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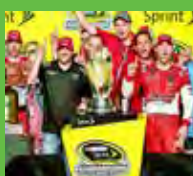
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WEATHER

Thur Sunny



Hi: 51° Lo: 35°

Fri Rain
90%



Hi: 62° Lo: 36°

Sat Partly
Cloudy
10%



Hi: 47° Lo: 29°

Sun Partly
Cloudy
10%



Hi: 51° Lo: 32°

Mon Partly
Cloudy
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Hi: 50° Lo: 26°

Tues Sunny
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Hi: 51° Lo: 36°

WEEKLY VERSE

*Blessed is the
nation whose
God is the Lord,
The people
whom He has
chosen for
His own
inheritance.
Psalm 33:12*

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COVID Numbers Rising Vaccinations in Progress



Sampson County Health Dept. to Make Appointments to Vaccinate 65 and Older

Given updated State guidance on vaccine administration, the Sampson County Health Department will start scheduling appointments for the COVID-19 vaccinations for the group aged 65 and older effective Tuesday January 19th. (As a reminder, County Offices will be closed Monday, January 18th in observance of the MLK Day holiday.)

Appointments can be scheduled by calling the Sampson County COVID-19 Helpline at 910-490-1056, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am 4:30 pm. Due to the high volume of incoming phone calls, you may experience a busy signal. Please be patient and try again later. You may also need to leave a message. If you do so, someone will contact you within 24 hours.

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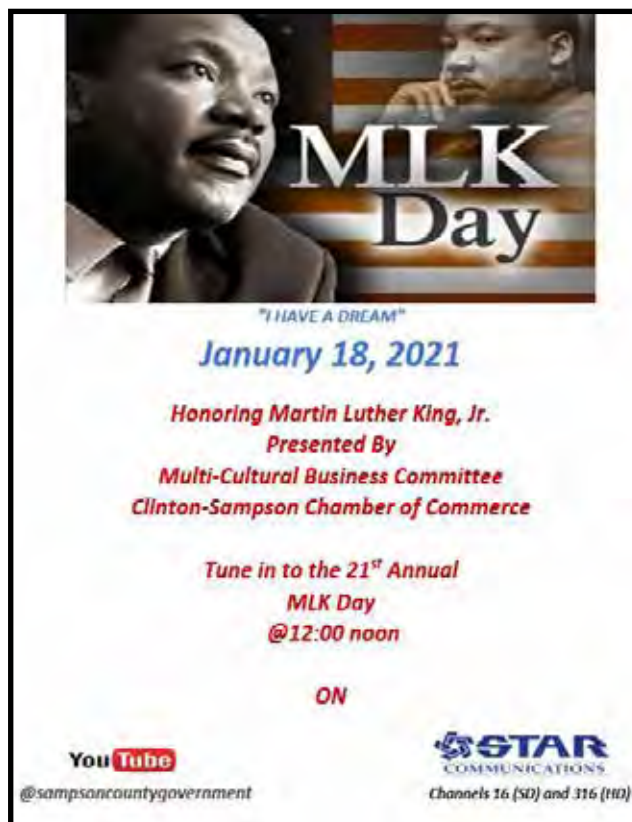
GILMORE SWORN-IN AS JUDGE



On New Years Day, Robert Gilmore of Clinton was sworn in as a District Court Judge in Sampson, Duplin, Jones, and Onslow counties by Resident Superior Court Judge Henry L. Stevens, IV following his four county sweep in the November elections. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the oath was administered to an audience of Mr. Gilmore's immediate family. Before the oath was given, Ross Holland of the Sampson County Bar did the traditional honor of presenting Gilmore to the Court for his oath. In his remarks, Holland stated that, "Robert will do a great job as a judge. We all know he's a smart guy; he graduated valedictorian of his law school class. But, he also has a head full of common sense, and that's what this job takes a lot of. It's rare that you get both the book sense and common sense together, but Robert has it and will serve us well as a

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MLK Ceremony to be Held Virtually



This week, the Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce released the following statement concerning the Martin Luther King Day event in Clinton, which is held at the Sampson Agri Expo Center, "The Multi-Cultural Business Committee at the Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce has decided to celebrate the life, teachings, and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Junior through a virtual event this year. Although COVID-19 has suspended many events in the past 10 months, the committee was still eager to find a way to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Junior. With that being said, the community can join in for the 21st Annual MLK Day Celebration on January 18th, 2021 at 12:00pm on Star Communications Channel 16 or 316 or go to the @smpsoncountygovernment YouTube channel to watch the celebration. For reference and to answer any questions how it will be set up, the recording is being done the same way the Veterans Day Program was done. We are excited that the Multi-Cultural Business Committee had a plan to continue the celebration, given the continued circumstances surrounding COVID-19.

This year marks the 21st year that the event has been held in MLK's honor in Sampson County. Speaking for the committee Dr. Ted Thomas said, "The purpose of this celebration is to reflect on Martin Luther King, Jr., who was an American pastor, activist, humanitarian, and leader in the African-American Civil Rights movement. We thank Dr. Martin L. King for all his strides and achievements, this day is set aside to honor him as well as the others that stood by him. Remember this is a day on and not a day off."

This year's virtual event is entitled, "I Have A Dream".

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Senator Brent Jackson
NC District 10



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Citizens of Sampson County

LOCAL NEWS

From the Desk of Senator Brent Jackson



Earlier this week, the General Assembly officially reconvened to kick-off the 2021 Legislative Session. During the ceremony, I was officially sworn-in and seated on the Senate floor to serve the people of Senate District 10. I am humbled and honored to begin my sixth term in the North Carolina General Assembly.

For the 2021 Session, I have been appointed as co-chair of both the Senate Appropriations and Senate Agriculture Committees. As an appointee to both committees, I will work on issues of importance to the 10th Senate District and all of North Carolina. While co-chairing the Appropriations Committee, I will continue to treat public taxpayer dollars as I would my own. As the co-chair of the Agriculture Committee, I will continue to work to address the needs and concerns of farmers today, as I have worked to do for the last decade in the North Carolina Senate.

I am excited to be appointed to both of these important committees once again. I believe that all of my committee appointments will allow me to ensure that the voices of my constituents are heard and give me the opportunity to continue to work on behalf of the people in Duplin, Johnston, and Sampson counties, as well as the rest of our state. I thank Senator Phil Berger, Senate President Pro Tempore, for the confidence he has in my ability to continue to do the work of the people of North Carolina along with the rest of my senate colleagues.

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

Legislative Recap- Senate Resolution 1

Session for the 2021-22 biennium has officially begun, and with that come new bills primed for consideration in the General Assembly. The very first bills passed by each chamber, House Resolution 1 and Senate Resolution 1, establish the rules by which each body will operate during the two year period. On the Senate side, the rules layout procedures for Committees, quorums, conduct on the Senate floor, and much more.

It is vital that these procedures be followed so as to maintain an orderly session each time the members meet. At the end of the day, the General Assembly and its members represent the people of North Carolina and the rules established help keep the process tidy, transparent, and respectful.

The full bill listing every rule for the NC Senate can be found on the General Assembly's website.

From the District- Sampson County- Sampson DSS receives \$371K to aid heating bills. According to the Sampson County Department of Social Services, \$371,669 has been allocated this year to their Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP), which helps those in need pay their heating bills and is now officially being offered to the public.

DSS has noted that around 576 people were automatically approved due to the fact that they received LIEAP funds last year, were 60 years of age or older in December, or someone in the household received the Department of Aging services.

The one-time payments are either going to be \$300, \$400, or \$500. But it also takes into

account the number of individuals in the house, the type of heating they use, and their income.

In December, people were approved for funds based on their heating source. If they used wood, they received \$400 and if they used gas they got \$300, and those who utilize electronic heating got \$500.

For the regular LIEAP, people may be eligible based on the number of people in the home, income, and type of heating source. According to Price, the minimum payment maybe \$300 and the max will be \$500. On average people get approved for \$300.

All households may apply from now until March 31 or until funds are exhausted.

According to DSS, the target population is elderly and disabled. It is too early to have a response rate for how many people have called to fill out the application. However, staff members have steadily gotten phone calls related to LIEAP funding. It is up to them to fill out the rest of the application.

To apply, access, and complete an online application via <https://epass.nc.gov/>; call the agency to complete the process by phone; fax a paper application; mail a paper application or drop a paper application in the agency's external dropbox.

Vendors can register with DSS if they aren't already. DSS looks at unearned and earned income and resources.

Questions about the LIEAP Program can be answered by calling the Sampson County Department of Social Services at 910-592-7131, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. The operator will direct callers to the right location.

District Spotlight- Volunteers of the Year Honored

In 2020, volunteers Kay Raynor, Debbie Roberts, and Helen Kearns thought of the idea to decorate downtown Clinton with Christmas trees. The idea was a hit and the women, for their diligence, have now been recognized by city officials as Volunteers of the Year.



The three volunteers have presented a certificate at the City Council meeting.

Clinton Planning director/Main Street manager Mary Rose stated that she was appreciative of the three volunteers.

Rose noted that several residents in Clinton sent in letters of appreciation for the Christmas Tree Project.

Richard Carr, Sampson County deputy clerk, noted that he and his wife walked two circles around the courthouse square and looked at every tree, paying special attention to the details of every tree.

Councilman Neal Strickland shared the fact that Council members felt that the Christmas trees made the city look like a Hallmark movie.

Raynor, Roberts, and Kearns stated that residents should just wait to see what's in store for Christmas 2021. They are planning for next year and hope the businesses will get involved and let volunteers decorate their stores more this year.

Roberts noted that it may not replace Christmas in the City this year but it might change the way things are done from here on out. Raynor hopes that the Christmas Tree Project will coincide with the Christmas in the City event and add to the tradition.

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

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GILMORE, cont. from P. 1

judge.” Judge Stevens then administered the oath with Gilmore’s wife Ashley holding the family Bible. In brief remarks, Judge Gilmore stated that “only in America” could someone like him, not born to privilege or a political family, aspire to serve as a judge and achieve it. Gilmore, moved by the moment, stated that he was not an extraordinary person; rather, he is an “ordinary person surrounded by extraordinary people throughout his district that believed a conservative court was necessary.” Then, he thanked his family present and supporters that could not attend due to the Governor’s COVID-19 restrictions. Judge Billy Sutton acknowledged his long relationship with his new colleague stretching back to his daughter attending high school with Gilmore and predicted a bright career ahead for him and great service for the district. Judge Stevens spoke about Gilmore’s skill and ability in the courtroom and was certain those skills would readily translate to the new role. In a statement, Judge Gilmore stated that, “I want to thank all of my supporters and the voters. This was a group effort. We had volunteers, donors, and the community ready to help make this happen, and it would not have without them.” Judge Gilmore wasted no time using his new robe as he held court on Monday in Sampson County, calling it “a true honor to hold court for the first time in my home County that has afforded me so much. Once the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, I would encourage the public to attend court. This is your courtroom, and it is the people’s court.”

VACCINE, cont. from P. 1

Please be aware that vaccinations will be dependent on available supply, and an appointment does not guarantee vaccine will be available at that time. The Health Department is also planning a mass vaccination clinic for the 65 year and older group, which will be publicized next week via the County’s social media (Facebook and Twitter) and webpage (www.sampsonnc.com – COVID PAGE <https://bit.ly/38MyaSv>) and local media sources.

The COVID-19 vaccine is a tested, safe and effective vaccine that is available to all who want it, but supplies may be limited at first. To save lives and slow the spread of COVID-19, state and federal public health advisories recommend first protecting health care workers

caring for patients with COVID-19, people who are at the highest risk of being hospitalized or dying and those at high risk of exposure to COVID-19. It is encouraged to all to continue to keep practicing the #Ws: Wear a Mask, Wait Six Feet Apart, and Wash Your Hands until everyone has a chance to get vaccinated. If you have any questions, please contact the health department at 910-490-1056 or 910-592-1131.

The Sampson County Drive-Thru COVID Vaccination Clinic held on Wednesday at the Sampson Agri Expo Center was a huge success, vaccinating approximately 570 people over the age of 75. The event was scheduled to last until 4pm but was cut short due to the huge demands. The event ended at around 11:15am one all available vaccines were administered.

According to Sampson County Government, “There is a long list of people to acknowledge for helping us have a successful vaccination event today (Wednesday): our Sampson County Health Department staff, our Emergency Services team, our Expo Center staff, our Public Works staff, and the Clinton City Police Department. Kudos to all of you for planning, conducting and managing a successful event that brought vaccines to about 600 citizens.”

COVID-19 TESTING REPORT FOR JANUARY 15, 2021

Total Number of Tests Reported to Date: 15,149

Positive Test Results: 5,789 (70 additional since 1/14 report)

Negative Test Results: 9,360

COVID Reported Deaths to Date: 72 (no additional since 1/14 report)

COVID POSITIVE NUMBERS PER DAY:

January 11th- 45 new positive tests/1 additional death reported

January 12th- 73 new positive tests/3 additional deaths reported

January 13th- No report due to county vaccination event


January 14th- 132 new positive tests/0 additional deaths reported

January 15th- 70 new positive tests/0 additional deaths reported

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LOCAL NEWS

Sampson Regional's New Year's Baby!



SampsonRMC announces the first birth of 2021, a baby girl
Clinton, NC, January 13, 2021: Sampson Regional Medical Center is pleased to announce the birth of our New Year Baby. Baby girl Kamryn Brooke Hurley arrived January 3, 2021 at 4:40am weighing 7 pounds 9.6 ounces and 19 inches long. Proud parents are Dexter and Amanda Hurley.

