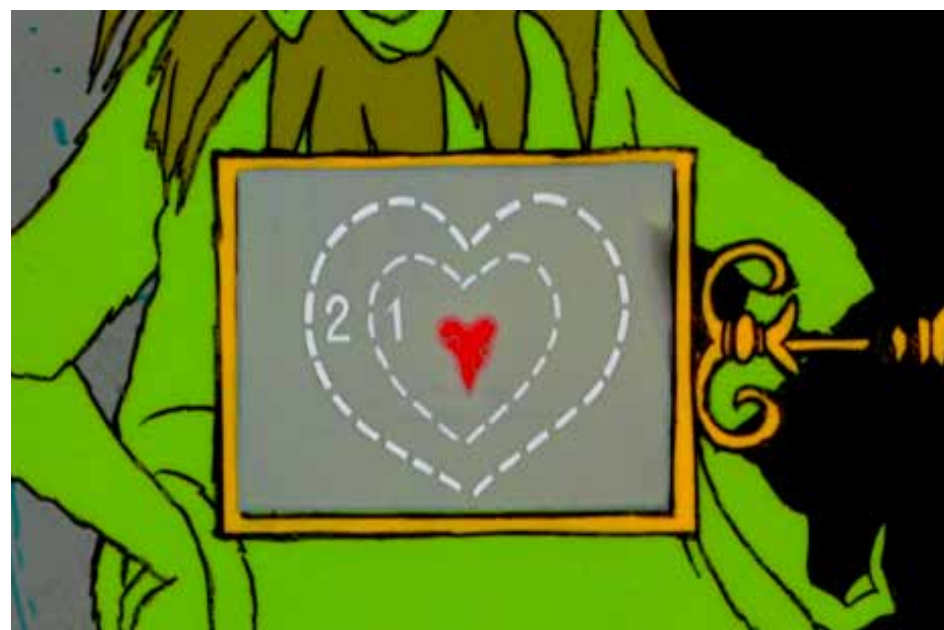
1 Samuel 16:7, "But the Lord said to Samuel, Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."

When Samuel was to anoint the next King of Israel, He used a method that many would use today in hiring someone for a job. He considered looks, ability and charisma, but forgot the standard of God was what is in a person's heart. We can be fooled by an attractive smile, clever personality or a person's impressive job résumé. However, God knows what is really behind all those things.

During Christmas we might drive by a person's home and never see a lighted tree, a green wreath hanging on the door or even a huge red bow. We could think that because that person doesn't have all those things show they lack the spirit of Christmas. Nevertheless, we might not know the full reason why that person doesn't have all the exterior images of Christmas for the world to witness. Could it be that person lacks the funds to compete with their neighbor's decor? Could they be grieving the recent death of a family member? We might not ever know the reason for their perceived lack of exterior joy.

Psalm 51:10, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." Regardless of what color our wrapping paper might be, it is the gift on the inside that we are most excited about. The gift of a new heart is what Christ offers to all. He is the only one that can see beyond our artificial disguise and pour the true meaning Christmas into our hearts.

Dr. Seuss, in his book, How the Grinch Stole Christmas, proclaims the following about the Grinch. "The Grinch hated Christmas! The whole Christmas season! Now, please don't ask why. No one quite knows the reason. It could be his head wasn't screwed on just right.



It could be, perhaps, that his shoes were too tight. But, I think that the most likely reason of all may have been that his heart was two sizes too small."

Every person, before the act of salvation, is a true Grinch. Our hearts are too small because our own evil desires is what fills them. We lack true love for others because we have not yet experienced the life changing love of Christ. We can play the part of a gift giver, but without the gift of salvation our gifts lack the true value meaning of Christmas.

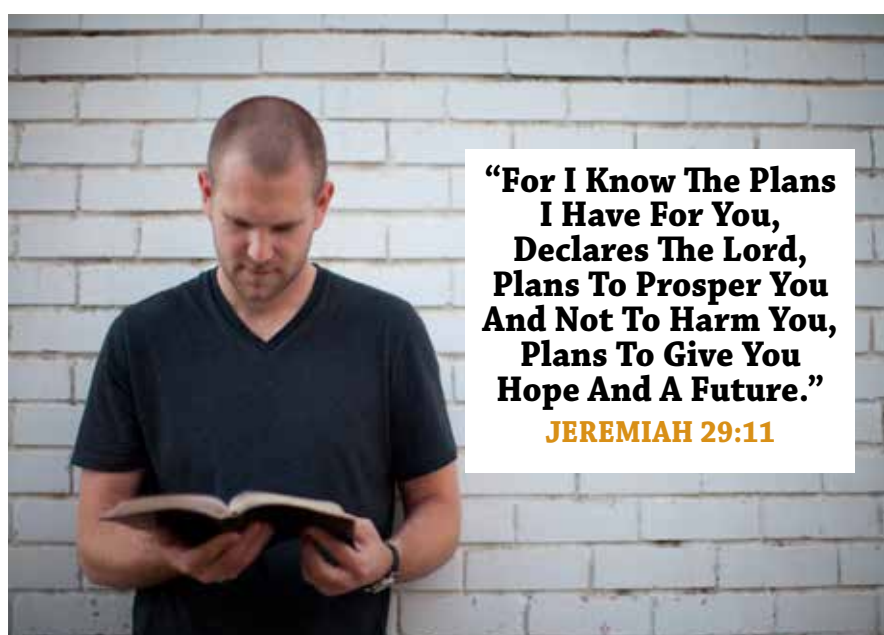
Ezekiel 36:26, "And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh." Once our dead hearts have been exchanged with a living heart from God our entire perspective of Christmas will change. Christmas will not be a one day event, but a life time attitude.

This month, I encourage you not to judge someone's passion for Christmas based on anything you can see on the outside. If you find that you lost your passion for the celebration for the birth of Christ, seek God to renew your joy for this season. Only God can cause our Grinch sized hearts to grow. Christ can fill any heart, transform any person and renew the spirit of Christmas in your life.



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By Angela Martin

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Auditions are being held on Saturday, December 15 and Sunday, December 16 at 3:00 pm both days. We hope to see you at the auditions. If you have any questions please call Angela Martin at 910-379-8737.



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A shocking exorcism spirals out of control, claiming the life of a young woman. Months later, Megan Reed (Shay Mitchell) is working the graveyard shift in the morgue when she takes delivery of a disfigured cadaver. Locked alone inside the basement corridors, Megan begins to experience horrifying visions and starts to suspect that the body may be possessed by a ruthless demonic force.

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Thousands of years after civilization was destroyed by a cataclysmic event, humankind has adapted and a new way of living has evolved. Gigantic moving cities now roam the Earth, ruthlessly preying upon smaller traction towns. Tom Natsworthy who hails from a Lower Tier of the great traction city of London finds himself fighting for his own survival after he encounters the dangerous fugitive Hester Shaw.

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Gingerbread Men Cookies

Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 8 minutes
Servings: 24

- 3 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons McCormick Ground Ginger
- 1 teaspoon McCormick Ground Cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon McCormick Ground Nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) butter, softened
- 3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup molasses
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon McCormick Pure Vanilla Extract

In large bowl, mix flour, ginger, cinnamon, baking soda, nutmeg and salt. Set aside.
In separate large bowl, using electric mixer on medium speed, beat butter and brown sugar until light and fluffy. Add molasses, egg and vanilla; mix well. Gradually beat in flour mixture on low speed until well mixed. Press dough into thick, flat disk. Wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate 4 hours or overnight.
Heat oven to 350 F. Roll out dough to 1/4-inch thickness on lightly floured work surface. Cut into gingerbread men shapes with 5-inch cookie cutter. Place 1 inch apart on ungreased baking sheets. Bake 8-10 minutes, or until edges of cookies are set and just begin to brown. Cool on baking sheets 1-2 minutes. Remove to wire racks; cool completely. Decorate as desired.

Gingerbread Men Cookies

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Transform one vibrant holiday flavor into two festive treats that family and friends are sure to love. Nothing signals the holiday season like the sweet and spicy snap of gingerbread. Enjoy this must-have flavor in freshly baked Gingerbread Men Cookies or a Triple Chocolate Gingerbread cake.
Peppermint offers a refreshing, sweet taste that's perfect for gifted treats like Peppermint Crunch Popcorn and Peppermint Bars. Also, cinnamon stars twice as nice in a Peanut Butter Snickerdoodle Tart with Cinnamon Peanut Crust and decadent Cinnamon Caramel Swirl Bars.
Find more gingerbread, peppermint and cinnamon treats at McCormick.com.



Triple Chocolate Gingerbread

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Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 50 minutes
Servings: 16

- 1 package (2-layer size) chocolate cake mix
- 1 package (4-serving size) chocolate instant pudding mix
- 4 eggs
- 1 tablespoon McCormick Ground Ginger
- 1 teaspoon McCormick Ground Cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon McCormick Ground Allspice
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup molasses
- 1/2 cup water

1 cup miniature chocolate chips nonstick baking spray with flour

Heat oven to 350 F. In large bowl, using electric mixer on low speed, beat cake mix, pudding mix, eggs, ginger, cinnamon, allspice, sour cream, vegetable oil, molasses and water until moistened, scraping sides of bowl frequently. Beat on medium speed 2 minutes until well blended. Stir in chocolate chips.
Pour into 10-cup Bundt pan prepared with nonstick spray.
Bake 50 minutes, or until cake pulls away from sides of pan and springs back when touched lightly. Cool in pan 15 minutes. Invert cake onto wire rack. Cool completely.



Peppermint Bars

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Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes
Servings: 36

- Brownies:**
- 1 family-size package fudge brownie mix
- Peppermint Filling:**
- 5 cups confectioners' sugar
 - 14 tablespoons butter, melted
 - 2 tablespoons heavy cream
 - 1 teaspoon McCormick Pure Peppermint Extract
 - 1/8 teaspoon McCormick Food Color & Egg Dye, Red
- Chocolate Glaze:**
- 12 ounces semi-sweet baking chocolate, coarsely chopped
 - 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter crushed peppermint candies (optional)

To make Brownies: Heat oven to 350 F. Prepare brownie mix according to package instructions. Spread on greased, foil-lined, 15-by-10-by-1-inch baking pan.
Bake 15 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in center comes out almost clean. Cool in pan on wire rack.
To make Peppermint Filling: In large bowl, using electric mixer on medium speed, beat confectioners' sugar, melted butter, cream, peppermint extract and food coloring until well blended and smooth. Spread evenly over cooled brownies. Refrigerate 30 minutes.
To make Chocolate Glaze: In large, microwavable bowl, microwave chocolate and butter on high 2 minutes, until butter is melted. Stir until chocolate is completely melted. Spread over top of chilled brownies. Sprinkle with crushed peppermint candies, if desired. Cut into bars.



Peanut Butter Snickerdoodle Tart with Cinnamon Peanut Crust

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Prep time: 30 minutes
Cook time: 8 minutes
Servings: 8

- 1 1/2 cups lightly salted roasted peanuts, lightly crushed
- 3 tablespoons packed brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 teaspoon McCormick Ground Cinnamon, divided
- 3 tablespoons chocolate milk
- 4 ounces semi-sweet chocolate, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
- 2 tablespoons sweetened condensed milk
- 1 teaspoon McCormick Pure Vanilla Extract
- 1/2 cup heavy cream

Heat oven to 350 F. In medium bowl, mix peanuts, sugar, butter and 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon. Remove 1/4 cup and spread on small baking sheet. Divide remaining peanut mixture among four (4-inch) tart pans with removable bottoms. Press firmly onto bottom and sides of each pan.
Bake tart crusts and peanut mixture together 8 minutes. Cool on wire racks.
In medium microwavable bowl, microwave chocolate milk on high 45 seconds. Add chocolate; stir until completely melted and smooth. Set aside.
In large bowl, using electric mixer on medium speed, beat peanut butter, sweetened condensed milk, vanilla and remaining cinnamon until smooth. Add heavy cream; beat until soft peaks form. Spread in prepared tart crusts. Spread chocolate mixture over top.
Refrigerate at least 1 hour, or until ready to serve. Cut each tart in half. Sprinkle with toasted peanut crumble.

