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## SCC Event Connects Job Seekers with Employers



Job seekers visit the booths at this year's Career Fair at SCC

It would be nice if getting a job were as easy as walking in the door. Sometimes, it is. That was the spirit behind Sampson Community College's Career Fair this week. Four-dozen employers stacked the Warren Student Center at SCC to meet potential employees face to face.

"This is exciting," said Toledo Kemmer, Career Specialist at SCC and coordinator of

**JOB FAIR, see P.4**

## 7th Annual Garland Easter Egg Hunt Set for April 22nd



On Monday April 22nd, Garland will hold its 7th Annual Easter Egg Hunt for the community. The egg hunt will be held at the Garland Recreational Park from 10:00am until 3:00pm. Event coordinators are looking for volunteers to help with the event and vendors and entertainment as well. The Town of Garland is expecting another successful event this year. Last year almost 1000 children turned out to fill their baskets full of goodies and surprises.

When asked how she felt about the turnout last year Garland Mayor Winifred Murphy stated, "I was thrilled to see the huge number of children and adults enjoying the activities. It was amazing to see the excitement on the children's faces as they were signaled to begin the hunt for the Easter eggs."

Event Coordinators Jackie Newton Johnson and Veronica Thomas and their volunteers have been promoting this year's event with posters and flyers in area churches and businesses and posted signs throughout town. It has been announced on the town's webpage, a One-Call Now phone call will be generated to all residents, and the egg hunt has been promoted by social media and Facebook through the Garland Group and various individual Facebook pages. All the hard work by the event planners are in hopes that a large group of kids will come out on Monday April 22nd and join in on the fun.

Activities will be available for children of all ages, which includes the egg hunt for children from ages 0-12. Children will be divided by age groups 0-4, 5-7, 8-12 and an Easter egg hunt for the special needs' children. Other activities will include face painting, corn hole, kiddie rides, a bounce house, train rides, ice cream truck, cake walk, and live entertainment. The Hippy Hop 4-H Rabbit Club will also be on hand so that children can pet the

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**WEATHER**

<b>Fri</b>	PM	Shows	50%
Hi: 79°	Lo: 65°		
<b>Sat</b>	T-Storms		80%
Hi: 81°	Lo: 65°		
<b>Sun</b>	AM	Shows	40%
Hi: 82°	Lo: 65°		
<b>Mon</b>	AM	Shows	60%
Hi: 70°	Lo: 48°		
<b>Tues</b>	Sunny		0%
Hi: 74°	Lo: 53°		
<b>Wed</b>	Cloudy		0%
Hi: 80°	Lo: 59°		



Look no further for the perfect Spring outing in Sampson County!

The town of Roseboro is excited to host their 2nd annual BloomFest in Downtown Roseboro on Saturday, April 27th from 10am - 4pm.

BloomFest is a family friendly festival held in the heart Downtown Roseboro. While Roseboro might be small, the 1st annual event sure wasn't with an estimated 2,500 people in attendance. In its second year, BloomFest is sure to attract many from Sampson County and beyond.

With over 60 local vendors of all kinds from food trucks, local artisans, businesses, non-profits and churches the streets of Downtown Roseboro will be filled to the brim with excited festival participants and go-ers.

The BloomFest entertainment line-up this year features The Eastline Band during the times of 12pm-2pm and several other local vocal artists and dancers. Bring a lawn chair to sit back,

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**WEEKLY VERSE**

These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ. Colossians 2:17

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			<b>15oz Hormel Fully Cooked Quick Meals</b> <b>\$4.99</b>		<b>12oz Butterball Turkey Bacon</b> <b>\$1.99</b>		<b>12oz John Morrell Bacon</b> <b>2/\$5</b>
			<b>27oz Swaggerty's Frozen Sausage Patties</b> <b>\$3.99</b>		<b>12oz Armour Meat Hot Dogs</b> <b>5/\$5</b>		

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## LOCAL NEWS

# From the Desk of Senator Brent Jackson

I hope your week has been a great one thus far. Earlier last week, I had the chance to meet with a few of the Johnston County Community College Board of Trustees here in Raleigh. Thank you all for working on behalf of our students in District 10 and please continue to make Johnston County Community College the best place it can be.



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

## Legislative Recap

### Public School Lunches Bill

Last week I filed S.B. 487 to assist with an ongoing issue of students not being able to eat while at school. The bill will allow for students to eat school meals without being restricted due to debt incurred over time. It was brought to our office's attention that students were being denied lunches due to debt from being unable to fully pay for lunches in the past. The bill allows for students to continue to also receive free lunches and reduced lunches for those who still qualify.

## From the District

### Duplin County

#### Alternative Energy Day Tour/Alternative Energy Day Tour

April 20th at 12:30pm - 4:30pm

Get ready to embark on a journey that will provide a behind-the-scenes view of how Duplin County produces alternative energy. People joining the tour will learn:

- How hog waste is converted to energy at Smithfield.
- What types of plants are raised for biofuels at the NCSU Williamsdale Research Farm.

The tour will begin at:

Cowan Museum of History and Science  
411 S. Main St., Kenansville, NC 28349  
(910) 296-2149, [cowanmuseum.org](http://cowanmuseum.org)

For questions about the event contact the Cowan Museum of History and Science at (910) 296-2149, or visit [www.cowanmuseum.org](http://www.cowanmuseum.org).

## Sampson County

### Sampson Community College Foundation to Award \$100K

The application deadline for Sampson Community College Foundation scholarships is April 15. These scholarships are funded through donations from the local community and assist full-time students with academic needs.

By completing this single application, students are eligible for all potential SCC Foundation awards for the 2019-2020 academic year. SCC Foundation scholarships for the 2019-2020 academic year are awarded for the fall 2019 semester and the spring 2020 semester.

For the upcoming school year, the foundation will award more than \$100,000 in scholarships to more than 90 deserving applicants. The foundation scholarship application is open to all individuals who plan to enroll as a full-time student at SCC during the next academic year.

Each year the foundation works to raise funds to help make college admissions easier. Both the donors and the scholars benefit through reward of opportunities.

Students may apply for admission at any time, however, staff encourages early admissions to guarantee course selection. The priority deadline to complete admissions for fall semester is May 1, although the school will continue to admit students after the deadline. School officials urge students to apply early, as they risk the chance of not having enough time to complete the admissions and financial aid process.

Scholarships will aid 90 students; deadline approaching

## District Spotlight

### American Legion's Honored on 100th Anniversary

Johnston County Commissioners recognized the American Legion's 100th Anniversary last week. Commissioners adopted a resolution at their April 1st meeting at the Johnston County Courthouse in Smithfield.

The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a Patriotic Veterans Organization, focusing on services to Veterans, service members and their communities. The Legion evolved from a group of war-weary Veterans of World War I into one of the most influential nonprofit groups in the United States. Today, membership stands at more than 2 million in more than 13,000 posts worldwide

The organization stands behind the issues most important to the nation's Veterans.

Currently there are more than 1,294 registered members in Johnston County and 9 active American Legion posts and more than 14,000 Veterans within the county limits.

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.

# SPRING FOOD TRUCK RODEO



The Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce and the Sampson County Small Business Center are partnering together once again for another Food Truck Rodeo!

Join us Wednesday, May 1st from 11am-2pm to indulge in 6 amazing food trucks ranging from Southern Smoke BBQ, The Little Chef, Somethin' Good, Taqueria Tierra Caliente Mexican Food to The Hot Dog Shack and Pelican's Snoballs!

The Food Truck Rodeo will be held at Sampson County Community College where it is easily accessible for all! We encourage all college students, staff and community members to join us for this fun experience! ALL are welcome!

"We can't wait to offer this unique business concept to both the food truck owners and Sampson

County citizens again" states Allison Strickland, Executive Director of the Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce.

"I think it is beneficial to Sampson County that two separate agencies can work together for the benefit of local businesses and the entire community. I feel fortunate to be part of such a great partnership!" States Bart Rice, Director of the Sampson County Small Business Center.

The Chamber and Small Business Center are looking forward to providing another opportunity for these businesses to get their name out to the community. All Food Trucks were called on last fall by invitation only and had such a successful event, they all asked to return this Spring.

Southern Smoke BBQ of Garland is almost a household name in Sampson County and with the positive publicity of their new cookbook release this spring, it's expected to have even more folks to show up to taste their southern-style barbeque, ribs and brisket.

The Little Chef, a new Chamber member, is originally from Duplin County but very well known around Sampson County for their superb catering services and unique menu. The ladies of The Little Chef have worked with Timberlake Golf Club over the years and have most recently benefited from recent collaborations with The Ashford Inn in Clinton for a brunch series, open house and private parties.

Somethin' Good will be joining the line up again after winning over Rodeo- goers in the fall with their pimento cheese, jalapeno cheese burger last fall. (try saying that 10 times fast)! "I can personally attest that it was SOMETHIN' GOOD last time" says Strickland "We can't wait to hear what will be on their menu this time around!"

T.T. Caliente serves delicious, authentic Mexican food. From tacos, burritos, enchiladas to nachos... they serve it all. At the last event, we saw lots of nacho plates floating around, we will have to be sure to get those this time!