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CRIME

CRIME REPORTS

12-29 Jorge Vega, 36, Bladenboro. OFA/DWLR Not Impaired Rev. Bond \$500. Trial Date 02-19-21
12-29 Angela Michele Strickland, 49, Clinton. Concealment of Merchandise. Trial Date 02-23-21
12-29 Michelle L Jacobs, 43, Clinton. Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property. Trial Date 02-17-21
12-29 John Wesley Murphy, 72, Clinton. DWLR, Expired Registration Card/Tag. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 04-09-21
12-29 Leticia Antoniette Williams, 22. OFA No Insurance, OFA Fict/Alt Title/Reg CaRD/Tag. Bond \$500. Trial Date 01-01-21
12-29 Addison Lee Ellington, 21, Dunn. Protective Order Violation. Trial Date 02-02-21
12-29 Myia Jamilla Imes, 29, Ivanhoe. Simple Possession Sch IV CS, Simple Possession Sch VI CS. Bond \$200. Trial Date 02-03-21
12-29 Michael Grider, 24, Dunn. Assault on a Female. Trial Date 02-08-21
12-29 Thomas Wayne Robinson, 50, Clinton. Violation of Court Order. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 01-25-21
12-29 Tommy Ray Thomas, 57, Mt Olive. Failure to Appear Citation. Bond \$500. Trial Date 02-19-21
12-30 Derick Manuel Martinez Ponce, 19, Roseboro. Simple Assault. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 02-16-21
12-30 Ervin Norman Robinson, 85, Clinton. Assault by Pointing a Gun. Trial Date 02-02-21
12-30 Crystal Eseralda Garcia, 26, Fayetteville. Speeding, Driving Without Headlamps, No Operators License, Fail to Return Prop Rental Pur Opt, Communicating Threats. Bond \$4000. Trial Date 02-17-21
12-30 Harrison Tyler Lambert, 28, Autryville. Communicating Threats, Trespass. Bond \$3000. Trial Date 02-15-21
12-30 Jeyner Nosue Valdezescobar, 22, Clinton. Possess Marijuana. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 01-22-21
12-31 James Marcus Royal, 49, Newton Grove. Allow Live Stock to Run at Large. Trial Date 01-20-21
12-31 Dominic Deshaun Ernest Hill, 21, Clinton. Speeding, Reckless Driving, Driving While License Revoked, Fail to Stop Sign. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 01-29-21
12-31 Jessica McKinney, 32, Fayetteville. Misdemeanor Larceny. Trial Date 01-12-21
12-31 David Wayne Smith, 35, Garland. Assault by Pointing a Gun. Trial Date 02-17-21
12-31 Daunte Taylor Hill, 24, Four Oaks. Resisting Public Officer, No Operators License, Drive/Allow MV No Registration, Speeding, DWLR. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 02-15-21
12-31 Alejandro Vazquez Benitez, 32, Dunn. Driving Under the Influence, No Operators License. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 02-25-21
12-31 Blake Thomas Crumpler, 30, Mount Olive. Possess Cocaine, Possess Marijuana, Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 01-22-21
01-01 Adam Price Ryals, 40, Faison. Assault by Pointing a Gun, Assault on a Female. Trial Date 02-02-21
01-01 Calixto Diego Aguilar, 40, Newton Grove. FTA- Driving While Impaired, FTA- Reckless Driving to Endanger. Bond \$1600. Trial Date 02-16-21
01-01 Calixto Velasquez, 40, Four Oaks. Driving While Impaired, Aggressive Driving, No Operators License. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 02-19-21
01-01 Erik Jason Davis, 35, Clinton. FTA- Release Order. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 01-04-21
01-01 Jessica Elizabeth Williams, 35, Greensboro. Communicating Threats, First Degree Trespassing, Assault with a Deadly Weapon. Trial Date 02-08-21
01-01 Lorenzo White, 31, Roseboro. Order for Arrest/FTA. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 02-09-21
01-01 Antionette Virginia Evans, 30, Clinton. False Report to Police Station. Bond \$500. Tri-

al Date 02-23-21
01-01 Dulce Hernandez Lopez, 26, Clinton. DWI, Possess Marijuana, Possess Drug Paraphernalia, Child Abuse, DWLR Aft Impaired Rev Notice, Child Restraint, DWI. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 02-03-21
01-01 Anthony Reid Armatys, 28, Clinton. MO Driving While Impaired. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 02-22-21
01-01 Wayne Anthony McNeill, 56, Clinton. Open Container, Public Consumption. Bond \$500. Trial Date 02-03-21
01-02 Jonathan Shannon Woody, 35, Hampstead. Second Degree Trespass, Communicating Threats, Misdemeanor Stalking. Trial Date 02-01-21
01-02 Stephen Patrick Cain, 45, Salemburg. DWLR not Impaired, No Liability Insurance, Expired/No Inspection, Expired Registration Card/Tag. Bond \$500. Trial Date 01-21-21
01-02 Ana Carina Pliego, 32, Clinton. Aid and Abet Impaired Driving, Allow Unlicensed to Drive. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 01-28-21
01-02 Tommy Lee Jones, 34, Smithfield. Possess Marijuana Paraphernalia, Possession Marijuana up to ½ oz. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 02-08-21
01-02 Ciara Williams, 37, Fayetteville. Fail to Return Rental Property. Trial Date 02-22-21
01-02 Joshana Monique Cox, 25, Warsaw. OFA/Hit and Run Leave Scene Property Damage. Bond \$500. Trial Date 01-26-21
01-02 Shafeke Wonya Price, 26, Clinton. OFA/Fail to Comply. Bond \$490. Trial Date 02-22-21
01-03 Anthony Devin Lacass, 19, Roseboro. Breaking & Entering to Motor Vehicle, Felony Larceny. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 01-22-21
01-03 Najamon Jyikeem Blue, 26, Clinton. Carry Concealed Weapon. Trial Date 02-09-21
01-03 Ricky June Joyner, 56, Clinton. Failure to Appear- Release Order. Bond \$3000. Trial Date 02-15-21
01-03 Darius Lamar Butler, 28, Rose Hill. Failure to Appear- Citation. Bond \$500. Trial Date 02-19-21
01-03 Tony Demilo Brown, 33, Lumberton. Breaking & Entering, Larceny after Break/Enter, Possession of Stolen Property. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 02-19-21
01-04 Kiana Denise Crumpler, 18, Garland. FTA-Speeding, FTA- No Operators License. Bond \$500. Trial Date 02-15-21
01-04 Atiya Mone Shim, 31, Fayetteville. FTA-Simple Assault, FTA- Misdemeanor Larceny, FTA- Second Degree Trespass. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 02-15-21
01-04 Joey Eugene Ginn, 47, Clinton. DV Protective Order Violation. Trial Date 02-02-21
01-04 John Mark Jones, 58, Turkey. Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Communicating Threats. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 02-23-21
01-04 Dustin Lance Brewington, 35, Clinton. Shoplifting Concealed Goods, Larceny. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 01-27-21
01-04 Zachary Tanner Thornton, 27, Clinton. Larceny. Bond \$500. Trial Date 02-23-21
01-04 Marion Kareen Patterson, 37, Elizabethtown. Possess Meth, Possess Drug Paraphernalia, Rear Lamp Violation. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 02-19-21
01-04 Jovan Keon Cogman, 25, Knightdale. OFA DWLR Not Impaired Rev, PFA Expired Registration Card. Bond \$500. Trial Date 02-17-21
01-04 Jakela Renee Hankins, 24, Newton Grove. Fail to Wear Seat Belt, No Operators License. Bond \$500. Trial Date 02-19-21
01-04 Roy Lee Boykin III, 29, Clinton. Possess Cocaine, Possess with Intent to Sell and Deliver Cocaine, Possess with Intent to Sell and Deliver Marijuana, Resisting Arrest/Hinder Delay, Possess Drug Paraphernalia, Possess Marijuana, Possess Possess Marijuana, DWLR, Careless and Reckless Driving, No Insurance, Displaying Fictitious Registration Placard, Fail to Apply for New Title, Unsafe Movement Violation. Bond \$25000. Trial Date 01-22-21
01-05 Paul Cameron Lambert, 29, Clinton. WFA Possess Meth, OFA Misdemeanor Probation Violation. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 01-22-21
01-05 Lisa Carr Davis, 47, Clinton. CS Misde-

meanor Larceny. Trial Date 02-22-21
01-05 Buddy Lee Brewington, 39, Clinton. Possess Marijuana, Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Trial Date 03-25-21
01-05 Nicholas Chevonleroy Moore, 28, Roseboro. Possess Marijuana, Possess Marijuana Paraphernalia. Trial Date 02-18-21
01-05 Zaiquian Tyre Barksdale, 26, Faison. Speeding, DWLR Not Impaired. Bond \$500. Trial Date 01-21-21
01-05 Shemar Mikequiel Tucker, 19, Salemburg. PWISD Marijuana, Possession of Stolen Firearm, Poss/Sell/Buy Alt NMV Ser No. Bond \$27500. Trial Date 01-22-21
01-05 Abigail Partridge, 23, Clinton. Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle, Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 02-15-21
01-06 Jonathan Tyree Lane, 27, Calypso. Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Assault on a Female, Breaking or Entering, Simple Assault. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 02-03-21
01-06 Joseph Lee Hunt, 48, Fayetteville. Injury to Personal Property, Larceny. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 02-03-21
01-06 Terry Lynette Melvin, 55, Garland. Trespassing. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 02-03-21
01-06 Jose Luis Perez, 25, Clinton. Failure to Appear- Citation. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 02-22-21
01-06 Kymxverlee Zhaniraxh Mack, 55, Fayetteville. WFA/Larceny. Bond \$500. Trial Date 02-22-21
01-06 Bettie Jean Hammond, 63, Clinton. Worthless Check. Trial Date 02-17-21
01-07 Jamy Nicole Aycock, 41, Clinton. DWI, DWLR Impaired Revocation, DWLR Impaired Revocation., Fict/Alt Title/Reg Card/Tag, Drive/Allow MV No Registration, No Liability Insurance. Bond \$4000. Trial Date 03-09-21
01-07 Ray Anthony Joyner, 52, Clinton. Intoxicated and Disruptive. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 01-27-21
01-07 Mary Ann Chapman, 36, Fayetteville. Failure to Appear- Criminal Summons, Failure to Appear- Release Order. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 02-09-21
01-07 Quintin Tyquan Faison, 23, Clinton. FTA- Release Order. Bond \$500. Trial Date 02-22-21
01-07 Amelia Nichole Howard, 31, Newton Grove. Breaking & Entering, Attempted Larceny, Assault on a Government Official. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 01-22-21
01-08 Shane Ryan McLamb, 39, Stedman. Possession of Stolen property. Trial Date 03-09-21
01-08 Jakela Renee Hankins, 24, Newton Grove. Possess Marijuana. Trial Date 02-15-21
01-10 Tommy William Smith, 28, Clinton. Possess Meth, No Liability Insurance, Fict/Alt Title/Reg Card/Tag, Expired Registration Card/Tag, Fail to Register Vehicle, Borrow License Plate. Bond \$25000. Trial Date 01-22-21
01-10 Emily Marie Peterson, 25, Garland. Possession by Felon, Possess Meth. Bond \$30000. Trial Date 01-22-21
01-10 Jesus J Fonseca Ramires, 56, Stedman. Possession Stolen Property.
01-11 Faye Wilson, 60, Clinton. WFA/Communicating Threats. Trial Date 01-28-21
01-11 Daniel Jackson Fryer, 19, Autryville. Possess Marijuana Paraphernalia, Window Tint Violation, Expired Operators License.
01-11 Leslie Denise Norris, 39, Clinton. CS- Cyberstalking, CS- Stalking. Trial Date 02-23-21
01-12 Amber Zaneta Avery, 34, Fayetteville. Possess Marijuana. Trial Date 02-22-21
01-12 Ronald Bryant Thomas, 56, Clinton. OFA/Fail to Comply. Bond \$530. Trial Date 01-19-21
01-12 Robert Lee Fitzpatrick, 55, Clinton. Trespass on Public Land. Bond \$500. Trial Date 02-03-21
01-12 Ira Bruce Farmer, 24, Salemburg. Possess Drug Paraphernalia, Possess Marijuana Paraphernalia, Possess Marijuana, Concealed Carry of Firearm. Bond \$500. Trial Date 02-03-21
01-12 Ashley Smith, 24, Salemburg. Possess Drug Paraphernalia, Concealed Carry of Firearm. Bond \$500. Trial Date 01-12-21
01-12 Dwight Wilson, 58, Kinston. Assault with a Deadly Weapon. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 02-04-21
01-12 Evelyn Marie De La Cerda, 40, Hope Mills. WFA- Breaking and or Entering, WFA- Larceny After Break/Enter, WFA- Poss Stolen Goods/Prop, WFA- Larceny of Motor Vehicle, WFA- Possess Stolen

Motor Vehicle, WFA- Financial Card Theft, WFA- Damage Coin/Currency Machine, OFA- Misdemeanor Larceny, Criminal Summons- Fail to Return Rental Property. Bond \$18500. Trial Date 02-22-21
01-13 Lonnell Rico Rich, 27, Clinton. Possess with Intent to Sell and Deliver Marijuana, Possess Drug Paraphernalia, DWLR, DWLR Not Impaired Rev Notice, Displaying Expired Registration. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 02-05-21
01-14 Wayne Anthony McNeill, 56, Clinton. Disorderly Conduct. Bond \$100. Trial Date 03-19-21
01-15 Christopher Bryan Draughorn, 31, Woodland. Carrying Concealed Weapon. Trial Date 02-16-21
01-15 Alexander William Bowman, 34, Wilmington. OFA- Fail to Comply. Bond \$750. Trial Date 02-22-21

INCIDENT REPORTS

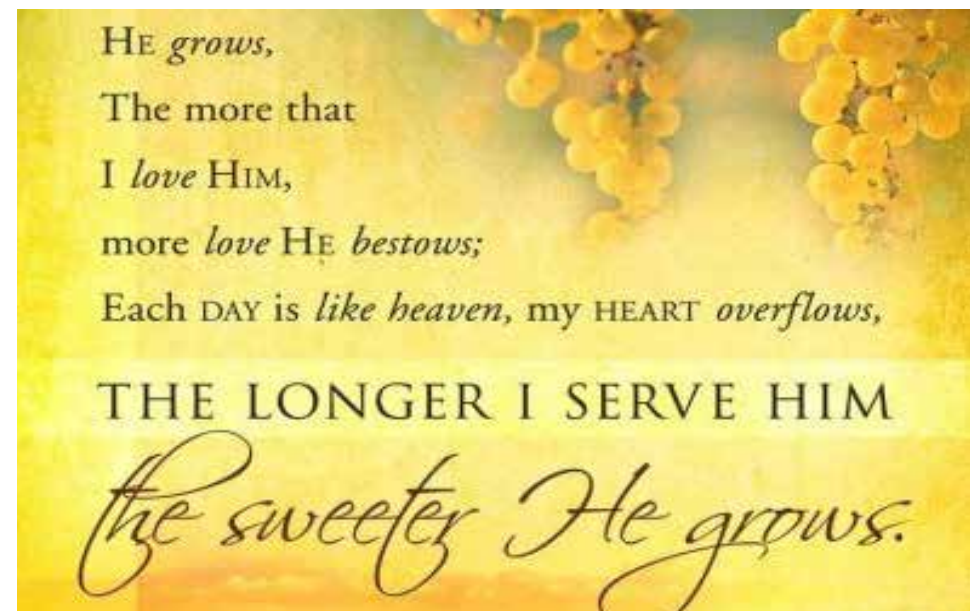
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01-11 Lisa Guzman of Clinton reported Theft from Motor Vehicle, Damage to Property- money \$22, cell phone charger \$20, damage to automobile \$1000.
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FAITH

The Longer I Serve Him

words and music by William J. Gaither



Since I started for the kingdom,
Since my life He controls,
Since I gave my heart to Jesus,
The longer I serve Him the sweeter He grows.

chorus: The longer I serve Him the sweeter He grows,
The more that I love Him, more love He bestows,
Each day is like heaven, my heart overflows,

The longer I serve Him the sweeter He grows.

