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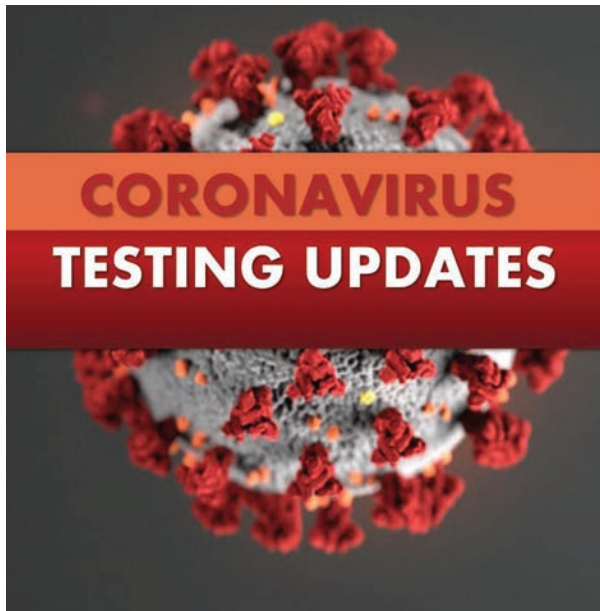
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MORE COVID VACCINATION CLINICS BEING SCHEDULED



COVID-19 TESTING REPORT FOR APRIL 1, 2021

Total Number of Tests Reported to Date: 19,924

Positive Test Results: 7,553 (28 additional from 3/30 report)

Negative Test Results: 12,371

COVID Reported Deaths to Date: 101 (2 additional from 3/30 report)

COVID-19 TESTING REPORT FOR MARCH 30, 2021

Total Number of Tests Reported to Date: 19,890

Positive Test Results: 7,525 (18 additional from 3/29 report)

Negative Test Results: 12,365

COVID Reported Deaths to Date: 99 (no additional from 3/29 report)

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FEMA to Help Pay Funeral Costs for COVID-19-Related



FEMA

In early April, FEMA will begin providing financial assistance for funeral expenses incurred after Jan. 20, 2020 for deaths related to coronavirus (COVID-19) to help ease some of the financial stress and burden caused by the pandemic. The policy was finalized today, and FEMA is now moving rapidly to implement this funeral assistance program nationwide.

“At FEMA, our mission is to help people before, during and after disasters,” said Acting FEMA Administrator Bob Fenton. “The COVID-19 pandemic has caused immense grief for so many people. Although we cannot change what has happened, we affirm our commitment to help with funeral and burial expenses that many families did not anticipate.”

To be eligible for COVID-19 funeral assistance, the policy states:

-The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien who

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SampsonRMC welcomes New Physician Assistant to Sampson Professional Services



Sampson Regional Medical Center (SampsonRMC) is pleased to announce the addition of Physician Assistant Leah Graves to the Sampson Professional Services office of Dr. Albert Verrilli. Graves joined the practice of Dr. Albert Verrilli early in January, providing primary care for individuals of Sampson County and surrounding areas.

Graves, a board-certified physician assistant, graduated from the University of Lynchburg in Virginia, earning her bachelor's degree in Health Promotion with a minor in Biology and a master's degree in Physician Assistant Medicine. With experience in primary care from a community clinic setting, Graves is excited to apply her skills and knowledge to help both established and new patients of Dr. Verrilli's practice.

“I have a special interest in infectious disease and specifically Hepatitis C,” stated Graves. By being associated with the Carolina Hepatitis Academic Mentorship Program, she can provide the necessary treatments for patients dealing with this medical condition. Other areas of special interest include orthopedics, cardiology, endocrinology, and dermatology. Helping patients reach their health goals is Graves' main focus. “I enjoy getting the opportunity to treat a wide variety of medical conditions, which makes each day very fulfilling. Medicine is a strong passion of mine, so I look forward to serving the Sampson County community,” she shared.

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WEEKLY VERSE

Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me — put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. Philippians 4:9

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LOCAL NEWS

From the Desk of Senator Brent Jackson



Wednesday morning, the North Carolina Senate Redistricting and Elections Committee heard The Elections Integrity Act - S.B. 326

The bill has four main components:
 -It bans third party donations to the Board of Elections;
 -It requires absentee ballots to be in by close of business on Election Day;
 -It changes the deadline for requesting absentee ballots to make it almost impossible for the postal delay to cause a ballot to be received late.
 -It also provides \$5 million for a mobile ID unit so that all eligible voters can get the ID they need to participate in an election.

Our entire system of government is based on fair elections. It’s how we select the people who will govern us. Obviously, any potential fraud in an election undermines that confidence. But distrust and suspicion in an electoral process also undermines confidence and can be just as damaging. Our goal with this legislation is to work to restore that trust.

Private interests giving money to the people responsible for administering an election would create, at a minimum, the perception of a major conflict. Counting the votes needs to be free from any perception of conflict, especially from third-party donors. And requiring absentee ballots to be in by close of business on Election Day is a sound policy to create trust in our system. Every day that passes after Election Day with votes still coming in creates the possibility of distrust in the process.

Ideally, we’d have a winner for every election on election night. Sometimes, in close races, that’s not possible, especially if there’s a recount or some other issue. But requiring that at least all the votes are in on Election Day helps minimize the delay in declaring a winner and, for the most part, helps wrap up the process quickly.

There was a lot of concern last year that some people would wait until the last minute to request an absentee ballot. Because the ballot request deadline was so close to Election Day, there was a very real chance that somebody would not have enough time to get a ballot sent to them in the mail and then send it back before the ballot receipt deadline. That created a host of problems. The provision in this bill minimizes the chances of that happening again by moving back the absentee request deadline to make it almost impossible for postal delays to result in an uncounted ballot.

After being heard Wednesday, the bill will continue through the legislative and committee process before eventually being voted on in committees and then sent to the Senate floor for a vote.

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

Legislative Recap- H.R. 1319

H.R. 1319, also known as the “American Rescue Plan Act of 2021,” is a bill written by Congress in the House of Representatives and signed into law earlier this month. The bill adds over \$1.9 trillion in federal spending, some of which has been allocated to the states to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding is limited to expenses that are related to the pandemic and has an expiration date by which the funds must be allocated.

The complication of this bill adds a new level of complexity to our normal budget process as there are now multiple funds with varying restrictions to consider when appropriating for this biennium. Additionally, we do not know how the remainder of the year will play out as far as the economy or pandemic goes. That said, we fully anticipate and hope to pass a full state budget and further COVID-19 response legislation by the end of this year. Once those bills are filed, we will be able to update you on the contents of those pieces of legislation.

From the District- Sampson County Mesimer named SCS Finance Officer



The Sampson County Board of Education recently named Cynthia Mesimer as Chief Finance Officer during a March meeting. She previously served as an interim director when Stephen Britt left the district for a position with Johnston County Public Schools.

Mesimer grew up in Sampson County and graduated from Sampson Community College and earned a bachelor’s degree in accounting from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. Before coming to the central office, she was a school treasurer for 13 years. Mesimer became the district’s assistant officer a few years ago.

During previous years, she stepped into the leadership role after Britt was called for

active duty in the U.S. military. She also completed a year-long study program for finance officers through the North Carolina Association of School Business Officials.

Mesimer was also involved in many accomplishments for the finance department. Some of them were better audits and awards which led to the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. The district earned an award for practices with the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, considered the highest form of recognition in the area of government accounting and financial reporting.

As the pandemic continues, Mesimer will work with other leaders in the Central Office to overcome obstacles related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sampson County Native Serves Aboard “Fast And Feared” U.S. Navy Warship



A native of Clinton, North Carolina, is serving in the U.S. Navy aboard USS Donald Cook, a guided-missile destroyer, forward-deployed to Rota, Spain. Donald Cook is currently on her 11th patrol of the U.S. Sixth Fleet area of responsibility in support of U.S. national security interests in Europe and Africa, operating in the East Atlantic, Mediterranean Sea, and the Black Sea.

Chief Petty Officer Joshua Mclellan, a graduate of Union High School in Rose Hill, NC and Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Illinois, joined the Navy almost 20 years ago.

USS Donald Cook is named after U.S. Marine Corps Col. Donald Cook, who posthumously received the Medal of Honor for his selfless acts as a Prisoner of War during the Vietnam War. Cook shared food and medicine with his fellow prisoners, despite his own deteriorating health.

USS Donald Cook remembers his legacy by flying a POW flag at all times. According to Navy officials, guided-missile destroyers are capable of conducting anti-air warfare, anti-submarine warfare, and anti-surface warfare. Fast, maneuverable, and technically advanced, destroyers provide the required warfighting expertise and operational flexibility to execute any tasking at sea.

Donald Cook is one of four destroyers based in Rota, Spain, assigned to Commander, Task Force 65 in support of NATO’s Integrated Air Missile Defense architecture. These Forward-Deployed Naval Forces-Europe ships have the flexibility to operate throughout the waters of Europe and Africa, from the Cape of Good Hope to the Arctic Circle, demonstrating their mastery of the maritime domain.

With more than 90 percent of all trade traveling by sea, and 95 percent of the world’s international phone and internet traffic carried through fiber optic cables lying on the ocean floor, Navy officials continue to emphasize that the prosperity and security of the United States are directly linked to a strong and ready Navy.

According to Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Mike Gilday, four priorities will focus efforts on sailors, readiness, capabilities, and capacity.

As a member of the U.S. Navy, McLellan, as well as other sailors, know they are a part of a service tradition providing unforgettable experiences through leadership development, world affairs, and humanitarian assistance. Their efforts will have a lasting effect around the globe and for generations of sailors who will follow.

Did you know that the person who invented and introduced finger painting in the Education System was from Duplin County?

Ruth Faison Shaw (1889–1969) was an American artist, an educator who is credited with introducing finger painting into the USA as an art education medium. She developed her techniques while working in Rome, Italy, patenting a safe non-toxic paint in 1931.

Shaw was born in Kenansville, North Carolina, on October 15, 1889. Her father was a Presbyterian minister and she had four brothers. She attended elementary school in Cabarrus County, North Carolina. She graduated from a Presbyterian girls school, the James Sprunt Institute, in 1906. After graduation, she gained some experience as (an untrained) school teacher in the Appalachian Mountains in Transylvania County, North Carolina.

In 1918 Shaw traveled to France and Italy with the Young Women’s Christian Association (YWCA), before setting up a school in Rome

Shaw is credited with developing the art of finger painting and later introducing it into the American education system. She later claimed she had been inspired when she saw a child smearing iodine onto a wall, realizing children liked to ‘smear’. This event took place in 1926 when Shaw had already founded an experimental school, the Shaw School, for English-speaking children. Shaw developed the techniques and materials required for finger painting. In 1931 she patented a gelatinous paint medium that would be safe for children.

Shaw returned to the USA in 1932. She took a job in the progressive Dalton School in New York City, where she introduced finger painting to the curriculum. An exhibition of finger painting art took place in Manhattan in 1933. She published several books on finger painting.

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Born and raised in New Hampshire, Graves and her husband are happy to call North Carolina home. “Over the years, North Carolina has always been one of our favorite places, so to now call it home is perfect,” added Graves.

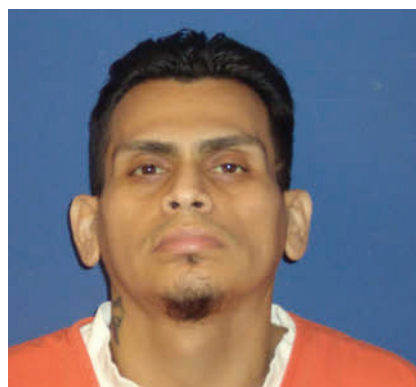
Dr. Albert Verrilli’s practice has been a part of the Sampson County community for more than 30 years, offering primary care for all ages in a caring atmosphere. Joining Sampson Regional Medical Center Professional Services in June 2020, Dr. Albert Verrilli brings another choice for primary care to Sampson Regional Medical Center’s umbrella of services. Primary care services include routine check-ups, physicals, immunizations, chronic disease screening and management, and acute medical care.