The partnership is offering two new additions to the Food Truck Rodeo this time around. Chamber member, The Hot Dog Shack and Pelican's Snoballs of Roseboro. One can find The Hot Dog Shack, grilling fresh sausage dogs, Bright Leaf Hotdogs and hamburgers at 913 Southeast Blvd. in Clinton on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10am-2pm. The Hot Dog Shack is the adorable little log cabin hanging out in front of M & W Diesel Repair- they are Sampson County homegrown and a beloved hobby for retired Ricky Carter.

And last but not least, our partnership welcomes Pelican's Snoballs of Roseboro to our Food Truck Rodeo line-up! Can't beat a delicious shaved ice treat on a spring day! At the Food Truck Rodeo, they will only be offering a few special flavors but at the location in Downtown Roseboro, you can choose from over 100 flavors!!

"We are truly setting up a day of culinary adventure for Sampson County with 6 different food trucks! It's going to be a great community event." Laughs Strickland.

If you own a Food Truck are interested in participating in future events, please email the Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce.

The purpose of the Chamber of Commerce is to further the interests of businesses, a strong Chamber of Commerce is made up of members who can create a pool of resources from which ideas, energy and finances can be drawn. Membership in the Chamber entitles member firms and individuals to a valuable package of benefits such as networking opportunities, lunch and learn opportunities with different topics for business growth, promotion, exclusive sponsorship and advertising benefits, on-line business directory and exclusive events. If you are interested in learning more about Chamber membership, please email [info@clintonsampsonchamber.org](mailto:info@clintonsampsonchamber.org) today! Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram "Clinton-Sampson Chamber".

The Chamber of Commerce encourages ALL community members to join us in our events. We would love to meet you! Again, follow us on social media or call our office (910) 592-6177 for upcoming events!

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# SCAM ALERT

## Members Beware Scammers Demanding Payment

South River EMC would like to bring to attention something that everyone should be aware of when answering the phone – scammers.

Scammers have been reaching out to area residents with a demand for payment of an “outstanding” utility bill. The caller states that they are from the electric company and that electric service will be disconnected in 30 minutes if a payment is not made immediately. The scammers then tell the unsuspecting victim to go purchase a preloaded credit card and call a provided number to make payment. The caller ID could actually be spoofed to show up as South River EMC.

If you receive a call like this, hang up! South River EMC does not call you to demand payment immediately. You can call South River EMC at 910.892.8071 to check your balance any time or visit [sremc.com](http://sremc.com) and log-in to your online account.

You might think this could never happen to you, but always remain aware of what could be happening when you answer the phone. Remember, if it doesn't seem right, it might not be.

Again, if you have questions about your South River EMC electric account, please contact the Co-operative at 910.892.8071 or visit [sremc.com](http://sremc.com).

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live rabbits. There is no charge to participate in the Egg Hunt this year. Children just need to bring their own baskets.

The Easter Egg Hunt will start at 12noon. The Easter Bunny will be present to take pictures with the children.

The Sampson County Sheriff's Department will also be at the event giving children law enforcement demonstrations.

The event is sponsored by the Town of Garland and the Garland Community Action Group. Event coordinators urge all local and area residents to come out to the Garland Recreational Park on April 22nd and join in on the fun.

Event coordinators noted that the smile they see on the children's faces each year is worth all the work. "We just love it!"

The deadline to register to be a vendor is April 11th. The fee for food item vendor is \$60.00 and \$25.00 for non-food item vendors. Please call Sheila Smith at (910)385-5107 for more information.

For more information on the event, contact Jackie Newton Johnson at (910)876-4732 or Veronica Thomas at (910)916-5593.

## Newton Grove's New Chief of Police is Sworn In



Chief Greg Warren was officially sworn into office during Monday night's Town Hall meeting. Chief Warren was joined by his wife Tracy, and two of his three children, Jordan Parker and Morgan Warren. His oldest son Aaron joined in via video conference as he is currently stationed in Jacksonville, FL with the USCG.

Wife Tracy pinned Chief Warren's badge while Jordan and Morgan pinned his lapel insignia. Approximately 50 friends and relatives attended the ceremony and reception that followed.



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## LOCAL NEWS

### **JOB FAIR, cont. from P. 1**

the event. “To be able to have this many employers in one location to meet face to face as opposed to just having someone upload a resume is priceless. We had forty business participate in our fall job fair and this time, there are almost fifty, so it is growing.”

Career fairs are important to the local economy. Planning of the event centers around inviting vendors that would relate to at least one of many programs of study at Sampson Community College. By doing this, opportunities increased for students to communicate with an employer in their field of study. Sampson Community College is committed to planning and hosting events to help promote and support local employers and provide a service to students and others in the community.

“This is an opportunity for employers and potential employees to meet,” adds Kemmer. “I spoke with some representatives from Butterball who are here, and they informed me that at the last event in October, they found fifteen prospective employees so that is great! That’s the reason we are here today.”

To find out more information about the next Career Fair at SCC or to reserve your spot as an employer, contact Kemmer [tkemmer@sampsoncc.edu](mailto:tkemmer@sampsoncc.edu) or at 910.900.4110.

### **BLOOMFEST, cont. from P. 1**

relax and enjoy the music and lively atmosphere!

Entertainment Line-Up 10am-4pm

10:00am- Welcome by Roseboro Mayor- Alice Butler

10:05am- National Anthem

10:10am- Dedication of “Chasity’s Court” honoring Chasity Melvin

10:30am- Stedman Recreation Center Zumba Class

10:45am- Carolina Dance Company

11:00am- SRMC Wellness Center Dancers

11:15am- Toddler Music Special

12:00-2:00pm- THE EASTLINE BAND

2:15pm-3:00pm- Will Roberts

3:15pm- Daire Barefoot

3:30pm- ONLY 1 (Contemporary Christian)

4:00pm- Conclusion of BloomFest- Fun Party Music

BloomFest offers activities for the whole family, from live music and entertainment, delicious food from one of the 9 food trucks and 3 restaurants to a jam-packed Kid Korner in the Downtown Roseboro Park.

The Food trucks participating in BloomFest this year are The Grateful Shed from Salemburg with proceeds going to the Salemburg Food Bank, The Donut Hut, Simply Delicious, The Hot Dog Shack, M & M concessions, Funnel Cakes & More, Franks Seafood, Kotton Kandy Party Proz & It’s Time for Kettle Corn & Lemonade, LLC. And of course, all 3 local restaurants,

Vinny’s Pizzeria, Railroad Street Steakhouse and Pelican’s Snoballs will be open for food and drinks.

Inside the Downtown park, festival goers can find all kinds of FREE activities for children. Including, bounce houses, Sampson County Rabbit Club, Hubb’s Farm barrel train, FREE balloon animals, new beach volleyball court or play basketball.

One addition to BloomFest this year is the dedication of the town’s basketball courts. The courts will honor Roseboro native, Chasity Melvin and basketball legend by naming the downtown park basketball courts: “Chasity’s Court”. Chasity is a graduate of Lakewood High School where she led the Lady Leopards to their first ever State Championship. Chasity went on to play basketball at NC State University where her jersey was retired, and she received the Lady Wolfpack All-American title. Chasity carries the title of “ACC Legend” and is part of the NC State University Sports Hall of Fame Top 50 ACC Athletes. She then had the opportunity to play basketball across the world as an ABL & WNBA Draft Pick and was named a WNBA All-Star. Chasity’s accomplishments don’t stop with basketball, she is now an author of a devotional memoir titled “At The End of The Day” and has been an inspirational speaker at many events. Many Sampson County citizens are PROUD of our friend, neighbor and community member, Chasity.

The town of Roseboro’s Small-Town Main Street Committee has worked diligently over the last year to complete Phases I and II of “Chasity’s Court” by BloomFest by pressure washing, lining and painting the courts and backboards. Phase III will be completed later this year adding a concrete pad and new bleachers. These courts are used often by locals and the committee is excited to honor Chasity the morning of BloomFest. All are welcome, to join the unveiling and ribbon cutting celebration. Chasity’s books will be for sale at her tent beside “Chasity’s Court”.

Possibilities are endless at BloomFest, after enjoying the Kid Korner, festival goers can mosey down the street to the Touch-A-Truck Exhibit where children and adults alike can explore different types of vehicles, learn their use and what careers the vehicle requires to operate. The Touch-A-Truck Exhibit is such a fun visual and unique educational opportunity! Also, BloomFest will have “Art Alley” again this year where children can play with sidewalk chalk, paint canvases and flower pots and make jewelry.

Be sure to mark your calendar, you won’t want to miss BloomFest this year! Come on out to Roseboro, we are just down the road- see what we have to offer! This wonderful event would not be possible without help from our sponsors.

Special Thanks to: Crumpler Plastic Pipe, Rupert’s Furniture, Lane & Associates Family Dentistry, Sandy’s Backhoe & Hauling, Vinny’s, Hardee’s of Roseboro, James Trading Co., Star Communications, Town of Salemburg, Fisher Insurance Agency, Clark & Company, Railroad Street Steakhouse & First Citizens Bank of Roseboro.

## From the Vine – Landscape IPM



By Brad Hardison

I always get calls from panicked homeowners who have found a pest in their landscape and want to know what they can spray to kill the said pest. Some of the time, they don’t even know what the pest is, or what type of plant that the pest is on, they just want it gone. One caller stated that he had black and grey worms eating all his wife’s flowers and he had been given orders to kill them or he would be in the dog house. I knew from my 20 years of marriage, that this caller was in desperate and immediate need of assistance. I asked him to email me a picture of the worms and I would get back to him. Luckily for him, I was able to identify the worms and offer him a solution that kept him from the dog house. But the solution that I offered wasn’t to fog the yard full of pesticides. It was a simple method of control called hand picking. From the picture, I counted about 20 caterpillars on the flowers. I told the worried caller to just pick them off and drop them in a cup of soapy water and his problem would be solved. He called back later to thank me for the advice and said it took him about 10 minutes to pick all the worms off the flowers.