Peppermint Crunch Popcorn

Prep time: 10 minutes
Servings: 16

- 6 cups plain popped popcorn
 - 1 bag (12 ounces) candy-coated chocolate pieces
 - 12 ounces white baking chocolate, chopped
 - 1 teaspoon McCormick Pure Peppermint Extract
 - 1 tablespoon red and green sprinkles
- In large bowl, mix popcorn and candy-coated pieces. Line large, shallow baking pan with wax paper. Set aside.
Melt white chocolate according to package instructions. Stir in peppermint extract. Pour over popcorn mixture. Toss to coat evenly. Spread in single layer on prepared pan. Sprinkle evenly with red and green sprinkles.
Let chocolate cool and harden completely. Gently break into clusters. Package in cellophane bags with ribbons for holiday gifting.



Peppermint Crunch Popcorn



Cinnamon Caramel Swirl Bars

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Prep time: 25 minutes
Cook time: 35 minutes
Servings: 24

- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 teaspoons McCormick Ground Cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

- 1 1/2 cups firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, melted
- 2 eggs
- 1 tablespoon McCormick Pure Vanilla Extract
- 1 cup coarsely chopped pecans
- 1 package (14 ounces) caramels, unwrapped
- 1/4 cup milk

Heat oven to 350 F. In medium bowl, mix flour, baking powder, cinnamon and salt. Set aside.
In large bowl, mix brown sugar, butter, eggs, vanilla and pecans until well blended. Add flour mixture; mix well. Reserve 1 cup batter. Spread remaining batter into lightly greased, foil-lined, 13-by-9-inch baking pan. Bake 15 minutes, or until firm.
In microwavable bowl, microwave caramels and milk on high 2-3

minutes, or until caramels are completely melted, stirring after each minute. Cool 5 minutes, or until slightly thickened. Pour over baked layer in pan, spreading to within 1/2 inch of edges. Drop reserved batter by spoonfuls over caramel layer. With knife, cut through batter several times for marble effect.
Bake 15-20 minutes, or until center is set. Cool in pan on wire rack. Lift from pan. Cut into bars.



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**Mintz Christian Academy's Daniel Matthews
Having A Great Sophomore Year**



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Mintz Christian Academy sophomore Daniel Matthews said that he had no idea his long-time Coach Dan Heinz had nominated him to be this week's Performance Auto/Sampson Weekly Star Athlete of the Week.

The almost 16-year-old was even more surprised when he was told he has actually won the honor. "This is the first I've heard of it," Matthews said Wednesday evening. "I am really surprised ... It feels really great."

The three-sport (soccer, baseball and basketball) standout is currently the leading scorer on the Lions basketball team, who are currently 3-1 (not including Thursday's contest against Columbus Christian Academy), averaging 14 points a game.

"We are doing pretty good so far this season," Matthews said. "Most all of us have grown up playing together, so we already have good chemistry. We have worked together, refining our skills over the years and that has helped us out on the field."

A Sampson County native, Matthews said that his first foray into sports came at a very young age.

"I first started playing sports when I played T-Ball in the rec league," he explained. "Then I played soccer ... that was really the first sport that I played."

Matthews has been at Mintz Christian Academy since his first-grade year and has attended the church his entire life.

While he was involved with different sports growing up, including a short-stint in football when he was 12-13 years old, soccer was the sport he enjoyed playing most.

So, what drove him to play basketball? "I grew up watching my older brother, Christopher, play," Matthews said. "He went to Mintz as well and I really enjoyed watching him play basketball, so I thought that it looked like a lot of fun. I tried it and he worked with me. Eventually we put up a hoop and started playing against each other."

Although he developed his own style of play, those backyard games with his older brother paid off. "We are both pretty

competitive," Matthews admits. "So, that would make for fast-paced, really competitive games."

While those games helped him competitively, Matthews put in extra effort for another reason – his stature.

"I have always been sort of a smaller-type (sized) person," he explained. "That would worry me, so I just went out, worked hard and do the best that I could – that motivated me."

That hard work Matthews put in revealed itself this basketball season.

"I don't know, I never had been a big scorer for the team until this season," Matthews admits. "But we lost our leading scorer to graduation and someone was going to have to step up this season. I figured that it could be me and I focused on that."

During the off-season Matthews kept working on his skills, kept studying techniques and kept putting in work.

This season, he has been unstoppable.

In addition to averaging 14 points per game, Matthews is also delivering 5 assists per game and has an incredible attitude and work ethic that makes him a joy to be around.

"Daniel is a very gifted athlete and an extraordinary gifted student," says Coach Dan Heinz. "His work ethic is second to none and his is a natural leader. Daniel not only brings talent, but he also has a great sense of humor as well. His teammates know that they can count on him in any situation."

Because of that, Matthews has been a leader in all three sports he plays. In soccer he is a force to be reckoned with as an All-Conference Player; In baseball, he has a staggering on base percentage of .600 plus; and, as previously mentioned, he is currently the leading scorer for the Lions on the basketball team.

When asked if he has a favorite sport Matthews pauses and says, "I would say soccer. Because of the skill it takes. It is a real fast-moving game and you really get to challenge yourself."

What about basketball? "Oh, it is right up there with soccer."

As good as Matthews is on the court (and field), he is just as impressive in the classroom.

Matthews sits atop of his sophomore class. He has applied to attend the N.C. School of Science and Mathematics in Durham, a school in which Matthews is currently awaiting acceptance to.

"Math is my favorite subject," he says. "It has come easy to me ... for some reason, I have always been able to figure out the equations. I like the challenge of figuring it all out." Those skills will come in handy in his future. Matthews said that he plans on attending college to study computer engineering.

"My dream colleges would be MIT or Cal Tech," he says. "Somewhere I can go to focus on computers. As of right now, I am still undecided where I really want to go."

His computer interest was piqued when he was 11 and had an issue with his laptop computer.

"Something went wrong with it and it just stopped working," Matthews explains. "I opened up the back of it and started working on it. I was absolutely fascinated with

it."

Matthews continued working on the computer, eventually teaching himself how to repair all the intricate pieces to make the computer function properly.

His skills are so good that last summer he built his own computer.

After college Matthews hopes to work for one of the major computer manufacturers or, possibly, open his own business. But the big question is – will Matthews play sports in college.

"Right now, I am not planning to," he says with honesty. "I thought about maybe playing intramural sports ... I really think I would like to focus on my studies."

With two years left at Mintz Christian Academy, Matthews said that he really hadn't thought about leaving the only school that he has ever known.

"I think it will be different," he said. "It is a family atmosphere here. Everyone is encouraging and motivating."

Matthews continues, "We have had a lot of the same teachers year-after-year on different levels. It is a smaller school which enables the teachers to give more one-on-one interaction with the students. That helps you understand things much easier."

Those relationships are not only built in the classroom, but outside of school as well.

"This is a small town," Matthews says of Roseboro. "So, you are going to see your teachers outside of school. You have a chance to form great relationships and get to know your educators really well – it truly is like a second family."

That family, of course, includes Coach Heinz.

"We have a strong relationship," Matthews says of his coach. "I have been with him for years. He is a very knowledgeable and a respectful man. He has helped me grow as a person and a player - on and off the court."

At home, Matthews is blessed to have a tight-knit family that has always supported him in all of his endeavors.

"I just really want to thank them for everything they have done for me," Matthews says of his older siblings – Christopher and Caroline (who is currently a volleyball player) – and my parents (Eddie and Shannon) for all of their support."

Matthews said that in addition to his teachers, friends, family and team mates, he also wanted to thank coach Heinz and all his other coaches, as well as his friend Ryan, for always being there for him.

"I just appreciate all of their support," he said.

When Matthews does get free time – which is rare these days – the busy sophomore likes to help where he can at his church – Mintz Baptist Church.

"We started a youth program called 'Operation Impact'," he said. "It is where we go out and help the elderly in the community. It could be cleaning up a yard, moving things ... whatever they need. It is really a great program. It kind of slowed down a little ... but we want to really get it going again."

Not only a leader for the Mintz Christian Lions – Matthews is a true leader in his community as well.

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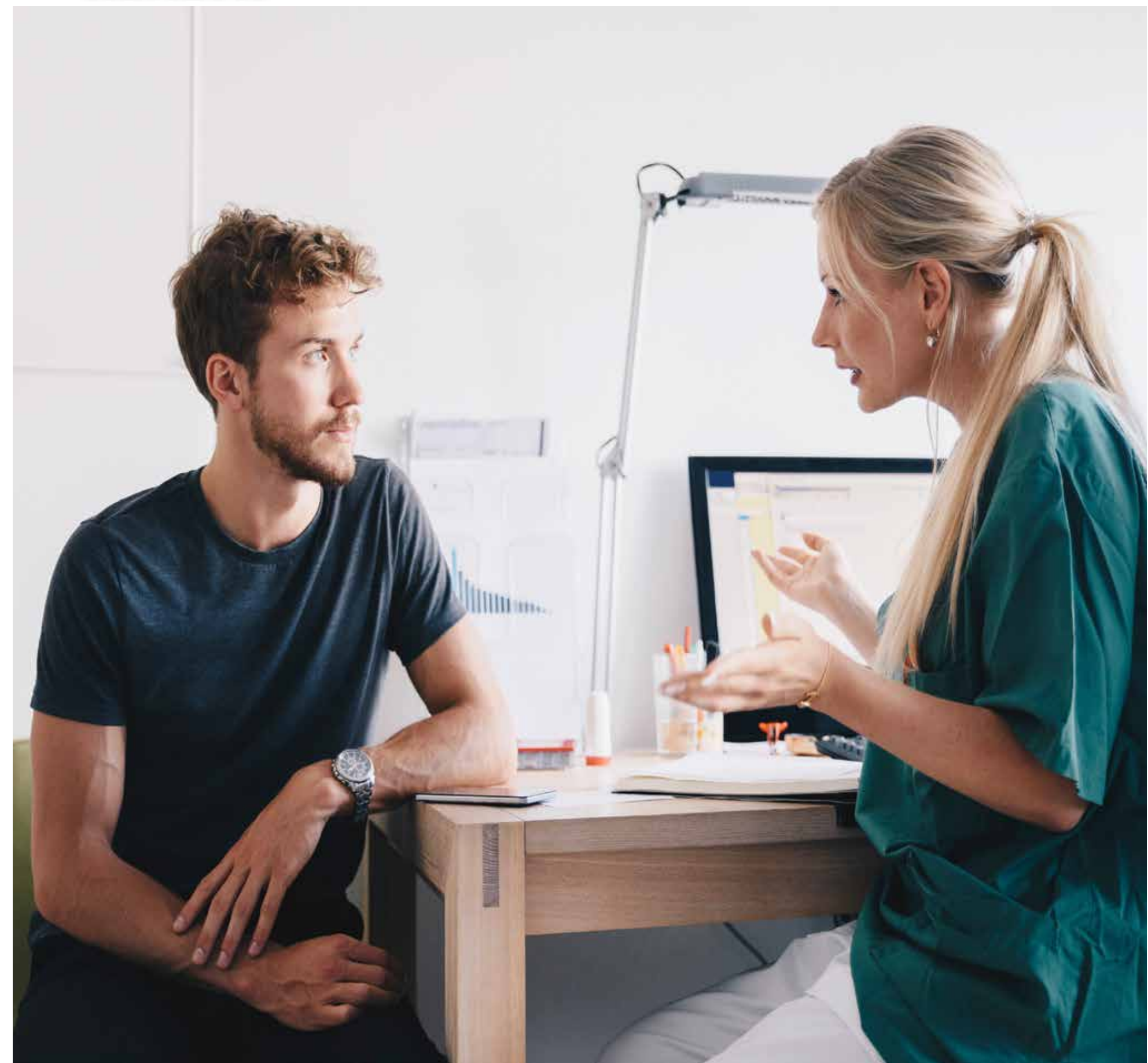


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THE RAREST OF THE RARE

What to know about a cancer you may not have heard of

FAMILY FEATURES

A woman celebrating her 40th birthday, a young boy starting second grade or a college grad about to begin his career. All three could develop a rare form of cancer known as epithelioid sarcoma (ES), a form of soft-tissue sarcoma. There is little information available about ES. Patients, advocates, doctors and researchers across the United States are aiming to educate people about this ultra-rare cancer and the unmet need for an effective, tumor-specific treatment. Consider these facts about ES:

What are Soft-Tissue Sarcomas and What is Epithelioid Sarcoma?