Every need He is supplying,
Plenteous grace He bestows,
Every day my way gets brighter,
The longer I serve Him the sweeter He grows. repeat chorus

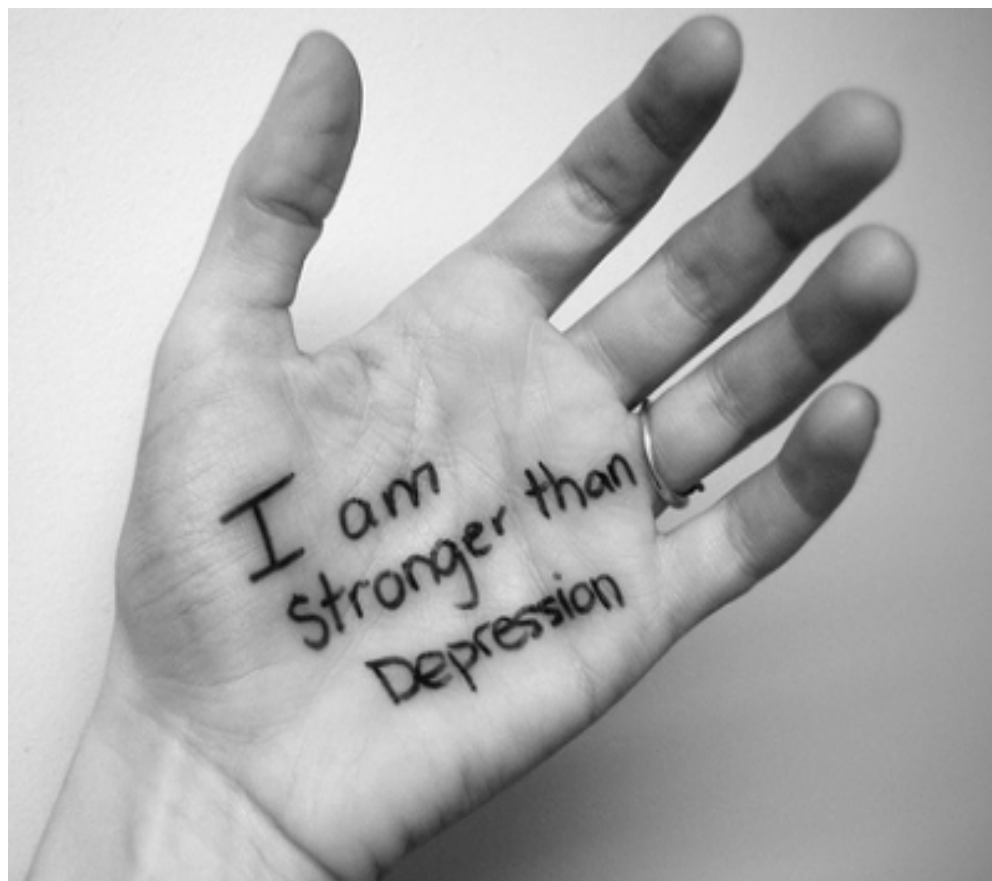
The year was 1976 and I had an unforgettable experience. I can still see, in my minds-eye, our gentleman-farmer-Christian friend, Mr. Claudius Peterson, singing “The Longer I Serve Him”, as our church choir introduced a new Gaither musical - Alleluia. Mr. Claudius, in his simple way so humbly shared it as his personal testimony. His voice was soft, it crackled with age, but our hearts were deeply touched. We were moved to tears. As I said, I will never forget his sincerity, his simplicity, and his obvious love for his Lord and Savior. He truly lived the message of that song, and not many years later Mr. Claudius left behind his Christ-honoring legacy.

Now it is my time - my voice now crackles with age - but oh how I claim that same manifestation of my dedication to, and my love for our Heavenly Father. Yes, my friends, I can truthfully share that in living out the very daily of my life - every need He is supplying, and plenteous grace He bestows. I can proclaim with assurance, The Longer I Serve Him, The Sweeter He Grows. Prayerfully, the legacy that each of us leaves behind will be one that is Christ-honoring!



Martha M. Pierce

Defeating Depression



Psalm 34:17-18, “When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.”

At some point in everyone’s life they will be faced with a day, week or even a season of depression. Perhaps it is the death of a child, unemployment or there is no known reason why you walk in the cold darkness of depression. The Mayo Clinic describes depression as a mood disorder that causes a persistent feeling of sadness and loss of interest. Also called major depressive disorder or clinical depression, it affects how you feel, think and behave and can lead to a variety of emotional and physical problems. You may have trouble doing normal day-to-day activities, and sometimes you may feel as if life isn’t worth living.

A recent USA Today article said Christian culture, especially Southern evangelicalism, creates the perfect environment for depression. Counselors say pastors suffer in silence, unwilling or unable to seek help or even talk about it. Sometimes they leave the ministry. Occasionally they end it all. When we find ourselves at this point of no return we should turn to the words of Jesus in Matthew 11:28-30, “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Depression can wage war against you regardless of your passion for Jesus. In fact several heroes of the faith like King David, the Prophet Elijah and Moses all faced depression. The one common factor that those Biblical champions had was to turn to God for their hope. They were willing to open up to God with their hearts in pain. These men didn’t fake their feelings just to appear strong to those around them. They were authentic in standing before God who could see their inward pain.

C.S. Lewis wrote in his book, The Problem of Pain, “Mental pain is less dramatic than physical pain, but it is more common and also harder to bear. The frequent attempt to conceal mental pain increases the burden: it is easier to say “My tooth is aching” than to say “My heart is broken.” When we allow the voice of the enemy to convince us that there is no hope we should turn towards the true lasting hope in Jesus. As a Christian we might feel at times defeated, but in Christ we can find joy.

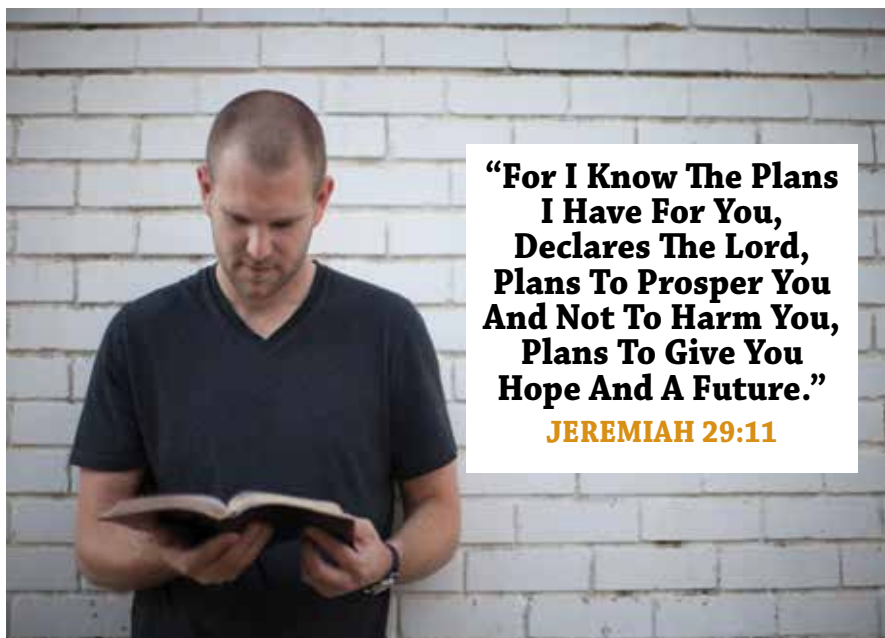
David cried out to the Lord in Psalm 143:7-9, “Answer me quickly, O Lord! My spirit fails! Hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the pit. Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord! I have fled to you for refuge.” If a giant conquer can have his spirit fail, so can we. There is no shame in wiping tears from our face, but never forget that Christ knows why every tear falls.

This week I encourage you to not give up hope if you are struggling with depression. Be willing to seek spiritual and professional help. One helpful resource you might consider is the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. They are a national network of local crisis centers that provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can discover more about the Lifeline by visiting: www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org or calling 1-800-273-8255. You are never alone in the battle of defeating depression.



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Psalms for the Soul



Written by Linda Herring

The Bible speaks to us, but the Psalms speak for us. No matter how badly you have failed, God will give you another chance. After Jonah had disobeyed God, spent three days in the belly of the whale and had been vomited up at Nineveh, the Bible says, “The Word of the Lord came unto Jonah the second time.” When God restores you, it doesn’t matter who is fighting against you. When He raises you up, no one can keep you down. If God has redeemed you, nobody else can tell your story. Nobody else knows what God has done for you. Nobody knows how far you have come. But you do, you know it was only by God’s grace that you survived. Don’t allow Satan to steal your testimony. Shout it from the housetops. Do not let the stresses of the day steal your Psalm. Contact me at herring.thewowrd@gmail.com. Have a great day.

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Vegetarian Ramen Zoodle Bowls

New Year Nutrition

Take on 2021 with a sustainable, low-carb eating plan

FAMILY FEATURES

A new year brings with it new opportunities to better yourself in all kinds of ways, including your health. Start by evaluating your at-home menu to make sure it aligns with your nutritional goals.

These recipes for Vegetarian Ramen Zoodle Bowls, Broccolini and Bacon Egg Bites and Flourless Salted Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip Cookies from Atkins offer better-for-you options that fit within a low-carb lifestyle that can help you eat right and make smarter choices in your kitchen. Each option offers a balanced approach to eating comprised of high-fiber carbohydrates, optimal protein and healthy fats. Plus, they're easily personalized, allowing each recipe to help you meet your goals regardless of what eating plan you're following and whether you're looking to achieve weight loss, maintain your weight or achieve optimal health.

Vegetarian Ramen Zoodle Bowls

Recipe courtesy of "The Atkins 100 Eating Solution"
Total time: 30 minutes
Servings: 4

- 4 large eggs
- ice water
- 2 cups fresh water
- 1 quart vegetable broth
- 5 ounces (3 cups) broccoli florets, cut into bite-size pieces
- 10 ounces (4 cups) spiralized zucchini
- 5 ounces (5 packed cups) baby spinach
- 1 tablespoon, plus 2 teaspoons, white miso paste
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt, plus additional, to taste, divided
- 1 tablespoon toasted sesame oil, plus additional for garnish, to taste
- 2 cups mung bean sprouts, for garnish
- chili garlic sauce, for garnish

- 1 cup shredded raw carrot, for garnish
- 4 tablespoons crushed peanuts, for garnish

In large saucepan of gently boiling water, cook eggs 7 minutes then transfer to bowl of ice water.

Drain cooking water from saucepan then add broth and fresh water. Bring to simmer over medium-high heat. Add broccoli and cook 3 minutes then add zucchini and spinach. Continue cooking until spinach is wilted and zucchini is crisp-tender, 2-3 minutes. Remove from heat.

Ladle about 1/2 cup broth from saucepan into small bowl. Add miso paste and 1/4 teaspoon salt; whisk to combine. Return mixture to soup, add sesame oil and stir to combine. Add additional salt, to taste. Cover to keep warm.

Remove eggs from ice bath; peel then cut in half lengthwise. Ladle 2 cups soup into four serving bowls. Top each portion with one egg and 1/2 cup sprouts. Drizzle with chili garlic sauce and additional sesame oil, to taste. Top each serving with 1/4 cup shredded carrot and 1 tablespoon crushed peanuts.

Nutritional information per serving: 10 grams net carbs; 17 grams total carbs; 7 grams fiber; 16 grams protein; 13 grams fat; 253 calories.



Broccolini and Bacon Egg Bites

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Recipe courtesy of "The Atkins 100 Eating Solution"
Total time: 45 minutes
Servings: 4

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 5 slices (4 ounces) no-sugar-added bacon
- 5 large eggs
- 3 ounces cream cheese
- 2 tablespoons feta cheese
- 1 tablespoon hot sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt, plus additional, to taste, divided
- 4 1/2 ounces broccolini (5-7 stalks), stalks and florets thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1 1/2 cups baby arugula
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 1 cup fresh blueberries

Preheat oven to 350 F. Lightly coat eight silicone egg-bite mold cups or eight cups of standard nonstick muffin tin with nonstick cooking spray and set in large baking pan.

In large nonstick skillet, cook bacon over medium heat until golden, about 5 minutes per side. Transfer to paper towel-lined plate to drain. Chop bacon into small pieces.

In blender, puree eggs, cream cheese, feta cheese, hot sauce and 1/4 teaspoon salt until smooth.

Pour off all but 1 tablespoon fat from skillet. Add broccolini, water and 1/4 teaspoon salt. Cook over medium-high heat, stirring frequently, until broccolini is tender, 3-5 minutes. Remove from heat.

Fill each egg cup with 1 teaspoon bacon and 1 tablespoon broccolini. Top with egg mixture, filling cups to about 1/8 inch from top. Add just enough boiled water to baking pan to come halfway up sides of molds.

Bake egg bites until set, 20-25 minutes. Take pan from oven then take molds from water bath. Let egg bites cool then remove from molds.

In medium bowl, toss arugula, lemon juice, oil and salt and pepper, to taste. Place 3/4 cup salad, two egg bites and 1/4 cup blueberries on four plates and serve.

Nutritional information per serving: 9 grams net carbs; 11 grams total carbs; 2 grams fiber; 14 grams protein; 34 grams fat; 400 calories.

Flourless Salted Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip Cookies

Recipe courtesy of "The Atkins 100 Eating Solution"
Total time: 50 minutes
Yield: 24 cookies

- 1 cup sugar-free smooth or creamy peanut butter
- 2 teaspoons stevia extract powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup sugar-free semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 teaspoon flaky sea salt

Set oven racks in upper- and lower-third positions. Preheat oven to 350 F. Line two cookie sheets with parchment paper.

In medium bowl, use handheld electric mixer on medium speed to beat peanut butter, stevia, baking soda and salt,

scraping down sides if needed, until well combined, about 1 minute. Reduce speed to low, add egg and vanilla extract; beat until combined.

Shape dough into 24 balls (about 1 tablespoon each) and place 2 inches apart on prepared cookie sheets. Using tines of fork, carefully flatten each ball, creating crisscross pattern.

Bake, rotating cookie sheets from top to bottom and back to front halfway through, until edges begin to brown and cookies are set, 7-9 minutes. Cookies should not be browned. Let cool 10 minutes on cookie sheets then carefully transfer to cooling rack to cool completely.

In small microwave-safe bowl, add chocolate chips and microwave on high in 20-second increments, stirring after each, until melted, about 1 minute.

Dip dry fork into chocolate then drizzle over cookies. Sprinkle with sea salt.

Nutritional information per serving (1 cookie): 1.5 grams net carbs; 3 grams total carbs; 1.5 grams fiber; 3 grams protein; 6.5 grams fat; 79 calories.



Flourless Salted Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip Cookies

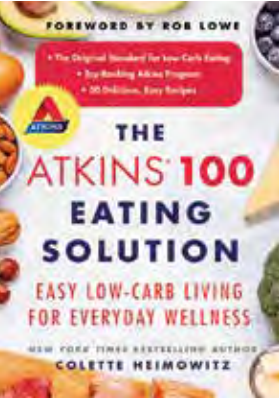
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While many eating approaches can be vague in their approach, "The Atkins 100 Eating Solution's" fan-favorite program provides a clear-cut way to control your carb intake with 100 grams of net carbs (the total carbohydrate content of the food minus the fiber content and sugar alcohols) and shows you how to make delicious and satisfying food choices that lessen their impact on your blood sugar. This personalized approach is a way of eating you can follow for life.

With cutting-edge research and delicious recipes, this book provides a variety of foods with plenty of room for personalization. This easy-to-use guide, written by Colette Heimowitz, the company's vice president of nutrition and education, can also show you how the plan can be modified to fit in with most ways of eating, including vegetarian, Paleo, Mediterranean and more regardless of food preferences, lifestyle or cooking abilities.

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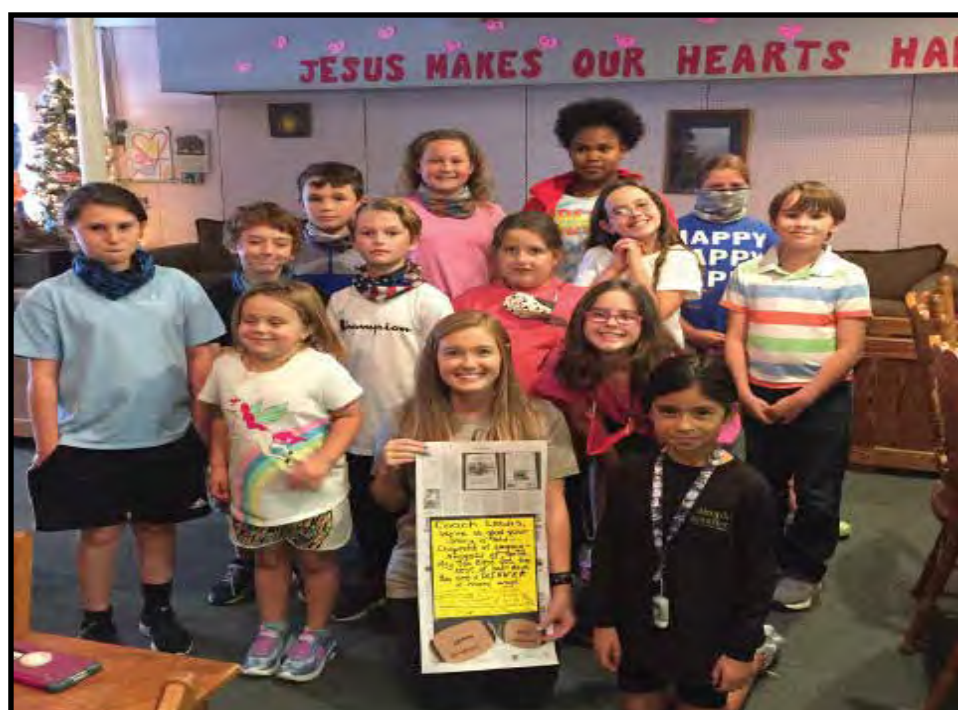
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Tim's Gift Reflects on 2020



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By God's grace, we celebrated Christmas joyfully, remembered incredible moments of 2020 on New Year's Eve, and welcomed 2021 with prayerful anticipation and hope for a better year...all in one week. Wow, how quickly time passes with treasured memories of incredible moments dancing in our heads. Some will be keepers while others fill us with dread.