Sampson Professional Services office of Dr. Albert Verrilli, located in the Woodside Professional Building, provides convenient access for primary care at 603 Beaman Street, Suite 402.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 910-592-3397 or visit www.SampsonRMC.org/Verrilli.

Drug Seizure- Hunt Lane

Methamphetamines, Cocaine, and Fentanyl Among the Drugs Seized



Rumulo Medrano

On March 26, 2021, Investigators with the Sampson County Special Investigations Division executed a search warrant on 146 Hunt Ln. This was in response to an on-going investigation into complaints at the location.

During the search warrant, 44 pounds of crystal methamphetamines, 16 pounds of cocaine, 1, 221 blue counterfeit pulls containing fentanyl, 4 rifles, 2 pistols, 2 vehicles, and \$38,000 in U.S. currency was located. The drugs have an estimated street value of \$1.1 million.

As a result, Rumulo Medrano, 32, H/M of 146 Hunt Ln., Clinton, NC was taken into custody and charged with Trafficking Methamphetamine, Trafficking Cocaine, Maintaining a Dwelling for Sale of a Controlled Substance, Maintaining a Vehicle for Sale of a Controlled Substance, and five counts of Possession of a Firearm by Felon. A bond was set at \$1 million.



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COVID-19 TESTING REPORT FOR MARCH 29, 2021

Total Number of Tests Reported to Date: 19,772

Positive Test Results: 7,507 (50 additional from 3/25 report)

Negative Test Results: 12,265

COVID Reported Deaths to Date: 99 (no additional from 3/25 report)

Additional information on vaccination clinics will be distributed via Sampson County Government’s social media and will be available, once confirmed, on our County’s vaccination resource webpage: <https://bit.ly/3e0LNR2>. Vaccination events will also be posted on The Sampson Weekly Facebook page as well.

Vaccination appointments may be available at the Sampson County Health Department. To make an appointment, please call (910) 490-1056 or (910) 592-1131 ext 4001. Appointment times are limited and are subject to vaccine availability. To schedule an appointment at Sampson Regional Medical Center or to be added to the waitlist to receive the COVID-19 Vaccine call (910)592-8511 or schedule your appointment online at <http://sampsonrmc.org/patients-visitors/coronavirus-covid-19-info/covid-19-vaccine>.

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CRIME

ARREST REPORTS

03-22 Victoria Ann Smith, 31, Newton Grove. Order for Arrest. Bond \$20000. Trial Date 03-25-21

03-22 Marvin Lee Becton, 49, Magnolia. Driving While License Revoked Impaired Revocation, DWI. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 05-10-21

03-22 Ashley Nicole Hicks, 31, Dunn. Resisting Public Officer. Bond \$500. Trial Date 04-28-21

03-22 Raymond Thomas Bland, 32, Newton Grove. Order for Arrest. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 06-15-21

03-22 Harold Underwood, 35, Warsaw. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 06-16-21

03-23 Djuan Romario Bell, 49, Clinton. PWISD Marijuana, Order for Arrest. Bond &7500. Trial Date 04-16-21

03-23 Lydia Nachele Burden, 26, Saint Pauls. FTA- Release Order. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 06-25-21

03-23 Alexander Josef Bohdal, 38, Turkey. Located Wanted Person. Trial Date 04-16-21

03-23 Daniel Edward Trejo-Gary, 29, Clinton. Fictitious Information to Officer. Bond \$500. Trial Date 04-12-21

03-23 Joshua Adam Marion, 25, Warsaw. Sex Exploit Minor. Bond \$100000. Trial Date 03-29-21

03-23 Michelle Melvin, 28, Roseboro. Possession of Heroin, Possession of Meth, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$40000. Trial Date 04-16-21

03-23 Seth Hudson Giddens, 37, Newton Grove. OFA-Release Order. Bond \$1600. Trial Date 04-15-21

03-23 Adonis Lee Tommer, 30, Turkey. Order for Arrest. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 03-29-21

03-23 Tanequa Shantel Winston, 35, Fayetteville. OFA-Release Order. Bond \$500. Trial Date 03-29-21

03-24 Joshua Adam Marion, 25, Warsaw. Fail to Report New Address- Sex Offender. Trial Date 04-16-21

03-24 Jessica Castaldo, 42, Clinton. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 06-15-21

03-24 Joseph Riddle, 52, Erwin. Misdemeanor Worthless Checks. Trial Date 06-28-21

03-24 Ira Eugene Faircloth, 46, Clinton. Order for Arrest. Bond \$315. Trial Date 04-19-21

03-24 Molly Lopez, 46, Newton Grove. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 04-19-21

03-25 Patsy Jordan Wynn, 55, Garland. OFA Fail to Comply with Monies. Bond

\$280. Trial Date 04-12-21

03-25 Shony Marie Smith, 20, Salemburg. CCW, Possess Marijuana, Possess Paraphernalia. Trial Date 06-10-21

03-25 Jeremiah McNeal Bradsher, 40, Clinton. Misdemeanor Stalking, Trespass of Real Property. Trial Date 04-19-21

03-25 Larry Junior Thompson, 56, Clinton. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 04-16-21

03-25 Desiree Chantel Robinson, 23, Harrells. Communicating Threats, Fail to Return Rental Property. Trial Date 04-19-21

03-25 Bradley Justin Watts, 39, Clinton. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 04-16-21

03-25 Kacey Jane Tanner, 20, Autryville. Resisting Public Officer. Bond \$500. Trial Date 05-20-21

03-25 Jacob Matthew Hawks, 21, Clinton. Order for Arrest. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 04-06-21

03-25 Demarkus Davis Kerr, 24, Ivanhoe. Att Obtain Property False Pretense, Possess Counterfeit Instrument/Currency. Bond \$7500. Trial Date 04-09-21

03-25 Shakim Oates, 18, Clinton. Possession of Stolen Firearm. Bond \$7500. Trial Date 04-16-21

03-25 Misty Nicole Mishoe, 42, Clinton. Possess Meth, Possess Marijuana, Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 04-16-21

03-25 Michael Anthony Sparkman Jr, 28, Clinton. Possess Meth, Possess Marijuana, Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 04-16-21

03-25 Kendra Cherie Register, 32, Clinton. Fict/Alt Title/Reg Card/Tag, No Liability Insurance, Possess Meth, Possess Marijuana, Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$6000. Trial Date 04-16-21

03-25 Byron Scott Brewer, 26, Clinton. Possess Drug Paraphernalia, Possess Meth, Possess Marijuana, Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$6000. Trial Date 04-16-21

03-26 Jessis Kahem Henry, 30, Clinton. Possess Cocaine, Possess with Intent to Sell and Deliver Cocaine, Trafficking Cocaine, Possess Marijuana, Posses Drug Paraphernalia, Driving While License Revoked. Bond \$265000. Trial Date 04-16-21

03-26 Michael Stanley Draughan, 65, Clinton. DWI, DWLR Impaired Rev. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 04-13-21

03-26 Brandon Lee Strange, 19, Clarkton. Burglary/Breaking & Entering.

03-26 Gregory Joel Smith, 31, Salemburg. FTA- Release Order, Sex Offender Residence Violation, Fail to Report New Address. Bond \$27000. Trial Date 04-16-21

03-26 Derrick McWhorter, 52, Clinton. Or-

der for Arrest. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 04-07-21

03-26 Jaevion Liteak Vann, 20, Garland. Larceny, Injury to personal Property. Trial Date 06-17-21

03-26 Rumulo Medrano, 32, Clinton. Trafficking Cocaine, Trafficking Meth, Maintain Vehicle/Dwell/Place CS, Possess of Firearm by Felon. Trial Date 04-16-21

03-27 Rufus Kevin Carter, 53, Clinton. Assault with a Deadly Weapon. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 04-12-21

03-27 Ernest Ryheam Smith, 25, Rose Hill. Order for Arrest. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 04-28-21

03-27 Edward Allen Best, 36, Clinton. Assault on a Female, Injury to Personal Property, Assault with a Deadly Weapon. Bond \$6000. Trial Date 04-20-21

03-27 Ronnell Antwan Jones, 44, Clinton. Assault on a Female. Trial Date 04-13-21

03-27 Tommy John Greene, 38, Roseboro. Assault on a Government Official, Damage to Property, Resisting Public Officer, Failure to Comply with Monies, Failure to Appear- Release Order. Bond \$11940. Trial Date 05-04-21

03-27 Monroe William White, 24, Hampstead. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 04-21-21

03-27 Santos Carsahana, 60, Faison. Assault on a Female. Trial Date 06-14-21

03-27 Zachary Tanner Thornton, 27, Clinton. Intoxicated and Disruptive. Trial Date 06-09-21

03-28 Terry Lynette Melvin, 56, Garland. Second Degree Trespass, Communicating Threats. Bond \$500. Trial Date 05-03-21

03-28 Melinda Ellen McCullen, 43, Newton Grove. Order for Arrest. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 04-20-21

03-28 Jonathan Seth Raynor, 34, Clinton. WFA- Assault on a Female. Bond \$500. Trial Date 05-11-21

03-28 Tyreise Nyshawn Carroll, 22, Clinton. Simple Possession of Schedule VI CS. Trial Date 07-26-21

03-29 Efren Teron Boykin, 39, Salemburg. DWI, Possess Meth, Rear Lamp Violation. Bond \$750. Trial Date 05-03-21

03-29 Crstthian Eloy Cespedesarias, 23, Clinton. Concealed Handgun Permit Violation, Speeding. Trial Date 07-14-21

03-29 Kevin Lamont Cooper, 27, Candler. Headlamp Violation, No Insurance. Trial Date 06-07-21

03-29 Thomas Calvin Pope, 34, Dunn. Felony Larceny, Obtain Property by False Pretense. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 04-16-21

03-29 Chy'na Simone Chestnutt, 24, Clinton. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 04-21-21

03-29 Miguel Ange Arroyo, 21, Roseboro. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 04-21-21

03-29 Evelyn Elaine Stanley, 51, Fayetteville. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 04-22-21

03-29 Keeshond Rasheen Maleek Melvin, 27, Kenansville. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 04-14-21

03-29 Eldridge Keith Herring, 38, Lillington. FTA. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 06-16-21

03-29 Lindsay Jo Gautier, 35, Roseboro. OFA-FTC-Child Support. Bond \$250. Trial Date 05-26-21

03-29 Johnny Lee Richardson, 59, Clinton. Communicating Threats. Trial Date 05-03-21

03-29 Wayne Anthony McNeill, 57, Clinton. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 04-16-21

03-29 Robert Thomas Frain, 25, Roseboro. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 04-22-21

03-29 Carl Junior Williams, 50, Newton Grove. Cyberstalking. Cyberstalking 04-22-21

03-30 Shauntoya Mechale Aycock, 36, Clinton. (OFA) DWLR Not Impaired, (OFA) Canc/Revoked/Susp Certif/Tag, (OFA) Operate Vehicle No Insurance, (OFA) Open Container After Cons Alc 1st. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 04-19-21

03-30 Emmitt Ray Jackson, 31, Faison. Trespass, Possess Open Container. Trial Date 04-19-21

INCIDENT REPORTS

03-22 Maurice Williams reported Burglary/Breaking & Entering- television \$200.

03-26 Latoya Price reported Damage to Property- tire and rim \$300.

03-27 Faustin Belias reported Damage to Property- tires \$200.

03-27 Ciara Thomas reported Damage to Property- automobile \$5000.

03-27 Wellie Sutton reported Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts- license plate \$35.

03-28 Sandra Davis reported Lost or Stolen Cell Phone- Smart Phone \$400.

03-28 Carl Dudley reported Breaking and Entering other Building- watercraft equipment \$400.

03-29 Mary Bradshaw reported Damage to Property- automobile \$100.

03-29 Sudie Richardson reported Larceny of firearm.

03-30 Veronica Watson reported Theft from Motor Vehicle- credit cards, money \$500, purse \$100.

** The Crime Report is provided by the Sampson County Sheriff's Office and the Clinton City Police Department.*

FEMA, cont Pg 1

incurred funeral expenses after Jan. 20, 2020 for a death attributed to COVID-19.

-If multiple individuals contributed toward funeral expenses, they should apply under a single application as applicant and co-applicant. FEMA will also consider documentation from other individuals not listed as the applicant and co-applicant who may have incurred funeral expenses as part of the registration for the deceased individual.