Soft-tissue sarcomas (STS) are a type of cancer that occur in tissue like muscle, fat, skin, nerves and blood vessels. There are more than 50 types of STS, including ES, which is a rare form that can occur under the skin in the limbs (such as the arms, hands, legs or feet) or soft tissue in other places like the abdomen. Adults in their 20s and 30s and men, in particular, are more likely to get ES, although it can affect people of all ages and genders, according to research published in the *Journal of Clinical and Aesthetic Dermatology*.

How Rare is Rare?

According to the American Cancer Society, a rare cancer is defined as fewer than six new diagnoses per 100,000 people per year.

ES is an ultra-rare cancer. According to available epidemiology and case reports, it is estimated about 600 people are properly diagnosed in the U.S. and Europe each year.

What are the Most Common Types of ES and How Do They Impact Diagnosis?

ES can take two forms:

Distal-type: Classic form, typically affects teenagers and young adults.

- Typically forms under the skin in areas like hands, legs and feet.
- Can be mistaken for another skin condition like an infected wart or a wound that won't heal, which may delay diagnosis.

Proximal-type: Rarer form, mainly affects adults and is more aggressive.

- Typically forms in central areas of the body like the abdomen.

- Can be mistaken for menstrual cramps or an upset stomach, making identification and diagnosis more difficult.

Dealing with a Diagnosis?

Due to its rarity, harmless appearance in its initial stages and occurrence in young people, ES is often misdiagnosed, according to the Liddy Shriver Sarcoma Initiative. For this reason, the Sarcoma Foundation of America recommends checking often for lumps and bumps in places they shouldn't be.

For people faced with a sarcoma diagnosis, it's important to get a second opinion from a sarcoma specialist. These specialists have extensive knowledge of STS and can determine what form of sarcoma one may have, what stage it is and the best course of treatment. The specialist may confirm the diagnosis with a physical examination, a scan or a tissue sample (biopsy) of the area.

It's common to feel a range of emotions after a diagnosis of ES, according to Clear View Health Partners, including:

- Fear
- Denial
- Frustration
- Anxiety
- Hope that treatment will be successful
- Determination to beat ES

What Treatment Options are Available?

Treatment options depend on a variety of factors, including the location of the tumor, tumor staging and whether the disease has metastasized or spread to other parts of the body.

For patients with early stage ES, many elect to have surgery to remove the tumor, which may precede or be followed by radiation therapy or chemotherapy treatment, according to the *Journal of Clinical and Aesthetic Dermatology*. If the cancer returns or spreads, a patient may undergo radiation therapy and chemotherapy. New treatment options are being studied through clinical research, which is why seeking a specialist in the field is important if one is faced with a diagnosis.

As with many cancers, early detection is important and can increase survival or successful treatment. Typically, the distal form of ES is associated with more favorable survival rates than the proximal form.

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AN ES DIAGNOSIS JOURNEY

In the spring of 2008, Maria Voermans' 4-year-old daughter requested an "airplane ride," and as Voermans lifted the young girl up with her legs, she had to make an "emergency landing" because



of some sudden and significant pain in her upper right thigh.

After a few months, the pain persisted. Voermans continued to jog and play sand volleyball, thinking nothing of it. At the recommendation of her primary care physician, she took some anti-inflammatories and tried to rest, which wasn't easy to do as a single mother of two young children.

Two more months went by and her leg caused increasing problems. She could feel something in her leg, but never considered it a "lump" because it was not visible on the outside. Voermans took matters into her own hands and visited a sports medicine orthopedic specialist for further testing.

An MRI found a mass in her right leg and she was referred to one of the few musculoskeletal oncologists in Wisconsin, her home state. He ordered a biopsy, which on Voermans' youngest daughter's third birthday confirmed her worst fear: it was a rare form of cancer called proximal-type epithelioid sarcoma, and it was stage three. Her biggest concern was not living to experience future holidays, birthdays, graduations and other life milestones with her daughters.

Voermans underwent chemotherapy, radiation therapy and had surgery to remove the tumor. As of July 2018, Voermans reports the cancer has not returned.

Today, she's a wellness coordinator supporting other people diagnosed with cancer who are undergoing treatment or post-treatment. She's able to use her own cancer journey to provide empathy to others, and it's brought satisfaction to the whole experience.

4 THINGS TO DO TO ADDRESS ES TODAY

- 1. Don't ignore** your bumps and lumps, see a doctor as soon as possible.
 - curesarcoma.org/patient-resources/sarcoma-infographic/
- 2. Learn more** about epithelioid sarcoma and its symptoms.
 - mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/epithelioid-sarcoma/cdc-20392420

- 3. Seek** a second opinion.
 - sarctrials.org/sarc-centers-map
- 4. Find** support if you're faced with a diagnosis.
 - sarcomaalliance.org/resources/support-groups
 - cancersupportcommunity.org
 - cancercare.org/counseling

Surratt Latest Artist to Adorn SCC



Surratt stands by a watercolor work of downtown Clinton.

Sampson Community College's commitment to the arts continues as the college invites the works from a familiar face to grace the walls at SCC.

Amelia Surratt is the latest artist to allow her works to be displayed in SCC's North Building. Her three paintings depict street scenes of downtown Clinton. "I don't necessarily

have an affinity for streetscapes per se," she says, "At the time I painted these, it was an assignment in a class to do scenes of Clinton. I started one and enjoyed painting it so much I created two more."

The idea to feature artists on the walls at the college was introduced earlier this year with a painting called Rescue, by local artist Peter Butler, which is now on display in the main lobby at SCC. Shortly afterward, the works of local photographer Fred Dufour were welcomed in, followed by the watercolor works from Surratt.

"I think Sampson Community College is an extremely valuable asset to the county and the community," says Surratt. "More than a decade ago I took watercolor classes offered through the Victor Small House by Paula Fitzpatrick. I enjoyed painting so much that later to try a different medium and joined Walt Smith's to learn oil painting." Surratt has also served on the college's Foundation Board, an entity designed to raise money to help students attend college.

Surratt says she just loves colors. "I've just always been attracted to colors," she says. "My original hobby was quilting and sewing. I loved the colors that I was able to work with and that passion just spilled over into painting I suppose." Much of her inspiration also derived from her sister-in-law, Mary Ellen Golden, a professional artist in Wilmington who created The Golden Gallery there more than forty years ago.

"The college is so proud of its relationship with the arts community," says Dr. Bill Starling, President of SCC. "There are plans in the works to find other ways to showcase our local artists and we encourage any artist that has work they want to hang or loan to us, please let us know." To view the works of Surratt or any of the other featured artists, visit the North Building at Sampson Community College. For more information about SCC, visit www.sampsoncc.edu.

SCC Cosmetology Makes the Grade



SCC Cosmetology student, Amber Clark practices blow drying techniques.

Getting an A in class is quite the achievement. Getting an A for an entire department whose goal it is to help that student get an A in class is just as important. Sampson Community College's Cosmetology once again made that grade after an inspection by the North Carolina State Board of Cosmetic Arts.

"I am always so proud of this every time it happens," says Loretta Jones, Cosmetology Department Chair at SCC. "I would like to thank the Cosmetology department students and instructors for such hard and dedicated work here at the college. They have worked very diligently. We made this grade because of the team that we have here."

The NC State Board of Cosmetic Art Examiners was created to establish professional standards for the cosmetic art industry. The Board licenses over 80,000 individuals and businesses in the various branches of the cosmetic art industry including cosmetology, manicuring, esthetics, natural hair care, salons, public and private cosmetic art schools and programs.

This A-grade comes fresh on the heels of the two new program launches being hosted in that department. In conjunction with the college's Workforce Development and Continuing Education department, Natural Hair Care and Manicurist programs are underway at SCC.

The Natural Hair Care class focuses on services that feature tension on hair strands or roots by twisting, wrapping, extending, or locking hair by hand or mechanical device and includes the use of artificial or natural hair. Also, the new Manicurist program covers the care and treatment of the fingernails, toenails, cuticles on fingernails and toenails, and the hands, feet, including the decoration of the fingernails and the application of nail extensions and artificial nails.

Jones says that type of growth makes her think of the college's slogan. "Begin here go anywhere," she says, "It is starting to become beginning here and expand everywhere!" For more information about Cosmetology at SCC, contact Loretta Jones, Cosmetology Department Chair at ljones@sampsoncc.edu or 910-900-4069.



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Butler Avenue School Student of the Month Nominees for November



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2nd grade Front L-R: David Argueta, Rylan Carothers, Allison Velazquez, Xavi Guzman, Mackensie Sarner, Back L-R: Kaleigh Hobbs, Kole Mitchell, Christopher Rodriguez, Tamra Wililams, Zachary Lewis, Josias Martinez, Harper Raynor



3rd grade

Front L-R: Jose Bonilla Arias, Makalya Oates, Estefany Castro (Student of the Month for), Kaitlin Kittrell, Roberto Hernandez Perez. Back L-R: Briana Hernandez, Brisca Garcia, Aryana Wright, Wilson Inestroza Diaz, Azoria Hayes, Dariel Gonzalez-Peraza, Eryk Bautista, Kaylin Jones
Not pictured Dream Canady

LC KERR SOM & EOM

L.C. Kerr School is thankful for all students and staff. This month we recognize Paige King for her outstanding character. Paige is a kindergarten student in Mrs. Sandra Canady's class. She is the five year old daughter of Phillip and Tameka King. The Employee of the Month is Mrs. Tammy Chaney, an instructional assistant, enriching the lives of first grade students.



EDUCATION

Governor Meets with Grady, Habitat Supporters



Grady discusses project details with Gov. Cooper.

When the Fayetteville Area Habitat for Humanity builds Oakridge Estates in Fayetteville next year, Sampson County connections will have a role in its development.