Storing incredible moments safely in hearts where Christ is right at home is wise and wonderful. His presence puts all moments - made memories - in their proper place. We need not worry when Jesus lives in our hearts. He never fails His children. He's a promise keeper who binds wounds and heals broken hearts. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit can guide our steps and give incredible moments that will never depart...if we believe and ask HIM into our hearts!

We, at Tim's Gift and The Learning Station, trust these pictures of incredible mo-

ments from 2020 will bless your hearts as they have ours. Let's stay closely connected to the Lord and loved ones, remain Sampson Together Strong, and make precious memories all year long.

By God's grace, we will soon be celebrating Christmas again and ushering another New Year in!

Yet, His plans could be to call us Home this year. So, let's be prepared while living each day to the fullest...without fear. Embrace incredible moments and stay in forward gear.

Happy New Year...may each day be filled with good cheer.

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Harrells Christian Academy football standout Devin Gardner



Harrells Christian Academy football standout Devin Gardner said he was "surprised" when told he was named this week's Performance Auto/Sampson Weekly Star Athlete of the Week.

"I was really surprised," the 18-year-old junior fullback said earlier this week. "I didn't know anything about it. But I am honored."

The honor should come as no surprise, Gardner had an incredible football season for the Christian Crusaders, running 1,463 total yards and scoring 20 touchdowns, helping lead the team to the NCISAA State Championship.

"It was something that we talked about since I came here," he explained. "I came here from Wallace-Rose Hill and ever since then, that is what we talked about (getting to the state championship)." Gardner said that he got started in football in recreation when he was about 8-years-old. "I was put on a team playing against 9-10 year olds, which, I think, made me a stronger player," he said. "I got involved after watching my cousins play and I wanted to play too."

He says he developed his own style of running even though at first he was a lineman. "At first,

because of my size, I couldn't run the ball, so they thought I would be better on the line."

Once he grew into the part, Gardner, a fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers, felt comfortable enough to transition into a fullback. "You have to trust your line," he said. "They are the ones who are making those holes for you and these guys worked so hard this year, I trust them."

Coming to Harrells at the beginning of the year was something that Gardner wanted to do. "They didn't use me at Wallace-Rose Hill and I didn't get a lot of playing time, so when I came here, I felt like I had something to prove."

Boy did he ever prove it. Gardner averaged 170 yards per game this season.

"I wanted to finish strong," he said. "Playing in the state championship was fun. We were still in it – it was 28-19 at the half and we felt like we had a chance. We just had to keep fighting. After the loss, I was really upset because our boys really fought hard all year long."

In his first season at Harrells, Gardner said that his time was made easier by the people welcoming him.

"Oh yeah, right away, I felt welcomed here," he said. "As soon as I came here, I felt like everyone was family. It is a lot smaller than Wallace-Rose Hill, so class-wise you get a lot more attention, which is great because you have the more one-on-one with your teachers because the classes are smaller."

Gardner said that in addition to his teachers and teammates, his coaches have been welcoming as well.

"Coach Arnette has to be one of the best coaches I've ever had," he said.

Which will be why it will be difficult to leave next year when he graduates. "It will be hard to leave Harrells because I already feel close to

everybody here," he said. "I already know that I am going to miss the class of 2021 because I have made many friends."

Although he is planning on going to college, Gardner said that he doesn't know which one he will go to. "I am not too picky," he admits. "Whoever wants to give me a scholarship –that's where I'll go."

He said that his ultimate dream is to play in the National Football League (NFL), but wants to get his degree in Criminalology.

"I watched a lot of Criminal Minds," he said. "So, I think that I will definitely go into law if the pro football career doesn't work out."

He says he is thankful for the support of his family, especially his mother (Cynthia) and his sister (Bynteo) and his teammates.

"I just like to thank the entire team," the straight 'A' student said. "We just all clicked. There was no negativity. And my coaches and the Harrells community for making me better."



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SCC Graduate Makes Journey from Nicaragua to UNC Medical School



Marvin Albert Meza Jarquín began his educational journey in Nicaragua and it has led him all the way to North Carolina. (Courtesy Photo)

(CLINTON, N.C.) – In 2010, Marvin Albert Meza Jarquín, his parents, and his four siblings immigrated from Nicaragua to North Carolina. In Nicaragua, Marvin’s family consisted of coffee and cattle farmers. He had grown up in Nicaragua until he was sixteen years old. When his family moved to North Carolina, Marvin continued his high school education in the United States. After finishing high school, Marvin decided to take another step on his educational journey at Sampson Community College (SCC).

When moving to the United States, Marvin had to learn the English language. Back in Nicaragua, Marvin was eligible to graduate, but when he and his family immigrated, he had to restart his high school education. Marvin attended Lakewood High School and was able to graduate in two and

half years. While in high school, Marvin knew that he wanted further his education by attending college. He wanted to save money, so he decided to attend SCC for two years to earn both his Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees.

When asked about his time at SCC, Marvin replied, “I had wonderful instructors that were supportive from the get-go. Some were more challenging than others and I cherish that they were challenging because the University of North Carolina is very rigorous. There was never a teacher who wasn’t helping me grow as a student and who wasn’t giving me the right amount of challenge.”

While at SCC, Marvin knew that he wanted to transfer to a university after graduation. In 2015, he transferred to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC). While at this four-year university, Marvin received a bachelor’s degree in Biology, with a second major in Spanish literature. He chose this as a double major because he wanted to stay connected with his Hispanic culture.

While at UNC he was a teacher assistant in organic chemistry, he wrote for a bilingual magazine, and he also instructed students at a bilingual elementary school. Marvin is currently enrolled in the University of North Carolina School of Medicine in Chapel Hill.

Marvin stated, “What made me really gravitate towards medicine was witnessing some discrepancies in healthcare outcomes for patients in rural areas, for example Sampson County. There is a very large percentage of uninsured people there. I think it is close to eighteen percent in Sampson County. To me that is unacceptable and because of that, there will be poor health care outcomes because people cannot go to the doctor because they cannot afford it.”

Marvin has had to work extremely hard to get to where he is today. While at SCC his hard work did not go unnoticed. He has truly gone the extra mile. From coming to the United States, having to attend high school over again, to now being on track to become a health professional, Marvin has put in the hard work to accomplish his goals.

Jennifer Eavenson, SCC Math Instructor, commented on Marvin’s efforts during his time at SCC.

“Marvin was determined to be successful. He worked exceptionally hard in order to graduate early. He was bright, articulate and had a personality to match his wit. He instantly put those around him at ease and had them smiling in no time. Marvin has a heart of gold and I have no doubt he will be a great leader wherever he goes.” Eavenson stated.

His time at SCC was a key steppingstone in his educational path. While at SCC, Marvin recognized the wonderful and supportive instructors that he was in constant contact with. Marvin also noticed the challenge that his SCC courses and instructors provided him with him. He believes that he needed these challenging courses for the time that he spent at UNC.

Marvin Albert Meza Jarquín has a great future ahead of him after he graduates from medical school. Though, he has not decided what type of medicine that he is going to specialize in, he potentially wants to pursue primary care. He knows that he wants to return to Sampson County to give back to the community. Sampson Community College is immensely proud to be one of the many stops along Marvin’s path.

Fall Graduate Spotlight: Sabrina Newkirk

When she graduated from Union High School in 2019, Sabrina Newkirk was not quite sure about her next steps. She had not committed to a nearby college or university and no decisions were made about her future career plans. However, she had success with Sampson Community College courses during high school, so she enrolled at SCC for that fall. Now, she graduates this fall with her Associate in Science, and is currently making plans for next fall.



A resident of Garland, Newkirk loves the proximity of Sampson Community College and attending courses right at home. After class, she can return home and go trail riding on one of her horses, command her family kitchen and cook one of her grandmother’s recipes, or go fishing with her father.

During her time at SCC, Newkirk says her instructors encouraged and challenged her. She shared the story of one of her first face-to-face courses at the college, Public Speaking. Always a bit shy, Newkirk says the course and instructor, Joy Rogers, were both fun and engaging. Rogers’ course gave Newkirk the confidence to come out of her shell. In return, Rogers said Newkirk reminded her of the joy of teaching.

“Sabrina is an outstanding student who stands out to me because she was so enthusiastic and gave 110% to everything she did in my course. I can remember her smiling every day when I walked into the classroom. She was always ready to learn and was a fantastic speaker. Seeing that smile and her willingness to learn—that really makes my job so rewarding. She is a fantastic listener, has a great personality, and has a wonderful ability to laugh,” Rogers shared.

This passion and excitement for teaching was evident from several instructors throughout her time at SCC. Newkirk praised her instructors, including Susan Jernigan and Jen Eavenson, for their willingness to help, but also for their challenging courses that drove her to learn more.

“They are there to help you. Any time you have questions they’re going to do their best to help you understand and give you all the resources they can to make sure you do your best and understand,” Newkirk remarked.

Most importantly, Newkirk says Sampson Community College helped her transition as she determined her next steps. She feels positive it can do the same for others.

“Sampson is a great option if you’re not sure about what you want to do and where you want go. It’s a good transition into college and it’s a good place to prepare you for wherever you go,” Newkirk stated.

In her time at Sampson Community College, Newkirk has decided to apply for entrance into Dental Hygiene programs at nearby community colleges. She says she is excited to apply and submit her applications to these programs. Sampson Community College congratulates Newkirk and all Fall 2020 graduates!