When dealing with any pest of the landscape, the best method for management is to implement an integrated Pest Management system (IPM). An IPM is a simple ecosystem-based strategy that focuses on long-term prevention of pests or their damage through a combination of techniques that includes cultural, mechanical, biological, and chemical controls.

Cultural controls should be the first tool out of the toolbox when finding a pest in the landscape. Cultural controls include taking soil samples, planting the right plant in the right place, planting resistant plants, using rotations in annual plants, and supplemental irrigation. In other words, keep plants stress free and healthy by giving it what it needs when it needs it.

Mechanical controls include hand weeding, hand picking insects, traps, barriers or covers, pruning and using proper sanitation practices to deter pests.

A great way to prevent voles from eating bulbs and plants is to incorporate gravel or Permatillâ into the soil and around the roots at planting. This acts as a natural barrier and keeps voles away from prized plants. Biological controls include beneficial insects and parasites along with natural bacterium and pathogens. Let nature help you. When you fog the landscape with chemicals, you not only are killing the pests, but all the predators that are helping you fight them.

The last tool in the IPM toolbox is chemical, which should be the last tool you bring out. These include natural chemicals such as insecticidal soaps and oils, copper and sulfur sprays, pyrethrum, spinosad, and others. Synthetic chemicals include man made herbicides, fungicides, and Insecticides. If you are worried about the lasting effects or residue of pesticides in your landscape, know that years of research have been conducted on each of these chemicals before going to market. Read and follow the label directions of all pesticides and you will not have problems with any chemical controls.

For more information on IPM and landscape pests read the Pesticide Use Best Management Practices for Homeowners at <https://kentuckypestnews.wordpress.com/2018/11/06/pesticide-use-best-management-practices-for-homeowners/>.

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## Robbery at Newton Grove Food Lion



A strong-armed robbery occurred at Food Lion in Newton Grove Monday Night at approximately 6:30 PM. The suspect, a black male aged 45 to 50 with a strawberry birthmark on the back of his neck grabbed money from a cashier and fled the scene. No weapon was used during the robbery.

Anyone with information on the robbery is encouraged to call the Newton Grove Police Department at 910-594-0829.

# We Should Know . . .



*Patty Santos and Rhonda Matthews with JW Simmons Host of We Should Know*

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

The guests for this week’s show are Patty Santos and Rhonda Matthews with Child Protective Services. Santos has 10 years’ experience in Child Protective Services, 2 as a supervisor, Matthews has been with the department 4 years with 1 year as a supervisor.

JW Simmons begins the show stating that April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Simmons asks a simple question to open the show. Why do we have to have a national, state and local month to bring awareness to prevent child abuse?

Patty Santos replies, “I don’t think it’s necessarily a reminder to not abuse children. Its more of the outreach to let clients, families to know how to report abuse. Know that these are your local providers in your area. These are the faces you’ll see when you come in to make a report. These are the people signing off on your cases. So even though it’s at the national level, it’s just a reminder of when to make a report and that you can make a report at any moment in time. And these are your children here in Sampson County and we need all of us to keep them safe.”

Next, Simmons asks Rhonda Matthews how hard it is to make a report and what should be reported. Matthews replies, “Its very easy to make a report. And not many people know that every person in the state of North Carolina is actually what we consider a mandated reporter. A lot of people don’t know if what they see as concerning, improper discipline or improper supervision such as a child wondering alone, they don’t know if that is something that would qualify as an accepted report.”

“But,” adds Matthews, “what they do need to understand is that there is no harm in calling in to let us know. We have a screening process that we go through so that when someone calls in, they tell us what their concerns are and then that goes through an entire process to see if that will be screened in.”

Simmons next asks if someone sees something that was out of the norm from the experience, or it was something they were familiar with that was horrible, if they call the number that begins a process.

“Yes,” replies Santos. “So, you would be connected with an intake worker and the intake worker will gather your information as the reporter, will gather the information or identity of the family. You don’t necessarily have to have that information, but you do need to report your concerns. What is it that concerns you? What did you see? What have you observed? Other people that may know about the situation going on. Where the family is located. Just as much information as you possibly can to help us with the process. The more information we have the better decision we can make.”

“So, when you’re speaking to the intake worker, she will take all that information and then bring it to a supervisor. The intake worker and the supervisor will then make a decision based on the law and then will either screen it in or screen it out.”

Simmons states that there is a bill in the NC General Assembly HB295 that would take away the right for public schools to spank students. He goes on to say that the vast number of districts have already stated that spanking was no longer an option for discipline. He asks his guests what the public should know when it comes to spanking a child.

Rhonda Matthews replies, “I can tell you right now that when we are looking at screening in for improper discipline are physical abuse one thing we look at is our policy and the policy is always very clear for us that the law does not say that you cannot spank your children. And there is a difference between disciplining your child and leaving a mark or bruise that lasts for more than 24 hours. And that is our standard that we look at.”

“Would we accept a report for a mark or bruise that has lasted more than 24 hours, yes we would. That crosses a line. And we remind clients of this all the time, the law does not say that you absolutely cannot discipline your child. I have five at home, so I understand the need for discipline.”

“Regarding the House bill,” adds Santos, “it brings in an interesting factor in the definition of a caretaker because parents are caretakers, any adult living in the home is a caretaker, but would a teacher be considered a caretaker. What would happen if a teacher left a mark or bruise that lasted more than 24 hours? Would that be something that DSS got involved in? I don’t know, because right now teachers are not caretakers. But that could possibly change.”

Next, Simmons asks if a child came home from school and reported that he or she had been dragged down a hall or slapped in the head, but there was no bruise, what would DSS do in a case like that.

“That would also be a screen in,” states Santos. “At that point you would be looking at abuse. Even though there is no mark, if someone gets punched in the stomach and there’s no mark or bruise, that’s still something we’ve got to investigate. Any strike to the head or stomach area, anywhere that could cause internal injury those are very severe, and we would need to look at those.”

To view the entire broadcast of We Should Know please visit their YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/user/WeShouldKnowEDU](http://www.youtube.com/user/WeShouldKnowEDU).

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

## SHP Announces 2019 Operation Drive To Live

In anticipation of spring break and prom season, the State Highway Patrol is once again conducting Operation Drive to Live, an annual campaign to reduce collisions involving teen drivers. Beginning Monday, April 8 through Friday, April 12, troopers will step up their enforcement in and around school zones between 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

In 2018, the Highway Patrol investigated over 55,261 motor vehicle collisions involving drivers and passengers who were between the ages of 15 – 19. Of those collisions, 10,287 injuries were reported and 94 resulted in one or more fatalities. According to National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration, young drivers are significantly over-represented in fatal crashes, particularly those who are 16 to 19-year-olds. Immaturity and inexperience are primary factors contributing to fatal crashes by young drivers, especially during the first six months of driving.

This year, SHP is focusing on distracted driving, one of the leading causes of teen-related crashes. Cell phones, passengers and other electronic devices are just some of the distractions that can lead to needless collisions involving injury or death.

With this in mind, the Patrol has partnered with the Johnston County (JoCo) Teen Drivers Club, to produce PSAs on the dangers associated with distracted driving. The PSAs will be featured throughout the week on the Patrol’s Facebook page in hopes of combating distracted driving collisions.





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# What's Happening

By Angela Martin

at **SCT**

## LEGALLY BLONDE The Musical

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Legally Blonde, Jr. is our next production and we could not be happier. The cast of 27 high schoolers are excited to bring this classic production to life. Legally Blonde, Jr. tells the same story as the movie of the same name but this production features some extremely talented teens. Lily Woodall is playing the lead role of Elle Woods. Lily is a freshman at Clinton High School and has been in numerous productions at SCT including Elf, Jr., Seussical and Fame. Our production begins Thursday, May 2 at 7:30 pm with a very special showing for students. We will feature a student night special - all students who come will receive a discount on tickets - the production tickets will be \$5.00 for students for Thursday night only. All other shows will have a \$10.00 admission ticket - show times are Friday, May 3, Saturday May 4, Sunday, May 5 with showtimes on all three days at 7:30 and on Saturday and Sunday at 2:30. Tell everyone you know you do not want to miss this amazing cast and show. It is sponsored by David Hobson, Attorney at Law and directed by Angela Martin.

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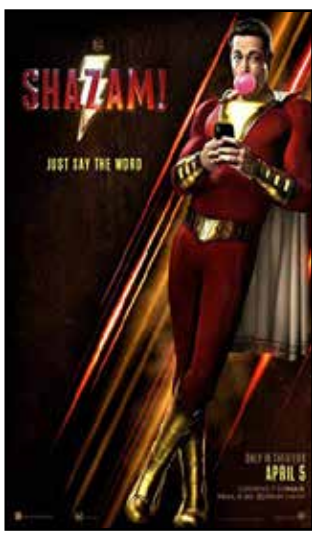
### PET SEMATARY

NOW SHOWING

**Rated R for horror violence, bloody images, and some language**

Based on the seminal horror novel by Stephen King, Pet Sematary follows Dr. Louis Creed (Jason Clarke), who, after relocating with his wife Rachel (Amy Seimetz) and their two young children from Boston to rural Maine, discovers a mysterious burial ground hidden deep in the woods near the family's new home.