Sampson County Habitat for Humanity has merged with the Fayetteville Area Habitat for Humanity and Gov. Roy Cooper has announced that in 2019, the group will receive state funding to create Oakridge Estates to add affordable housing options for those

who need it.

“It’s an exciting time,” says Barney Grady, Coordinator of Building and Industrial Programs at SCC and member of the Board of Directors for the Fayetteville Area Habitat for Humanity. “I do believe it is important work. This kind of work comes from the heart. I can’t think of a better time of year for us to meet with the Governor and make this kind of announcement.”

The Oakridge Estates will house 47 families on 14.2 acres of land located in a once dilapidated mobile home park on the corner of Bunce and Old Bunce roads in Fayetteville. The project marks an historic partnership between Fayetteville Area Habitat and the City of Fayetteville.

Gov. Cooper said most of the new homes will go to families who are Hurricane Matthew and Hurricane Florence survivors. Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope. Incorporated more than three decades ago, Fayetteville Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc. is a North Carolina nonprofit corporation and those interested in volunteering can visit fayettevillenchabitat.org.

Grady says Habitat for Humanity also provides opportunities in other ways. “Our students here at the college benefit as well,” he says. “We afford them the chance to go out and volunteer and work on the homes in Sampson County that are created through Habitat and that can provide some real work experience off campus. It’s a chance to work with other folks in the community so it’s kind of a networking opportunity too.”

Anyone interested in housing assistance through the new partnership should call 910-483-0952. For more information about Building and Construction programs at SCC, contact Grady at bgrady@sampsoncc.edu or 910.900.4118.

The Cannon Foundation invests in Truck Driving



Fred Stamey (L), Director of Transportation Programs talks with student, Israel Martinez.

The Cannon Foundation announced an investment of \$100,000 in the Sampson Community College (SCC) Truck Driver Training Program. The program, started in 2006 with support from Golden LEAF and local businesses, trains class A and class B drivers that are critical

to the regional economy. The grant will help fund the construction of a training site in the Sampson County Industrial Park on property that was donated by the Clinton 100 Committee. Golden LEAF has also committed funds to the project that will start in the spring of 2019.

The Cannon Foundation was established in 1943 by Charles A. Cannon, President and CEO of Cannon Mills Company. The Foundation continues his philanthropic legacy by funding capital and equipment projects for organizations across Mr. Cannon’s home state of North Carolina. SCC President, Dr. Bill Starling expressed his appreciation of the Cannon award, “On behalf of the Trustees and our SCC community, I want to thank The Cannon Foundation for this generous gift in support of our effort to construct truck driving training facilities here in our county. This gift is a visible acknowledgement of the Foundation’s support for community-based partnerships that help address the state’s workforce training needs by providing accessible career training opportunities that enhance the quality of life of all North Carolinians. I would also like to applaud the ongoing efforts of Ms. Lisa Turlington, the College’s Dean of Advancement, the SCC Foundation, and other supporters who continue to help develop resources in support of the College’s mission.”

Director of Transportation Programs, Fred Stamey, is especially pleased with the award because he began his career in the industry with Cannon Mills. Amanda Bradshaw, SCC Dean of Workforce Development and Continuing Education noted the connection, “We are thankful for Cannon’s support of the program as we work to provide a nationally recognized training program that meets industry needs. This partnership is truly special for Fred, as it brings his story full circle. He fondly remembers his first driving job with Cannon Mills in Kannapolis.” Stamey has taught Truck Driver Training for the NC Community College system for twenty-four years and developed the program for SCC in 2006.

Transportation employment tops the list of most common jobs in NC, and regional companies need more drivers to expand businesses. Lisa Turlington, SCC Dean of Advancement, emphasized the economic impact of the program, “Across the state and the entire nation, there is a shortage of well-trained truck drivers, and everyone who completes the SCC program has multiple job offers. This project will expand the program to increase enrollment and allow more people to train for good careers in transportation.” For information about the program, go to sampsoncc.edu or call 910-592-7176.

SCC Day Cosmetologists Graduate



Sampson Community College congratulates graduates of the COS 117/118 day class. From left, Amber Clark, Madelin Mendoza, Casey Foss and Jordan Tew have successfully completed Cosmetology Concepts 4 and Salon 4 For more information regarding the program at SCC, contact Loreta Jones at ljoness@sampsoncc.edu.

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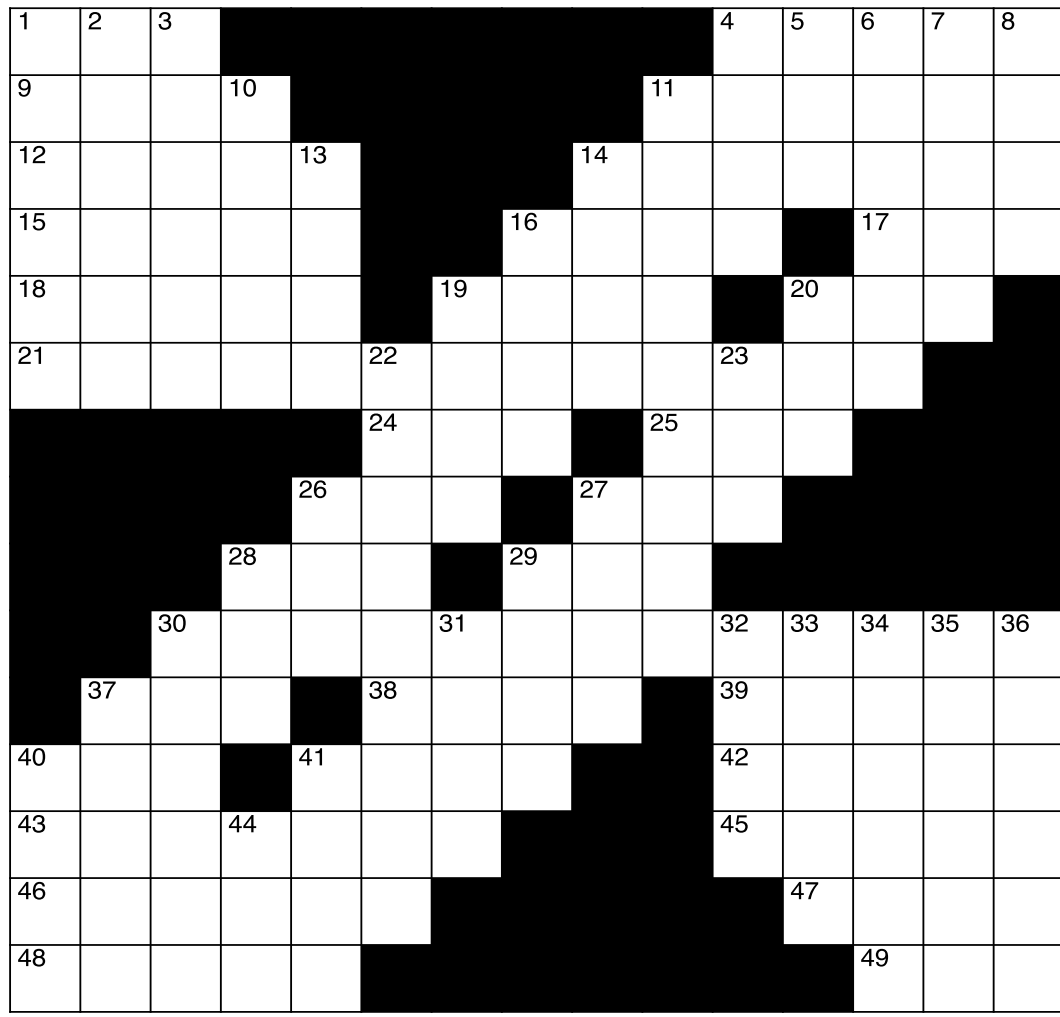
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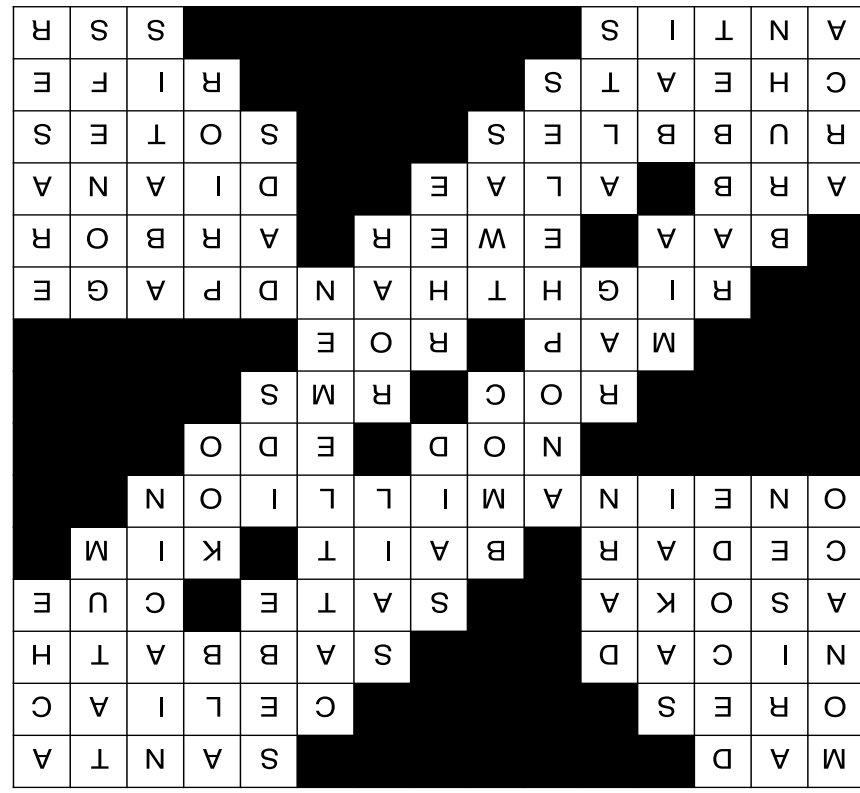


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Angry
- 4. Mr. Claus
- 9. Minerals
- 11. Gluten-free diet disease
- 12. Nickel-cadmium accumulator
- 14. Day or rest & worship
- 15. King of Magadha (273-232)
- 16. Satisfy an appetite
- 17. Stage signal
- 18. Durable aromatic wood
- 19. Something used to lure
- 20. Actress Basinger
- 21. A rare and exceptional person
- 24. Quick head movement
- 25. Yeddo
- 26. Mythological bird
- 27. Root mean square (abbr.)
- 28. Chart of the Earth's surface
- 29. Fish eggs
- 30. Recto
- 37. The cry made by sheep
- 38. Pitcher
- 39. Supports climbing plants
- 40. Arbitrager
- 41. Winglike structures
- 42. Singer Ross
- 43. Belonging to Barney & Betty
- 45. "Promises" author Wendi
- 46. Swindles
- 47. In widespread existence
- 48. Those opposed to
- 49. Used to be U ____