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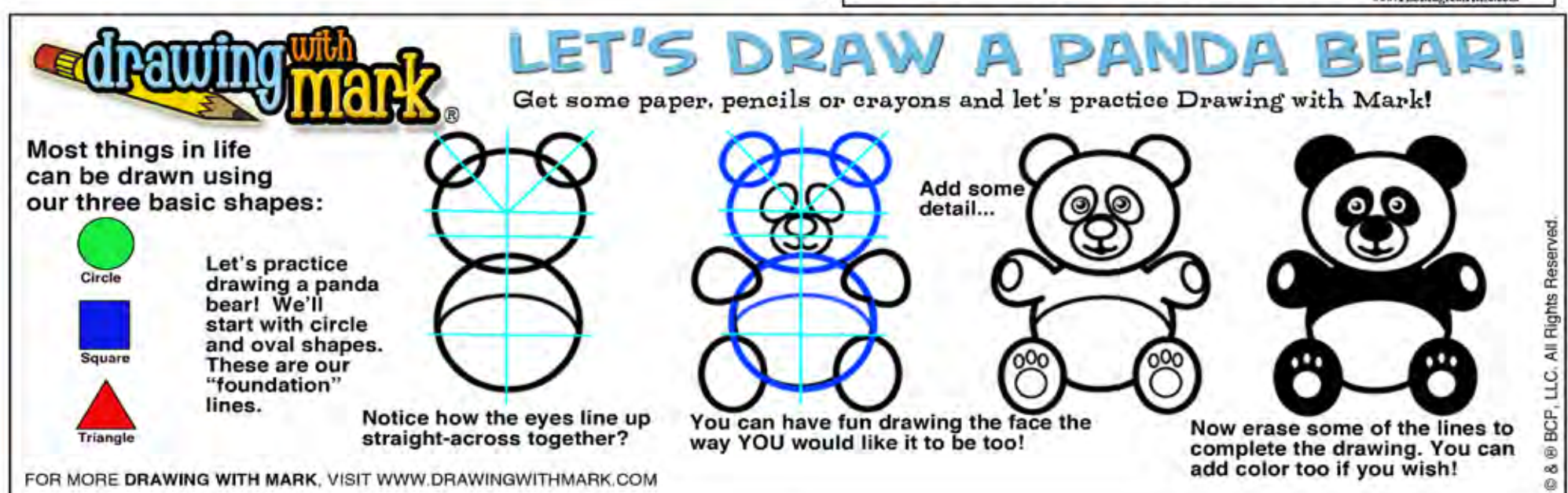
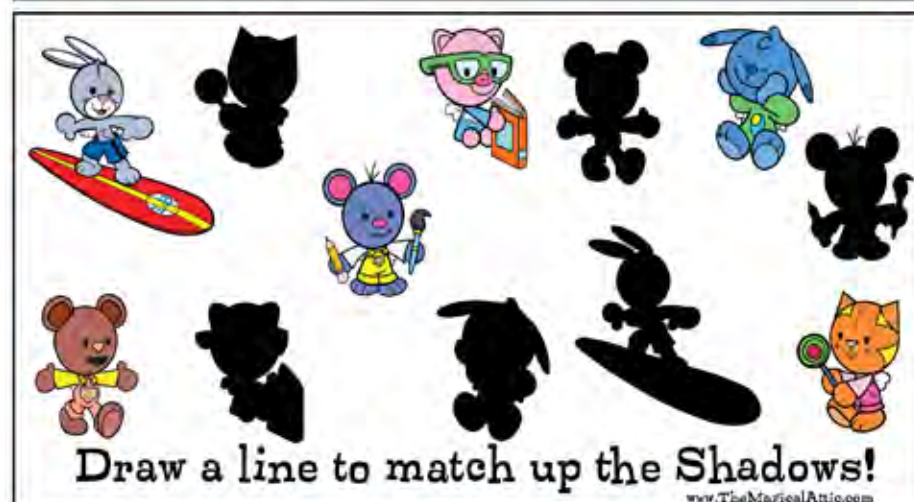
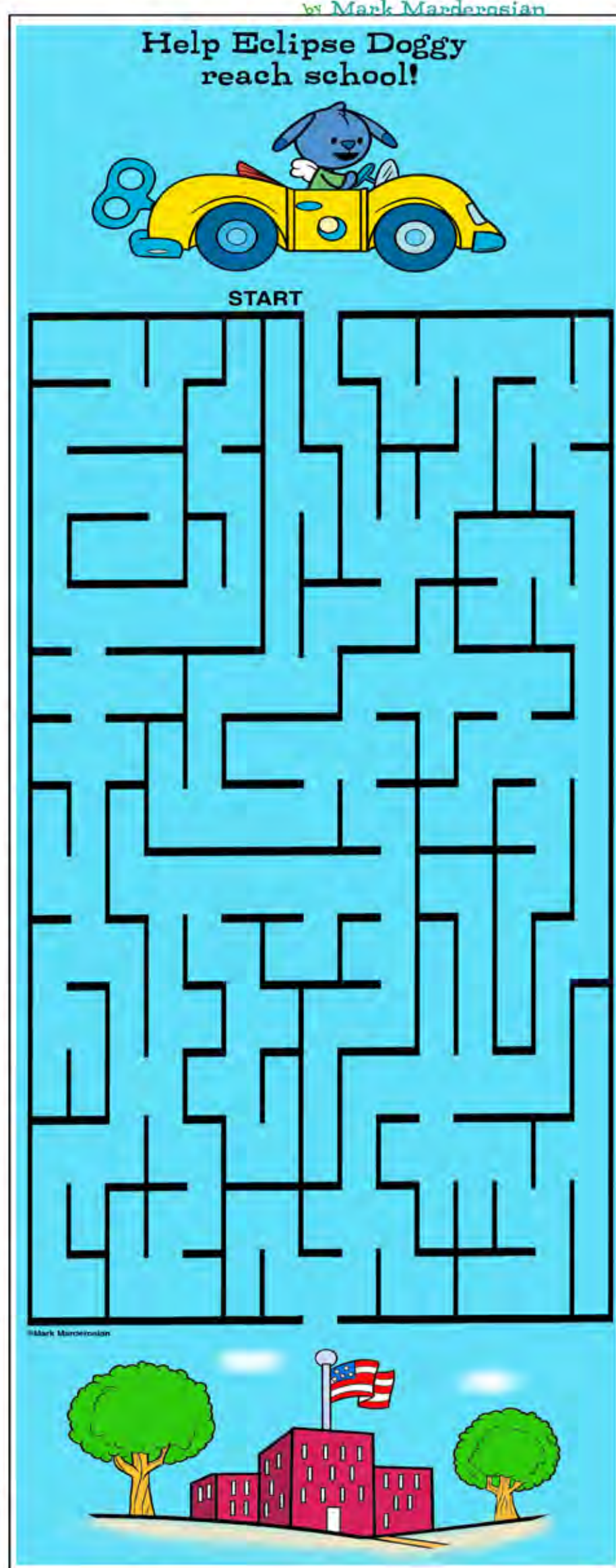
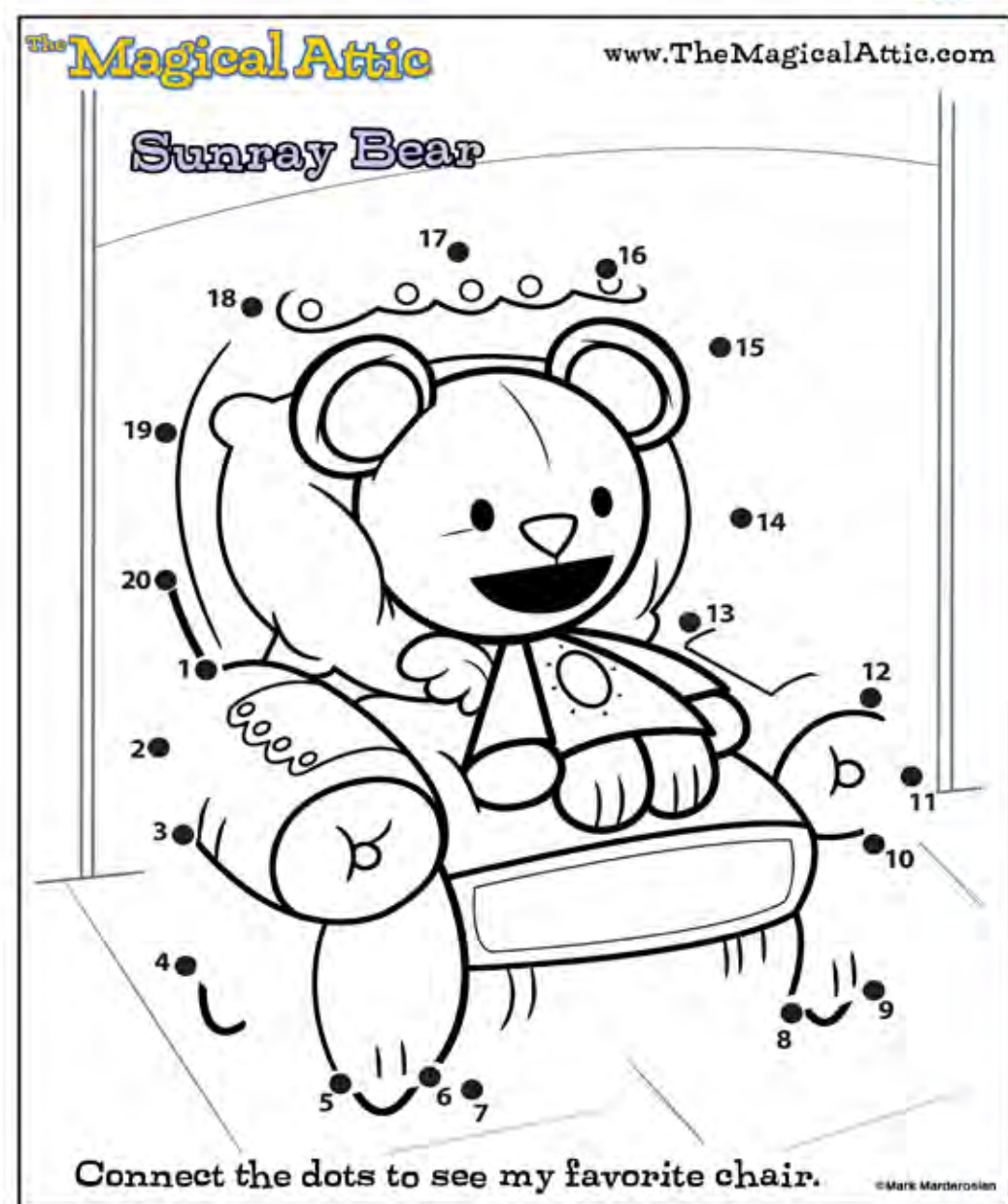
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OBITUARIES

CLINTON

Ms. Hazel Felicha Alford, 66, of Jewett City, Connecticut, formerly of Clinton, NC passed away Monday, December 28, 2020 at home. The graveside service was held at 1pm, Sunday, January 10, 2021 at Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery, Clinton, NC. Ms. Alford is survived by DAUGHTER-April Michelle Alford-Barclay of Dayton, OH; SISTERS-Verda Darrell of Boiling Spring, NC, Lillie Alford and Gail Sands both of Clinton, NC and Don Brunetta Jackson of Memphis, TN; one grandchild. There will be no viewing.



STEDMAN

Gerald Seamore Autry, Sr. 74 passed away on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. Funeral service was held at 1:00 PM Monday, January 11, 2021 at Butler Funeral Home Chapel in Stedman, officiating will be Rev. Tommy Honeycutt. Entombment followed at Cumberland Memorial Gardens in Fayetteville. The family received friends from 11:00 AM to 12:50 PM Monday at the funeral home prior to the service. He was born in Cumberland County to the late Lenzy Martin Autry and Flora Ann Manness Autry. He is also preceded in death by his brothers, Vernon and Lenzy Autry; and a sister, Annie West. He retired from Monsanto with over 30 years of service. He is survived by his sons, Gerald Autry, Jr. and William Autry & wife, Renee all of Fayetteville; sister, Joyce Autry of Fayetteville; grandchildren, James Autry of Fayetteville, Crystal Norkett & husband, John of Roseboro, Amber Autry of Bladenboro, and Susan Johnson of Fayetteville; great-grandchildren, Khloe Autry, John Norkett, Jr. and Bentley Norkett; and his former spouse, Patricia Long of Fayetteville. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his honor to Friends of The Cancer Center at Cape Fear Valley, 1638 Owen Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28304. Services Entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 6535 Clinton Road, Stedman, NC 28391.



GARLAND

Ms. Lisa Marie Bordeaux, 57, of 2246 Greens Bridge Rd., Garland, NC passed away on Thursday, December 31, 2020 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in Fayetteville, NC. She was born November 26, 1963 in Sampson Co. the daughter of the late Ivey Bordeaux and Marie Beasley Bordeaux. She was the owner/operator of Buddy's Party Pac in Garland. She was preceded in death by her sister Myra B. Small and a brother Andy Beasley. A graveside service was held at 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, January 05, 2021 at the Garland Cemetery by Rev. Dr. Jerry Parker. Ms. Bordeaux is survived by her life partner, Donald Parker of the home, one son, Joshua Townsend of Garland, two sisters, Sarah Bordeaux of Salemburg, Becky Moser of Garland and one brother, Ivey Bordeaux and wife Paula Bordeaux of Garland, brother-in-law, Tom Small of Garland, four grandchildren, Londyn Townsend, Journee Townsend, Joshua Townsend and Blake Townsend. A public viewing was held on Monday, January 04, 2021 from 1:00 P.M.-6:00P.M. at Carter Funeral Home in Garland. The service can be followed live via Facebook on the Carter Funeral Home Facebook page.



WHITE OAK

Mr. Thomas Bostick, 77, of 376 John Owen Road, White Oak passed away Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at Peak Resources Assisted Living Facility in Wilmington. Mr. Bostick was born April 01, 1943 in Scotland County to the late James Archibald Bostick and wife Isabella Campbell. A graveside service will be held at 3:00 PM on Sunday, January 17, 2021 at Hillside Cemetery in Laurinburg, NC, by the Reverend Mark Gustafson officiating. Thomas is survived by his Wife: Vicky Bostick of the home, one step-son: David Page & wife Kelly of Autryville, NC, one step-daughter: Michele Wirth of Bladenboro, NC, god-daughter: Brittany Gillespie of Fayetteville, NC, one brother: James H. Bostick & wife Gillian of Statesville, NC, one grandson: Chance Page, one niece: Erin Cory of Medina, OH, three nephews: Blair Bostick of Alexandria, VA, Matthew Bostick of Pittsburg, PA and Brett Bostick of Charlotte, NC. A viewing will be held on Sunday, January 17, 2021 from 2:00 P.M.-2:50 P.M. before the service at the Hillside Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Celebrate Recovery c/o Windsor United Methodist Church 12863 NC Hwy. 242 N., Elizabethtown, NC 28337. Services provided by Carter Funeral Home, Garland. www.carterfh.com

CLINTON

Ms. Judith Carol Bowman, 65, of Clinton, NC passed away Saturday, January 2, 2021 at Sampson Regional Medical Center, Clinton, NC. Ms. Bowman is survived by her BROTHER-Joe Lewis Best of Queens, NY. There will be no public service held.



SALEMBURG

Ms. Margaret Ann Fann Briggs, 55 of Salemburg passed away at her home on Friday, January 1, 2021. A Private family service was held at 2:00 PM on Monday, January 4, 2021 at Piney Green Baptist Church with Reverend Donald Keith Carter officiating. The burial service followed at 3:00 PM in the Church Cemetery for family and friends. A walk-through visitation will be held at 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM on Sunday, January 3, 2021 at Butler Funeral Home in Roseboro. Ms. Briggs was a native of Sampson County, the daughter of William Warren and Catherine Tyndall Fann. She is preceded in death by her father and brother, Dexter Fann. She is survived by daughter, Jessica Briggs; two granddaughters, Emberly Denton and Natalie Briggs; mother, Catherine Tyndall Fann; sister, Rhonda Miller and husband, Danny; Nephew, Derek Miller; two great nephews, Colton Miller and Kollin Miller; and sister-in-law, Lisa Ezzell. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.



NEWTON GROVE

Ms. Mary Jean Britt, age 85 of Newton Grove, passed away Thursday, January 7, 2021 at SÉCU Hospice House, Smithfield. Her graveside service was held Sunday, January 10th at 2 p.m. Her service will be held at Hopewell United Methodist Church Cemetery, Newton Grove with the Rev. Freddy Langston officiating. Left to cherish her memories are her children; Barbara Twigg and husband Ronnie of Smithfield, Jerry McLamb and Terry McLamb both of Newton Grove. Grandchildren; Ashley Wade, Amber Twigg and Brandon McLamb. Great Grandchildren: Carlie, Connor, Brax and Waylon. Sister; Lillian Godwin of Newton Grove. She was preceded in

death by her parents; Brook and Lucy Langston, her husbands; Roland Gene McLamb and Ray Britt and a brother; Bob Langston. We ask in order to stay in compliance with North Carolina State COVID law that social distancing measures be taken and a mask must be worn at all times during all services. Condolences can be made at www.westanddunn.com. Services have been entrusted to West and Dunn Funeral Home of Newton Grove, NC.



ROSEBORO

Mr. Ralph Edward Brock, 93 of Roseboro passed away on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at his home surrounded by his family. The funeral service was held at 3:00 PM Friday, January 15 at Beaver Dam Baptist Church with Rev. Tim McQueen officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. There was a viewing from 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM at the church prior to the service. Mr. Brock was a native of Sampson County, the son of Vander Granval and Lacy Faircloth Brock. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Lula Mae Simpson Brock and three brothers, Elmer Brock, Jimmy Brock and Carl Brock. He was a retired auto mechanic inspector with the civil service. He was an Army veteran. He is survived by his children, Joe Brock and wife, Faith of Roseboro, Debbie Fuldner and husband, Tom of Raleigh, Muriel Hall and husband, Bobby of Autryville and Gary Brock and wife, Eva of Roseboro; sister, Virginia Watson of Roseboro; seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.



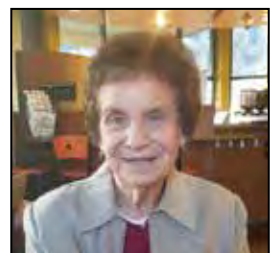
CLINTON

Mr. Vincent O. "Vince" Burgess, III, 73, formerly of Clinton and Salemburg, passed away on Thursday, January 7, 2021 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington surrounded by his family. Graveside Service with VFW honors was held on Sunday, January 10th at 2:00 pm at the Clinton Cemetery with Terry Lee officiating. Please follow all COVID guidelines. A walk-thru viewing was held on Saturday, January 9th from 5-7 pm at Royal-Hall Funeral Home. The family will not be present for the viewing. Born on October 29, 1947 in Mobile, Alabama, Vince was the son of Vincent Oliver Burgess, Jr. and Bobbie Mouton. He was a Veteran of the United States Navy serving his country in the Vietnam war on the USS Intrepid and the USS Northampton. He was a proud lifetime member of VFW Post 7547 and a retired US Postal Carrier. He had a great personality and a smile that would light up a room. He loved his family more than anything, especially his grandchildren, whom he adored. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife of fifty-four years, Patsy Ann Lee Burgess of Wilmington; daughter, Lori Burgess Baker and husband, Rob, of Raleigh; son, Vincent O. Burgess, IV and wife, Ingrid of Wilmington; granddaughters: Olivia Bass of Raleigh and Anna Burgess (Chance Bryant) of Wilmington; grandsons: Gregg Bass of Raleigh, Ben Burgess of Wilmington and Caleb Baker of Memphis, TN; sisters: Joann Turner, Susan Guilliot and Raquel Mouton; brother, Russell Burgess; great-grandchildren: AvaRose and AbelLee Bass; brothers-in-law, Terry Lee of Salemburg and Billy Lee of Maryland. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Jeanene B. Torkkola. Flowers are welcome, or memorials may be made to the Shiners Children's Hospital by visiting www.donate.lovetotherescue.org or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital by visiting www.stjude.org. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Burgess family.