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### SHAZAM

NOW SHOWING

**Rated: PG-13 for intense sequences of action, language, and suggestive material**

We all have a superhero inside us, it just takes a bit of magic to bring it out. In Billy Batson's (Angel) case, by shouting out one word--SHAZAM!--this streetwise 14-year-old foster kid can turn into the adult Super Hero Shazam (Levi), courtesy of an ancient wizard. Still a kid at heart--inside a ripped, godlike body--Shazam revels in this adult version of himself by doing what any teen would do with superpowers: have fun with them!

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### LITTLE

NOW SHOWING

**Rated PG-13 for some suggestive content**

Girls Trip's Regina Hall and Black-ish's Marsai Martin both star as Jordan Sanders -- Hall as the take-no-prisoners tech mogul adult version of Jordan and Martin as the 13-year-old version of her who wakes up in her adult self's penthouse just before a do-or-die presentation. Insecure's Issa Rae plays Jordan's long-suffering assistant April, the only one in on the secret that her daily tormentor is now trapped in an awkward tween body just as everything is on the line.

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### MISSING LINK

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**Rated PG for action/peril and some mild rude humor**

Meet Mr. Link: 8 feet tall, 630 lbs, and covered in fur, but don't let his appearance fool you... he is funny, sweet, and adorably literal, making him the world's most lovable legend at the heart of Missing Link, the globe-trotting family adventure from LAIKA.

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# Sustainable EATING Made Easy

## FAMILY FEATURES

The needs of grocery shoppers are seemingly always evolving, and now more than ever, they want to know where and how their food is produced and what impact it has on the environment. This is commonly referred to as “sustainable eating,” and its popularity is growing among shoppers. Plant-based diets are a tenet of sustainable eating and mushrooms are often included as part of the movement. Known for their inherent umami flavor and nutrition properties, mushrooms are recognized for their unique growing process and need for minimal natural resources used during production, which makes mushrooms both healthy on the plate and gentle on the planet.

In addition, mushrooms are a versatile ingredient, and with so many fresh varieties to choose from, it’s simple to incorporate them into most meals. Three Mushroom and Garlic Grilled Pizza can satisfy the entire family, while favorites like Sauteed Mushroom and Sun-Dried Tomato Avocado Toast may hit the spot morning, noon and night, and quick sides such as Roasted Mushroom and Wheat Berry Salad can be an easy addition to dinner plates.

For more information on mushroom sustainability as well as additional recipes, visit [mushroomcouncil.com](http://mushroomcouncil.com).



## Roasted Mushroom and Wheat Berry Salad

Recipe courtesy of the Mushroom Council  
Servings: 4

- 8 ounces white button mushrooms, halved
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 cups cooked wheat berries, warm
- 2 green onions, sliced
- 2 tablespoons dried cranberries, chopped

### Dressing:

- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons fresh orange juice
- 1 teaspoon curry powder
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt

Heat oven to 400 F.

Place mushrooms on baking sheet. Drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Toss to coat. Bake 10 minutes.

Carefully stir mushrooms and bake 5 minutes until tender. Transfer mushrooms to medium bowl. Add wheat berries, green onions and cranberries.

To make dressing: In small bowl, whisk olive oil, orange juice, curry powder and salt; pour over salad. Toss to mix. Serve warm.



The Mushroom Sustainability Story: Water, Energy and Climate Environmental Metrics

## Sauteed Mushroom and Sun-Dried Tomato Avocado Toast

Recipe courtesy of the Mushroom Council

Servings: 4

- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil, plus additional, for drizzling
- 1/4 cup chopped sun-dried tomatoes
- 8 ounces sliced button mushrooms
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/2 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves kosher salt, to taste
- 2 ripe avocados, pitted, peeled and sliced
- 4 slices toasted bread
- shaved Parmesan cheese

In skillet, heat 1 tablespoon oil over medium heat. Add tomatoes and cook 1 minute. Add mushrooms and gently incorporate with tomatoes. Add water and stir well until water evaporates and mushrooms darken and become tender, about 4 minutes. Add thyme and salt, to taste. Set aside to cool.

To assemble, gently smash half of each avocado over one slice of toast. Top each slice of toast with mushroom mixture. Top each with Parmesan cheese and drizzle with olive oil before serving.



## Three Mushroom and Garlic Grilled Pizza

Recipe courtesy of the Mushroom Council

Servings: 4

### Sauce:

- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
  - 4 garlic cloves, minced
  - 5 basil leaves, minced
  - 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
  - 3/4 cup half-and-half
  - 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
  - 1/2 teaspoon fine sea salt
  - 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
  - 3 ounces crimini mushrooms, sliced
  - 3 ounces shiitake mushrooms, stemmed and sliced
  - 3 ounces white button mushrooms, sliced
  - 1 ounce dry white wine or chicken stock
  - 1/4 teaspoon fine sea salt
  - olive oil
  - nonstick cooking spray
  - 4 ounces whole milk mozzarella cheese, chopped
  - shaved Parmesan, for garnish
  - basil leaves, for garnish

Heat grill to medium-high heat, about 425 F.

To make sauce: In medium skillet over medium-high heat, melt butter. Whisk in garlic and basil; cook 1 minute. Sprinkle in flour while quickly whisking to form paste.

Reduce heat to medium. Slowly pour in half-and-half while continuing to whisk until there are no clumps. Increase heat slightly to bring to simmer. Stir as mixture thickens into sauce, about 1 minute. Remove from heat. Stir in Parmesan cheese, salt and pepper; set aside.

In large skillet over medium-high heat, heat olive oil. Add mushrooms and cook until they begin to turn tender, about 2 minutes. Carefully pour in wine or stock and continue cooking until liquid evaporates, about 1 minute. Sprinkle with salt.

Stretch dough to make 14-inch pizza. Brush grill grates generously with olive oil. Place dough on grill and let cook about 3 minutes, until underside is browned and dough removes easily from grill. While removing dough from grill, flip it onto baking sheet sprayed with nonstick cooking spray so cooked side is up.

Spread sauce over pizza and evenly cover in mushrooms. Add mozzarella cheese.

Return pizza to grill, topping-side up. Close lid and let cook 3-5 minutes. Once top crust browns and cheese melts and bubbles, remove from grill. Let rest 2-3 minutes.

Garnish with Parmesan and basil leaves; slice to serve.



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## Guided By A Higher Power



**Union High School's Carlos Gutierrez finds strength through God, teammates, school**

Union High School's Carlos Gutierrez is not your typical student/athlete.

After talking to the 16-year-old track and field standout for just a few minutes, you know right away that he is honest, sincere and committed to doing his best – not just for himself, but for his family, school and team that he represents.

When told his track coach (Kevin Johnson) nominated him to be this week's Performance Auto/Sampson Weekly Star Athlete of the week, Gutierrez is shocked and thrilled.

"I am just really surprised that I was even thought of," the junior said. "To me, it makes me feel really good to know that he considered me for this award ... It makes me feel really good."

A standout in track, Gutierrez has quickly become the go-to runner on the team, running in the 400M, 800M and the 1600M. He also runs on the 4x400 and 4x800 relay teams.

Last week, Gutierrez had impressive runs in the 800M and 1600M, by running a 2:49 vs. East Duplin and a 2:39 vs. Lakewood (both in the 800M); and ran a 5:34 against the Panthers and a 5:51.7 in the meet against Lakewood (both in the 1600M).

His time for the mile? 1:49.

"At the beginning of each season I have always found myself to be nervous – like maybe I will do great, maybe I won't," Gutierrez explains. "So, I wanted to find out a way to stop my nerves from getting to me. I realized that it wasn't just me, it was other guys on the team too. I figured the only way that we can work out the nerves was to pray."

Behind Gutierrez's lead, the team began group prayer before their meets.

"We hold hands and pray," he explained. "It is just a little prayer to thank God and allow Him to give us strength to play our best and also, to be the best we can be – on and off the track. It became a very positive thing for us – and it calmed our nerves."

Throughout our conversation Gutierrez continually credits God for his abilities and pushes any praise directed at him towards his coaches, teammates and school.

"I really don't think that there is anything special about me," he says flatly. "My way of thinking is that God takes little people and puts them in big places. I am serious about God and He is working on me and that is beautiful."

A Sampson County native, Gutierrez began his athletic career at the recreation level.

"I first started at the parks and recreation department in Clinton when I first started playing," he explains. "The first sport I played was soccer. When I got into middle school, I did try out for the soccer team, but didn't get on the team ..."

By the time Gutierrez hit high school, he says he felt the 'pull' to try out for the track team. But it wouldn't be until his sophomore year that he would officially be on the team.

"I am involved with JROTC at my school," Gutierrez explains. "Part of our physical training is that we have to do a mile run. I would just go out and put in as much effort as I could. So, when I was doing training one week in my freshman year, I was doing the run and when I finished Coach Johnson approached me and said that he would like me to try out for the track team ..."

However, Gutierrez would have to wait until his following year to become a member of the Spartan Track Team.