-An applicant may apply for multiple deceased individuals.

-The COVID-19-related death must have occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories and the District of Columbia.

-This assistance is limited to a maximum financial amount of \$9,000 per funeral and a maximum of \$35,500 per application.

Funeral assistance is intended to assist with expenses for funeral services and interment or cremation.

In the coming weeks, a dedicated 800 number will be established to help individuals who apply. In the meantime, potential applicants are encouraged to start gathering the following documentation:

-An official death certificate that attributes the death to COVID-19 and shows that the death occurred in the United States. The death certificate must indicate the death “may have been caused by” or “was likely the result of” COVID-19 or COVID-19-like symptoms. Similar phrases that indicate a high likelihood of COVID-19 are considered sufficient attribution.



JACQUELINE MURPHY
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Assistant Administrator Murphy has been employed with the agency for over 26 years and is the consummate professional and a tribute to Community Corrections. Throughout the course of her career she has broken down barriers by being named the first African American female to serve as manager in Judicial District 27 and the first African American female to serve as either Division Administrator or Assistant Division Administrator within Community Corrections. In her spare time Jackie leads the outreach ministry at her church, where she has worked with homeless women in Charlotte.

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Jacqueline is the the daughter of Barbara Murphy of Harrells NC and the late Henry Lee Murphy and the Grandaughter of the late Queen Murphy Fennell of Harrells, NC

-Funeral expense documents (receipts, funeral home contract, etc.) that include the applicant's name, the deceased individual's name, the amount of funeral expenses and dates the funeral expenses were incurred.

-Proof of funds received from other sources specifically for use toward funeral costs. Funeral assistance may not duplicate benefits received from burial or funeral insurance, financial assistance received from voluntary agencies, federal/state/local/tribal/territorial government programs or agencies, or other sources.

For more information about this assistance, visit COVID-19 Funeral Assistance | FEMA.gov.



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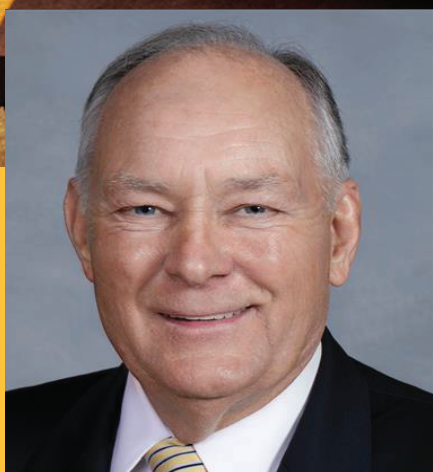
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A Brunch Spread Fit for Spring

FAMILY FEATURES

From tasty small bites to a filling feast and even dessert for breakfast, brunch options are nearly endless. Take your spring brunch to the next level with recipes that appease appetites of all kinds.

First, start with portioned pastry cups perfect for appetizers. Bring out the protein-packed breakfast burritos for the main course then, for a final touch of sweet deliciousness, offer up lemony doughnuts to cap off the feast.

Find more brunch recipes at Culinary.net.

Bite-Sized Breakfast

Appetizer-sized portions and small bites of all sorts are ideal for breakfast spreads, and these Pastry Brunch Cups are perfect for starting a morning meal with loved ones. Or, if a busy schedule looms, try baking a batch and separating into appropriate serving sizes for a simple way to meal prep heading into a new week.

Find more breakfast recipes at Culinary.net.

Pastry Brunch Cups

- Servings: 18
- 2 tablespoons butter
 - 2 tablespoons flour
 - 1 1/2 cups milk
 - 1 cup shredded Swiss cheese
 - 2 sheets puff pastry
 - 18 eggs
 - 2 cups diced ham
 - chopped fresh green onions

Heat oven 375 F.

In small saucepan, melt butter. Whisk flour with butter. Gradually pour in milk, whisking each time. Bring to simmer, whisking until mixture starts to thicken. Remove from heat; stir in Swiss cheese. Set aside.

Use rolling pin to thin out puff pastries. Cut each into nine squares. Line pastry squares in muffin cups, pressing bottoms down firmly and moving pastries up sides for edges to come up just over muffin tins. Fill each cup with 1 teaspoon cheese sauce. Crack one egg into each cup and sprinkle each with diced ham.

Bake 10-15 minutes until eggs set. Sprinkle with chopped green onions.



Power Brunch with a Protein-Packed Burrito

A well-rounded brunch calls for a multitude of dishes and beverages, but it wouldn't be complete without a protein-packed recipe to get the day started.

This delicious Breakfast Burrito is loaded with colorful veggies and Silver Fern Farms 100% grass-fed strip steak. Hailing from New Zealand, home to some of the world's most natural tasting beef and lamb, this premium cut of beef is aged 21 days and minimally processed with no added growth hormones or antibiotics. The animals are grass-fed year-round and allowed to roam and graze freely, so the beef offers a lean, flavorful texture that tastes just as nature intended.

Visit silverfernfarms.com to find more at-home brunch inspiration.

Breakfast Burrito

- 1 Silver Fern Farms New Zealand 100% Grass-Fed New York Strip Steak (10 ounces)
- oil
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- 1/2 onion, finely chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, sliced lengthwise
- 4 large mushrooms, sliced
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2-1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 tomato, finely chopped
- 8 eggs

- 1/2 cup milk
- 4 large tortillas
- 1 cup spinach
- 1 1/2 ounces feta cheese, crumbled
- 1/4 cup cilantro
- 1 avocado
- lime wedges (optional)
- hot sauce (optional)

Remove steak from packaging and set aside 10 minutes. Once steak reaches room temperature, heat pan over medium-high heat.

Rub steak with oil and season with salt and pepper, to taste.

Cook until medium-rare, approximately 3-4 minutes each side. Remove from pan and cover loosely with tinfoil to rest 5 minutes.

Reduce heat to medium and add splash of oil. Add onion; cook 1 minute. Add red bell pepper and mushrooms; cook 1 minute.

Add cumin, paprika and chili powder; stir through.

When veggies are tender (about 2 minutes), add tomato and cook until soft. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.

In large bowl, whisk eggs, milk and salt and pepper, to taste.

Heat pan to medium heat and add splash of oil.

Pour egg mixture into pan and cook, lifting and folding eggs until thickened and no visible liquid egg remains. Do not stir constantly.

Lay tortillas on flat surface or plate.

In center of tortilla, add cooked veggies and top with thinly sliced beef. Add handful of spinach, scrambled eggs, crumbled feta, cilantro and avocado. Fold bottom of tortilla and roll.

Serve with lime wedges and hot sauce, if desired.

Dine on Deliciously Sweet Doughnuts

Brunch is never complete without something sweet to cap off the morning feast, and doughnuts are often the perfect complement to an array of main courses.

These Lemon Ricotta Doughnuts pair the bite-sized morsels with lemon curd (if that suits your style) for a sweet-tart combination. They're made using Domino Golden Sugar, which is made from pure cane sugar and is less processed than white granulated sugar, as one you can always trust in your favorite recipes. It works cup-for-cup just like white sugar but with a golden color and distinct hint of molasses flavor.

Visit dominosugar.com to find recipes perfect for entertaining and celebrating throughout the year.

Lemon Ricotta Doughnuts

- Prep time: 20 minutes
- Cook time: 7 minutes
- Doughnuts:
- Vegetable oil, for frying
 - 2 cups all-purpose flour
 - 1 3/4 cups Domino Golden Sugar, divided
 - 2 tablespoons baking powder
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 2 tablespoons lemon zest
 - 5 large eggs
 - 1 3/4 cups ricotta cheese

- 1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract
- Lemon Curd (optional):
- 1 stick unsalted butter, softened
 - 1 1/2 cups Domino Golden Sugar
 - 2 large eggs
 - 2 egg yolks
 - 4 lemons, zest and juice only
 - 1/8 teaspoon salt

To make doughnuts: In large saucepan, preheat oil to 350 F. Prepare cookie sheet with paper towel to drain doughnuts once out of hot oil.

In bowl, mix flour, 3/4 cup sugar, baking powder and salt. Add lemon zest, eggs, ricotta cheese and vanilla extract; mix until well combined.

Use ice cream scoop to scoop small amounts dough into oil, 4-5 pieces at a time. Fry each batch until golden brown, about 7 minutes. Keep oil at or near 350 F; if oil is too hot, doughnuts will turn golden brown but centers may still be raw. Remove from oil and drain in paper towel. Repeat with remaining dough.

While still hot, toss doughnuts with remaining sugar.

To make lemon curd, if desired: In large bowl of stand mixer, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs and egg yolks, one at a time. Add lemon zest, lemon juice and salt.

Transfer mixture to saucepan and cook at low-medium heat until thick and creamy, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and let cool before serving with doughnuts.



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Dr. H. Edward Croom

Inaugurated as UMO’s Sixth President



MOUNT OLIVE – The University of Mount Olive (UMO) held the virtual inauguration of Dr. H. Edward Croom as its sixth president on Thursday, March 25. The program included greetings from representatives of the Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, students, alumni, the Original Free Will Baptist (OFWB) denomination, and the Town of Mount Olive. It also featured musical performances by Alumna Brandy Smith, Carolina Sound, and The University of Mount Olive Concert Choir.

Earl Worley, Chair of the UMO Board of Trustees, said, “For those of you that don’t know Dr. Croom, I can tell you both personally and professionally that he is drawn to pursuing big ideas, to embracing challenges, and to facing tough questions. He is a strategic thinker and I couldn’t imagine a more imaginative, creative, and likable campus leader. With his eastern North Carolina roots, his Original Free Will Baptist heritage, and his extensive and skilled career in education and leadership, he is uniquely positioned to lead this institution to new heights.”

Board member Donnie Lassiter said, “Dr. Croom is the epitome of what our University needs to continue and strengthen our role as a leading university in eastern North Carolina and beyond. He is foremost a man of God along with being a lifetime Free Will Baptist. In addition, he is a very well respected member of the academic community in North Carolina.”

Noting that there has never been any requirement that the University president had to be a pastor or a member of the OFWB Church, Gary Baily, Director of Convention Services for the Convention of OFWB, said, “We have been supportive of presidents who were members of our church and of those who were not. But, we are extremely proud of the fact that Dr. Croom is one of us. Dr. Croom, we are grateful for your faith, your expertise, and your humility.”

Representing the traditional student body, Alan Farrior said, “As a former Johnston County Schools student, I have personally experienced your leadership style. I know, firsthand, that you will put the academic and emotional needs of students first. You have made and will continue to make decisions that will allow this campus, its programs, and its people to grow successfully. As we’ve seen with the COVID-19 pandemic, you have already proven that you can see us through difficult times.”

Treyvon Webb, a member of the graduate student body, quoted John C. Maxwell, “‘A good leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.’ Dr. Croom, I have no doubt that you will guide our University with honesty, trustworthiness, justice, courage, responsibility, gratitude, care, and respect. I look forward to your leadership of service with purpose. May we follow in the footsteps of those who helped make this University great and dared to dream!”

Steeped in tradition, Dr. Croom was sworn in using his grandfather’s family Bible. Croom was also presented with a presidential medallion, a wooden replica of the official University seal.

In his inaugural address, Croom spoke about the quick and consistent changes that have occurred since he joined UMO, noting changes in leadership, COVID-19 and resulting remote teaching and learning, as well as the tragic vehicle accident that claimed the lives of four



Clinton City and Sampson County Schools Take the ‘NC First in FAFSA’ Challenge to Send More Students to College

High schools across North Carolina are competing for grants in the School Challenge

Clinton City, NC - Clinton City Schools and Sampson County Schools have officially accepted North Carolina’s First in FAFSA Challenge to help send more local high school seniors to college. Union High School and all of Clinton City high schools are competing against each other and hundreds of other high schools across the state to increase their FAFSA completion rates.

myFutureNC, along with Carolina Demography, College Foundation of North Carolina, College Advising Corps, the Hunt Institute, and the John M. Belk Endowment, are sponsoring the NC First in FAFSA School Challenge to motivate students to take full advantage of free federal aid to help them pay for college. Studies show students who complete the FAFSA are far more likely to enroll in higher education.