ROANOKE, VA

Dorothy Johnson Carter of Roanoke, Virginia passed away on Sunday, January 3, 2021, at the age of 85. She moved from Raleigh, North Carolina in 2019 to be closer to her family. She is predeceased by her parents, Mary Pigford Johnson and Luther Thomas Johnson, Jr., of Harrells, North Carolina. Dorothy is survived by her daughters, Dr. Sandra Lynn Carter of Troutville, Virginia, and Mary Cathryn Carter of Roanoke, Virginia. Her unwavering love for her daughters will be cherished by them forever. Dorothy graduated from Franklin High School and then from Meredith College with a degree in History. Later, she received her certification from the School of Library Science at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro and continued her love of reading as she worked with young people. During the years her daughters attended Ravenscroft School in Raleigh, North Carolina, she worked as a school library media specialist at both the elementary and middle school levels. In 1988 she became the School Library Media Coordinator at Daniels Middle School where she worked for twenty-three years before retiring in 2012. Lifetime friendships fostered at each school remained dear to her throughout her life. Concerning current circumstances, Dorothy will be laid to rest near her beloved family at the Harrells Cemetery in Harrells, North Carolina privately with her family. A public memorial service will be held when it is safe to do so. The family extends their gratitude to all who have sustained them with their love and prayers. They also express their appreciation to Visiting Angels, Generation Solutions, and especially Good Samaritan Hospice of Roanoke for their extraordinary service and care. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to Good Samaritan Hospice at 2408 Electric Road, SW Roanoke, Virginia 24018, in honor of Dorothy. The family is being served by John M. Oakey & Son Funeral Home in Salem, Virginia, and by Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home in Clinton, North Carolina. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.johnmoakey.com.



CLINTON

Xyldia Gray Dail, 85, of 307 Halifax St., passed away Thursday, January 7, 2020 at the Lower Cape Fear Life Care Hospice in Wilmington. A graveside service was held at 2 PM, Sunday, January 10th at Clinton City Cemetery with Rev. Mike Shook, Rev. Cameron Dunn, Jackson Brock and Rev. Connie Morris officiating. The family received friends at her home. Xyldia, born in 1935 in Pitt County, was the daughter of the late Robert Jones and Ellen Crawford Jones. She was the Secretary at College Street Elementary School and a member of Grove Park Baptist Church. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Lonnie Franklin Dail and siblings, Rob Jones, James Jones, Verna Johnson, Margie Sullivan, Marie Hart and Betty Lou Gurganus. Survivors include; daughters, Debbie Brock of Leland and Vickie Dail of Clinton; grandchildren, Jackson Brock of Roseboro and Kasey Brock of Leland; sisters, Rev. Connie Morris of VA and Peggy Stocks of Greenville; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com. Memorials may be made to Grove Park Baptist Church, 609 Northeast Blvd, Clinton, NC 28328 or Lower Cape Fear Life Care Hospice, 1414 Physicians Drive, Wilmington, NC 28401.

ROSEBORO

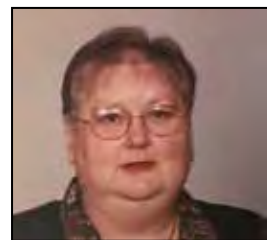
Janice Faye Faircloth 71 of 490 Lucas Road passed away on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at Rex Healthcare in Raleigh, NC. Faye as she was affectionately called was born on October 1, 1949 in Sampson County, NC to the late Willie & Martha Smith Williams. Janice worked in the pork production industry. Janice loved to bake, cook and work with grapevines. In addition to her

parents Faye is also preceded in death by her husband Martin Lester Faircloth, son Terry Faircloth, sister Diana Tyndall, brother: Eugene Williams, sister-in-law Becky Williams. A Celebration of Janice's Life was held at 11:00 am on Saturday, January 9, 2021 at Mill Creek Baptist Church, 701 Mill Creek Church Road, Roseboro, NC with Rev. Tom Hayes officiating. Faye leaves to cherish her memories: Daughter: Angela Wilson and husband Mike of Clinton, NC, Son: Travis Faircloth of Roseboro, NC, Siblings: Edward Williams of Roseboro, NC, Betty Bullard and husband Tommy of Roseboro, NC and Johnny Williams and wife Dawn of Roseboro, NC. Five grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and her four legged daughter Abby. Faye also leaves behind many nieces, nephews and other family members.



ROSEBORO

Lora Irene McNeil Foster 76 of 506 E. Pinewood St. passed away on Friday, January 1, 2021 at her home. A graveside service was held at 2:00 pm on Sunday, January 10, 2021 at Millers Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery, 855 Old Fayetteville Road, Garland, NC with Rev. John Melvin officiating. A walk thru was held on Saturday, January 9, 2021 at Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Service & Cremation, 1246 Hobbton Hwy. Clinton from 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm with family present from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm.



RALEIGH

Susan F. Gilleland, 71 of Raleigh, formerly of Sampson County, passed away at her home on January 1, 2021. Susan's Graveside Service was held on Thursday, January 7, 2021 at Mt. Elam Baptist Church Cemetery of Roseboro beginning at 3:00 p.m. The Rev. John Harper officiated the service. Friends may come visit on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at West and Dunn Funeral Home of Newton Grove, family will not be present. Susan is survived by her son, Charles Lee Gilleland and wife Kristi of Pace, Florida, granddaughters, Mckenzie and Meredith Gilleland, brother, C.F. Farmer and wife Carol of Raleigh. Susan is preceded in death by her parents, Claxton Farmer and wife Elizabeth. Susan loved animals and asked that Donations be made in her name to: SPCA of Wake County, 200 Petfinder Lane, Raleigh, N.C. 27603. (919) 772-2326. Susan lived most of her life in Sampson County, but the last 13 years have been spent in Raleigh, NC. Services have been entrusted to West and Dunn Funeral Home of Newton Grove, NC. Condolences can be made at www.westanddunn.com.

IVANHOE

Mr. Harold Norman "Bo" Herndon, 76, of 3815 Ivanhoe Rd. passed away at NorthChase Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Wilmington on Friday morning, January 8, 2021. A Graveside service was held Monday, January 11, 2021 at 11:00 am at the Ivanhoe Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Melvin Hall officiating. The family received friends following the service at the graveside. Please practice social distancing and wear a mask. Born on July 29, 1944 in New Hanover County, Bo was the son of the late Norman and Jean Bagwell Herndon. He was a member of Ivanhoe Baptist Church. He was a retired truck driver, and also an employee with Ivanhoe Blueberry farm for many years and a member of the NC National Guard. He was a kind, hard-working, man who loved his family. He will be greatly missed. He is survived by his wife, Lottie Oliver Herndon of the home; son, Mark Herndon and wife, Julie; stepsons: Chuck Sessoms and wife, Robbie and Robert Sessoms and wife, Sandra, all of Durham; eight grandchildren; one sister, Norma Jean Ferrell and husband, Mike of Raleigh; one brother, Brett Herndon of Canada; and a nephew, Jeremiah Ferrell of California. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Herndon family.



SALEMBURG

Don MacArthur "Mack" Honeycutt, 71, of 202 S Main Street, passed away Friday, January 8, 2021 at Vidant Duplin Hospital. Funeral service was held at 11 AM, Wednesday, January 13th at Harnett Primitive Baptist Church Front Lawn with Rev. John Adams officiating. Interment was in the Harnett Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery. Due to Covid 19, face mask and social distancing is requested. A walk-through viewing without the family present was held from 10 AM – 4 PM, Tuesday, January 12th at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville St., Clinton, NC 28328. Mack, born in 1949 in Sampson County, was the son of the late Frank Fulton Honeycutt and Willa Marie Naylor Honeycutt. He retired from NCDOT with the Roadside Environmental Unit and attended Salemburg Baptist Church. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his sister, Linda Carol Honeycutt. Survivors include; wife of 45 years, Shirley Marie Brock Honeycutt; children, Eric Honeycutt and Heather Barnett and husband Paul; grandchildren, Hailey Barnett and Cullen Barnett; and sister, Debra Bradshaw and husband Terry. Memorials may be made to the Harnett Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, c/o Ronald Jackson, 128 Gordon Road, Clinton, NC 28328 or to the American Heart Association, PO Box 5216, Glen Allen, VA 23058-5216. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com.



CLINTON

Sharon D. Aycock-Howard, Age-65, of 120 Rye Lane, Clinton, NC died Friday, January 1, 2021 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, Wilmington, NC. Graveside Service was held Thursday, January 7, 2021 at Noon at Poplar Grove MBC Cemetery in Faison, NC. Public Visitation: Thursday, January 7, 2021 from 10:00 am-11:30 am at Butler & Son Funeral Services in Clinton, NC. Graveside Service will be live-streamed on Butler & Son Facebook page. Masks are required for viewing and service. Butler & Son Funeral Services Clinton, NC.



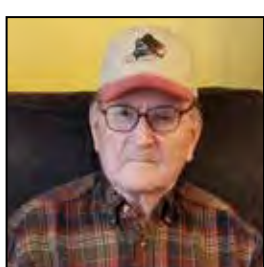
ROSEBORO

Esteen Gray Pope Jackson, 90, passed away Monday, January 11, 2021 at Golden Years Nursing Home in Falcon. A funeral service was held at 2 PM, Thursday, January 14th at Mt. Elam Baptist Church with Rev. Brandon Glunt officiating. Services were live streamed from Mt. Elam Baptist Church Face Book page and also transmitted via radio for those who wished to attend and remain in their automobiles. Interment followed in the Jackson Family Cemetery at 1942 Penny Tew Mill Road, Roseboro. The public viewing was held one hour prior to service. The family was present for the viewing. Esteen, born in Sampson County in 1931, was the daughter of the late David Pope and Leatha



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Mattalene Royal Pope. She was a daycare operator and a member of Mt. Elam Baptist Church. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Ervin Welbert Jackson, son, Larry E. Jackson, son-in-law, Larry Bell and brother, David Pope. Survivors include; daughter, Carrie Jackson Bell; son, Ronnie Hedgepeth; grandchildren, Carol Raines, Jennifer Bell Herrman, William Bell, Elizabeth Bell Allemore, Ava Jackson Boyette, Amy Hedgepeth Hairr, Matthew Hedgepeth, Martin Jackson; seventeen great-grandchildren; and brother, Royce Pope; Memorials may be made to Mt. Elam Baptist Church, 2211 Mt. Elam Church Road, Roseboro, NC 28382. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com.



NEWTON GROVE

Mr. Mitchell Lee Jackson, 89 of Newton Grove, passed away surrounded by his loving family on Saturday, January 2, 2021. Mr. Jackson's funeral service was held on Tuesday, January 5, 2021, at Millcreek Christian Church of Four Oaks beginning at 11:00 am. Rev. Jessica Braxton officiated the service. Interment will follow the

funeral service in the church cemetery. A visitation was held one hour prior to the funeral service at Millcreek Christian Church. Mr. Jackson is survived by his sons, Lewis Jackson and wife Glenda of Newton Grove, Ronald Jackson and wife Susan on Newton Grove, grandchildren, Kristi Page, Miranda Deaver, Bryan Jackson and Ashley Jackson and 8 great grandchildren. Mr. Jackson is also survived by his daughter-in-law, Judy Jackson. Mr. Jackson is preceded in death by his parents, Aaron and Elma Jackson, wife, Iris Jackson and son, Charles Jackson. Condolences can be made at www.westanddunn.com. Services have been entrusted to West and Dunn Funeral Home of Newton Grove, NC.

CLINTON

Mr. Billy C. Lockamy, 72, of Odom Rd. passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at the VA Hospital in Fayetteville. Funeral Service was held on Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 2:00 pm at Royal-Hall Funeral Home with Rev. Rodney Hall officiating. Interment with military honors followed in the Grandview Memorial Park Cemetery. Born on November 10, 1948 in Sampson County, Billy was the son of the late William and Mary Huggins Lockamy. Billy was married to the love of his life for thirty-one years, the late Julia Marie Peacock Lockamy, who passed away three years ago. He was a proud Veteran of the United States Army serving his country in the Vietnam war and was a Purple Heart recipient. He was an active member of Allegiant Church & Creative Ministries. He was always tinkering in his work shed, either building something, fixing something or working in the yard. He also loved buying tractors, especially John Deere, and enjoyed watching Gunsmoke. More than anything, he loved his family and adored his grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He is survived by his daughters: Linda Edwards and husband, Jason of Clinton; Angela Mercer of Clinton and Michelle Skozlas and husband, Rich of New York; six grandchildren: Cassidy Edwards, Turner Edwards, Christopher Royal, Michaela Mercer, Olivia and Declan Skozlas; three great-grandchildren: Savannah Lucas, Carson Royal and Adam Hazelwood; four brothers: Johnny Lockamy, JC Lockamy, Donald Lockamy, James Lockamy (Coety) and three sisters: Carolyn Autry, Brenda Fryar and Judy Hall. In addition to his parents and wife, Julia, he was preceded in death by a sister, Kay Sturgill and a brother, John William Lockamy. Visitation for family and friends was held one hour prior to the service beginning on Thursday at the funeral home; and other times at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Jason Edwards at 82 Oxendine Lane, Clinton. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Lockamy family.



CLINTON

Maxine Matthis Matthews, 89 of 120 Southwood Dr., died Friday, January 1, 2021 at Mary Gran Nursing Center, Clinton, NC. Born on March 23, 1931 to Oscar Lee Sr. and Sudie Mae Peterson Matthis. An Entombment service was held Monday, January 4, at 2:00 PM at Grandview Memorial Park with

Rev. Cameron Dunn officiating. Maxine was a 1951 graduate of Pineland College of Salemburg, a member and choir member of Grove Park Baptist Church which she loved. She spent six years as Youth Director of the Eastern Baptist Association. Maxine was also a 1981 Welcome Wagon hostess, 1994 graduate of Sampson Community College, former bookkeeper of Clinton Truck & Tractor Company and a substitute teacher of Sampson County Schools. Maxine was the widow of Aaron Max Matthews. She was preceded in death by four brothers: Wilbert Matthis and wife, Winnie Mae Wells, "A.T." Matthis, "O.L." Matthis, Jr. and Luvy Matthis and wife Wilda Faye Johnson. Three Sisters: Bertha and husband, Lawrence Matthis, Myrtis and husband, Alton Ezzell and Callie and husband, Willie Carr. Survived by sisters-in-law, Vara and Annette Matthis. Maxine loved everybody and always considered helping others an honor. In Lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Ingold Baptist Church, 1500 Lisbon Bridge Rd., Garland, NC. or Grove Park Baptist Church, 609 Northeast Blvd Clinton, NC 28328. A special thanks to the nurses and staff at Mary Gran Nursing Center for their excellent care and support during this time. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Matthews family.

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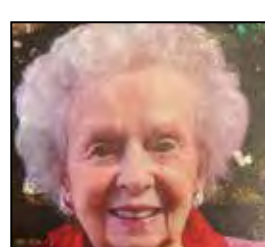
Mr. Michael Crumpler, 58, of Clinton, NC passed away Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at Rex Healthcare, Raleigh, NC. The graveside service will be held at 12pm, Saturday, January 16, 2021 at Sandhill Cemetery, Clinton, NC. Mr. Crumpler is survived by his son, Julius Kerr of Raleigh, NC; sisters, Lorraine Parker of Clinton, NC, Teresa McNeil of Rose Hill, NC, Sandra Gardner of Harrells, NC and Becky Johnson of Rose Hill, NC; brothers, Danny Gardner of Lillington, NC, Willie Ray Gardner of Magnolia, NC. A public viewing was held on Friday, January 15, 2021 from 1pm-6pm at the Worley Funeral Home, Inc.(Mask required) Service will be live-streamed via Worley Funeral Home Facebook page. Online condolences may be sent to worleyfuneralhomeinc.com.



