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## Midway Community Mourns Loss of Student; Roseboro Man Also Victim of Auto Accident



### Prayers Pouring Out from Community

The Midway community is mourning the loss of one of their own, Miranda Faith Butler, a junior at Midway High School. Prayers from the community and the entire state of North Carolina are being poured out on social media.

Miranda, 17, of Church Road in Clinton, was pronounced dead at the scene of an automobile accident that happened Wednesday night at approximately 7:13pm. The accident happened at the intersection of Strawpond Road and Roanoke Road in Sampson County, approximately 10 miles south of Newton Grove. A Roseboro man, Willie McMillan, 69, of Old Cotton Gin Road, also died as a result of the crash.

According to Sherry Blackburn, Administrative Specialist with the NC Highway Patrol, the 2015 Jeep that Miranda was a passenger in, ran the stop sign and was struck in the passenger side (right side) by a 2003 Chevrolet Silverado, driven by 69-year-old Willie McMillan. Once the Jeep was struck, it went off the road on the left-hand side and struck a disabled vehicle on the shoulder of the road. The disabled vehicle had apparently run out of gas. Atanvio Renovato, 49, and his

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## Governor Cooper Appoints New Judicial District 4



Governor Roy Cooper has appointed three new judges to serve Duplin, Jones, Onslow, Sampson, Randolph, Hoke and Moore counties.

"District court judges play a critical role in our justice system and I believe these appointees will serve our state and its people with distinction," said Gov. Cooper.

In Judicial District 4 serving Duplin, Jones, Onslow and Sampson counties, Gov. Cooper appointed Timothy Smith of Kenansville as District Court Judge. Smith will fill the vacant seat of the Honorable Henry L. Stevens upon his election to Superior Court Judge. Since 2000, Smith has been a partner at Smith & Blizzard, P.A., specializing in criminal defense and personal injury. Smith previously served as chair of the Duplin County Board of Commissioners and East Carolina Counsel. Smith obtained his Bachelor of Science at East Carolina University and his Juris Doctor at Campbell University.

Tim was born and raised on a farm in Duplin County. He graduated from East Duplin High School in 1978. After high school, Tim obtained a bachelor's degree in business administrative from East Carolina University and then graduated from Campbell Law School in 1986. Tim represents clients concerning criminal charges and personal injury cases. Most people would describe Tim as personable, aggressive, and experienced. When Tim takes a case, he will settle for no less than the best possible outcome.

Tim is well known and well respected in the community, having served in many public roles such as Duplin County Commissioner, County Attorney, and City Attorney for Beulaville. Among Tim's professional affiliations is senior bar member for the North Carolina Bar Association and member of the North Carolina Advocates for Justice. Tim is also a deacon at Smith Presbyterian Church. Tim is married, has two children, and two children.

## "Chasity's Court" to be Dedicated on Saturday in Roseboro



Join the Town of Roseboro for a special dedication of "Chasity's Court" during the 2nd Annual BloomFest in Downtown Roseboro on Saturday, April 27th, 2019 at 10am.

According to event coordinators, "Over the past year, the town of Roseboro's Small Town Mainstreet Committee has worked diligently to complete Phases I & II of "Chasity's Court". We are proud to honor Roseboro native, Chasity Melvin for her many accomplishments as a high school, college and professional basketball player."

The basketball courts are located in the Downtown Roseboro Park and are used often by locals and the Small Town Main Street Committee felt it was important for the town to clean and line the court for easier play for citizens. The Main Street Committee stated, "We will honor Chasity during this special dedication ceremony by unveiling the monument naming the bas-

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## WEATHER

**Fri** T-Storms  
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**Sat** Sunny  
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Hi: 73° Lo: 56°

**Sun** Partly Cloudy  
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Hi: 82° Lo: 54°

**Mon** Partly Cloudy  
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Hi: 77° Lo: 59°

**Tues** Partly Cloudy  
10%

Hi: 83° Lo: 61°

**Wed** Cloudy  
10%

Hi: 81° Lo: 63°

## WEEKLY VERSE

Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.  
**Acts 2:41**

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# LOCAL NEWS

## From the Desk of Senator Brent Jackson

I hope you're having a great week thus far. I also hope you had a blessed and safe Easter this past weekend. This week, I have spent a lot of time back in our district, as session will reconvene at the beginning of next week. I am looking forward to getting back to work in Raleigh on Monday.

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

### Legislative Recap

#### Farm Act and Committees

This week, the House is working diligently on their budget which will come over to the Senate in a few weeks. On our side of things, bills are continuing through Committees and we are making changes and improvements as they pass through.