“The FAFSA is the first step to free or affordable college so we are thrilled to see 100% of our school districts across North Carolina participating in our First in FAFSA Challenge,” said Cecilia Holden, CEO of myFutureNC. “We are especially grateful to the district leaders, school principals, counselors, faculty, and staff at these high schools who are helping so many students and their families complete the FAFSA and take that first step for a lifetime of opportunity and success.”

NC First in FAFSA launched the inaugural FAFSA Challenge this semester to encourage high schools to earn the highest FAFSA completion rate and implement innovative strategies to support FAFSA completion locally. 494 North Carolina high schools or 75% of public high schools across the state have registered for the challenge.

Schools compete in the Challenge with schools of similar size and type, with winners earning a \$500 grant in each of the following categories:

- Highest percentage of completed FAFSAs
- Highest percent increase in FAFSA completion rate
- Best FAFSA completion strategy

The Challenge will conclude on June 30th, 2021 with winners announced by July 31st, 2021. Schools can keep track of their progress with the NC First in FAFSA Tracker to identify specific areas of need and create targeted efforts to increase attainment. Final FAFSA completion rates are calculated using FAFSA completion data from the U.S. Department of Education and final high school graduation counts from NC DPI.

Currently, Cooperative Innovative High Schools (CIHS) are not listed in the Leaderboard for data limitation reasons. CIHS schools include an array of graduating seniors by grade level which makes it challenging to calculate the true FAFSA completion rate for these schools. Updates to the leaderboard are made on the second Tuesday of each month. Winners will be announced in Summer 2021.

ABOUT NC FIRST IN FAFSA:
NC First in FAFSA is a myFutureNC Collaborative that focuses on increasing the number of high school seniors who complete the FAFSA application. Increasing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, completion rate is a fundamental step in North Carolina’s efforts to meet our state’s 2 million by 2030 postsecondary educational attainment goal. Students who complete the FAFSA are more likely to enroll in higher education, persist in their college coursework, and obtain a degree.

Partners include Carolina Demography, College Foundation of North Carolina, College Advising Corps, the Hunt Institute, and the John M. Belk Endowment.

For more information on NC First in FAFSA, visit myfuturenc.org/first-in-fafsa/.

UMO students. “Change has been rapid,” he said. He praised both faculty and staff for their dedicated efforts in providing students with exceptional opportunities, and “keeping the wheels turning regardless of how bumpy the path may be.”

The theme of his message was, “Start with a Dream. Serve with a Purpose. Finish with a Future.” Indicating a personal preference for white board discussions, Croom said, “We will spend a great deal of time in front of white boards as we make our long range plans for the future.” In those white board sessions, Croom pointed out that the University must constantly re-evaluate to make sure students are leaving with workforce ready qualities. “I strongly believe that just providing our students with a degree is simply not enough anymore,” he said. “Societal demands change rapidly and we must graduate students ready to meet those demands.”

After establishing the University’s direction Croom said, “...it will be important for us to serve, and serve with a purpose. It is my thought that, for the University of Mount Olive to thrive in the future we must create a sense of need from our community and stakeholders,” he said. “I believe that the success of the University of Mount Olive is directly proportional to our ability to build strong relationships in the future.”

Beyond his dreams of service and relationship building, Croom spoke on the business of leading a University. “Part of my responsibility as President is to make sure we operate in a manner that creates a level of financial stability,” he said. “When my tenure here is finished, I must make absolutely sure I have provided a foundation for a bright future ahead. It will not be easy and will require difficult decisions. As President, we will operate with a sound business model.”

In closing, Croom said, “We will hold true to our mission which is to serve our students, our founding church, and our communities. We will be as transparent as possible and communicate often in an effort to build trusting relationships. If we seek His (God’s) face, dream and dream big, serve others in a manner that builds relationships - then we will truly provide an opportunity for all of our stakeholders to finish with a future!”

The full inauguration ceremony can be found at <https://umo.edu/inauguration/>.

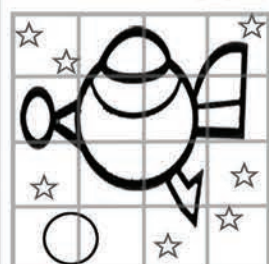
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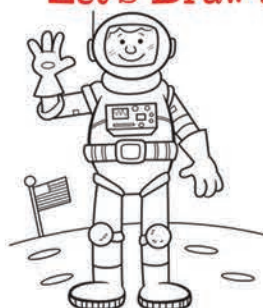
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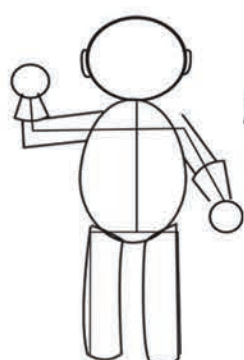
Let's Draw a fun Astronaut!



Here is what our finished drawing will look like.

Start with your pencil, crayon or marker. Sketch lightly and have fun. Let's start!

We can use our basic shapes:
Circle Square Triangle



1. Let's start with the stick figure and an oval for the head. Don't worry about your lines being "perfect". You should sketch them out roughly.

2. Using the stick figure as a guide, start adding tubes and ovals around it.

The stick figure gives your drawing a nice, solid, "foundation".

It's better to draw the stick figure first. It's like drawing the bones, and THEN adding the muscles.

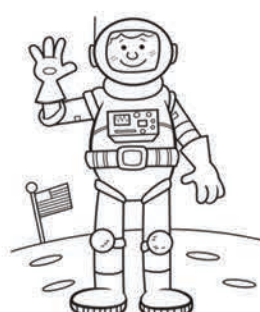


3. Now we can start adding details to the top part of our drawing. Also, it's easier to draw hands if we start drawing them like mittens with thumbs and then add the fingers. Don't forget ovals for the feet!

4. Now we can add more detail as we wish. Study actual photographs of astronauts to see what they wear. You can also have fun designing your own space suit.



5. Now we can add the face. You can draw your own face as the Astronaut!



6. Then you can erase the foundation lines and tubes. Add any kind of background you want - use your imagination. Maybe this Astronaut is visiting a planet on the edge of the universe!

Have fun, take your time and keep practicing!



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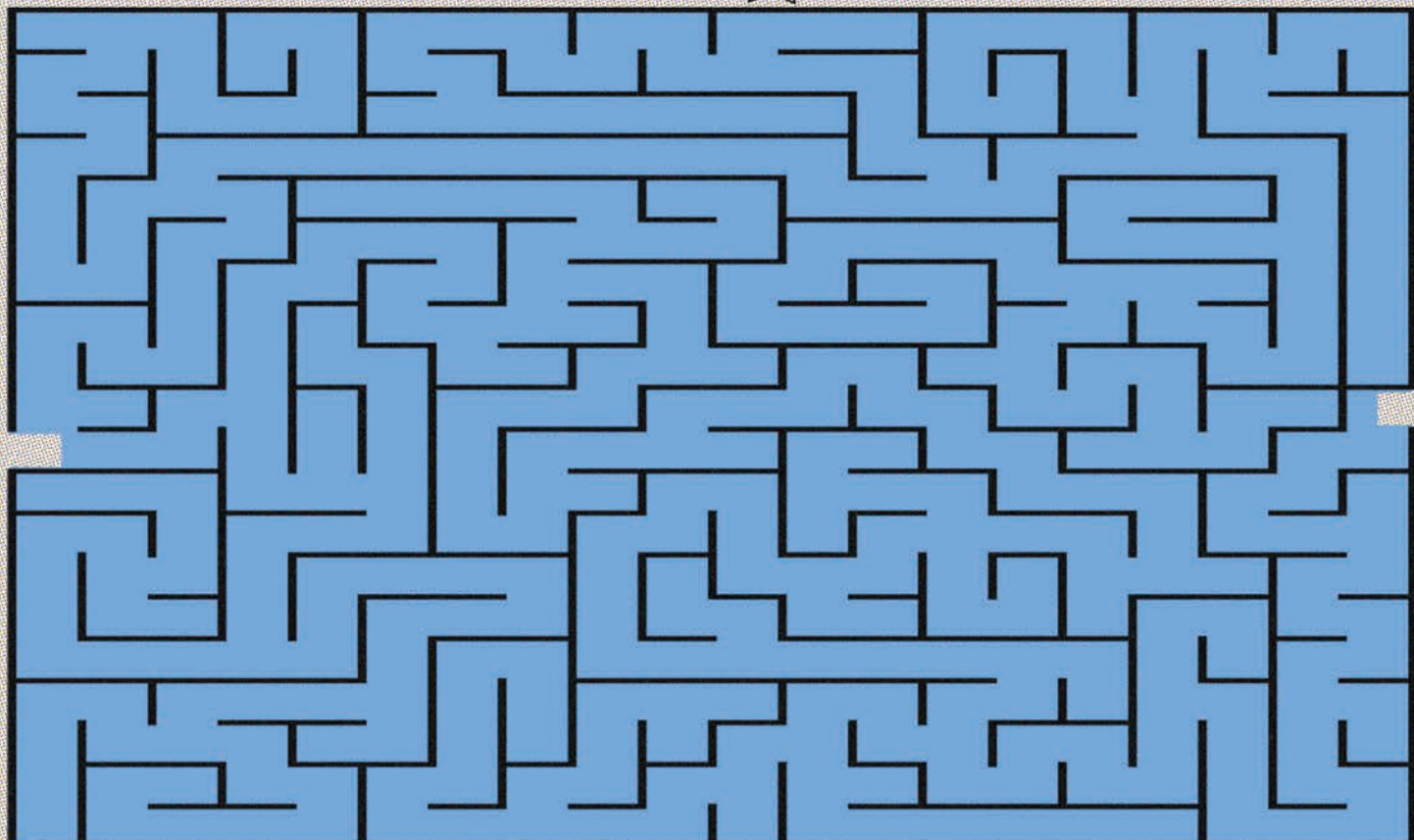


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23 What Eve did

24 Birch or beech

25 Team morale

27 Invoice charge

31 Underground explorer

32 Pasture sound

33 Zilch

34 Bone-dry

35 Necklace item

36 Crumbly cheese

37 Beyond tipsy

38 Macbeth's title

39 Sly ones

40 Make the competition nervous

42 Frenzies

43 Landlord's due

44 Jacket feature

45 Probate concern

48 Statue of Liberty, et. al.

51 Ineffective

53 Woodwind instrument

54 One in a million

55 Present occasion

56 Response to an insult

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57 Dentist's request

58 Have the helm

59 Campsite sight

12 Minor setback

13 Fairytale villain

19 Clumsy

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24 "So ___!"

25 Massage target

26 "Les Misérables" setting

27 Viewpoint

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29 Gunpowder component

30 Tumbler, eg.

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How to beat **Str8ts** – Like Sudoku, no single number can repeat in any row or column. But... rows and columns are divided by black squares into **compartments**. These need to be filled in with numbers that complete a 'straight'. A **straight** is a set of numbers with no gaps but can be in any order, eg [4,2,3,5]. Clues in black cells remove that number as an option in that row and column, and are not part of any straight. Glance at the solution to see how 'straights' are formed.

SUDOKU

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To complete Sudoku, fill the board by entering numbers 1 to 9 such that each row, column and 3x3 box contains every number uniquely.