SANFORD

Mrs. Laura Holoman Murphy, 88, of Sanford, formerly of Tomahawk, died peacefully Thursday, December 31, 2020. Burial was held in the Clinton Cemetery following a Graveside Service led by Rev. Tim Register of Siloam Baptist Church at 2:00 pm on Saturday, January 9, 2021. She will be buried beside her loving husband of 54 years, the late Charles Henry Murphy. Born September 30, 1932 in Raleigh, Mrs. Murphy was the daughter of the late Dallas and Bessie Gray Holoman. She was raised in Raleigh, a graduate of Broughton High School and the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill (BSBA '54). On October 22, 1955, she and Charles Murphy married at First Baptist Church in Raleigh. They lived and farmed in Tomahawk on the Murphy

land that has been in the Murphy family since 1774. They were members of Siloam Baptist Church in Harrells where she taught Sunday School for many years. Laura taught at Harrells Christian Academy and later at Sampson Community College. After retirement, Laura moved to Sanford, NC in 2010 and became a member of First Presbyterian Church. She was a member of the Pierian Literary Society, a member of the Private John Grady Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, and a member of the UNC Chapel Hill Alumni Association. Laura is survived by three daughters, Ginny Herring and husband Burke of Danville, Va., Bunny Paderick and husband Rick of Sanford, and Patricia Horrell and husband Greg of Tomahawk; and one sister, Carolyn Smith and husband Mark of Sumter, SC; seven grandchildren, Robert Herring and wife Jennifer, Laura Beth Trammell and husband Bobo, Carolyn Herring, Dr. Tripp Paderick and wife Mallory, Murphy Paderick and wife Jordan, Jason Horrell and husband Jeremy Crisp, and Arran Squibb and husband Cody; twelve great-grandchildren, Cheyenne, Kalyn, Evelyn, Peyton, Brantley, Sawyer, Addie, Mary Charles, Parker, Grayson, Colton, and Dallas; and many nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Sanford, 203 Hawkins Avenue, Sanford, NC 27330, to Siloam Baptist Church, 833 Tomahawk Hwy, Harrells, NC 28444, or to Community Home Care and Hospice, 110 Fields Drive, Sanford, NC 27330. Royal-Hall Funeral Home is honored to serve the Murphy family.



AUTRYVILLE

Ms. Doris Matthews Murray, 93, of Autryville, passed away Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at Brookshire Nursing Center in Hillsborough, NC. A private graveside service will be held at the Autry Family Cemetery, located on Autry Mill Rd. Autryville, with the Reverend Paul Honeycutt officiating. Doris, born in Sampson County, was the daughter of the late Shaddie and Lillian Honeycutt Matthews. Doris, retired from Sears as a bookkeeper and was a faithful member of Clement Baptist Church. Doris is survived by a daughter, Donna Musson and husband Jim, two grandsons: Ben and Caleb and also a great-grandson Greyson. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made in to Clement Baptist Church, 6020 Maxwell Rd. Autryville, NC 28318 Condolences can be made to the family via our website at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com. Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home of Clinton is in charge of arrangements.

CLINTON

Mrs. Reather Belle (Pope) Goodman, 91, of Clinton, passed away Sunday, January 3, 2021 at Southwood Nursing Home and Rehab Center. The graveside service was held at 1pm, Saturday, January 9, 2021 at Hillcrest Memorial Park, Clinton, NC with Elder Eddie Parker officiating. Mrs. Goodman is survived by DAUGHTERS-Geraldine Minter of Clayton, NC and Linda Sue Staton of Clinton, NC; 6 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. (Walk-thru) Viewing was held at Worley Funeral Home Saturday, January 9, 2021 from 10am - 12pm.



ROSEBORO

Rev. William Peterson, 84, of Roseboro, NC passed away Thursday, January 7, 2021 at home. The graveside service was held at 1pm, Friday, January 15, 2021 at Roseboro Cemetery (Marion Amos Road), Roseboro, NC with Dr. Christopher C. Brown officiating. Rev. Peterson is survived by daughters, Patricia Owens of Roseboro, NC and Anita Hubbard of San Pablo, CA; sons, Jerry Peterson of Sacramento, CA and Carl Peterson of Dunn, NC; sister, Hazel Anders of Miami, FL; brothers, Robert Peterson of Virginia Beach, VA and Daniel Peterson of Roseboro, NC; and a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren. Walk-Thru Viewing was held on Friday, January 15, 2021 from 10am - 12pm at the Worley Funeral Home, Inc. (Mask required) Service will be live-streamed via Worley Funeral Home Facebook page. Online condolences may be sent to worleyfuneralhomeinc.com.

SALEMBURG

Mr. Terry Lee Robinson, 65, of 741 Old Fayetteville Road, Salemburg, NC passed away Saturday at Sampson Regional Medical Center, Clinton, NC. The graveside service was held at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, January 7, 2021 at The Howard Family Cemetery, Salemburg with Pastor Djuan Rich officiating. The burial will follow after the service. Mr. Robinson is survived by his WIFE-Wanda Robinson of the home; DAUGHTER-Terlisa Cromartie Royal of Clinton, NC; SON-Terrance Robinson of Raleigh, NC; SISTER-Diane Allison of Bowie, MD; BROTHER-Lyndell Robinson of Clinton, NC; 5 grandchildren. NOTE: To access the graveside service via Facebook, log on to your Facebook account and type in Worley Funeral Home. The live-stream will be available at the service time. Public viewing at Worley Funeral Home (Mask are required) Wednesday, January 6, 2021 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

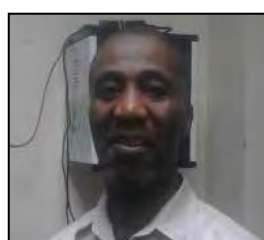


MIDWAY

Shelby Tew Jackson, 82, of the Midway Community of Sampson County, received her angel wings on January 2, 2021. Shelby was born January 18th, 1938, to Selma Jackson and Marion (Bird Dog) Tew of Sampson County. She was a lifelong member of Robert's Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church. She was a member of the Vanguard 1 Sunday School Class, Ladies Auxiliary, and served as Chairperson of the Robert's Grove Food Minister Committee for over 20 years. Shelby began playing the piano when she was just five years old. She served as Robert's Grove Church Pianist for more than six decades. Her passion was teaching music to children in the Midway, Clement, and Plain View communities. She taught music from her home and surrounding schools for more than 60 years. Her desire was to help the community churches to have talented piano and organ players for their worship services. Shelby worked for many years with her brother, Mack D. Tew, to run the family farm. Shelby was a wonderful cook and baker. She worked with her daughter Connie, and together, they operated Connie's Catering for 25 years. She was widely known for her delicious wedding and birthday cakes. She was preceded in death by her only daughter, Connie Strickland Gause; husbands Irvin McCray Strickland and Samuel H. Jackson; brother, Mack D. Tew, and sister Pennie Tew Dale. Shelby leaves behind her granddaughter Amanda LeJune Gause and son-in-law Terry F. Gause. Viewing was held on Tuesday, January 5th from 3:00 Pm to 6:00 Pm at Skinner and Smith Funeral Home of Dunn, North Carolina. Funeral Services was held at Robert's Grove OFWB Church, on Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. Entombment was at the church cemetery following the funeral services. Memorials may be made to the University of Mount Olive College Free Will Baptist Historical Collection, 634 Henderson St., Mt. Olive, NC 28365. A livestream of Mrs. Shelby Jackson's Funeral Service will be available to watch on www.robertsgrovechurch.com. Arrangements by Skinner & Smith Funeral Home in Dunn.

NEW YORK, NY

Mr. Kenneth Ray Spell, aka "Bean", 57, of New York, NY, formerly of Clinton, NC passed away Monday, January 4, 2021 in New York. The graveside service will be held at 1pm, Saturday, January 16, 2021 at Sandhill Cemetery, Clinton, NC with Rev. Dr. Thaddeus Godwin officiating. Mr. Spell is survived by wife, Teresa Rattley Spell of Clinton, NC; mother, Alice P. Spell of Clinton, NC; daughters, Rechetta Lynch of Rocky Mount, NC, Kendra Taylor of Allentown, PA, Aliyah Spell of Jersey City, NJ, Hakeema Fennell, Jenise Rattley and Whitney Taylor all of Clinton, NC; sons, Kenneth Taylor of Perth Amboy, NJ and Kenneth Ray Spell, Jr. of Jersey City, NJ; sisters, Shirley Jones of Hampton, GA and Alice "Tootie" Spell of Clinton, NC; brothers, Larry Underwood of New York, NY, Jimmy Underwood of Ft. Myers, FL, George Spell and Almond Spell of Clinton, NC and Willie Beamon of Charlotte, NC; 21 grandchildren. Walk-thru Viewing will be held on Saturday, January 16, 2021 from 11am - 12pm at the Worley Funeral Home, Inc., Clinton, NC.(Mask required) Service will be live-streamed via Worley Funeral Home Facebook page. Online condolences may be sent to worleyfuneralhomeinc.com.



DELWAY

Mrs. Evelyn Mainor Tatum, 83, of 2161 Herring Rd., Rose Hill, NC passed away on Thursday, December 31, 2020 at her residence. Mrs. Tatum was born August 31, 1937 in Florence, SC to the late Utis Mainor and Idella Gibbs. She was preceded in death by husband, Luther Thomas Tatum, four sisters, Louise Vann, Eula Mae Merritt, Elois Fennell and Mary Jacobs, two brothers, Clyde Mainor, Utis Mainor. A graveside service was held at noon/12:00 PM Wednesday, January 06, 2021 at Allen Community Cemetery, Herring Road in Rose Hill, NC. Mrs. Tatum is survived by one daughter, Linda G. Tatum-Robinson (Ricky) of Greenville, one son, Maurice Tatum of Delway, one sister, Eloise Middleton of Brooklyn, NY, one brother, James A. Mainor (Alice) Sacramento, Ca., 4 grandchildren, Cassandra D. Parker, Kevin Parker (Melissa), Maurice T. Tatum, Marisa T. Tatum, 7 great-grandchildren Deven L. Mack, Kailah B. Parker, Casheyana M. Mack, Savonney A. Mack, Kevin N. Parker, Aiden J. Parker, and Aaliya A. Parker, 2 great-great-grandchildren, Italy Parker, Energy Parker. A viewing was held on Tuesday, January 05, 2021 at Carter Funeral Home, Garland, NC from 1:00-6:00 PM. The service can be followed live via Facebook on the Carter Funeral Home Facebook page.



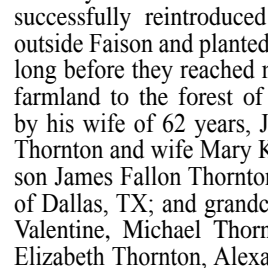
FAIR OAKS RANCH, TX (formerly of Faison)

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CLINTON

Ola Mae Simmons Vann, 93, of 180 Southwood Drive, passed away Saturday, January 9, 2021 at Southwood Nursing Center. A graveside service was held at 2 PM, Monday, January 11th at Clinton City Cemetery, with Rev. Matthew Creech and Rev. Mike Shook officiating. Ola, born in 1927 in Sampson County, was the daughter of the late Reddin Estel Simmons and Viola Guinn Simmons. She retired from Belk's in Clinton and also worked as the bookkeeper and co-owner with

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her husband of Vann's Used Cars. She was a member of Grove Park Baptist Church where she was a faithful member for many years. She loved this church as well as Hickory Grove Baptist Church, which was her first church and held a special place in her heart. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Jamie Lee "Robin" Vann and siblings, Inez Boyette, Kathleen Boyette and Reddin Oscar Simmons. Survivors include: children, Angela Vann Thornton (Wayne) of Faison and Jamie Reddin Vann (Marie) of Clinton; grandchildren, Amanda Wright (David) of Faison, Leslie Alderman (Blake) of Faison, Joanna Babson (Bradley) of Shallotte and Amy Warren (Bartley) of Newton Grove; and great-grandchildren, Zannah Wright, Larkyn Alderman, Hadley Alderman, Granger Warren, Bailey Babson, and Emerson Warren. The family would like to thank Southwood Nursing Center and Liberty Home Care and Hospice for their dedication and the love and care they provided. Memorials may be made to the Baptist Children's Home, PO Box 338, Thomasville, NC 27361. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com.



ROSEBORO
Houston Butler Warren, 92, of 1770 Straw Pond School Road, passed away Thursday, January 7, 2021 at his home. Funeral was held at 2 PM, Sunday, January 10th at Mt. Elam Baptist Church with the Rev. Brandon Glunt officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery. A walk-through visitation was held from 10 AM – 4 PM, Saturday, January 9th, at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home without the family present. The family received friends at the home of his son, William at 1830 Straw Pond School Road, Roseboro, N.C. Houston, born in 1928 in Sampson County, was the son of the late Langdon Demanister Warren and Nadine Butler Warren. In addition to his parents he was also preceded in death by his wife, Doris Lambeth Warren, and grandson, James O'Tuel Warren, Jr. He was an educator with Sampson County Schools and Fayetteville Technical Community College, retiring after thirty five years of teaching. After retiring from education, he became a contract grower of turkeys with Prestage Farms and a contract grower of pigs for Smithfield Foods. He was a member of Mingo Masonic Lodge #206 and a member of Mt. Elam Baptist Church. Survivors include; sons, William Houston Warren and wife Donna, James O'Tuel Warren and wife Stephanie, and Louis Langdon Warren; sisters, Betty Allen Warren Jackson and Elsie Jane Warren McLamb; grandchildren, Meredith Warren Stewart, Caroline Louise Warren, Kathryn Warren Saylor, and Elizabeth Warren Eagan; six great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made in the name of Houston B. Warren to Mt. Elam Baptist Church, 2211 Mt. Elam Church Road, Roseboro, NC 28382. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com.

SALEMBURG
Peggy Jeanette Parker Williams was born to Stacey and Reva Parker in Sampson County, NC on March 8, 1949. She departed this life on January 3, 2021. She spent her childhood in Salemburg, NC and attended school in Sampson county until she graduated. She then moved to New York City where she became a member of Refuge Temple of Deliverance. She worked as a phlebotomist until she retired. After retirement she moved to Henderson, NC. She then joined Young Memorial Holy Church under Pastor Walter Young. Preceded in death is her mother Reva Owens Parker, Father Stacey Parker, Brother Willie Parker, and Sister Sarah Parker Roseboro and Brother-in Law Hector Cruz. She leaves to cherish her memories her Daughter Tanya Turner (Ronald) of Henderson, NC; Brother Harry Parker (Alvinia) of Salemburg; Sister Barbara Cruz of Bronx, NY. Grandchildren Sammo Hart, Diamond Turner and 2 Great Grandchildren. A host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Graveside Service was held Saturday, January 9, 2021 at Bearskin MBC Cemetery at 1:00 pm. Public Visitation: Saturday, January 9, 2021 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. Masks are required to attend visitation and service. Graveside Service will be live-streamed via Facebook live through Butler & Son Funeral Home Facebook page. Butler & Son Funeral Home, Inc Roseboro, NC.



CLINTON
Edward H. Boney, Age 82- of 703 W. Main St., Clinton, NC died Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in Fayetteville, NC. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

BRISTON, TN
Linda Jane Smith Edwards Brown, age 84, was welcomed to Heaven by Jesus Christ on Sunday, January 3. She was born July 15, 1936 in Warsaw, NC to Frank and Eva Powell Smith. Married to Donnie L. Edwards in 1956, they made their home in Roseboro and reared their four children in a home that was always full of people and laughter. She is preceded in death by her parents, husbands, Donnie Edwards and Alvin Brown, brothers, Thomas William Smith, Frank Smith, Jr., her son Chris Edwards and granddaughter, Sarah Edwards. Linda is survived by her children, Michelle and Wayne Reynolds of Topsail Beach, Don and Kim Edwards of Columbia, SC and Mary Linda and David Whitledge of Abingdon, Va. Grandchildren William and Caroline Reynolds, Smith Reynolds, Chris and Erin Edwards, Donnie Edwards III and Perry and Hannah Whitledge. Great grandchildren Julian and Jason Edwards. Special sister-in-law's Joyce Carter, Grey Thompson, Mary Love Royal and Carol Honeycutt. Special

extended family Fran, Ashley and Tyler Matthis. Upon graduating from Salemburg High School, Linda graduated from Watts School of Nursing. She spent the next 40 years as a nurse with Sampson Memorial Hospital and Sampson County Schools. After retirement Linda served as a Nurse Missionary on three trips to India. Sharing the gospel of Jesus on Emmaus Walks and Kairos Prison Ministries was her passion. Linda gave her life to family, friends and strangers sharing the love of Jesus. In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to Roseboro First Baptist Church. A celebration of her life will be held in late spring due to COVID restrictions. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.