Some larger bills with more intricate language don't have the same deadline to be sent to the House though. Bills like the Farm Act of 2019 will probably take several more weeks to refine and pass. It is always a challenge putting together such a complex package to help our farmers, but we are putting a great deal of effort towards making it the best and most helpful legislation yet for rural NC!

### From the District

#### NC AgVentures Grant Winners Announced

As winners of the 2019 N.C. AgVentures cost-share grants, 34 North Carolina farmers will receive funding to help grow, diversify or implement new entrepreneurial plans in their operations or communities this year.

The AgVentures program — which strengthens agriculturally dependent families and communities by providing support and funding directly to North Carolina farm operators — is administered by NC State Extension under the direction of program coordinator Jackie Murphy Miller.

Individual farm winners of 2019 N.C. AgVentures grants included Krystal Tyndall for Sampson County and Hugh Miller for Duplin County.

Over the last five years, the North Carolina Tobacco Trust Commission (NCTTF) has contributed \$1.12 million to dedicated North Carolina farmers.

The grant opportunity is available in Duplin, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Greene, Guilford, Harnett, Johnston, Lenoir, Martin, Nash, Pitt, Rockingham, Sampson, Stokes, Surry, Wayne, Wilson and Yadkin counties.

To learn more about N.C. AgVentures and the impact it has on family farms and communities, visit <https://agventures.ces.ncsu.edu/>.

### Sampson County

#### The Second Annual Roseboro BloomFest

The town of Roseboro is excited to host their 2nd annual BloomFest in Downtown Roseboro on Saturday, April 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

BloomFest is a family friendly festival held in the heart Downtown Roseboro. With over 60 local vendors of all kinds from food trucks, local artisans, businesses, non-profits and churches the streets of Downtown Roseboro will be filled to the brim with excited festival participants and attendees.

The BloomFest entertainment lineup this year features The Eastline Band from 12 to 2 p.m. and several other local vocal artists and dancers. Bring a lawn chair to sit back, relax and enjoy the music and lively atmosphere.

#### Entertainment Line-Up

- 10 a.m. — Welcome by Roseboro Mayor Alice Butler
- 10:05 a.m. — National Anthem
- 10:10 a.m. — Dedication of "Chasity's Court" honoring Chasity Melvin
- 10:30 a.m. — Stedman Recreation Center Zumba Class
- 10:45 a.m. — Carolina Dance Company
- 11 a.m. — SRMC Wellness Center Dancers
- 11:15 a.m. — Toddler Music Special
- 12-2 p.m. — The Eastline Band
- 2:15-3 p.m. — Will Roberts
- 3:15 p.m. — Daire Barefoot
- 3:30 p.m. — ONLY 1 (Contemporary Christian)
- 4 p.m. — Conclusion of BloomFest



### District Spotlight GOP Ronald Reagan Legacy Award Presented To Carl Lamm

The Johnston County Republican Party held its annual awards banquet at The Farm on Highway 42 in Clayton on Saturday, April 13th. Recently retired radio station owner and operator Carl Lamm received the GOP's prestigious Ronald Wilson Reagan Legacy Award.

Carl, 92, retired on March 31st from WTSB in Smithfield ending 72 consecutive years in radio broadcasting.

US Representative David Rouzer presented the surprise award to Carl.

In addition, recently retired County Commission Cookie Pope was recognized with a special award for her 24 years of public service. Mrs. Pope was the first Republican woman elected as a County Commissioner.

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

## Dark Horse Ashlyn Williams Receives Pat Gainey Student Award



The North Carolina High School Athletic Association is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2018-2019 Pat Gainey Student Award, providing scholarship support for two student-athletes with a focus on need-based applicants. This year's recipients are Ashlyn Williams from Clinton High School and Christopher Arnold from Walter H. Page High School in Greensboro. Each recipient receives a \$5,000 scholarship award and a commemorative plaque when they are presented at the

NCHSAA Annual Meeting held May 2, 2019 in Chapel Hill.

### Ashlyn Williams – Clinton High School – Clinton, NC

Ashlyn Williams is a senior at Clinton High School where she has had a stand out career in both Soccer and Basketball. Williams was a member of the 2017 2A State Champion Clinton Women's Basketball Team while chalking up a long list of individual awards in soccer and basketball. Outside of athletics, Ashlyn is a member of the National Honors Society, Key Club, and Student Government. She has been accepted to several colleges including: William Peace University, East Carolina University, University of North Carolina Wilmington, University of North Carolina Charlotte, and the University of Alabama. Williams accepted and signed to play basketball with William Peace earlier in March of this year. She plans to study Biology.

### ABOUT THE PAT GAINEY STUDENT AWARD

The Pat Gainey Student Award is given annually by the NCHSAA through a private donation from Pat Gainey's daughter, Berry Jo Gainey Shoen. The Gainey Student Athlete Scholarship Award was established to recognize "Athletic Achievement and Strength of Character." A scholarship is presented annually to a senior female athlete and a senior, Male baseball player attending NCHSAA member high schools located within counties of limited financial resources.