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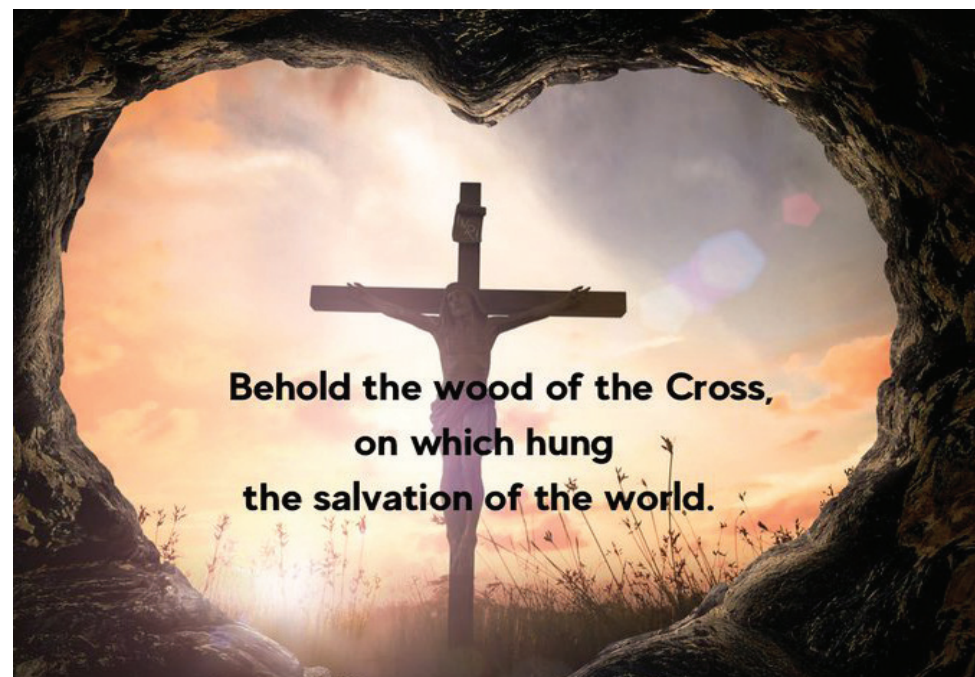
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FAITH

Easter Celebration



**Behold the wood of the Cross,
on which hung
the salvation of the world.**

What a surprise was in store for me as I opened our side door on the morning of Good Friday! There hanging on the doorknob was a bag containing a piece of sheet music. I am pretty sure that an angel left it there, not knowing what a Blessing it would be to my thirsty soul. You understand, I'm sure. Because we are living in unprecedented circumstances this Easter 2020, we will not be able to gather as usual with others in our places of worship to Celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. We will not join our hearts and voices in Praise, Adoration, Worship and Recommitment. Somehow it will not be the same. Yes, something is missing! Our Heavenly Father created us to "Hunger and thirst after righteousness", and our souls certainly do need refreshing during "Such a time as this".

And so, in that simple plastic bag that was left at my door, there was a much-needed measure of refreshment for me, an Easter Celebration song. The words were penned by Carolyn W. Gillette amid this Coronavirus Pandemic to the tune of one of the church's best-loved hymns, "The Church's One Foundation". The words are so appropriate, I could hardly wait to sing all five verses. Now I invite you to sing along with me.

This Easter celebration is not like ones we've known.
We pray in isolation, we sing the hymns alone.
We're distant from our neighbors, from worship leaders, too.
No flowers grace the chancel to set a festive mood.

No gathered choirs are singing; no banners lead the way.

O God of love and promise, where's joy this Easter Day?
With sanctuaries empty, may homes become the place
We ponder resurrection and celebrate your grace.

Our joy won't come from worship that's in a crowded room
But from the news of women who saw the empty tomb.
Our joy comes from disciples who ran with haste to see--
Who heard that Christ is risen, and then, by grace, believed.

In all the grief and suffering, may we remember well:
Christ suffered crucifixion and faced the powers of hell.
Each Easter bears the promise: Christ rose that glorious day!
Now nothing in creation can keep your love away.

We thank you that on Easter, your church is blessed to be
A scattered, faithful body that's doing ministry.
In homes and in the places of help and healing, too,
We live the Easter message by gladly serving You.

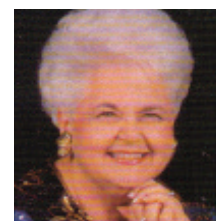
Keep singing, let's repeat the last verse, and sincerely consider the depth of that last line: **"We live the Easter message by gladly serving You!"**

We are most Blessed to live in full Revelation of God's Love - Jesus' death on the Cross, and His Glorious Resurrection as our Lord and Savior! Therefore, because of that first Easter, we have the privilege and the responsibility of daily living our Lord's Great Commission. Yes, dear Christians, We Are Saved To Serve!

Our Easter song says that the church is "A scattered faithful body that's doing ministry in homes and in places of help and healing." Even as the body of the church, we had become quite accustomed to being so busy - so much to do- so many distractions. But, upon reflection our prevailing question now must be: Were we busy with the right kind of busyness, the Heavenly Father's business? Believers, we have a mission to fulfill! Even in this time of "staying at home", as we go about the daily of our lives, we must commit ourselves to doing His business until He comes. And, as we prepare our hearts to Serve, may we devote more time to our Heavenly Father in quiet meditation, Bible study and prayer.

Let's all get serious about LOVE. Starting with myself, what if we:
Gave a little more generously....Loved a little more genuinely...Witnessed a little more sincerely...and made up our minds to GO to greater lengths to touch this hurting world for Christ? Your world is right where you are right now...where you live...work...play...attend church.

Just think what an impact we could have if we simply lived thus:
"I was on my way to the Savior and ran into serving and loving others!"



Martha M. Pierce

In the pit of sin



Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"

How often do you hear someone use the word sin? Merriam-Webster defines sin as an offense against religious or moral law. Some might say that when we commit sin we are missing the target of God's holy standard. The apostle Paul writes about sin in Galatians 5:19-21, "Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, moral impurity, promiscuity, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatreds, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambitions, dissensions, factions, 21 envy, drunkenness, carousing, and anything similar, about which I tell you in advance-as I told you before-that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God." It is difficult for many individuals to acknowledge they are sinners. However, we have to acknowledge that we are sinners if we are to ever find the right standing with God.

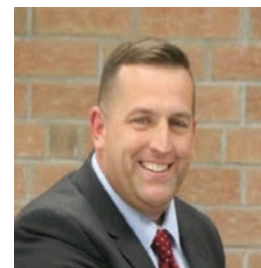
We know that from the Bible everybody is a sinner. Regardless of our skin color, the size of our checking account or our political allegiance, we all find ourselves in the cold pit of sin. Unless we are willing to confess our sins to God and turn to Him for forgiveness we will remain in the pit. God offers His grace and mercy to anyone who will reach out to Him. We may try to pull ourselves out of the pit of sin by doing good deeds, but we will always come up short. Only through the work of Jesus can we overcome our sinful past.

If we deny or ignore that we need the grace of God we are living a lie. Without admitting our sin nature, we can never reach that feeling of reconciliation with God that is necessary to spend eternity with Him in Heaven. David, the psalmist wrote in Psalm 32:5, "I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin." It takes courage to admit our transgressions to God like David did. Our life will be filled with joy in the forgiveness found in God.

Many might think that the Bible is outdated and its view of sin is archaic, however God does not change. We might want to ignore the Bible because it convicts us of our wrong, but that would be playing right into the hands of the enemy. Dwight L. Moody proclaimed, "The Bible will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from the Bible." By turning away from the Bible, we are much like a sick person that has the medication in front of them, but refuses to take it.

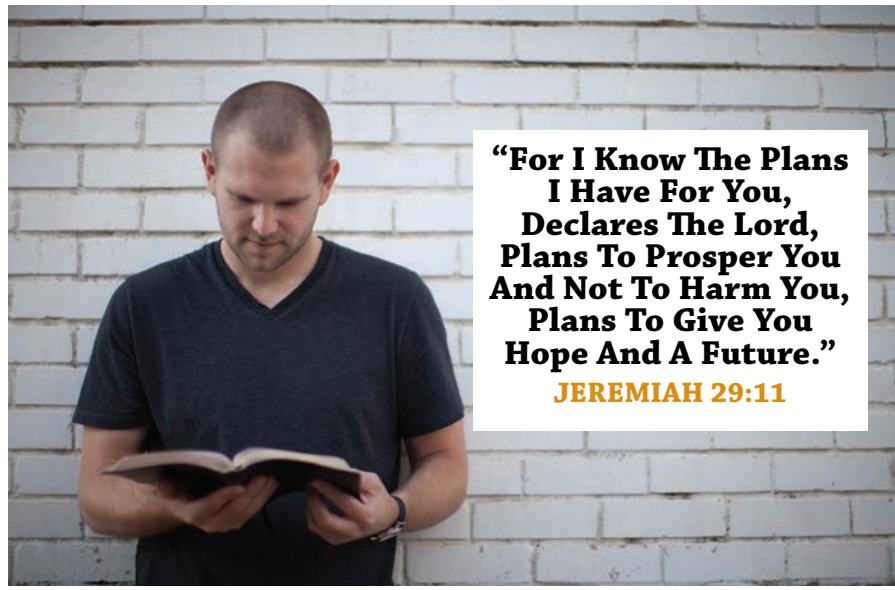
John Wycliffe proclaimed, "Trust wholly in Christ; rely altogether on His sufferings; beware of seeking to be justified in any other way than by His righteousness. Faith in our Lord Jesus Christ is sufficient for salvation. There must be atonement made for sin according to the righteousness of God. The person to make this atonement must be God and man." Sin will drive a deep wedge between us and a relationship with God. Sin that is left unchecked will destroy families, friendships and fortunes. Sin might taste sweet like rat poison, but its path leads to death.

This week I encourage you to confront your sins with the knowledge that Christ can forgive. We are loved by the One who gave His only son to pay the price for our rebellion. Even when you have been forgiven by Christ some might want to remind you of your dark past or your time spent in the pit of sin, but be of good cheer that Jesus has destroyed any record of our sin.



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**"For I Know The Plans
I Have For You,
Declares The Lord,
Plans To Prosper You
And Not To Harm You,
Plans To Give You
Hope And A Future."
JEREMIAH 29:11**

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OBITUARIES



HARRELLS

Mrs. Lula "Mary" Killett Alford, 65, of 1910 Tomahawk Hwy., Harrells passed away Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at SECU Crystal Coast Hospice House in Goldsboro. Ms. Alford was born December 06, 1955 in Sampson Co. the daughter of the late Willie Killett and Pearl Killett. She was preceded in death by seven brothers, Albert Lane, Willie Killett, George Lane, Freeman Killett, Ronnie Killett, Terry Killett and Bobby Killett. A graveside service will be held at 1:00 P.M. Wednesday, April 07, 2021 Keathern Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery by the Reverend Willie C. Alford and Reverend Harvey C. Robinson, Sr. Mrs. Alford is survived by her husband Roger Bruce Alford, one son, Bruce Alford and wife Latoya of Charlotte, NC, one daughter, Latora R. Alford of Harrells, three sisters, Patricia Marable of Clinton, Dorothy Shephard of Raleigh, Betty Cogdell and husband Jerry of Fayetteville, one brother, Freddie Lane of Clinton, 5 grandchildren. The public will be received on Tuesday, April 06, 2021 from 1:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M., with family present from 5:00P.M.-6:00P.M. at Carter Funeral Home in Garland. Services provided by Carter Funeral Home, Garland. www.carterfh.com.



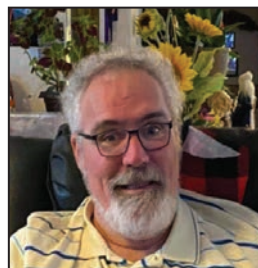
CLINTON

Louise Mattocks Beheler, 88, passed away on Sunday, March 28, 2021 at Mary Gran Nursing Home. A Funeral Service was held at 3 pm on Thursday, April 1st at Royal-Hall Funeral Home with Rev. E.C. Mattocks and Rev. Cameron Dunn officiating. Burial followed in the Clinton Cemetery. Born on October 1, 1932 in Jones County, Louise was the daughter of the late Robert Lee and Rossie Banks Mattocks and the widow of Robert "Sonny" Beheler. She was a 60-year member of Grove Park Baptist Church and also a faithful member of the church choir. She retired as a manager with Carolina Telephone after thirty-three years of service and carried on with that career with AT&T and Sprint for an additional ten years. In her spare time, her and Sonny loved to go to different shagging events, where they were avid shaggers. She had a heart of gold and would lend a helping hand to anyone who needed it. She loved her family more than anything, especially her grandchildren. She is survived by her daughters: Diane Andrews Faircloth (Marty Nordan) of Clinton; Lisa Andrews Dixon (Jimmy Gainey) of Clinton; five grandchildren: Teri Shaw Lanik (Joel), Travis Faircloth (Tabitha), Dana Dixon, Ross Dixon and Madison Dixon; great-granddaughter, Virginia Isabelle "GiGi" Lanik; sisters-in-law, Eula Mattocks and Lois Sandy; several nieces and nephews and Quisha Hampton and Mallard Newkirk for their love and care during this difficult time. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her grandson, Ross Shaw and her brothers: Bob, Gene, Calvin and Kit Mattocks. Visitation was held following the service at the cemetery on Thursday; and other times at the home of her granddaughter, Dana Dixon, 243 Beaman St., Apt 15, Clinton. Flowers are welcome, or memorials may be made in Louise's honor to the American Cancer Society online at www.cancer.org. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Beheler Family.