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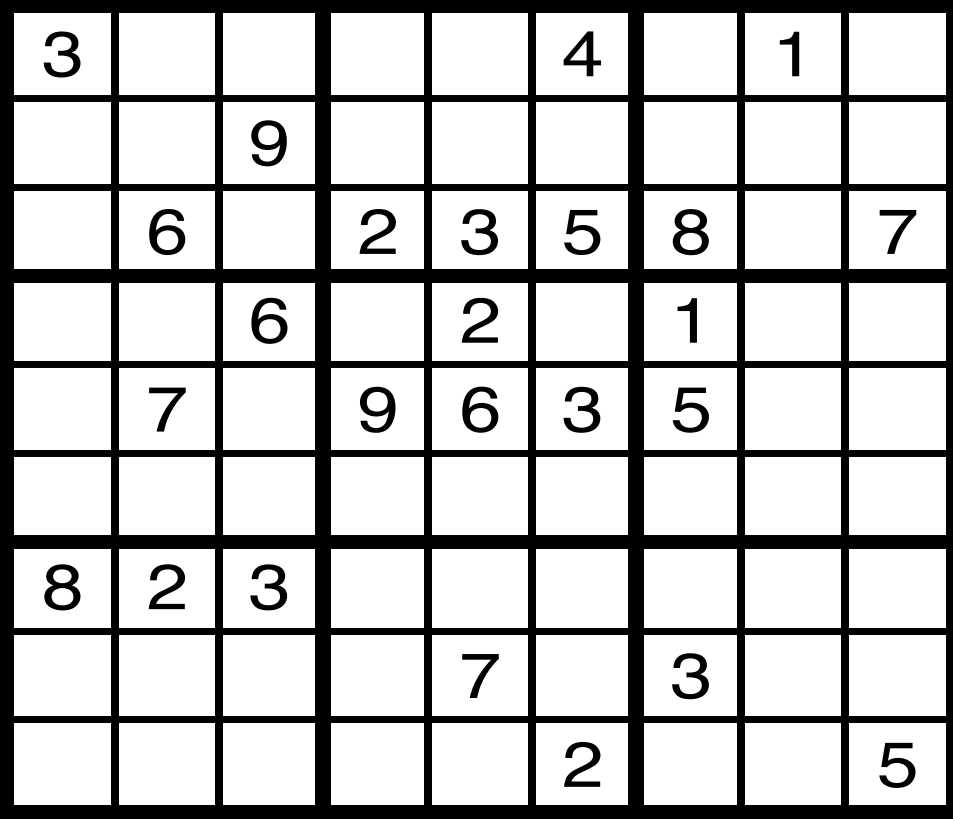
- 1. Grace's Principality
- 2. No longer seated
- 3. Translate into ordinary language
- 4. Point that is one point E of SE
- 5. Linen vestment worn by priests
- 6. A B vitamin
- 7. Ryan O'Neal's daughter
- 8. Dull steady pain
- 10. Seaport on Osaka Bay
- 11. Cowpunchers
- 13. Mend a sock
- 14. Ship's canvas
- 16. Aformentioned
- 19. Big man on campus
- 20. English actress Stark
- 22. Malaria mosquitoes
- 23. Many subconsciouses
- 26. A scrap of cloth
- 27. Cry loudly
- 28. Actress Farrow
- 29. S. Korean Pres. Syngman (1948-65)
- 30. Rectangular grooved joint
- 31. "____ the night before Christmas"
- 32. Male parents
- 33. Earlier in time
- 34. Rampart of felled trees
- 35. Scoundrel (Yiddish)
- 36. Pencilmark remover
- 37. Danish ballet dancer Erik
- 40. Blood clams genus
- 41. Substitutes (abbr.)
- 44. Spoken in the Dali region



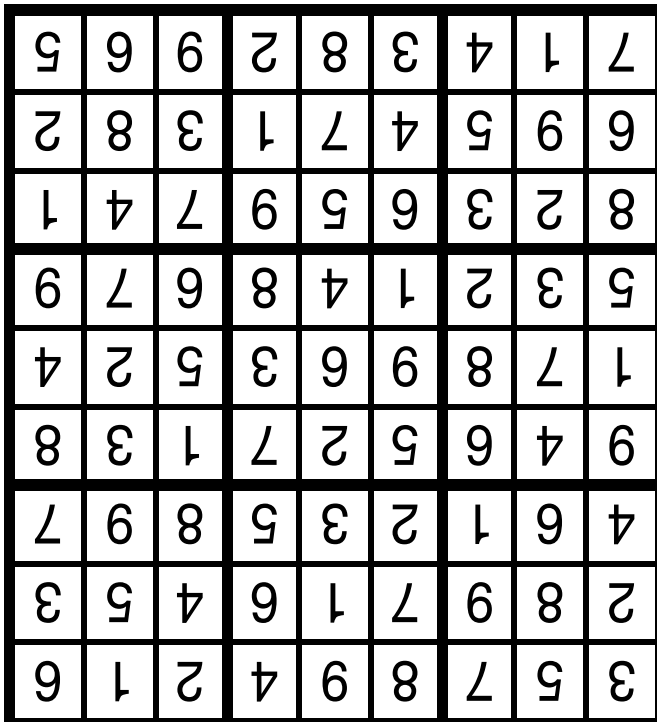
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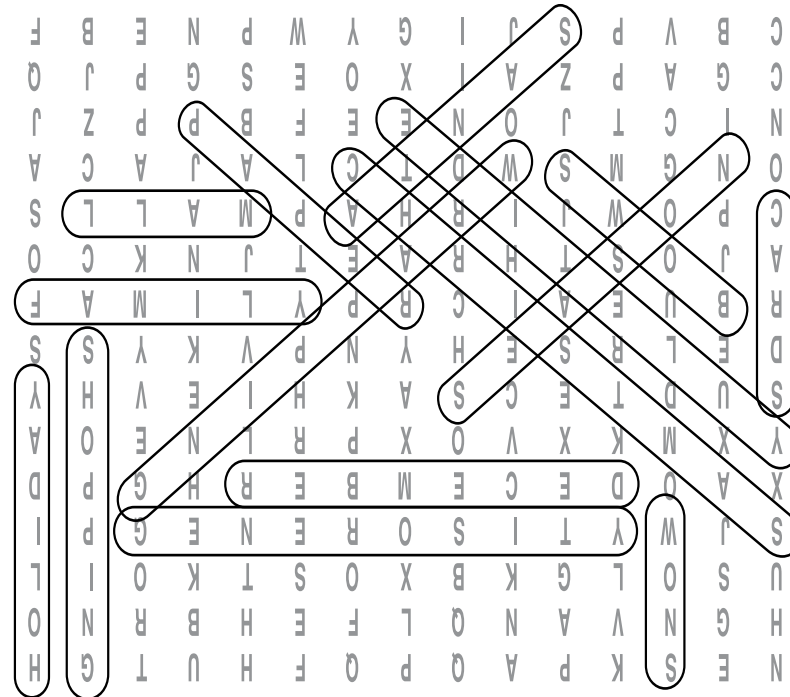
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Word Search — Christmas Season



- Bows
- Cards
- Christmas
- December
- Family
- Generosity
- Holiday
- Mall
- Paper
- Santa
- Season
- Shopping
- Snow
- Wrapping
- Yuletide



CRIME

Arrest Reports

12-06 Jackie Lynn Gregory, 29; 1080 George Perry Lee Rd., Dunn; Order for Arrest/Failure to Comply-Child Support; Bond \$100; Court Date 12-18

12-07 Darone Andrew Murphy, 35; 208 Sellers Lane, Harrells; Speeding 75/55; Court Date 01-23

12-07 Erick Gerrod Bannerman, 30; 78 Clifford Rd., Clinton; Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear- Habitual Impaired Driving; Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear- DWLR After Impaired Revocation Notice; Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear- No Liability Insurance; Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear- DWI; Bond \$13,000; Court Date 01-15

12-07 Trahern Durand Williams, 45; 169 Sam Fryer Lane, Faison; Assault on a Female; Court Date 01-08

12-07 James Clifton Evans, 23; 200 Martha Lane, Clinton; Driving During Revocation; Operate Vehicle No Insurance; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 12-13

12-08 Jonathan Wayne Faircloth, 32; 118 Dunn Rd., Roseboro; Larceny from a Merchant

12-08 Joseph Chase Cain, 52; 2795 Edmond Matthis Rd., Clinton; All other Larceny; Unsecured Bond \$200; Court Date 01-10

12-08 Omar Garcia, 26; 601 Memorial Rd., Warsaw; Shoplifting; Unsecured Bond

12-08 Edgar Baudilio Guzman, 41; 313 Devane St., Clinton; Resisting Arrest/Hinder & Delay; Communicate Threats; Secured Bond \$1,500; Court Date 01-25

12-08 Justin Kaleb Pope, 23; 1920 Green Path Rd., Dunn; Second Degree Trespass; Bond \$500; Court Date 02-08

12-08 Deandrez Tyrik Robbins, 21; 113 Old Fayetteville Rd., Lot B, Leland; Possess Drug Paraphernalia; Possess Marijuana Paraphernalia; Maintain Vehicle Dwelling Place for Controlled Substance; Possession with Intent to Maintain/Sell/Deliver Schedule V; Possession with Intent to Sell/Deliver Marijuana; Bond \$25,000; Court Date 12-14

12-08 Stanley Robert Rivera, 23; 4601 Sinclair Dr., Raleigh; Possess Drug Paraphernalia; Possess Marijuana; Court Date 01-17

12-08 Wilbert Rahkim Brown, 23; 627 NE Serene CT., Leland; Possess Drug Paraphernalia; Possess Marijuana Paraphernalia; Maintain Vehicle Dwelling Place for Controlled Substance; Possession with Intent to Sell/Deliver Schedule V; Possession with Intent to Sell/Deliver Marijuana; Bond \$25,000; Court Date 12-14

12-08 Jessica Beth Croom, 26; 13007 NC Hwy 242 N, Elizabethtown; Order for Arrest-No Insurance; Order for Arrest- Fictitious Tags; Order for Arrest- No Inspection; Order for Arrest- Expired Tags; Bond \$500; Court Date 01-24

12-08 Kenneth Christ Higginbotham, 21; 1204

Raleigh Rd., Clinton; Threatening Phone Call; Court Date 12-18

12-08 James Dexter Barrett, 55; 466 Cannady Rd., Harrells; Assault by Pointing a Gun; Court Date 01-15

12-10 Carrie Marie Bullard, 26; 151 Water House Circle; Clinton; Warrant for Arrest-Cyber stalking; Warrant for Arrest- Communicating Threats; Court Date 01-07

12-11 Marcos Silvestre Felipe, 47; 4096 US Hwy 117 South, Burgaw; Possess Fraudulent Documents; Court Date 01-17

12-12 Richard Terry St Clarie, 27; 110 Annie Ave., Jacksonville; Possess Drug Paraphernalia; Court Date 01-17

12-12 Williams Corey Chandler, 26; 2241 Pleasant Union Rd., Roseboro; DUI; Bond \$500; Court Date 01-22

12-12 Iyawna Tacole Allen, 26; 2502 Wildcat Rd., Harrells; Misdemeanor Child Abuse; School Attendance Law Violation; Bond \$5,000; Court Date 02-22

12-13 Robert Regis Brown, 29; 1536 Center St., Fayetteville; Break/Enter Terrorize/Injury; Simple Assault; Bond \$12,500; Court Date 01-08

12-13 Joseph Linwood Johnson, 42; 51 Dodge Lane, Dunn; Resist Public Officer; Simple Possess Schedule II; Resisting a Public Officer; Bond \$3,500; Court Date 12-13

Incident/Investigation Reports

12-06 Sandy Strickland reported the Theft of a Vehicle located at 461 Potato House House Rd., Clinton.

12-06 Michael Dudley reported a Breaking and Entering located at 1271 Lucas Rd., Roseboro. Item reported missing a Fire HD 8 Tablet.

12-08 Michael Blinson reported the Theft of a Utility Trailer located at 1420 Harnett Dunn Hwy., Newton Grove.