"It was really about being in the right place at the right time," he explained. "I knew that I was a pretty good runner – not the best, but I was okay. But when coach came to me and said that, it kind of solidified what I was already thinking: It was the right time to approach me – it was just what I needed at the right time. It was just the little push I needed."

Although he has adjusted to running the 400M, 800M and the 1600M (as well as the 4x400 and 4x800 relay teams), Gutierrez says that long distance running is still his favorite of all.

When asked why, Gutierrez explains that the longer the run, the more he gets out of it on a personal level.

"Yeah, I consider myself a long-distance runner," he said. "I love it because when I am running it gives me a chance to think about things and clear my mind. When I am running (long distances) it allows me to process my thoughts, to think about life."

He continues, "It just gives me a chance to have some clarity on so many levels. Not just spiritually, but emotionally as well. It has been a really good thing for me."

Throughout our conversation, Gutierrez explains how important his relationship to the Lord has meant to him.

"I was brought up in church; raised there," he said. "As a kid I made that commitment to Him. But around the time I was in sixth grade the church went through some changes and people went away ... eventually everything was different."

Gutierrez admits that during this time, he lost the spark he once had for God.

"I just didn't have that desire ... My heart went cold," he said. "From about the time I was in sixth grade through my freshman year I really didn't have church and, to be honest, I really didn't have God and I didn't make the best choices."

That emptiness slowly began turning around when he started attending The Church of Bethel in his freshman year of high school.

"It's funny," Gutierrez says thinking about how his relationship with God began to get stronger. "I really didn't know what was happening. I just know that I didn't feel at peace. I realized that this is the place where a lot of teenagers turn to other things, like drugs ... they get that empty feeling and try to do things to fill that void."

He continues, "For me personally, the empty feeling was having God all my life and then, all of a sudden, not having Him in my life. That was the worst. But that all changed when I started going back. It truly never expected to have such a serious relationship with God, but I realized that He never left my side. He was there guiding me, even though I didn't realize it – He was still there."

Gutierrez said that he has never looked back.

"I really needed to have my empty heart filled and He did that," he said. "He showed me that there are things that are so much bigger than just little problems that you may have. I feel so good now and have found my peace and happiness again ... and good things continue to happen for me."

Although he is a track standout, Gutierrez is just as incredible in the classroom.

A straight 'A' student, who says American History is his favorite subject, Gutierrez said that he will be taking Honors classes next year and is currently taking on-line classes for college prep.

"I want to get my GPA to increase," he says with a laugh. "I am definitely looking forward to going to college or just having the opportunity to go, but, as of right now, I am still undecided about where I want to go or what I want to do."

Although Gutierrez is currently 'undecided' about his college plans, he hints that he would possibly like to go into architecture.

"Well, I love the idea of building things," he said. "Building a house, putting together all the elements of the house and doing the masonry ... That is really exciting for me, so I think that is where I am headed."

Gutierrez said that he would like to run track in college if given the opportunity – if not – that is okay too.

"Little do we know that God is driving and guiding us in this life," he says. "He is taking care of me. He always has, so I am going to just do what He leads me to do."

The track standout also acknowledges that he is aware his time in high school is limited and before he knows it – he will be headed towards college.

"It is going by really fast," Gutierrez says. "You think it is going to take forever when you come in as a freshman and next time you look up you are a junior. You just have to enjoy it and don't take it for granted."

It comes as no surprise that Gutierrez says he will miss being in the only school district that he has ever known.

"Oh yes, I am definitely going to miss being here at Union High School," he admits. "I have grown up here in this district and there are so many great memories I have here with all my friends, teachers, teammates and coaches ... I will miss it all - I will miss being a kid and I will miss being a teen – all that has happened here."

Gutierrez says he will also miss the school's positive atmosphere.

"There is something really special about Union High School," he says with pride. "It is very different from the other schools. Here there are all different races, all different personality types – it is really diverse. The support that you get here – in the classroom and in sports – is incredible. Everyone here comes together to support each other. Even though we are diverse, we are all together – there is no separation between us. That makes it special – everyone is so supportive of each other. The fact that it is like that here and we are able to recognize the difference. We are all proud of Union High School and I think that shows by the support we get here."

That support continues for the younger Spartans as the older players always work to help the younger players navigate their way through the transition from middle school to high school. Gutierrez adds his piece of advice for upcoming freshman.

"I would tell them when they come in to just be positive about everything," he says. "Always be kind and always be humble. When you come in always try to motivate others and always work hard to do your best – don't ever give up."

He continues, "You are young, but you are stronger than you think. You have to persevere and seek out your goals and always put God first. You may not see the full picture – but God does. So, don't worry ... everything will be OK."

Gutierrez said that he looks for inspiration in everything.

"I recently attended a leadership conference at Camp Kirkwood and there was a guest speaker there that really was something incredible," he explains. "Her name was Tawana Williams (known as 'The Hope Coach' at tawanawilliams.com) and she grew up with no arms. She struggled when she was a little girl and she told our group that she asked her grandmother why this happened to her. You know what her grandmother told her? She said that she was born without arms because God said she didn't need them. She said that God decided it for her, and God doesn't make mistakes ... I took that to heart. If I don't have it, I don't need it. God is still working. He is always working on and for you."

He continues, "Ms. Williams always kept her head high. Born without arms and how she deals with it. It is what is in her heart. So, that inspired me – I know when it is in my heart and when it leads me in a direction, that is where I am going to follow it."

Gutierrez also said that he is also grateful for the support he has received from his family, coaches, teammates and supporters.

"I am just thankful, really," he says. "Sometimes I feel that when it comes to the support it, I am really blessed to have people in my life that have been there for me."

First, Gutierrez thanks God.

"I am so grateful to God for being who He is and guiding me," he said. "I also thank my church family – I have the greatest church. From my pastors Victor and Martha Serrano; the most incredible youth group leader in Maria Esther Serrano. She is amazing and very humble. The people there are great. It makes you see that there are so many great people in this world."

The track star also thanks his family and coach Johnson. "They have been a great source of support for me and coach Johnson is such a great person. Always has a smile on his face... he is a great motivator and he is very humble."

Gutierrez said that there is also a special person that he would like to thank for all of her support.

"Her name is Shartara Fulton," he says with pride. "I know that she always gives me motivation without knowing how much it means to me."

The humble teen explains. "At random times she will come up to me and will just say, 'You've got this' just out of the blue. She treats me like I am her best friend in the world. The value of that to me is so important. To uplift me and treat me nicely with a good heart – it just means the world to me."

With such a busy schedule, it is not surprising Gutierrez has limited time for himself. But when he does get time, he said he likes to read (the Bible) and play guitar.

"I tinker around with it and write my own songs," he said of his musical efforts. "It is fun for me to have that creative outlet when I can."

For right now though, Gutierrez is focused the rest of his junior year of track. "I want us to go to Regionals, I think that we have a good shot at it," he says. "I would love to go to state (NCHSAA State Track Championships) this season too. I think we are a strong enough group to get there. I feel really good about it."

Whatever happens this track season or, perhaps, in his senior year of high school, one thing is certain – Gutierrez will be a success in any endeavor he takes head-on.

With his honest, humble nature and his incredible work ethic, Carlos Gutierrez is a name that you will be hearing for years to come.

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### Rotary Club Presents Check to UMO



Mount Olive Rotary Club President Neal Dennis and University of Mount Olive President Dr. David Poole.

The University of Mount Olive has received a check for \$19,000 from the Mount Olive Rotary Club. It is the first installment of a \$25,000 pledge towards the University's Black Box Theatre Project. The check was presented during the Club's April meeting held at Hwy 55 Burgers, Shakes, and Fries headquarters in Mount Olive. "We are so appreciative of this wonderful support by the Rotary Club," Poole said. "This generous donation will help us get started with renovation of the former Glenn-Martin Drug Store which will become our Black Box Theatre."

### SAMPSON COUNTY SCHOOLS 2019 Kindergarten Registration Clinics



Plain View Elementary	March 1, 2019
Hobpton Elementary	March 29, 2019
Hargrove Elementary	April 5, 2019
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**\*\*Please contact the school in your district to schedule an appointment for your child to attend the clinic.**

Copies of the child's birth certificate and immunization record are required for the clinic.

If your child has not had their Health Assessment done prior to the clinic date, please schedule an appointment with your child's physician or your local Health Department as soon as possible. **These physicals are required by State Law to be completed within 30 days of the beginning of school and no earlier than one year prior to school enrollment.**

At the present time, North Carolina State Law requires a Comprehensive Vision Screening by a health care provider prior to beginning Kindergarten. If your child fails the vision screening, the health care provider will refer your child to an ophthalmologist or optometrist for a complete vision exam.

**\*\*All children who reach age five on or before August 31 are eligible for entry into Kindergarten.**

## SCC's Cyber Defense Team No Hacks



This year's SCC Cyber Defense Team include Donnie McNeil, Erick Garcia, Zack Peterson, Travis Wallace, Darien Knapp, Terrance Faulkner, and Will Tart.

Sampson Community College's Cyber Defense Team finished higher than two other schools in a competition it had never been a part of. The event was an excellent primer for a group of students not knowing what to expect at the event.

Students from Sampson Community College competed in this year's Southeast Regional Cyber Defense Competition. Sponsored by Kennesaw State University (KSU), winners of regional competitions represent the southeast at the National competition in San Antonio, Texas.