CLINTON

Miss Helen I. Bennett, 90, of 900 Circle Street, Clinton, passed away Monday, March 29, 2021 at Mary Gran Nursing Center, Clinton. The burial will be held at 12:30 p.m., Friday, April 2, 2021 at Hillcrest Memorial Park. A memorial service will be held via zoom at a later date. Miss Bennett is survived by her SISTERS-Barbara Jackson Greenwhe, CT and Nancy L. Wright of Clinton, NC; BROTHER-Sylvester L. Bennett, Jr. of Pembroke Pines, FL. There will be a private viewing for the family.



AUTRYVILLE

Mr. Mitchell Sherrill Boykin, 57 of 3929 Howard Road, Autryville passed away on Sunday, March 28, 2021 at UNC Rex Hospital. A memorial service will be held at 12:00 Noon on Saturday, April 3 at South River Community Church with Rev. Lynn McLaurin officiating. The family will receive friends from 11:00 - 11:50 AM at the church prior to the service. Also, the family will receive friends at his home. Mr. Boykin was a native of Sampson County, the son of Sherrill Boykin and Shelby Bass Boykin. He was preceded in death by his father. He was a member of South River Community Church. He is survived by his wife, Pandora Elaine Boykin; mother, Shelby Boykin; son, Eric Boykin; sister, Terrie Nunnery (special friend, Randy); brother, Steven Boykin and wife, Dana; step-children, Travis Matthews and wife, Kelli and Jonathan Matthews and wife, Ashley; step-daughter, Taylor Winston; grandchildren, Mason Matthews, Noah Matthews, Cooper Matthews, Sonny Winston, Ayden Winston and nieces and nephews. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.



CLINTON

Susan Dale Brewington, 62, of 1195 Mt. Moriah Church Road, passed away Monday, March 29, 2021 at Southwood Nursing Home. A funeral service will be at 2 PM, Saturday, April 3rd at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home with Rev. Dr. Chris Webb officiating. Interment will follow in the New Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 1 PM – 2 PM, just before the service on Saturday at the funeral home and at other times at the home. Susan, born May 20, 1958 in Sampson County, was the daughter of the late Paul Clifton Brewington and Pearlle Louvenia Ammons Brewington. She worked as a Certified Nursing Assistant and was a member of New Bethel Baptist Church. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her son Michael Ray Brewington, siblings Paul William "P. W." Brewington, Ronnie Franklin Brewington, Clifton Brewington, James Alfred Brewington, Gene Purvis Brewington, Edith Gail (Sis) Locklear, Elise Doan and Timothy Brewington. Survivors include brother Bobby Ray Brewington, and grandson Michael Brewington, and several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com.



CLINTON

Rachel Lee Bullock, 79, of Clinton, passed away Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at Lenoir Assisted Living. A funeral was held at 11 AM, Friday, April 2nd at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home with Rev. Robbie Gilbert officiating. Interment followed in the Clinton City Cemetery. The family received friends from 6 PM – 8 PM, Thursday, April 1st at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home and at other times at the home of her grand-daughter, Kelly, at 65 Mill Hill Lane, Clinton, NC. Rachel, born October 23, 1941 in Sampson County, was the daughter of the late John Adam Sinclair and Eva Gautier Sinclair. She was the owner operator of Rachel's Fabrics

and Gift. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by siblings, David Sinclair, Harold Sinclair, J. W. Sinclair, and Lillie Mae Tart. Survivors include: daughters, Connie Lee and Shelia Jacobs; grandchildren, Kelly Carter, Melissa Godwin, Victoria Bishop, Ashley Jacobs, Thomas Jacobs, Cody Jacobs; nine great-grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren; and sisters, Helen Hairr, Clara West and Faye Bullock. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com.



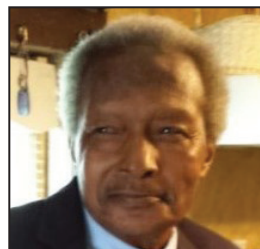
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A Celebration of Life. At the age of 95, on March 30, 2021, God sent his heavenly angles to call our beloved Edith Carroll home from trails and strife to a land of everlasting peace. Born to the late Lizzie Blackman and Lee Freeman, she lived a joyous life. Although she has no children, she was a mother to many. She was sharing, kind and instilled hard work, and high values to all. She enjoyed fishing, cooking and sewing. A graveside funeral will be held at 1:00 PM Friday, April 02, 2021 at Roseboro Snow Hill Cemetery in Roseboro. The Reverend John M. Melvin will be officiating. She was a member of Sam Spring AME Zion Church of Roseboro, NC. She was married to the late James Carroll (2nd husband) and Lorenzo Hargrove (1st husband). She is also preceded in death by her parents, Lee and Lizzie Freeman, and her brothers, Levis and Lee Frank Freeman and one of the many children she raised, Jessie Hargrove. She is survived by her sister Ethel Newkirk, nephews, Lee Newkirk (Lynda), Roy Newkirk, Ronnie Newkirk, Curtis Newkirk (Evelyn), Levis Freeman, Jimmy Hargrove whom she raised a son (Marylin), nieces, Ella McCutcheon (Dana), Emma Bumbry (Carl), Reba Morrison (Calvin), Valerie Morris and Marie Lewis. She also leaves to morn many other nephews and nieces and a special friend Priscilla Culberth of whom she cherished. A viewing was held on Thursday, April 01, 2021 from 1:00-6:00 PM at Carter Funeral Home in Garland.



BRONX, NY

Barbara Jean Parker Cruz was born to Stacey and Reva Parker in Sampson county, NC and attended school in Sampson County until she moved to New York City where she attended The College for Human Services where she graduated with one Masters degree, and later studied to receive another Masters degree, amongst other educational certificates, and awards. She worked as a Teacher until she retired. She Attended Bethel Church under Bishop Bell Senior and Junior in Manhattan NY, and later, after moving to the Bronx NY; Refuge Temple Annex under Bishop Fields Senior and Junior. in the Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ organization, she has over 50 years of service; including serving as a Missionary President, on the Usher board, on the choir, in Evangelism/Outreach, and with the Youth Department. Preceded in death is her Husband of 57 years, Hector Manuel Cruz, Mother, Reva Owens Parker, Father, Stacey Lee Parker, of Salemburg NC, Brother, Willie James Parker, and Sister Sarah Louise Parker of Roseboro NC, and Sister Peggy Jeanette Parker Williams of Henderson NC. She leaves to cherish her memories her Son Stacy Dwayne Cruz (Jacquekeem Pope Cruz) of Mufreesboro NC, Daughter Michelle Cruz of Bronx NY, Special Niece Tanya Turner (Ronald) of Henderson NC, Grandchildren; Davon Cruz, Shanekqua Cruz, Dwayne Cruz, Nikkia Campbell (Tony), Ernest Dell Cruz, Destiny Cruz, Sean Cruz, Desiree Pope-White, eight Great Grandchildren; four girls and four boys, three God Children Anthony Ballard of Wilmington NC, Vivian Cohen of Pineland SC, Angela Bell of Staten Island, and a special God Daughter Edwina Beth Fields Chism of MD, and a host of family and friends. Graveside Service: Saturday, April 3, 2021 at Bearskin MBC Cemetery in Clinton, NC at 1:00 pm. Public Walkthrough: Saturday, April 3, 2021 at Butler & Son Funeral Home in Roseboro, NC from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. Graveside service will be live-streamed through Butler & Son Facebook page at the time of service. Butler & Son Funeral Home, Inc. Roseboro, NC.



CLINTON

Mr. Daniel Williamson, 77 of 2410 Reedsford Road, Clinton, NC passed on Saturday, March 27, 2021 at Kitty Askins Hospice Center, Goldsboro, NC. A graveside service will be held at 11am, Saturday, April 3, 2021 at Andrews Chapel Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery, Clinton, NC with Rev. Gerald Underwood officiating. Military honors will be observed. Mr. Williamson is survived by his DAUGHTERS-Vonita Williamson of Midland, GA and Lt. Col. Demitra Williamson of Hampton, VA; SON-Daniel Williamson II of Fayetteville, NC; SISTERS-Hattie Vann of Los Vegas, NV, Peggy Williamson of Fayetteville, NC and Dorothy Chavis of Clinton, NC; BROTHERS-Lewis Williamson, James Williamson, Samuel Williamson and Larry Williamson all of Clinton, NC; 3 grandchildren. The live-stream will be available AT THE SERVICE TIME. NOTE: To access the service via Facebook, log on to your Facebook account and type in Worley Funeral Home. Public Viewing at the cemetery (Mask are required) on Saturday, April 3, 2021 10:30am-11am.



CLINTON

Mr. Titus D'Marco Demps, 26, of 265 Autumn Leaf Lane, Clinton passed away Monday, March 29, 2021. Titus was born May 06, 1994 in Sampson County to Joseph Demps and Cynthia Lee Owens. He is preceded in death by his father: Joseph Demps. Mr. Demps was a teacher for the County Public School System. A funeral service will be held at 1:00 PM Monday, April 05, 2021 at Big Piney Missionary Baptist Church, 3245 Big Piney Grove Road in Clinton. The Rev. Kevin Parrish Sr. will be officiating. Titus leaves to cherish his memory his mother: Cynthia Owens and husband Kenneth of Clinton, brother: Tyler Owens of Clinton, two sisters: Chandria Boykin of Fayetteville and Lebourne Owens of Fayetteville. A viewing will be held on Monday, April 05, 2021 prior to the service from 11:00 AM-12:45 PM at Big Piney Missionary Baptist Church in Clinton.

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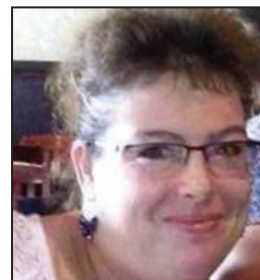
Mrs. Thelma Faye Evans, 88, of 186 Walter K. Evans Rd, Harrells, passed away Monday, March 29, 2021 at her residence. Thelma Faye was born May 22, 1932 in Pender County to the late Jessie Lee and Thelma Alice Smith. She never worked a public job, so to speak. But she managed a small farm, helped plant the garden and canned and preserved for the year from it. She could help her children skin a deer; cook Squirrel, wild Turkey (where you could eat it and like it); rabbit; coon; frog legs; you name it. She fought for her family, and I mean fought the devil and hell for them, if need be, she'd let you smell some gun powder! She taught the Bible in Sunday school at Riverside Baptist. She cared greatly for others and she was sure of her salvation in Christ alone. Thelma Faye is preceded in death by her husband: Frank G. Evans, daughter-in-law: Debbie Sue Mote Evans and her grandson: Jason Evans. The funeral service will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, April 03, 2021 at Riverside Baptist

Church Fellowship Hall, 5043 NC Hwy 210, Harrells. Interment will follow the service in the church's cemetery. Rev. Scott Conner and Rev. Tim Evans will preside over the service. Thelma Faye leaves to cherish her memory two sons: Reverend Tim Evans and wife Amy of Wade, Lee Evans and wife Fran of Harrells, one daughter: Elizabeth Faircloth and husband Jim of Harrells, five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, two sisters: Sylvia Wells and husband Joe of Harrells, Diane Lippincutt and husband Tom of Wilmington and one sister-in-law: Linda Smith of Summerville, SC. A public viewing will be held on Saturday, April 03, 2021 from 12:00-12:45 PM at the church prior to the service. The family will receive friends after the service in the Fellowship Hall. Praise be to God that Thelma Faye has met the Lord face to face; and reunited with her husband and loved ones; and all of heaven.