12-09 Rafeal Hernandez reported the Theft of a Vehicle located at 231 New Bethel Rd., Clinton.

12-10 William Strickland reported the Theft of a Three Wheeler located at 1870 Panhandle Rd., Faison.

12-12 Larry Mitchell reported a Breaking and Entering located at 1050 Mitchell Loop Rd., Clinton. Item reported missing a Pool Table.

12-12 Phillip Kaylor reported a Larceny located at 2424 Thompson Ave., Turkey. Items reported missing included a pressure washer, dual piston compressor and a generator.

12-12 Steven McDonald reported the Larceny of Propane and a Gas Tank located at 2035 Carry Bridge Rd., Autryville.

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Sampson County VITAL STATS

DEATHS

-Nettie Mae Boykin
-Gary Wayne Carter
-Willie Edward Graham
-Perry Estal Hope
-Wanda Joyner
-Ralph Waldo Jernigan
-Robert Junious Lucas
-Charles Austin Morris
-Mary Helen Monk
-Matthew Douglas Newgent
-Amos Whitted

BIRTHS

-Bentley Lee Johnson born on November 21, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Michael Dale Johnson and Chelsey Nichole Johnson
-Logan Gary Spell born on November 12, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Robert Justin Tyler Spell and Kristen Matthis Spell
-Dawson Dee Edwards born on November 17, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Harley Dee Edwards and Donaka Caroline Allen
-Manuel Alijah Herrera Jr born on November 26, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Manuel Pedro Ramon Herrera and Victoria Olivarez
-Laiken LeeAnn Marsh born on November 27, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Rachel Elisabeth Grimes
-Angel David Salgado Aguilar born on November 27, 2018 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Erick Josue Salgado Chavarria and Keily Waleska Aguilar Flores

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES

-Anthony Jay Johnson to Stephanie Lynn Capps
-Willie James Romanger Jr to Linda King Jackson
-Richard Scott Whitley to Iolita Shepard
-Ronald McNeill Jr to Earlina Marie Capps Hedgpath
-Amanda Faith Moore to Curtis Blake Horne

LAND TRANSFERS

-Crystal Nichole Bennett Cook, Michael Anthony Cook to Elmer V Adams, Gail M Adams- Lot 3 Southwinds Subdivision Phase One
-G Wilson Construction Company Inc to Louetta Herring Carr- Lot 20 North Clinton
-Jessica Marie James/FKA, Brian Matthew Rose, Jessica Marie Rose to Brian Matthew Rose, Jessica Marie Rose- 2.0 Acres
-Reginald Howard Strickland/MBR/MGR, Strickland Swine LLC to Lynn Sutton King- Tract 1 25 Acres w/exceptions Piney Grove
-Roy Earl Sessoms III to Thomas S Melvin- Tract 5 Franklin
-Jackie Dwight Tyndall, Sabra H Tyndall to Oliver Properties LLC- 3 Tracts w/exceptions

Little Coharie
-Emmanuel Romero to Julio Romero Leal- 0.74 Acres South Clinton
-Shirley Lynn Sutton Autry, Troy Kenneth Autry, Deborah Anne Sutton Hollingsworth, Donna Marie Sutton Sessoms, Johnnie Ray Sessoms, Alex Blair Sutton, Evelyn Winstead Sutton Estate, Jodi Gwen Sutton, Monika Karoline Sutton, Susan Flowers Sutton, Timothy Ray Sutton/ADMIN, Timothy Ray Sutton to Carrie Dawn Autry- 2 Tracts Little Coharie
-Carrington Mortgage Services LLC to Secretary of HUD- 3 Lots South River Landing Subdivision Section Two
-Millard Owen Revocable Living Trust, Deborah S Owen/Co TR, Millard T Owen III/ Co TR to Donna J Parter, Michael Parter- Lot 2 Turkey
-Mac H Howington, Rickey Howington to Jeffrey Alan Herring- 5 Acres Westbrook
-Frederick Valentine Hayes Jr, Nacole Manuel Hayes to Dennis Franklin Kinsler Sr, Wanda Lee Kinsler- Lot 5 Hudson Farms Subdivision Phase I Plainview
-PNC National Bank Association, RBC Centura Bank to PLJS Properties LLC- 2 Acres Mingo
-Doris Y Munoz, Ernesto Francisco Munoz to Chris Chicas Ayala, Jose Chicas Caledron- North Clinton Lot 30 0.46 Acres
-Earlie Melvin, Edna Marie Melvin, Gwendolyn Sandle, Nolan S Sandle, Alfreda Thompson, Alfredo Thompson, Christopher Thompson, Kimberly D Thompson to Gail Melvin Carter-Belvoir Tract 3 15.45 Acres
-Gail Melvin Carter, Earlie Melvin, Edna Marie Melvin, Alfreda Thompson, Alfredo Thompson, Christopher Thompson, Kimberly D Thompson to Gwendolyn Sandle, Nolan S Sandle - Belvoir Tract 1 2.48 Acres
-David Weil, Emily N Weil to Henry Weil, Leslie Weil- 15.81 Acres Tract 1 Timberlake Golf LLC Driving Range N Clinton
-Alice B West, Jimmy Vann West to Steven West- Lot 1 5.35 Acres Herring
-Jimmy Mack Edwards, Sherrie Lee Edwards to Ashley Edwards Lambert- 1.0 Acres Herring
-CR 2018LLC, Victor Naar/MGR to Nelly Xiomara Fuentes- 0.22 Acres North Clinton
-Reginald H Strickland/MGR, Strickland Swine to BC Raynor- Lot 3 30.73 Acres
-Brenda M Coats Revocable Living Trust, Brenda M Coats/TR to Parks Family Leasing LLC- Tract 1 17.46 Acres Tract 2 14.52 Acres Taylors Bridge
-William N Alexander Jr/MGR, South Roanoke Way LLC to Taylors Bridge Acres LLC- 107 Acres w/exceptions Taylors Bridge
-Taylors Bridge Inc to Taylors Bridge Acres LLC- Taylors Bridge
-Ana Mercedes Pena Rodriguez, Julio Rodriguez Sanchez to Julian Rodriguez De La Cruz, Julian Rodriguez De La Cruz- North Clinton
-Dawn D Ballard Estate, Dawn D Ballard Bullock/AKA, EC Thompson II/ADMIR to Julio Rodriguez Sanchez- North Clinton
-Deborah M Lynch, James W Lynch to Melvin B Merritt- Lot 29 Greensbridge Country Club Phase One McDaniels
-Jessica Brooke Coombs, Joshua Wayne Coombs to Andres R Fleury Guzman- Lot 12 Section A Fox Lake Subdivision South Clinton
-JC Pridgen Group Inc to Morrell J Pridgen- 2 Tracts South Clinton
-Chasity Rodriguez/MBR/MGR, Ronald Alberto Rodriguez/MGR/MBR, Ticoexport Transportation LLC to Samuel Wilkins- 2.10 Halls

OBITUARIES

CLINTON

Annie Almire Simmons Brewington, 71, of 400 Brewington Road, passed away Sunday, December 9, 2018 at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill. Funeral was held at 2 PM, Thursday, December 13, 2018 at New Bethel Baptist Church with Rev. Dr. Mike Cummings and Rev. Terry Cummings officiating. Interment followed in Grandview Memorial Garden. The family received friends from 1 PM – 2 PM, just before the funeral at New Bethel Baptist Church and at other times at the home. Annie, born in 1947 in Sampson County, was the daughter of the late Joseph Franklin Simmons and Reatha Brewington Simmons. She was a seamstress and a member of New Bethel Baptist Church. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her brother, Harvey A. "Buck" Simmons. Survivors include: husband of fifty-one years, Princeton Lee Brewington; sons, Mitchell Brewington (Christine) of Clinton and Frankie Brewington (Amanda) of Clinton; grandchildren, Trevor, Riley, Lyle and Chloe; and siblings, Harry Franklin Simmons (Cathy), Ken Simmons (Joanne), J. B. Simmons (Andrea), Maurice Redell Simmons (Mary), Quae Cummings (Mike), Jeffrey Simmons (Paulette), and Edgar Simmons (Lisa). Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com. Arrangements are by Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville St., Clinton, NC 28328.



December 6, 2018 from injuries she sustained in an automobile accident. Angela's funeral service will be held Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at West & Dunn Funeral Home, Newton Grove at 1 p.m. The family will receive family and friends at the funeral home 1 hour prior to the funeral from 12 till 1 p.m. Officiating the service will be the Rev. Walter Gaskins. Angela will be laid to rest in the Langston Family Cemetery, Four Oaks, N.C. She is survived by her husband; Stephen James of the home, children; Zander James and Albre James of the home, mother; Annie Langston and husband Brent of Four Oaks, brother; Roland Jones of Selma, step sisters; Mindy Williford and husband Josh of Newton Grove, Jessica Langston of Four Oaks, step grandparents; Ray and Janet Langston of Four Oaks, aunts; Janet Pearce of Garner and Betty Stanley of Fuquay Varina. She was preceded in death by her father; Danny Riddle and both sets of maternal and paternal grandparents. Online condolences may be made at www.westanddunn.com. Services have been entrusted to West and Dunn Funeral Homes, Inc. of Newton Grove, North Carolina.



Jones (wife, Mary Anne) of Illinois, Terry Eacret of Raleigh, Larry Eacret (wife, Jennifer) of Cary, Gordon Eacret of New Mexico, and Mitch Eacret of Arkansas; grandchildren, Heather Ann Harrison, Brandon Jones, Brooke Jones, Maya Eacret, and Nolan Eacret; sisters, Peggy Lee of Mt. Olive, Stella McDonald of Salemburg, Faye Howell of Mt. Olive, and Gail Jerson of Salemburg; brothers, Leon Holland (wife, Diane) of Roseboro, and Joe Holland (wife, Carolyn) of Salemburg; and sister-in-law, Carolyn Worley Holland of Roseboro. Flowers are welcome, or memorials may be made in Ann's memory to the Lymphoma Research Foundation, Wall Street Plaza, 88 Pine Street ste. 2400, New York, NY 10005; or at www.lymphoma.org. Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro is serving the family.

IVANHOE

Mrs. Loretta Daniels Herring 91 of 2920 Dr. Kerr Rd., died Sunday, December 09, 2018 at her daughter's residence. Mrs. Herring was born November 09, 1927 in Warren Co. Va. the daughter of the late Oliver Daniels & Jessie Mae White Daniels. She was preceded in death by her husband, Alexander Herring and three sisters, Louise Baltimore, Mae Wilson, Madeline Robinson, two brothers, Delancy Daniels, Samuel Daniels. Funeral service will be held at 2:00 P.M. Sunday, December 16, 2018 at Keathern Baptist Church in Harrells by the Reverend Harvey Robinson. Burial will follow in the Robinson Cemetery, Wildcat Rd., Harrells, NC. Mrs. Herring is survived by four daughters, Amy Morrissey (Kelvin) of St. Pauls, Frances Vann (Alonzo) of Clinton, Loretta DeVane (Russell) of Ivanhoe, Gwendolyn Spencer of Harrells, five sons Sherman Herring (Gail) of Harrells, Jerome Herring of Clinton, Delancy Herring of Ivanhoe, Terry Herring of Ivanhoe, Calvin Herring of Wilmington, 27 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild. The public will be received on Saturday, December 15, 2018 from 1:00 P.M.-5:00P.M. with family present from 4:00P.M.-5:00P.M., and other times at the home of Gwendolyn Spencer, 910 Bland School Rd., Harrells, NC

DUNN

Dean Martin Crumpler 62 of 109 Casper Road passed away on Saturday December 8, 2018 at Johnston Memorial Hospital in Smithfield. Born in 1956 in Sampson County, North Carolina to the late Fulton and Jackie Autry Crumpler. Dean was a long-haul truck driver, he loved Motown and old western country music, he will be greatly missed. The family will receive friends from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Service & Cremation, 1246 Hobpton Hwy. Clinton. Dean leaves to cherish his memories: his loving wife Phyllis Puckett Crumpler of the home, son: Brian Puckett and wife Teresa of Dunn, NC, daughters: Stephanie Jackson and husband Joey of Dunn, NC and Darlene Cowlin and husband Casey of Maggie Valley, NC, 10 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.