"That is something we will definitely be aiming for next year," says Nathan McKee, SCC's Department Chair for Computer Information Technology and Security. "This was an exciting experience for us. Going into something like this, you don't necessarily expect to walk in and win but it is great to be able to say hey, we finished better than some other teams on our very first try. That is something to build on."

The competition turned out to be a success for students as it helped them understand the various roles required to run an Information Technology department and Security Operations Center within a business. Competitors were required to maintain various services such as: MySQL, Webmail, E-commerce, Active Directory and DNS servers.

KSU created the annual regional competition to recognize the best cyber defense team in the southeast. The competition focuses on the live aspect of managing and protecting an existing network infrastructure. "To say we are looking forward to next year is an understatement," McKee adds. "We had a lot of fun; our team was able to implement processes they have learned but was also able to learn things they didn't know too so they can fine tune those skills."

For more information about Information Technology courses or SCC's Cyber Defense Team, contact McKee at nmckee@sampsoncc.edu.

### Program Sparks Learning at SCC



Night welding students in action at SCC.

Sometimes, a simple spark is all it takes. At Sampson Community College, sparks are flying and often they are best seen at night. The new Basic Welding class is offered at night through the Workforce Development and Continuing Education department and has proven to be a success for those looking to get credentialed in welding.

"This program is accredited by the National Center for Construction Education Research," says Katie Brown, Director of Customized Training at the college. "It focuses on the importance of safety in construction and industrial crafts. Students learn how to identify and follow safe work practices and procedures and how to properly inspect and use safety equipment." Where the curriculum version of welding offers a certificate or degree, this program fills the niche for those needing credentials for an employer.

Training includes SMAW equipment and setup. SMAW, also known as shielded metal arc welding, is a manual arc welding process that uses a consumable electrode covered with a flux to lay the weld. Students learn various kinds of SMAW equipment, and maintenance; introduces the trainees to the selection, classification, and use of electrodes for arc welding. Trainees will become familiar with the various types of electrodes, their uses, identification, handling, and proper storage.

"We have nontraditional students and even have high school students involved," Brown adds. "Private schools can take advantage of this course. We also cater to students that are already employed and want to enhance their skills and knowledge level within this discipline. Those interested should contact me about the next session."

For more information about the Night Welding classes at SCC, contact Brown at kbrown@sampsoncc.edu or 910.900.4055.



### Little, A Lot, or Somewhere In Between: How Christians Should Be Responsible Stewards

I love Chick-Fil-A nuggets. I believe Chick-Fil-A nuggets prove the existence of a good and gracious God. But I also know my limits when it comes to Chick-Fil-A nuggets.

For example, and this may be a little known secret. Did you know that Chick-Fil-A actually sells a chicken nugget meal that includes more than advertised on the menu above the counter? It's called the "Chicken Nugget Tray."

On the menu, you will see an 8-count and a 12-count. My go to is a 12-count nugget with waffle fries and a sweet tea (Can I get an Amen?), but if I wanted more, I could fork out a few extra bucks for the Chicken Nugget Tray.

Here's the issue. As much as I love Chick-Fil-A nuggets, I know that I can't eat that many. I may want to, but I know the limitations of both my stomach and my wallet. The issue is not economic supply and demand (if I want more nuggets, they will cook me more as long as I pay), the issue is my own personal responsibility.

I believe that in American lore and economics, we have taught more about rights than responsi-

# He Is Risen!



As we prepare to celebrate Easter, the Resurrection of our Savior, let us not fail to prepare our minds and our hearts. Jesus didn't die on the cross just to get us into Heaven, He died on the cross to get Himself into us!

That is Resurrection! That is Victory! That is Love!

Now, we also live as witness for Christ, and what we proclaim comes out of our own relationship with our Lord.

Living a victorious Christian life is our loving response to the self-giving of the Lord Jesus Christ. Christians should need no urging to give cheerfully and generously, to be faithful in attendance, to be thoughtful in ministry and in service to others, and to be faithful in prayer.

It is especially risky when we give of ourselves. Sometimes we hardly know how to share friendship and love with our 'neighbors'. Actually it is the caring we show, it's the thought, our time, and our concern that make a difference in those around us. What can we do this week, as we prepare to celebrate Easter, to love others?

I found this touching poem in a 1964 issue of Ideals. I pray you will read it with some manner of self-examination, I certainly did.

#### In His Steps

"The road is too rough," I said,  
"Dear Lord, there are stones that hurt me so."  
And He said, "Dear child, I understand,  
I walked it long ago."

"But there's a cool green path," I said,  
"Let me walk there for a time."  
"No child," He gently answered me,  
"The green road does not climb."

"My burden," I said, "is far too great,  
How can I bear it so?"  
"My child," said He, "I remember its weight,  
I carried My cross, you know."

"But," I said, "I wish there were friends with me  
Who would make my way their own."  
"Ah, yes," He said, "Gethsemane

Was hard to face alone."

And so, I climbed the stony path,  
Content at last to know  
That where my Master had not gone,  
I would not need to go.

And strangely then I found new friends,  
The burden grew less sore  
As I remembered . . . long ago  
Jesus went that way before.

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### HE IS RISEN!

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Martha M. Pierce

bilities. The American Dream is all about getting more: A better job, a better car, a better house. Why? So that we can have more. More money, more free time, more prestige and more reputational capital. There is nothing inherently wrong with earning more, but we have neglected to talk about our responsibilities with what we have, especially in the church.

In America, we have a poverty line, but do we really have poverty? Even the poorest among us have access to public education, public transportation and public benefits. We don't see it on the news or on social media, but did you know that 2.6 billion people – that's 40 percent of the world's population – live on less than two dollars per day? Two dollars won't even get you a pack of cigarettes in America.

Our culture persistently puts the desire for more on a pedestal. Personally, I fall into this trap quite often. When I open Instagram or Facebook and see families I know at the beach, on a cruise, on a family vacation and I think "It must be nice, because I don't have the money to do that." We crave to "Keep up with the Joneses" because we all have an innate desire to want more. It's a problem that goes back to Genesis 1 with Adam and Eve in the garden.

That's not to say that going on vacation, inheriting money or earning money from a high-paying job is wrong. As noted before, wealth and poverty are usually measured by our immediate context. The Bible speaks of both wealth and poverty as both a blessing and a curse. Consider the Scripture:

Moses taught Israel, "But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today." (Deut. 8:8, NIV) There are also examples of godly rich people in the Bible: Job, David, Solomon, Joseph of Arimathea.

But the Bible also speaks of wealth with a negative connotation. Jesus said that it is hard for a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of God in Matthew 19. Jesus said in the parable of the soils (Matthew 13) that the cares of this world, including wealth, will prevent some people from entering heaven. There are also examples of ungodly rich people in the Bible: The kings of Israel and Judah, the rich young ruler, and the rich man in Luke 16.

On the other side of that same coin, there is much to be said about poverty. Jesus said in Matthew 5, "Blessed are you poor, for yours is the Kingdom of God." Solomon notes in Proverbs 28:6, "Better the poor whose walk is blameless than the rich whose ways are perverse." He then goes on to say in the next few verses (Proverbs 28:19), "Those who work their land will have abundant food, but those who chase fantasies will have their fill of poverty."

So the question is, which one is better? Is it better to be wealthy and enjoy the comforts of this life, or is it better to be poor? Actually, it's all about responsibility. The Bible isn't condemnatory in regard to poverty or wealth; however it is cautionary. Our responsibilities are outlined in the Bible. James 2:15-16 says "Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?" In the same vain, 1 John 3:17-18 says "If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."

It's unlikely that James and John were writing exclusively to rich people. The point is, it doesn't matter how much or how little you have, we are charged to meet the physical and economical needs of those around us. This directly stems from the mercy of God. We must see that all of us are spiritually poor and bankrupt before God, yet in Christ we are provided for. So mercy is not optional. That doesn't mean enabling or giving handouts. It doesn't mean storing up for yourselves treasures on earth either. It means the goal is to pursue a process of walking with those in need so that they become better stewards of their needs. As Dr. David Jones says, "Those of us who follow Christ face high expectations in ministering to the poor." And to go along with that thought, to realize that income inequality is not our biggest problem, but how we are responsible for what we have – weather it's little, it's much, or somewhere in between.



Will Matthews is student pastor at Immanuel Baptist Church in Clinton.