SALEMBURG
Mrs. Cynthia Louise Smith, 71 passed away on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at Kitty Askins Hospice Center in Goldsboro. The family will hold services at a later date. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 6535 Clinton Road, Stedman, NC 28391.

CLINTON
Delenda Harris Jackson, 72, passed away Thursday, January 14, 2021 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in Fayetteville. Funeral Services will be held on Sunday, January 17th at 2:00 pm at Spirit of Life Church with Rev. Darian Parker and Bishop Larry Parker officiating. Burial will follow at Grandview Memorial Park. (The family asks that masks be worn, and social distancing be observed.) Born on April 26, 1948 in Loris, South Carolina, was the daughter of William T. and Beatrice Ward Harris and a member of Spirit of Life Church. She loved her family, friends and church family. Her ministry was showing love by sending out cards to the church members and anyone she felt needed uplifting. She had a heart of gold and would do anything she could to help someone in need. Delenda was loved by all who knew her and will be greatly missed. She is survived by her son, Timmy Wayne Jackson and wife, Tina of Clinton; grandsons: Tyler and Timothy Jackson; two sisters: Shirley Gautier and husband, Kenneth of Roseboro; Jewel Sessoms and husband, Jerry of Roseboro and a brother, William "Bill" Harris and wife, Linda Faye of Clinton. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Jackson family.

FAYETTEVILLE
Mr. Frederick Otto Smith, Jr., 80 passed away on Thursday, January 14, 2021 at The Gardens of Roseboro Nursing Home. Funeral service will held at 2:00 PM Sunday, January 17, 2021 at Butler Funeral Home in Roseboro, officiating will be Rev. Tommy Honeycutt. Burial will follow at Cross Creek Cemetery in Fayetteville. The family will receive friends from 1:00 PM to 1:50 PM Sunday at the funeral home prior to the service. He is preceded in death by his parents, Frederick Otto Smith, Sr. and Frances Larue Smith. He was retired with over 24 years of service in the United States Navy. He is survived by his daughters, Robin McLaurin of Wade and Renee Carter of Fayetteville; and a special cousin, Helen Sessoms of Autryville. The family would like to thank the staff and the residents of The Gardens of Roseboro for the loving care they provided Mr. Smith. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Disabled American Veterans, 520 Johnson Street, Fayetteville, NC 28303. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC 28382.

CLINTON
Ms. Genotra Robinson, 84, of 120 Southwood Drive, Clinton, NC passed away Thursday at Mary Gran Nursing Center, Clinton, NC. The funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later. Ms. Robinson is survived by her SON-Marvin Robinson of NY; SISTERS-Ora Dell Boykin of Clinton, NC, Evelyn Brown of New Castle, DE and Patricia Fowler of Chicago, IL. Worley Funeral Home Inc.

ELIZABETHTOWN
Mr. Timothy Franklin Smith, 57 of Elizabethtown passed away on Sunday, January 3, 2021 in Bladen County. A graveside service was held at 1:00 PM on Thursday, January 7, 2021 at Old Bluff Presbyterian Church Cemetery. Mr. Smith was a native of Bladen County, the son of Harrell Lavern and Ethelene Tyler Smith. He is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Harrell Smith. He is survived by three daughters, Diana Smith Hester of Elizabethtown; Nicole Smith Strickland of Whiteville; and Stephanie Smith Seabrooks and husband, Lawrence of Elizabethtown; ten grandchildren and one sister, Wanda Thorton of Roseboro. In Lieu of flowers donations may be made to Butler Funeral Home P.O. Box 638, Roseboro, NC 28382 to help offset the funeral expenses. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.

GARLAND
Mr. Johnnie Thomas, age 77 of 541 Gibbs Road, Garland, NC departed this life on January 2, 2021. Funeral Services were held on Saturday, January 9, 2021 at 11:00 AM in the Summerville-Boykin Mortuary, Garland, NC. Burial: Garland Community Cemetery. He is survived by: wife, Loretta; children: Johnny Smith, Demond Harmon, Akio Thomas, Jamar Thomas and Marcus Thomas; sister, Marie Gardner; one grandchild, Zionna Thomas and a host of other relatives and friends. There was a viewing on Friday, January 8, 2021 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Summerville-Boykin Mortuary, Garland, NC. Services are being entrusted to Wiseman Mortuary, Inc. of Fayetteville, NC and assisted by Summerville-Boykin Mortuary, Inc.

CLINTON
Samuel Wait Brewer Kitchin, beloved father, brother and grandfather passed away, in his home, January 8th, 2021. Sam was born January 2nd, 1950 in Asheboro, North Carolina. He is survived by his three children, Susan Kitchin McElhinney and husband Lance, of Denver, Anna Clark Kitchin of Elizabeth City, and Catherine Eugenia Kitchin of Chapel Hill and three grandchildren, Colin Reed McElhinney, Robert Kitchin "Kitch"

McElhinney and Amelia Ann McElhinney of Denver. He is also survived by his siblings, William Walton Kitchin Jr. and wife Anne of Greenville, and Clark Kitchin Larson and husband Randy, of Winston-Salem as well as 7 nieces and nephews. Sam was born, the middle child of three, to the late Dr. William Walton and Nancy Brewer Kitchin of Clinton. He was an avid golfer by the age of 8 and at age 10 was a North/South Carolina Junior State Champion. Sam graduated from Wake Forest University, earning his History degree in 1974. While there, Sam made many of his life-long friends and was a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. While at Wake Forest, Sam played on the 1974 Golf Team which won an NCAA Championship. Sam remained an avid Wake Forest fan and relished taking his girls to see them play football and basketball, while catching up with old friends. Sam found his calling in life through teaching and coaching in Sampson County, most recently at Midway High School. His Midway family was very important to him and going to any, and all, of their sporting events was a mainstay in his schedule. He was a natural with students, a treasured faculty member and coach. He knew how to make you feel like the most important person in the room and genuinely cared for others. Sam was a consummate jokester and enjoyed telling stories that included enough embellishment to leave you guessing. He was the kind of person that would give you the shirt off his back and the long list of people that were his great friends is a testament to that quality. The Family is particularly grateful for the local hospice care and the compassionate support provided to him during his time at home. Sam leaves behind friends and family that loved him dearly. He was so proud of his daughters and all that they have accomplished. Those who knew him were lucky, those that called him friend were blessed. In lieu of flowers, The Family have established a scholarship, for a deserving Midway Senior, in his name. Contributions may be sent to Sam Kitchin Memorial Scholarship Fund c/o Clark Kitchin Larson, 3770 Kirklees Rd, Winston-Salem NC 27104. A Celebration of Life will be held for Sam in summer of 2021 with the assistance of Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, in Clinton.



HARRELLS
Rena Catherine King Carter of Harrells passed from her earthly life on January 11, 2021 while at home. Born on August 11, 1941 in New Hanover County, she is the daughter of the late Letha Greene and Eva Pauline Herring King. Also preceding her in death are her husband--Percy Lee Carter; sisters--Christine Richards, Letha Joy, and Shirley Peterson. Left to cherish her memory are her children--Terrie Burgess and husband Richard of Ivanhoe, Keith Carter and wife Rebecca of Clayton, and Kristy C. Dixon and husband Steve of Teachey; grandchildren--Chad Burgess of Wilmington, Channing Burgess and fiancé Danielle of Reston, VA; sister--Eva Cannady of Wilmington; brothers-in-law--Jerry Mack Carter and wife Ann of Hampstead, Jimmy Boney of Clinton; sister-in-law--Jean Page of Wilmington; and many nieces and nephews. Mrs. Carter spent many years working as a teacher assistant in the Head Start program. She was dedicated to her church--the Wells Chapel Baptist Church in the Harrells area of Sampson County where she attended worship services regularly and was active on many committees. Her church was a very important part of her life and her children grew up attending church with her. One of her greater pleasures in life was spending time outdoors taking care of her lawn and flowers. The love of her family was paramount in her life. A graveside service to celebrate her life was held 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 in the Wells Chapel Baptist Church cemetery officiated by the Reverend Barry Wells. The family grieved friends at a visitation in the church at 1:00 p.m. prior to the service. Rather than floral arrangements, family requests that contributions be considered to the Wells Chapel Baptist Church cemetery fund. Pall bearers are Kirby Smith, Jim Boney, Joe Don Boney, Glenn Page, Chad Burgess, and Channing Burgess. Padgett Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the Carter family.

SALEMBURG
Mrs. Magdalene Taylor Hairr, 84 of Salemburg, passed away on Friday, January 15, 2021 at UNC Rex Healthcare. She was born on July 3, 1936 in Sampson County and was the daughter of the late Floyd and Olive Peacock Taylor. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Leevon Hairr; and a sister, Lil Taylor. She worked in the school cafeteria with Sampson County Schools. She is survived by her son, Kenneth Hairr (wife, Judy) of Stedman; her daughter, Melissa Baker of Angier; grandchildren, Evan Hairr (fiancé, Alexa), Allison Baker, Erin Naylor (husband, Joe); a great granddaughter, Madilynn Naylor; and a sister, Otha McFadyen of Fayetteville. A graveside service will be held at Zoar Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church Cemetery of Salemburg, on Sunday, January 17, 2021 at 3:00pm with Reverend Kelvin Blackman officiating. A public viewing will be held at Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro on Saturday afternoon from 1:00pm-4:00pm. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Zoar Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church, 740 Zoar Church Road, Salemburg, NC 28385. Services are entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro.



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NASCAR THIS WEEK

QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Kinda quick to pull the plug on practice and qualifying, wouldn't you say?

Not when you consider how far in advance most of the teams work to prepare, not just in terms of building cars, but budgeting weekend travel and budgeting personnel needs and everything else that goes into putting a season-long plan in place. But NASCAR has long held onto an asterisk and italic standby for all of its scheduling: ** Subject to change*. If it becomes feasible to loosen the reins as the season moves along, they could do that, but given those long-range budgeting concerns, I doubt they'll whip out the asterisk this year.

Are we missing much?

They'll hold practice and/or qualifying at three big events (Daytona 500, Coke 600 and championship race at Phoenix) and the five new venues for 2021 (new road courses plus Bristol's dirt race). Watching the old system during those weekends might tell us whether we actually miss it or not. If nothing else, however, practice and qualifying gives us a chance to learn what color and logo scheme teams put in play for that particular week.

— Ken Willis



Remember the good ol' days of the Busch Pole Award?
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DAYTONA MOTOR MOUTHS

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WHAT'S ON TAP

Jan. 13-18: Chili Bowl Nationals mid-et-car championships in Tulsa, Okla.
Jan. 22-24: Three-day test for Rolex 24 at Daytona
Jan. 30-31: Rolex 24 at Daytona

NASCAR Speedweeks at Daytona:
Feb. 9: Busch Clash
Feb. 10: Daytona 500 pole qualifying
Feb. 11: "Duel" Daytona 500 qualifying races
Feb. 12: Truck Series season opener
Feb. 13: Xfinity Series season opener
Feb. 13: ARCA Series season opener
Feb. 14: 63rd Daytona 500
Feb. 21: Daytona Road Course race

2021 CUP SERIES SCHEDULE

Feb. 9: Busch Clash at Daytona
Feb. 14: Daytona 500
Feb. 21: Daytona Road Course
Feb. 28: Homestead
March 7: Las Vegas
March 14: Phoenix
March 21: Atlanta
March 28: Bristol (dirt)
April 10: Martinsville

THROUGH THE GEARS



Kevin Harvick's bad end to 2020 didn't scare the smart people in Las Vegas. JEROME MIRON, USA TODAY SPORTS

Betting odds: Harvick favored to win ... again

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Don't look now, but the Daytona 500 is less than five weeks away. That's right. The NASCAR offseason is barreling toward the finish line, with the Busch Clash and Daytona Speedweeks so close you can almost hear the haulers rolling down I-95. While teams will spend the first three weeks of 2021 in Florida, the grand prize this NASCAR season is again in Phoenix, which will serve as November's championship race. And if you want to make some money, the smart people in Vegas are saying Kevin Harvick is your man ... again.

First gear

Last week, BetOnline named Harvick the betting favorite to win the '21 championship at 5/1 odds, followed by a slew of guys at 7/1, including Chase Elliott, Denny Hamlin, Joey Logano and Kyle Busch. This isn't anything unusual, either. In fact, since 2016, Harvick has entered the season the betting favorite in various sports-books every year except 2018, when Kyle Busch was the pick. Unfortunately, any futures bet didn't exactly pan out, as Harvick hasn't won a title

since 2014. So what does it all mean? Well, nothing, really. Harvick probably should enter the year as the favorite after winning nine races last season, and the 45-year-old will almost certainly be in the championship race next November (lightning can't strike you twice, can it?). But, perusing this year's list of favorites, some names do stick out. Kyle Larson sits at 12/1, and will be making his NASCAR return in a Hendrick car and with a chip on his shoulder. Alex Bowman caught fire early last season and fizzled out toward the end, but at 28/1 he could worth a flier. Same can be said about Bubba Wallace, who is way down the list at 66/1 but will be in a new car, with (presumably) better horsepower and an owner who knows a thing or two about winning championships. One more name to watch? Austin Dillon. He sits at 100/1 and is coming off his best Cup season where he advanced to the second round of the playoffs.

Second gear

This is a big week for many in the racing industry, with the ever-popular Chili Bowl underway in Tulsa, Oklahoma. A dozen NASCAR drivers are entered in the 2021 event, including: Larson, Elliott, Christopher Bell, Ricky Stenhouse,

Jr., Kasey Kahne, Ryan Newman, Justin Allgaier, Chase Briscoe, Brett Moffitt, J.J. Yeley, Garrett Smithley and Ryan Ellis. Larson won last year's main event while Bell won the previous three years.

Third gear

Think people are excited about the Bristol Dirt race in March? The Speedway announced last week that grandstand seating capacity has already been reached, while a limited number of premium seating options still remain. The Speedway also released a picture last week of the first batch of dirt arriving at the track and a layer of sawdust being laid down. Who knew dirt could be this exciting?

Fourth gear

Front Row Motorsports announced last week that Anthony Alfredo will drive the No. 38 Ford Mustang this season in his first full-time venture at the Cup level. Alfredo, 21, replaces John Hunter Nemechek, and has just 13 Truck races and 19 Xfinity races under his belt. He's also nicknamed "Fast Pasta" and has an official logo that shows him eating a giant bowl of spaghetti. To bring this full circle, that alone should make him the betting favorite to win Rookie of the Year.

SPEED FREAKS

Most practice and qualifying is still off the table. Honestly, will you miss it?

Ken's call: If one popular theory regarding 2020 is legit, Kyle Busch will miss it. Watching it at selected tracks (mostly the new venues) might remind me that I actually miss it, but I guess my answer is, "I'm not sure."
Dean's dirt: No. Absolutely not. No way, Jose. Not at all. Not even in the slightest. How many more ways can I say no?

Given Bristol's scheduled conversion to dirt for March, which other track would you like to cover in clay?

Ken's call: Easy ... New Hampshire. If the Bristol race is a huge hit, so to speak, the call will go out for more — that's the way it always works. But if there's another, let's hope it's a traditional dirt venue like Eldora or the like.
Dean's dirt: Pocono? I don't know. I know people like the fuel strategy races, but Pocono aint exactly edge-of-your-seat TV. Let's throw some dirt down and see if it sticks.

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