CLINTON

Barbara Jean (Melvin) Stackhouse, Age-68, formerly of Clinton died Thursday 12/6/18 at Roanoke Memorial Hospital, Roanoke, Va. Funeral services will be Friday 12/14/18 at 1pm, Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Clinton, N.C. Interment in the church cemetery. Public visitation: Thursday 12/13/18, 1 to 6pm, Butler & Son Funeral Home, Roseboro, N.C.



BURGAW

Robert Sherril Thornton, 83, of 40 Learwood Lane, passed away Saturday, December 8, 2018 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral was held at 3 PM, Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home with the Reverend Ronald Jones and Sister Veresa Turner officiating. Interment followed in Grandview Memorial Gardens. The family received friends from 6 PM to 8 PM, Monday, December 10, 2018 at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home. Robert, born in 1934 in Johnston County, was the son of the late William Burnice Thornton and Ada Louise Thornton. He was a truck driver for the construction industry. In addition to his father he was preceded in death by siblings, Howard Thornton, Jimmy Thornton, Judy Lee, Harvey Thornton and Carrie Inez McClenney. Survivors include: wife of fifty-seven years, Peggy Mae Gautier Thornton; children, Danny Ray Thornton, Gloria Gail Rivenbark (Jeff), Sherril Wayne Thornton (Linda), and Lynda Gail Malpass (Lloyd); brother, Glenn R. Thornton (Marie) of Burgaw; sister, Louise Powell of Wilmington; eleven grandchildren; and fifteen great-grandchildren. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com.



CLINTON

David Lloyd Ely, 80, of 155 Ely Lane, passed away Monday, December 3, 2018 at Brunswick Cove Living Center. A visitation and a time of family fellowship will be held from 4 PM – 6 PM, Sunday, December 9, 2018 at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville St., Clinton, NC 28328. David, born in 1938 in New York, was the son of the late Lloyd G. Ely and Charlotte Myers Ely. He was a self-employed mechanic. He was a truck driver and worked for S & W Concrete. He was a veteran of the US Airforce. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Ellen Baldwin Ely. He is survived by his son, Timmy Ely (Christy) of Bunnlevel and granddaughter, Brianna Nicole Phillips (Tyler) of Clinton. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumplerhoneycutt.com.



KINGS PARK, NY

Mr. Joe Silas Honeycutt, 87, of Kings Park, NY, formerly of Sampson County, died Friday, December 7, 2018. Mr. Honeycutt was born June 2, 1931 in Sampson County to the late Josiah and Maggie Sills Honeycutt. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Eazary Honeycutt; and a sister, Brunie Honeycutt Tew. Funeral services were held at 2 P.M., Thursday, December 13, 2018, at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Bob Johnson officiating. Burial followed in Memorial Cemetery in Dunn. Mr. Honeycutt is survived by his daughter, Lora Ruane of Carteret County. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home. Arrangements by Skinner & Smith Funeral Home, Dunn, NC.

CLINTON

James Albert "Mop" Royal, Age-74 of 4811 Bonnettsville Rd, died Friday, December 7, 2018 at his residence. Funeral services will be Sat. 12/15/18 at 1pm: Running Branch Disciples Church, Clinton, N.C. Interment in the church cemetery. Visitation Friday, 12/15/18, 1 to 6pm, family present 5 to 6pm. Butler & Son Funeral Services Clinton, NC.

ROSEBORO

Mrs. Alice Jane Sessoms, 87 of Roseboro, passed away Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at Highland House Rehabilitation in Fayetteville. Arrangements are incomplete. She was born April 11, 1931 in Sampson County and was preceded in death by her parents, Mack and Maggie Bass Lockamy; husband, Eulie Marvin Sessoms; children, Faye Bullard, and Brenda Sessoms; and a grandchild, John. She was a homemaker. She is survived by her children, Keith Sessoms (wife, Marie) of Roseboro, Julie Starling (husband, Grady) of Fayetteville, and Ronald Sessoms (wife, Sue) of Roseboro; grandchildren, Sam, T.J., Luke, Shannon, Brandon, Grady Jr., Halie, Dustin, and Emily; nine great grandchildren, and brother, Lester Lockamy. Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro is serving the family.

ROSEBORO

Mr. Cody Duane Strickland, 29 of Roseboro, passed away Monday, December 10, 2018 at Wake Medical Center. Arrangements are incomplete. He was born October 25, 1989 in Sampson County to Glenn Wilson Strickland and Donna Ann Yarborough. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Duane Faircloth; and paternal grandparents, Ray Wilson Strickland and Carolyn Spell Strickland. He worked with Poultry Farming. He is survived by his children, Cody, Jr., Natalie, and Nathan; mother and step-father, Donna and Doug Davis; father, Glenn Strickland; step-mother, Michelle Strickland; brothers, Chris, Preston, Michael, and Tyler; sisters, Candice, Ashley, Shelby, and Cecilya; maternal grandmother, Karen Faircloth; and his significant other, Amanda Faye Green. Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro is serving the family.

NEWTON GROVE

Mrs. Mittie Ree Hobbs, 88 of 20 Sumner Hobbs Lane, Newton Grove, NC passed on Saturday, December 8, 2018 at Southwood Nursing Center, Clinton, NC. The funeral service was held at 12 p.m., Thursday, December 13, 2018 at Cedar Point Disciples Church, Newton Grove, NC with Rev. Mary Catherine Stevenson. Burial in Monks Crossroad Cemetery, Newton Grove, NC. Mrs. Hobbs is survived by her daughters, Winda Hobbs and Helen Hobbs both of Newton Grove, NC; son, Larry Hobbs of Hope Mills, NC; sister, Edith Anderson of Four Oaks, NC. A Viewing was held on Thursday, December 13, 2018 from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Church. Online condolences may be sent to www.worleyfuneralhomeinc.com

CLINTON

Mrs. Linda Lue Lyons, 78 of 208 Moore Street, Clinton, NC passed on Saturday, December 8, 2018 at SECU Hospice House, Smithfield, NC. The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, December 14, 2018 at First Baptist Church, Clinton, NC with Rev. Leonard Henry officiating. Cremation to follow. Mrs. Lyons is survived by daughter, Catherine Latryce Ruffin of Clinton, NC; sons, Robert "Robbie" Lyons, II of Boynton Beach, FL, Herbert Jeffrey Herring of Reston, VA and Michael Lee Herring of Elkhart, IN; sister, Catherine Howell of Houston, TX; brother, Eddie Rich, Jr. of Clinton, NC; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. A Viewing will be held on Friday, December 14, 2018 from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. at the Church. Online condolences may be sent to www.worleyfuneralhomeinc.com.

CLINTON

Mrs. Josie M. Bowden, 69, of 214 Finch Street, Clinton, NC passed on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at Southwood Nursing Center, Clinton, NC. The funeral will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, December 15, 2018 at Olivet Institutional Baptist Church with Rev. Willie W. Bowden, Sr. officiating. The burial in Sandhill Cemetery, Clinton, NC. Mrs. Bowden is survived by her husband, Rev. Willie W. Bowden, Sr. of the home; son, Rev. Willie W. Bowden, Jr. of Clinton, NC; sisters, Evangelist Mary Alice Lexic and Mary Beasley both of Sylvania, GA; brothers, Joseph Oscar Johnson of Statesboro, GA, James Johnson of Sylvania, GA and Tommy Johnson of Sardis, GA; 2 grandchildren. A Visitation will be held on Friday, December 14, 2018 from 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. with the family present from 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. at the Worley Funeral Home, Inc., Clinton, NC. Online condolences may be sent to www.worleyfuneralhomeinc.com. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Olivet Institutional Baptist Church parking lot fund.

CLINTON

Mrs. Bettie Tatum Eubanks 86 of 606 Ashford Dr. Clinton, NC died Thursday, December 06, 2018 at UNC Rex Hospital in Raleigh, NC. Mrs. Eubanks was born December 01, 1932 in Sampson Co. the daughter of the late George Robert Tatum and Julia Johnson Tatum. She was preceded in death by her husband Ralph Terry Eubanks. Funeral service will be held at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at First Baptist Church, 900 College St., Clinton, NC. Burial followed in the Sandhill Cemetery. Mrs. Eubanks is survived by one daughter, Thomasine McNeill (Larry) of Clinton, one sister Emily McNeill of Lillington, 2 grandchildren, Emily DeVane (Cassell) of Clinton, Kimberly Carlton of Fayetteville, and 2 great-great-grandchildren, Jasmyrn Carlton & Avionna Guillory. The public was received on Monday, December 10, 2018 from 1:00P.M.-5:00 P.M. at Carter Funeral Home in Garland.



CLINTON

Ms. Julia "Judy" (Simmons) Fortner, 74, of 21 David Lane went home to be with her LORD & SAVIOR Tuesday, December 11, 2018 in Wayne Memorial Hospital in Goldsboro, NC. The funeral service will be held 2pm Saturday, December 15th, at Holly Grove Holiness Church located at 1519 Indian Town Road Clinton, NC. The Rev. Dr. Randy Simmons, Pastor Eddie Smith, Pastor Steven Jacobs and Pastor Russ Emanuel will be officiating. Burial & Committal will follow in the church cemetery. Ms. Julia was born in Sampson County, NC to the late Jessie David Simmons and Ollie Odell Ammons. She was employed by The Ark Childcare at Holly Grove Holiness Church where she was a faithful and loving member. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by five brothers; J.D., Goliuss, Earl, Cecil, and Walter Simmons; two sisters, Janice Jacobs and Loria Young. She is survived by her beloved son Jimmy Emanuel & wife (Michelle) of Autryville, NC, one loving daughter, Kimberly Rose & husband (Robert) of Clinton, NC, four brothers, Harold Dale Simmons & wife (Patsy), Sam Simmons & wife (Frances), Allen Gene Simmons & wife (Nancy), all of Clinton, NC, Billy Simmons & wife (Kay) of Magnolia, NC. Two sisters, Fay Jacobs & late husband (Sunny) and Brenda Ammons of Clinton, NC; three precious grandchildren, Benjamin Emanuel, Kurstin and Kayleigh Rose. Ms. Julia was a woman with a big heart who loved children more than herself and she displayed this by opening up her home to the following loved ones who were dear to her heart; Brandi, Malik, Hailey & Marcus Young, Debbie Jacobs, Suzanne Simmons and Jennifer Fortner. She also has to cherish her memory close friends of the family Coby, Mariah, Alexia, and Ariel Fortner along with Jenny Wallace & Beverly Brewington. The family will receive friends Friday 7-9pm at Holly Grove Holiness Church and other times at the home. Condolences may be sent to www.crumpler-honeycutt.com.