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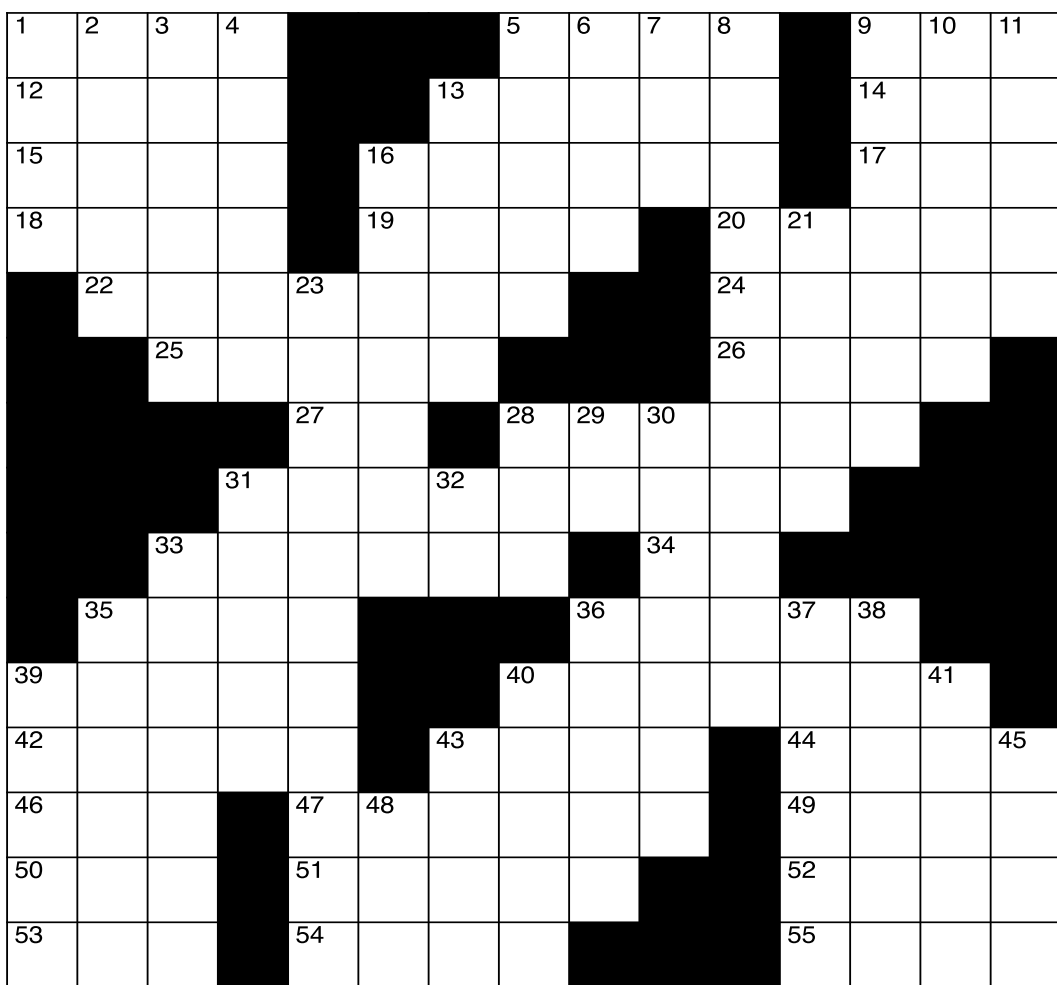
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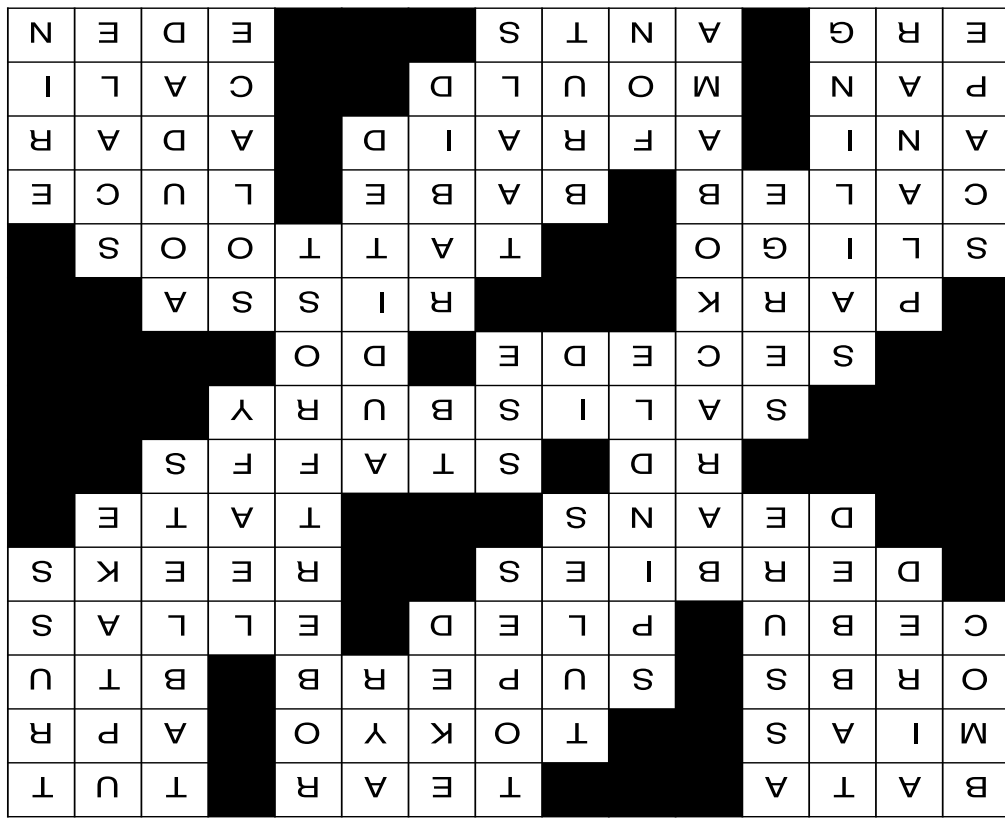


### CLUES ACROSS

1. Bay Area Transit Auth. (abbr.)
5. Pull apart by force
9. Ancient Egyptian King
12. Missing soldiers
13. Capital of Japan
14. Diamond month (abbr.)
15. Spheres
16. Surpassing good
17. British thermal unit
18. Philippine island & seaport
19. Legally argued
20. Belonging to singer Fitzgerald
22. Bowler hats
24. Has a strong odor
25. Doyens
26. London Gallery
27. Rural delivery
28. Rods
31. Stonehenge plain
33. Withdraw from membership
34. Execute or perform
35. Central or Yellowstone
36. Municipality in Norway
39. Bay of NW Rep. of Ireland
40. Skin designs
42. Son of Jephunneh
43. Baseball's Ruth
44. Clare Booth \_\_, Am. writer
46. Black tropical American cuckoo
47. Filled with fear or apprehension
49. 6th Jewish month
50. Wide metal vessel used in cooking
51. Make by pouring into a cast
52. Colombian city
53. Heat unit
54. Carpenter, red and army
55. Adam and Eve's garden

### CLUES DOWN

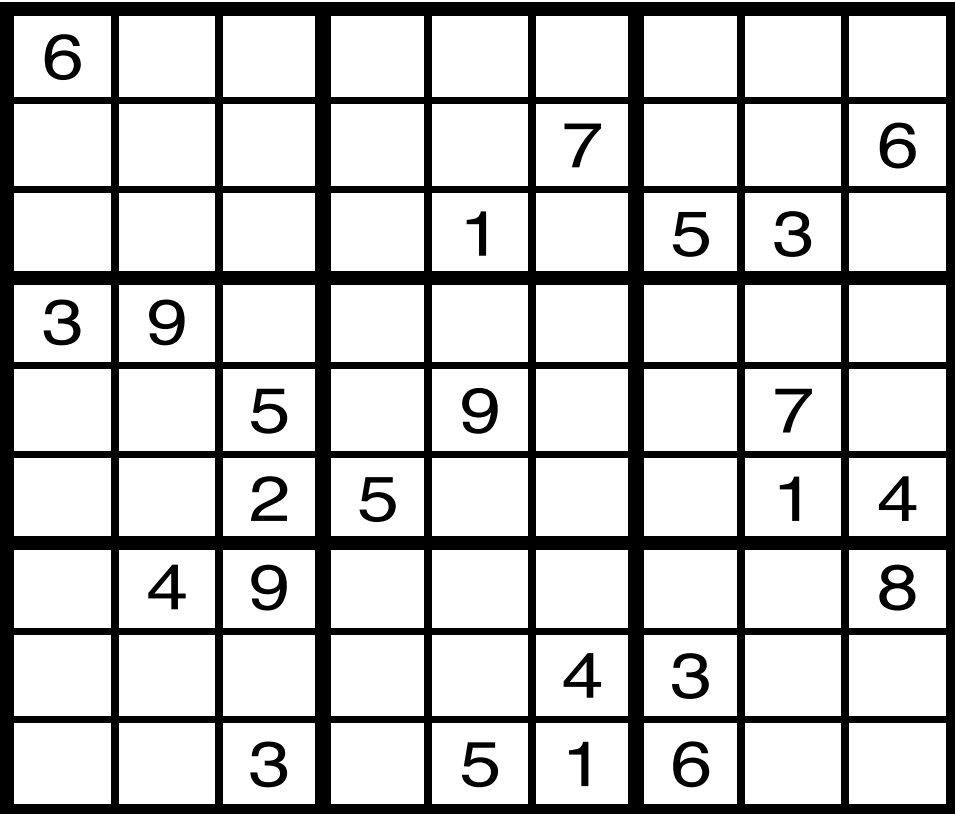
1. Big man on campus
2. Made public by radio or television
3. Labelled
4. Inform positively
5. Drinks habitually
6. Supplemented with difficulty
7. SW Scottish river & port
8. American poet 1874-1963
9. Pads
10. Ingestion or intake
11. Tie up a bird before cooking
13. Bulrushes of the genus Scirpus
16. Turned rod on a spinning wheel
21. Having or covered with leaves
23. The 44th U.S. President
28. Midway between S and SE
29. Tuberculosis (abbr.)
30. Inspected accounting procedures
31. A twilled woolen fabric
32. Potato state
33. The work of a sailor
35. Involving 2 dimensions
36. Fanatical or overzealous
37. Consolation
38. Wild sheep of northern Africa
39. Erect leafless flower-bearing stalk
40. Afrikaans
41. Weighing device
43. Very dry champagne
45. Emerald Isle
48. A resident of Benin