MIDWAY

Gene Rogers Faircloth, Sr., age 84 of the Midway Community in Sampson County, went to be with his Heavenly Father on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at Cape Fear Valley Hospital in Fayetteville. Gene was born on July 4, 1936 in Harnett County the son of the late David Faircloth and Georgia Grantham Faircloth and is preceded in death by his first wife, Ivar Paul Johnson Faircloth and his step-father, James Faircloth. He is also preceded in death by brothers, Jimmy and Bobby Faircloth; sisters, Martha F. Whitley, Shely Jean Bell, Kathy Faircloth and Judy F. Hilliard. When Gene turned 18 years old he told his parents he was leaving the farm and getting a job, so he left for Norfolk, Virginia and stayed with his uncle and aunt where he went to work at a Nursery, he then went to work on a Tugboat where he helped build the James River Bridge. He then joined the U.S. Army in 1955 and stayed in for 3 years. He decided he was tired of staying out in the woods so he joined the U.S. Air Force and retired with 26 years of service. He served in the Vietnam War and proudly served his country. He loved the military and being stationed at multiple Bases. He received the Heroism Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross, Vietnam Service Medal, Citations and many other Commemorative Medals. He was a part of the "Bat Patrol" during the Vietnam War, his plane's wing was hit by enemy fire and was brought down, but he landed safely. He received the Bronze Star Medal for his heroism during this time. He was a flight engineer on a C 130 Airplane. He retired on October 31, 1981 with the rank of Senior Master Sergeant at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida. Gene married Ivar Johnson in 1956, he and his wife had three children, his family was able to go with him when he was sent to Okinawa and Japan and other places. After retirement, Gene and Ivar bought a home in Erwin, and moved back to be close to their families. Gene's wife, Ivar, died in 1984. Gene met Martha Sue in November 1985 and they got married in May, 1986. After retiring from service and returning home Gene worked for Pinkerton Security at Erwin Mills and then worked at Waste Industries. Gene and Martha Sue did a lot of traveling going to Germany, Italy, Hawaii and many other places, they even went multiple times on a cruise. Gene loved to hunt and fish, he loved to go flounder gigging and even bought a Flounder Boat and enjoyed taking his family and friends fishing. Gene enjoyed getting the land ready for planting the garden. He enjoyed watching what he planted grow, however when it got time to pick the vegetables Gene always had other plans and wasn't up for that task. Gene was member of Robert's Grove Original Freewill Baptist Church where he served in the Men's Fellowship, Vanguard I Sunday School Class and on the Cemetery Committee. He was a member of Woodmen Life, and was a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason. A Celebration of Life Funeral Service will be held Saturday, March 27, 2021 at 2:00 pm at Robert's Grove Original Freewill Baptist Church with Dr. Ricky Warren officiating. Burial will follow in the Church Cemetery with full military honors. He is survived by: his wife of 34 years: Martha Sue Tew Faircloth of the home. Son: Gene R. Faircloth, Jr. and (wife) Marie of Erwin, NC. Daughters: Patty Ellis and (husband) Rick of Grovetown, Ga. and Ginger Bass and (husband) Bert of Dunn, NC. Brothers: Joe Faircloth and (wife) Georgia of Fuquay-Varina, NC; Doug Faircloth and (wife) Gloria of Zuni, Virginia; Ronnie Faircloth and (wife) Donna of Chaplin, S.C. Grandchildren: Gene R. Faircloth, III, Johnny Faircloth, Molly Deveraux and (husband) Justin, Michael Bass & (wife) Shannon, Shawna Woodward and (husband) Benjamin, Rick Ellis, Jr. and (wife) Sarah. Great Grandchildren: Braydon Woodward & Carolyn, Naomi Woodward, Eli Woodward, Leanna Woodward, Madison Ellis, George Ellis, McKinnley Ellis, Ben Dale, Rachel Bass, Olivia Bass and Charlie Bass Sisters-in-law: Pauline Faircloth of Texas; Linda Fay Faircloth of Virginia Beach, Va. Brother-in-law: Johnny Hilliard of Holden Beach, NC. And Many Nieces and Nephews. The family received friends on Saturday, March 27, 2021 from 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm at Robert's Grove Original Freewill Baptist Church. Prior to the service. Flowers are welcomed, but memorials may be made to Robert's Grove Original Freewill Baptist Church, P. O. Box 1173, Dunn, NC 28335 or to The Gene R. and Martha Sue Tew Faircloth Endowed Library Fund, at The University of Mount Olive, P.O. Box 90, Mount Olive, NC 28365. Attention: Hout Fields. A Service of Cromartie Miller Funeral Home of Dunn NC.



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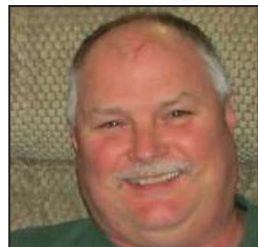
Mrs. Karen Nicole Gates, 50 of Roseboro passed away on Sunday, March 28, 2021 at the Sampson Regional Medical Center. A memorial service was held at 2:00 PM Thursday, April 1 at Butler Funeral Home in Roseboro with Rev. Bryan Strickland officiating. Mrs. Gates was a native of Cumberland County and was a homemaker. She is preceded in death by her father, Jerry Thurman Vinson, Sr. She is survived by her husband, Bill Gates of the home; mother, Kathryn Cockman of Roseboro; father, James Carter of Texas; brothers, Billy Joe Carter of Texas and Jerry Vinson, Jr. of NC; sister, Kasey Whitten (Chad) of Texas; maternal grandfather, Richard Washburn of NC sister-in-law, Susanne Gates (Craig Soltis); and several nieces and nephews. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.



STEDMAN

Ms. Hellen June Hairr, 66 of Stedman, passed away Friday, March 26, 2021 at her home surrounded by family. The funeral service was held at 2:00pm Monday, March 29, 2021 at Mount Carmel Church of God of Prophecy, 1655 Mount Carmel Church Road, Autryville, with Pastor Bryan Strickland officiating. Burial followed at Zoar Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church Cemetery, Salemburg. She was born November 17, 1954 in Sampson County and was preceded in death by her father, Earl D. Hairr; and mother, Callie Louray Faircloth Starling. She retired from Goodyear Tire Company. She is survived by three sons, Marshall Bryant Johnson and wife Janet, Dallas Lee Knight, Anthony Lee Knight and wife Megan; six grandchildren, Tori Leigha Knight, Michael Bacot, Tyler Bryant, Brittney Schoonmaker, Jessica Bieber, Hannah Caviness; five great grandchildren, Jace Bacot, Jackson Bacot, Marlo Bryant, Makiya Breeden, Sadie Ellie Mae Locklear; four sisters and one brother, Cindy Owens and husband Billy, Steven Hairr and wife Margaret, Callie Crumpler and husband Eugene, Debbie Gainey and husband Ray, Windy Fassula and husband Tom; and her loving cat, Katie. The family received friends from 6:00-8:00pm Sunday evening at Mount Carmel Church Family Life Center and other times at her home. Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro is serving the family.

OBITUARIES



Goldsboro,
Kim Henry, 63, of Goldsboro, passed away on Wednesday, March 31, 2021. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Tammy Henry; daughter Ashley Britt and husband Adam Britt of Newton Grove; daughter Megan Henry of Wilmington; grandchildren Paige Britt, Harper Britt, and Alexander Britt; in addition to a brother, Barry Henry of Point Pleasant, West Virginia, and his children. A longtime resident of Newton Grove, Kim was an active member of the community, devoting much of his time to the Goshen United Methodist Church youth group, local T-Ball team, and Hobbton High School Band Boosters. In his later years, he appreciated slowing down and spending time with his 3 grandchildren, taking trips to see family in West Virginia, and traveling with his wife. He will be remembered as a loving husband, wonderful father, and outstanding "Ampa". A graveside service will be held Monday, April 5, 2021 in Springvale Cemetery, (Clinton City Cemetery) Clinton, NC. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Kim's memory may be made to the American Lung Association. https://action.lung.org/site/Donation2?df_id=31272&31272.donation=form1&mf_c_pref=t

SALEMBURG



Dorothy Henry 72 passed away on Tuesday, March 31, 2021 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice. A Home Going Service will be held on Sunday, April 4, 2021 at 3:00 pm at Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Chapel, 1246 Hobbton Hwy. Clinton with burial following at Bearskin Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery. A walk thru will be held on Saturday, April 3, 2021 at Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Service, 1246 Hobbton Hwy. Clinton from 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm.



ROSEBORO
Larry Douglas Holland, 73, of Roseboro died March 27, 2021 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. A lifelong resident of Roseboro, he was the son of James Rupert Holland and Claudette Eloise Pate Holland. Mr. Holland was preceded in death by his parents and brothers Cary James and Danny Pate. He is survived by brothers Claudie and wife Belinda of Fayetteville, James Rupert II and wife Cathy of Myrtle Beach, SC, and John and wife Sharon of Salemburg. Mr. Holland is also survived by many nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, as well as three great-great nieces and a great-great nephew. Funeral services are entrusted to Butler Funeral Home. A private, family-only service will be held graveside. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations in his memory be made to the Roseboro Baptist Church. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC 28382.



ROSEBORO
Mrs. Margie Irene Lockwood, 86 of Roseboro, passed away Sunday, March 28, 2021 at Southwood Nursing Center. The funeral service was held at 2:00pm Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro with Pastor Bryan Strickland officiating. Burial followed at Roseboro Cemetery. She was born December 22, 1934 in Sampson County and was the daughter of Amon and Daisy Irene Rockwell Lucas. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Robert Lockwood; and son, Charles Aman. She was a retired Seamstress. She is survived by three daughters, Elgie Lucas and husband, Larry of Roseboro, Rose Autry and husband, Bobby of Clinton, Betty Aman of Clinton; two sons, Tommy Hall and wife, Wilma of Roseboro, Millard Hall and wife, Lisa of Roseboro; three sisters, Kathleen

Carlisle of Roseboro, Eva Brock of Roseboro, Joyce Faircloth and husband, Rudy of Roseboro; twelve grandchildren; numerous great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. The family will receive friends from 1:00-1:50pm Wednesday prior to the funeral service. Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro is serving the family.



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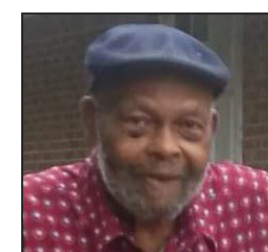
While it required quite a bit of convincing, Katie "Pauline" Hughes Simpson, 93, permanently retired from her labors here and went to be with the Lord in the earliest hour of Monday, March 29th, 2021. Born to the late Julian and Mandy Hughes in the Bethany Community on July 6th, 1927, Mrs. Simpson is also preceded in death by her husband, Dudley Simpson; brothers Harold and Donald Hughes; sister Betty Autry; an infant sister, Corinne Hughes; and grandson Christopher Simpson. Her work here on earth started about 88 years ago, when as the oldest daughter, she was put in charge of caring for her own Grandmother. No matter what childhood game Pauline was playing, it stopped as soon as her Granny's bell rang. Pauline sprang into action tending to the wants and needs of someone else. That theme would become a life-long pursuit, persisting until Pauline's body could no longer keep pace with her will. Pauline married Dudley Simpson and stayed by his side until he died in 1982. By then, she had followed him halfway around the world so as not to leave her sailor-boy unattended. For instance, when he was stationed in London, she took a seven-day steamer across the ocean minding two toddlers and a lap baby. When duty called him to the Florida Keys, she endured the aluminum Airstream trailer swaying side to side over the miles-long bridge going and coming. She never cared much for bridges after that. To prosper on modest means, one must learn to do a lot with a little. In Pauline's life, no little thing was wasted. She would save half a dinner biscuit or a corner of cloth. In a short time, they became toast for the breakfast eggs and patches for the work clothes. After the children came, and when Dudley got paid on Friday, he stopped at the store for only the essentials. The rest was raised, grown or cultivated on the family property. The butter Pauline churned herself from the cows she and the children milked. The cucumbers were gleaned from the produce baskets before they went to market. The chicken for dinner had been walking in the yard the day before and the grease in which it fried came from the lard she rendered when it was the hog's time to feed the Simpson clan. And a clan it was. Four boys followed by two girls. All loved. All introduced early and often to the truth about Jesus. All of them waking up to and going to bed with Pauline singing hymns in the kitchen. In her final hour, she acknowledged hearing those same songs sung to her and she heard a loving son say that one always remembers the first person to tell you about Jesus - "and for all of us, that was you, Momma." Her home was always a safe and providing place for anyone who was there, invited or just stopping by. She had a hot meal, a glass of that sweet iced tea and an open heart for whoever crossed the threshold of the Simpson home. Growing up, there were four boys in one bedroom and there was Dudley and Pauline and the two girls in the other one. When Pauline left this life, all six children were in just the one room, telling Pauline their last goodbyes, if only for now. Each child has his and her say. They told Pauline that they knew they were special in God's eyes because he had given them the best mother imaginable. They thanked her for the rigid discipline, but also for the sugar that sweetened any bitter lessons. They promised her that they would get back to work at sunrise after took her leave. She died after one last round of Hosanna in the Highest on her last Palm Sunday - on her first time not being passed over. Rest assured, she was not visited by the Angel of Death. Her escort was an Angel of Life, a protector of the souls who uphold The Word from the sunup to the sundown of time on earth. It is easy to be sad at the end of Pauline's life. It is impossible to mourn. Glory to God in the highest! Pauline Simpson is survived by six children: Richard Simpson and fiancé Jean of Fayetteville; Dean Simpson of the home; Anthony ("Jay") and wife, Virginia of Fayetteville; Donald Simpson and wife, Betsy of Roseboro; Lori Epler and husband, Larry of Fayetteville; Robyn Buck and husband, Joey of Kure Beach; sisters Peggy Edge of Vander, Bonnie Carter and husband Leo of Hope Mills; brother William Love; Hughes and wife Claire of Stedman; 12 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, 8 great-great grandchildren and numerous loving nieces and nephews. The funeral service was