CLINTON

Shirley Brunson 82 of 316 D Giddens Street passed away on Saturday, December 8, 2018 at Mary Gran Nursing Center. Home Going Services will be held at 1:00 pm on Saturday, December 15, 2018 at St. Judes United Holiness Church, 1881 HB Lewis Road, Clinton with Rev. Willie Bryant officiating, burial will be held privately at a later time. Visitation will be held at the church prior to the service from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm on Saturday, December 15, 2018.

CLINTON

Marianna Dawkins, 86, of 471 Beulah Road, passed away at her home, Saturday, December 8, 2018. A graveside service was held at 11 AM, Thursday, December 13, 2018 at Clinton City Cemetery, with Dr. Ray Ammons officiating. Marianna, born in Sampson County in 1932, was the daughter of the late Bernice Pascal Bradshaw and Lucille Bradshaw. She was a retired Registered Nurse and a member of First Baptist Church in Clinton. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Dawkins. She is survived by: her daughter, Gloria McCormack; stepson, William Thomas Dawkins; and fourth grandchildren. Memorials may be made to her daughter, Gloria, at 471 Beulah Road, Clinton, NC 28328, to maintain the home. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com. Arrangements are by Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville St., Clinton, NC 28328.

SALEMBURG

Mrs. Ann Holland Eacret, 80 of Salemburg, passed away Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at UNC Hospitals. The funeral service will be held at 2:45pm Sunday, December 16, at Salemburg Baptist Church, 300 N. Main Street, Salemburg, with Reverend John Adams officiating. Burial will follow at Sunrise Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends from 2:00 to 2:30pm prior to the service. She was born February 25, 1938 in Sampson County and was preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Alma Warren Holland; her husband, Bennie "Ben" Eacret, Jr.; a sister, Kathleen Holland; and a brother, Ronald Holland. She is survived by her children, Brenda Ann Harrison (husband, Dr. Michael) of Texas, Keith

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How Families Today are Paying for College



The way families pay for college is a good indicator of how much planning takes place before the first tuition bill arrives. A new study by Sallie Mae suggests that while families are feeling confident in their decision making, nearly 40 percent do not have a plan to pay for college.

Last year, family income and savings covered 47 percent of all college expenses, according to "How America Pays for College 2018," the national study from Sallie Mae -- the nation's saving, planning, and paying for college company -- and Ipsos, an independent global market research company.

The annual report examines how families pay for college, how much they spent, and how they made their funding decisions. The average amount spent on college in 2017-18 was \$26,458.

While income and savings cover the largest portion of college costs, scholarships and grants cover 28 percent of college costs, and students and parents use loans to account for 24 percent of college costs. Extended family and friends paid an additional 2 percent of college costs.

While no single resource is used by all families, the most prevalent college funding sources -- scholarships, grants, and parent income -- are each used by about three in five families, with scholarships being the single most-used resource. In addition, 57 percent of families used scholarships last year, paying for almost a fifth of total college costs. Unfortunately, about a third of families don't even apply for scholarship opportunities.

More than half of families, 53 percent, borrowed money to help pay for college last year and two-thirds of these families said they had always planned to borrow to pay for college. When it comes to planning to repay loans, however, 39 percent of families say they haven't researched any repayment topics.

"It's gratifying that families are so confident in the financial decisions they make regarding paying for college," says Raymond J. Quinlan, chairman and CEO, Sallie Mae. "Still, there's more work to do to equip families with the tools and information that will help them manage education expenses, whether it be applying for financial aid earlier in the process or taking steps to minimize student loan financing costs."

When it comes to completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, (FAFSA), three-quarters of families report filing the form last year. However, the majority of them are not taking advantage of the earlier availability of the form: 69 percent of families are waiting until January or later to complete the FAFSA, which is now available on Oct. 1, and are potentially missing out on aid that's awarded first-come, first-served.

The complete report and other resources are available at SallieMae.com/HowAmericaPaysForCollege. To join the conversation, use #HowAmericaPays. For more information, or to start your plan to pay for college, visit SallieMae.com.

Experts say that with the right tools and knowledge, families can develop a smart strategy for paying for college.

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By Brenda Brown

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Clinton City Board of Education is seeking legal representation from attorneys and law firms for general and personnel matters. This letter represents a request for proposals to represent the Clinton City Board of Education as our attorney for general and personnel matters. Listed are the services required:

- (1) Review and/or draft contracts for employment and other services
- (2) Represent Clinton City Schools in litigation, as requested
- (3) Provide advice on other various issues, including but not limited to real or potential conflict of interest situations, statute interpretations, and legal interpretations as needed
- (4) Review and/or draft policies and procedures
- (5) Attend and provide legal counsel at Board of Education meetings
- (6) Be responsible for closed session minutes
- (7) Review and provide legal counsel regarding student or employee related issues

If your firm is interested in responding to our request, please take the following actions:

- (1) Prepare a written proposal stating your interest in serving as attorney for Clinton City Schools. The proposal should include a transmittal letter, executive summary, the firm's expressed understanding of the services required, and a description of your firm's experience in education law. The written proposal should be addressed to Dr. Linda Brunson, Board Chairperson and should be received by Mrs. Nacole Hayes at 300 Westover Road, Clinton, NC 28328 or email (nhayes@clinton.k12.nc.us) no later than 4:30 p.m. on January 23, 2019.
- (2) Participate in an interview, if requested, by the Clinton City Schools Board of Education. Interviews will be scheduled during February 2019.



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CUP COUNTDOWN

Homestead location helps race make the top-five list



Joey Logano's No. 22 Team Penske Ford spits out tire smoke after he captured the 2018 Cup Series championship at Homestead-Miami Speedway. [NASCAR GETTY IMAGES/SEAN GARDNER]

By Godwin Kelly
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This is the first of a five-part series on the top-five races during the 2018 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series.

If the Ford EcoBoost 400 had been scheduled in March, or July, or October, it would not have made this list of the very best Cup Series races.

How did it make the list at No. 5? Let's use the old real estate adage of "Location, location, location!"

The 267-lap race over Homestead-Miami Speedway's 1.5-mile oval got here because it decided the 2018 Cup Series championship.

Four drivers — Kevin Harvick, Kyle Busch, Martin Truex Jr. and Joey Logano — were vying for the crown. The top finishing driver of the four would earn the championship.

As is the custom, since NASCAR introduced the knockout-round format in 2014, the race-winning driver (Logano) simultaneously won the Cup title when he took the checkered flag.

All four playoff contenders led laps. When all had completed the 10,250th lap of the season, it was NASCAR's

notable final four hogging the top four finishing positions (but widely separated at the flag).

Standing alone without the play-off drama, this race would not have made the cut, even though it sure looked competitive on paper — 22 lead changes among seven drivers.

The finish, which looked so promising with a 15-lap shootout to decide the NASCAR champion, went without drama when Logano easily took the lead from Truex on Lap 256 and motored away from the field.

"He passed me so fast I didn't even get a chance to do anything," Truex said.

After exiting his stock car, the 28-year-old Logano was ecstatic.

"I've worked my whole life to get here, to get to the championship," he said. "I've been so close. I spent 10 seasons fighting for this. I wasn't sure we were going to get it."

There was no controversy, no finger-pointing, no arguments and no high emotions.

Only a few weeks earlier, Logano used his No. 22 Ford to push Truex's No. 78 Toyota out of the way for a last-lap victory at Martinsville Speedway.

With all the hype being blown into Homestead ahead of the championship showdown, the

finish was a bit anticlimactic.

Over the last 12 laps, Logano built a 1.725-second margin of victory ahead of 2017 Cup Series champion Truex. Then along came Harvick followed by Busch, who was not happy.

"Lots of wins and forget about it now, move on," said Busch, who shared the season's most-wins title with Harvick. Both drivers scored eight victories.

Since this one event determines the champion of a grueling 36-race schedule that takes teams and drivers from one side of the country to the other in a 10-month time frame, then yes, Homestead needs to be on the list.

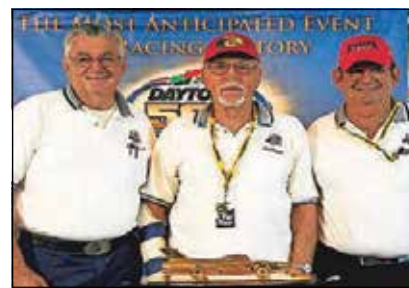
There were other parts and pieces that added to the intrigue — notably Truex, the No. 78 team and its owner Barney Visser, who raced on Sunday and closed on Monday.

Visser said he did not have enough sponsorship money to continue racing at a championship level and immediately shuttered the team.

"I'm going to miss these guys," Truex said. "Wish we could've won it. We had it. We just couldn't go over 15 laps. I knew that last restart was going to be tough. We were able to get the lead, I just couldn't do anything."

QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers



Short-track legend Red Farmer in 2007, flanked by fellow Alabama Gang members Bobby Allison and Donnie Allison. [NASCAR/GETTY IMAGES]

Red Farmer ... what took so long?

Hey, the folks at the NMPA prefer to wait until a guy is done racing to induct him into its Hall of Fame. But it appears they finally decided to quit waiting on Red to hang up the helmet. So yes, finally, at 86, the longtime charter member of racing's Alabama Gang has been inducted into the National Motorsports Press Association's Hall of Fame. He'll be officially inducted next month in Charlotte, along with a guy who tossed in his gloves at the tender age of 45 — Jeff Gordon. Farmer is still active on the short-track scene in Alabama, but will likely find room in his schedule to attend the ceremonies.

What just flew under our radar?

According to an item from the Sports Business Journal, NASCAR has hired international accounting giant Deloitte to create a "common accounting platform" for the existing teams to use. Assuming everyone inputs all of the appropriate information, this would shed light on where teams are bleeding money and where they're only leaking. It's believed the top teams spend upward of \$20 million per year, per car. They're the ones up front, of course.

Why do we care?

In an effort to make NASCAR more viable and valuable for potential new owners, some have floated the idea of a spending cap, which might make it easier — i.e., cheaper — for startup teams to eventually become competitive. To perhaps get to that point, economic templates have to be in place. That's where Deloitte comes in. Eventually, the question would revolve around policing the rules, a dilemma that dates back to the first time two cars lined up alongside a stopwatch.

— Ken Willis, ken.willis@news-jrnl.com

MOTOR MOUTHS PODCAST

It's beginning to look a lot like the offseason, everywhere we go.

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SPEED FREAKS — A few questions we had to ask ourselves

Which side will benefit most from the Kurt Busch-Chip Ganassi arrangement?

GODSPEAK: Ganassi, because Busch is bringing a bag of money from Monster Energy. It's hard to say no to that.

KEN'S CALL: The Ganassi team, definitely. No offense to Jamie McMurray, but Kurt Busch is one of the small handful of racers who will definitely let you know if your team is up to snuff.

Speaking of Jamie McMurray, how much of him do we see in the future?

GODSPEAK: He brought the "modern man" look to the NASCAR garage. I'm going to miss the fashion show.

KEN'S CALL: Not sure how many races

he has left in the tank, nor how many folks will be clamoring for more, but I know the garage area is a more energetic and interesting place when he's around, so let's hope he remains visible.

Other than Dodge, which brand-new manufacturer would you like to see come to NASCAR?

GODSPEAK: Nissan's name has been tossed around. Here's a name under the radar — Volvo.

KEN'S CALL: I think Volkswagen would be interesting, if possible, and would alienate the fan base less than Toyota did.



If Chip Ganassi's No. 1 car has the goods, Kurt Busch will likely capitalize on them. [AP FILE]

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