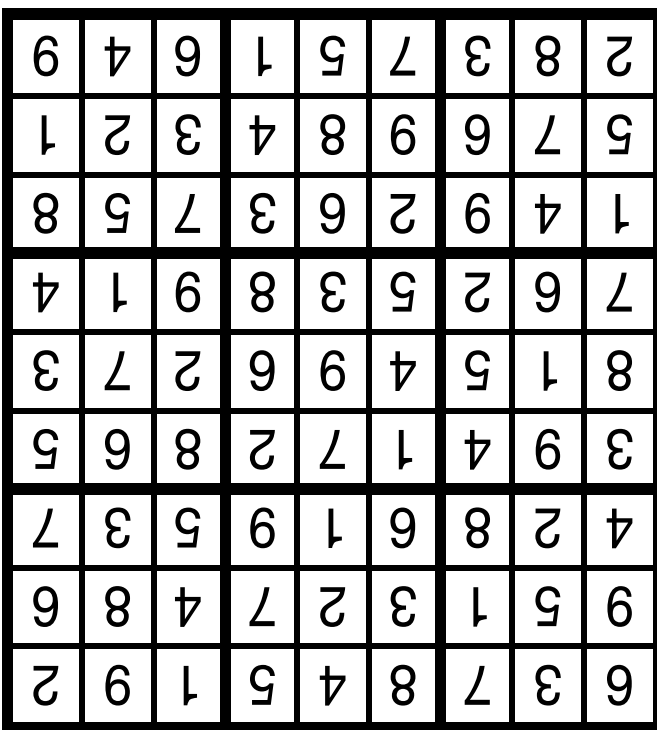
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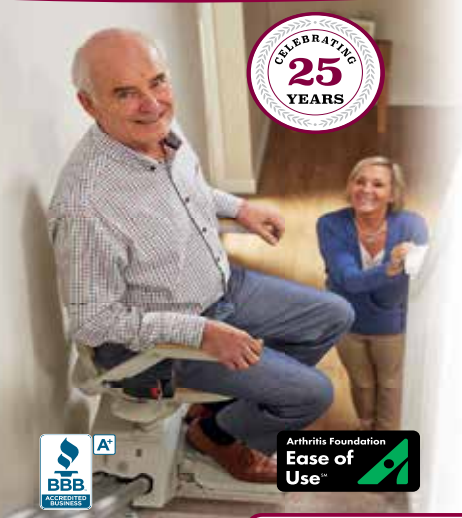
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## SPEED FREAKS

A few questions we had to ask ourselves

### New guesses on when the Penske/Gibbs domination ends?

**GODSPEAK:** Kyle Busch wrecks on Lap 1 and wins at Bristol? I think Gibbs/Penske has the Midas touch. This will continue until a June swoon.

**KEN'S CALL:** It lasts through Richmond this week, then the off week, but ends at the wild-card Talladega race. With Aric Almirola winning, by the way.

### Was that really Ty Dillon grabbing a stage win at Bristol?

**GODSPEAK:** Those playoff points are valuable, if you get into the playoffs — you know what I mean?

**KEN'S CALL:** Yes, it was, and ... hey, look! There's a blind squirrel in my backyard that just stumbled over a nut!

## FEUD OF THE WEEK

**ARIC ALMIROLA VS. WILLIAM BYRON:** Byron wrecked into Almirola on the first of 500 laps, then Almirola retired after being scored for three laps at Bristol.

**GODWIN KELLY'S TAKE:** This one may come back to haunt Byron — this weekend. "He lost it under me and wiped us out," Almirola said. "I'm pretty frustrated ... We'll go to Richmond."

## GODWIN'S PICKS FOR RICHMOND

**WINNER:** Ryan Blaney

**REST OF TOP 5:** Clint Bowyer, Joey Logano, Kyle Larson, Kevin Harvick

**FIRST ONE OUT:** Ricky Stenhouse Jr.

**DARK HORSE:** Chris Buescher

**DON'T BE SURPRISED IF:** The beat goes on as Team Penske's Blaney extends Penske/Gibbs win streak.

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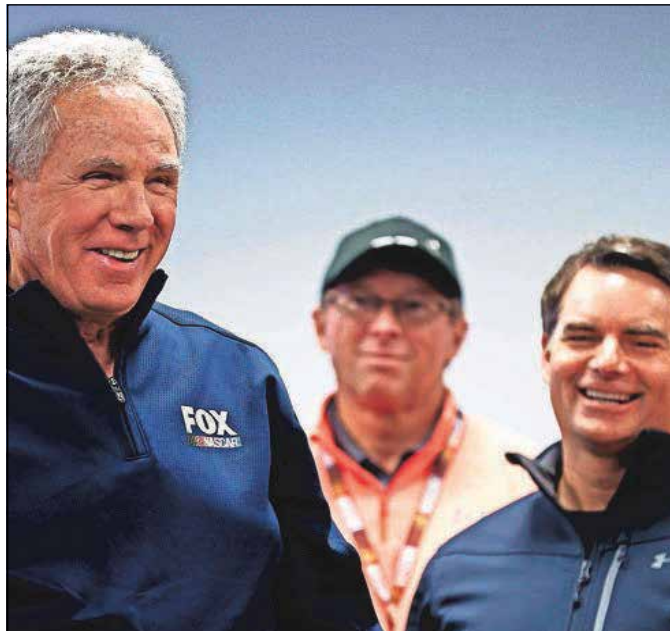
## THREE THINGS TO WATCH

### 1. D.W. done

Darrell Waltrip announced he will retire as a Fox racing analyst when the first half of the Cup Series is over. His last "Boogity! Boogity! Boogity!" will be heard on June 23 as the green flag is shown at the Sonoma road course. "For 60 years of my 72 I've been behind the wheel," he said. "I was holding onto something. I was holding onto a steering wheel for 30 years. I let go of that wheel, I grabbed hold of a microphone."

### 2. Catching up

Joe Gibbs Racing and Team Penske have won the first eight Cup Series races this season, turning the marquee stock-car tour into an intramural contest. But other top teams feel they're closing the gap. Clint Bowyer, who won twice for Stewart-Haas Racing in 2018, is optimistic. "We've got work to do," Bowyer said. "We know that." Four of the top five finishers at Bristol were part of the duopoly.



Hall of Fame driver and Fox television announcer Darrell Waltrip, left, shares a laugh with Jeff Gordon before announcing his retirement from broadcasting. [AP/WAIDE PAYNE]

### 3. About Richmond

The Gibbs/Penske combination should be tested at Richmond. Over the past 10 years (20 Cup races) there have been 10 different winners. With that said, Gibbs/Penske drivers have won 12 times. Two of those Joe Gibbs Racing

drivers, Matt Kenseth and Carl Edwards, no longer drive. But the bad news for most everyone in the garage is that super-hot Kyle Busch swept both Richmond races in 2018.

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

## QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers

### Who takes DW's place in the booth?

How about no one? Or maybe a whole lot of someones? Either way, let's rule out Kevin Harvick. Yes, he says he'd someday like to move upstairs to the AC and buffet, and yes, he's at an age (43) which has recently become old enough to retire. But no thanks, he says, and he's made it clear he'll continue racing. Frankly, why does anyone have to replace Darrell Waltrip for Fox? What's wrong with a two-man booth? It works for the NFL.

### Or ...?

Bring in a different non-racing personality each week, preferably someone with celebrity appeal. Larry the Cable Guy, Sheryl Crow, Randy Moss ... or try to steal Tony Romo for a Sunday afternoon and let him tell us every time someone is about to make a pass or blow a tire.

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## WHAT'S ON TAP

(All times Eastern)

**CUP SERIES:** Toyota Owners 400

**SITE:** Richmond International Raceway (.75-mile oval)

**SCHEDULE:** Friday, qualifying (Fox Sports 1, 5:30 p.m.). Saturday, race (Fox, coverage begins at 7 p.m., racing at 7:30 p.m.)

**XFINITY:** ToyotaCare 250

**SITE:** Richmond Raceway  
**SCHEDULE:** Friday, qualifying (Fox Sports 1, 3:30 p.m.), race (Fox Sports 1, 7 p.m.)

# BRISTOL

## THREE THINGS WE LEARNED

### 1. Wreck 'n' win

Kyle Busch was punted off the course on the first of 500 laps around Bristol, and yet he worked through the damage to win for the third time this season. He got the lead on Lap 482 when race leader Joey Logano pitted under yellow. "Awesome to snooker those guys," Busch said.

### 2. Sibling rivalry

For the first time since they started competing against each other, Kyle and Kurt Busch finished first and second in a Cup Series race. They have combined for 14 Bristol wins and have won the past four Cup Series races at the half-mile oval. "Love



Kyle Busch, facing camera, gets a hug from older brother Kurt Busch after winning at Bristol. [AP/WAIDE PAYNE]

this place," Kyle said.

### 3. Brotherly love

Kurt Busch said he would have crashed younger brother Kyle to get the win. "I really wanted to beat him," Kurt said. "I

was going to wreck him. I wanted to stay close enough so when we took the exit I was going to drive straight into three and four."

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