held at Beaver Dam Baptist Church at 2:00PM Thursday, April 1st, 2021 with Rev. Michael Shook officiating. The burial followed the funeral at the Simpson Family Cemetery beside the home in Beaver Dam. Mrs. Simpson's family received loved ones from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, March 31st, 2021 at Butler Funeral home in Stedman on Highway 24. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 6535 Clinton Road, Stedman, NC 28391.



SEABOARD

Mr. Thomas Alan Snow, 66 passed away on Friday, March 26, 2021 at his home surrounded by his family. A funeral was held at 1:00 PM Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at Butler Funeral Home in Roseboro with the Reverend Stan Carter officiating. The burial followed at Hall's Family Cemetery, Hayne Stretch Rd, Roseboro. The family received friends from 12:00 PM to 12:50 PM Tuesday at the funeral home prior to the service. Mr. Snow was a native of Forsyth County, the son of Hobert and Lillian Snow. He is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his son, Jeremy Snow and wife, Dana; and two grandchildren, Hunter Snow and Jessica Snow. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC 28382.



CLINTON

Mr. Raymond Lee "Goat Man" Williams, 82, passed away Thursday, March 25, 2021 at UNC Rex Hospital in Raleigh. Lee was born March 08, 1938 in Sampson County to the late Raymond Lee Williams Sr. and Modell Robinson. He is preceded in death by his wife: Catherine "Duck" Melvin Williams, daughter: Catrina Williams, brother: Julius Robinson and sister: Mamie Cooper. A funeral service will be held at 1:00 PM Tuesday, April 06, 2021 at Carter Funeral Home in Garland. Elder Jerry Wilson will be officiating the service. Interment to follow at Garland Community Cemetery. Lee leaves to cherish his memory five daughters: Hanna Williams of Newburgh, NY, Tina Thomas (Clyde) of Fayetteville, NC, Julia Williams of Atlanta, GA, Elizabeth Mora (Joseph) of Rock Hill, SC, Tabitha McDonald of Newburgh, NY, one son: Danny McNail of Newburgh, NY, one sister: Flora Lee Henry of Newburgh, NY, 24 grandchildren and a host of great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. A viewing will be held on Monday, April 05, 2021 from 1:00-6:00 PM at Carter Funeral Home in Garland.

WARSAW

Mary Virginia Cottle Veach, 96, passed away Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at her home. Mrs. Veach was born November 18, 1924 in Turkey, NC to the late Clyde Johnson Cottle and Ida May Howard Cottle. A graveside service was held 1:00 pm, Friday, March 26, 2021 in Devotional Gardens. Mrs. Veach is survived by son, Samuel Veach and wife, Melissa of Supply; daughter, Jane V. Cooper and husband, Gary of Charlotte, NC; five grandchildren, Wes Veach, Blake Veach, Joshua Star, Racheal Star, and Troy Lockamy; and three great grandchildren, Brandon Boone, Arlo Veach and Bexley Veach. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by husband, Ralph Veach; daughter, Sandra Lockamy, grandson, Chuck Lockamy and brothers, Clyde Cottle, Jr., Billy Cottle, Jim Cottle, and Johnny Cottle.

Clinton

Mr. James Robert Fisher, 58 of Clinton passed away on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at Wake Medical Center. A memorial service will be held at 12:30 PM on Monday, April 5, 2021 at Goshen New Life Church 3911 Suttontown Rd., Faison. Mr. Fisher was a native of Sampson County, the son of Robert and Shirley Gore Fisher. He was the retired co-owner of Dubose Steel. He is survived by his wife, Kimberly Fisher of the home; son, Jeremy Fisher and wife, Savannah of Clinton; Parents, Robert and Shirley Fisher of Roseboro; brother, Ray Fisher and wife, Kathy of Roseboro; sister, Joannie Tew and husband, Ryan of Autryville; and several nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Goshen New Life Church, 3911 Suttontown Rd., Faison, NC 28341.

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NASCAR THIS WEEK

SPEED FREAKS

Does dirt have a NASCAR future?

KEN'S CALL: Yes, but under what format and what situation at what particular track (other than Bristol, perhaps), I'm not sure. You don't give up after one difficult weekend.

DEAN'S DIRT: Oh yeah. Dover comes to mind if you wanna keep throwing dirt on concrete, but I'd like to see them going to an actual dirt track next.

Seven races, seven different winners. When does it end?

KEN'S CALL: I think we get an eighth at Martinsville, but then Truex wins at Richmond to give us a 2021 two-timer.

DEAN'S DIRT: My head tells me it ends at Martinsville, but I also haven't picked the right winner yet this year, so I'll say May 2 at Kansas.



An orderly Monday start wasn't an indication of the mud-slinging to come. RANDY SARTIN/USA TODAY SPORTS

BY THE NUMBERS

- 6 Top-5 finishes for Denny Hamlin this season.
- 7 Different winners through seven races.
- 27 Career wins for Joey Logano.
- 77 Number of drivers to win a NASCAR Cup Series dirt race.
- 231 Combined laps led by Martin Truex Jr. in Bristol's Truck and Cup races.

DAYTONA MOTOR MOUTHS

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THROUGH THE GEARS



Joey Logano became the seventh different winner in seven races Monday at Bristol, the most since 2014. RANDY SARTIN/USA TODAY SPORTS

NASCAR got dirty, and it was great

Zach Dean
Daytona Beach News-Journal
USA TODAY NETWORK

Well, that was ... something. No, forget that. I'm not going to toe the line. After seeing NASCAR's first dirt race in 51 years Monday at Bristol, I am all in on more dirt racing.

Well, me and Joey Logano, of course. "How about Bristol on dirt?" an always-smiling Logano said after his historic win. "This is incredible, unbelievable racetrack."

In predictable NASCAR fan fashion, some loved it, and some, I'm quite sure, hated it. But NASCAR's return to the dirt, for this young fan at least, was everything I hoped it would be.

Monday's rain-delayed race gave us great visuals, really good racing (yes, the ending could have been better, but we say that after most races), and the signature Bristol bump-and-run was still alive and well.

For a weekend that started with Mother Nature literally throwing a wet towel on everything, I'd say Monday's Main Event was a success.

First gear

That doesn't mean there weren't challenges. Of course there were! Credit where credit it due, though, because NASCAR was able to adapt to most of them in real time.

After reviewing Friday's two practice sessions, officials gave each team an extra set of tires due to higher-than-anticipated tire wear. Officials also extended stage lengths and added a pair of competition cautions to be able to better prep the track.

The sanctioning body also called a quick audible during Monday's race when dust kept getting kicked up during Stage 3 restarts, leading to single-file restarts over the final 85 laps.

Could the racing up front have been better? Sure. Five lead changes among five different drivers (three of which led all but eight laps) isn't great. But, there was three-wide racing throughout the pack all afternoon and plenty of slipping and sliding, so I'll take it.

There have been plenty of snoozers in

this sport over the years (don't make me name names!), but this wasn't one of them.

Second gear

Raise your hand if you thought Martin Truex Jr. would be the best dirt racer in both races on Monday?

Yeah, me neither.

Truex won all three stages and led 105 laps in the Truck opener, and then led a race-high 126 laps in the Cup show before finishing 19th.

Yes, Truex was in the always dominant No. 51 Kyle Busch Motorsports truck, but any time you lead 231 laps in one day across two different series, you're gonna raise a few eyebrows.

"I guess they had to put dirt on Bristol to get back into Victory Lane here," he said. "I'm still really surprised."

Third gear

Everybody just assumed Bubba Wallace and Michael Jordan would be the new kids on the block this year that made waves, but how about Daniel Suarez, Pitbull and Justin Marks?

The No. 99 Trackhouse Racing Chevy was fast again on Monday, leading 58 laps and finishing fourth.

Suarez now has collected four top-17 finishes (no small feat for a brand new team), and worked his way to 20th in the points. Perhaps it's time to start taking that team seriously.

Fourth gear

On the other end of the spectrum, it's safe to officially press the panic button for Aric Almirola.

The driver of the No. 10 Stewart-Haas Ford wrecked out of Monday's race early in the first stage, finishing 30th or worse (36th) for the fourth time in seven races.

Almirola has yet to record a top-10 this season, sits 28th in the points and the next track, Martinsville, is one of his worst (five top-10s in 24 career races).

The struggles of the Stewart-Haas stable have been well documented in these spaces over the first two months, and, unfortunately, Almirola is leading the charge.

Q&A

Is there dirt in NASCAR's future?

In the relatively near future — as in next year — yes, since it was announced Monday that Bristol will again haul in the dirt for its spring NASCAR weekend in 2022. And since you have to assume it'll come off smoother than it did this past weekend, let's figure on the Cup series including at least one dirt race beyond 2022. Ideally, we'd also get a Cup race at a traditional dirt venue like Eldora or Knoxville, but that would include some wheeling and dealing involving existing track owners, who grip their Cup dates tighter than bark on a tree.

Is it worth it?

Listen, it was dirt and mud, so it was going to be messy, no matter what. Unfortunately, you had a combination of the obvious learning curve (Good-year's dirt-specific tires will be improved upon) and rotten luck (biblical Saturday night rains). It's bound to get better, right? Um, right? Joey Logano is already fine with it — "Kudos to Bristol ... it's a crazy, amazing event ... they should be proud of themselves." Of course, Joey won, and the view is always better from Victory Lane.

— Ken Willis



The big message board lit up with news during Monday's race: Yes, the dirt will again be hauled to the track in 2022. RANDY SARTIN/USA TODAY SPORTS

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WHAT'S ON TAP?

THIS WEEK: Off (Easter weekend)

APRIL 9 (FRIDAY): Xfinity Series at Martinsville (8 p.m., Fox Sports 1)

APRIL 10 (SATURDAY): Cup Series at Martinsville (7:30, FS1)

KEN WILLIS' TOP 10 DRIVER RANKINGS

DENNY HAMLIN A tentative hold on top spot	KYLE LARSON Wasn't digging the Bristol dirt	JOEY LOGANO Here's mud in your eye	MARTIN TRUEX JR. New off-road truckin' ace	WILLIAM BYRON Run of eighths ends with a sixth	RYAN BLANEY Still on a good little roll	KEVIN HARVICK Will Easter Bunny bring a trophy?	BRAD KESELOWSKI See Harvick	CHASE ELLIOTT Needs off-week to regroup	KYLE BUSCH Middle name is Thomas

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