Pat Gainey was a native of Dunn, N.C. and a phenomenal women's basketball coach in several different coaching stops during his career. His teams compiled an incredible 93-6 record during his time as the women's basketball coach at Pamlico where he also fielded outstanding baseball teams. He then moved to Taylorsville where he coached from 1955 to 1964. His women's basketball teams collectively won five Western North Carolina High School Activities Association titles and at one point recorded 54 consecutive wins and 140 straight conference victories. His overall women's basketball career mark was 358-57.

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# Mintz Students Get Opportunity of a Life-time



On Monday April 22, 2019, First Lady Melania Trump hosted the 141st annual White House Easter Egg Roll on the South Lawn of the White House. It is a timeless tradition that dates back to 1878 under the Administration of President Rutherford B Hayes.

The custom to receive a wooden Easter egg when leaving the event began in 1981 — an idea instituted by First Lady Nancy Reagan — and became a keepsake cherished by guests that donned the signature of the President and First Lady.

Well, one local family got the opportunity of a lifetime to attend the coveted event this year. According to April Lewis and her husband Scott from Sampson County, “We first registered for the event when our son Cullen was born, which was 10 years ago. You just fill out a simple application for the lottery at recreation.gov. Each year they email you a reminder to sign up again.”

The Lewis’ received 9 rejections before finally getting picked in the lottery this year. They were ecstatic, especially their two sons Cullen, 10, and Harrison, 9, both who attend Mintz Christian Academy.

The Lewis boys were excited when they found out they had been chosen. Cullen (10) said, “I felt very excited because we were going to the President’s house.”

Harrison (9) stated, “Yes! We get to spend time together near the President’s house.”

According to mom April, “We had to make this a rushed trip because Scott had a Clinton High School baseball game to coach on 4/23. We left on April 21 and spent one night. We were in our Uber (the boys’ first Uber ride) at 5:55 am on Monday morning. We had the first event time of the day, so we were in line and waiting for the gates to open at 6:20am.”

When asked what fun the boys had, they replied: Cullen (10)- “There were lots of games for us to play. Musical Eggs, the Egg Roll and cornhole. I liked the Easter Egg Roll because I was very close to the White House. I was able to walk on the grounds that my favorite president, Abraham Lincoln, walked on”

Harrison (9)- “I liked the egg pops the most. Everyone was walking around with boiled eggs on a stick. I ate 7! I decorated a cookie. It was good.”

The Lewis parents noted, “It was an honor to attend this event. Washington, DC is one of our favorite places to visit. We have spent many summers with the boys visiting the memorials and museums. Walking the grounds of the White House was icing on the cake.”



Continuing Mrs. Lewis stated, “There were many activities spread out across the lawn. The boys mentioned several. They also decorated Easter eggs, participated in an egg hunt, and posed for pictures with the Easter Bunny. Scott enjoyed seeing the presidential limo up close and personal. We hung around right in front of the White House waiting to catch a glimpse of the first family, but we never saw them. The boys went to story time where Joseph Keith Kellogg Jr., National Security Advisor to Vice



President Mike Pence, read aloud about a brave penguin.”

And the boys did not go home empty handed. They received candy and small treats after completing station. They also received 2 White House Easter Egg Roll postcards that they are saving as keepsakes. Their favorite gift was the coveted wooden White House Easter Egg with President Trump’s and the First Lady’s signature. The boys replied, “The egg was Wolfpack red, just like we like it!”

## Raynor Receives Award for 40 Years of Service



Ms. Rhonda Raynor of Newton Grove received a plaque in recognition of her 40 years of service to the State of North Carolina and its Judicial Branch of Government. She recently received the Employee Service Award by Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina Mark D Martin. The plaque was presented by Sampson County Clerk of Court Chris Fann.

Chief Justice Martin stated, “The importance of having experienced and dedicated employees, such as Ms. Raynor, cannot be overemphasized. Our system of administering fair and equal justice hinges to a great extent on such qualities, and we are indeed pleased to have the benefit of Ms. Raynor’s service.”

Chief Justice Martin closed by saying, “Thank you for your service (Ms. Raynor)!”

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# LOCAL NEWS

## PRAYERS, cont. from P. 1

wife, Otila Gomez Renovato, 51, were attending the disabled vehicle. They were both transported to Betsy Johnson Hospital in Dunn with non-life-threatening injuries.

McMillan was also pronounced dead at the scene. Butler was ejected from the rear seat of the Jeep.

The driver of the jeep, Azlynn Bass and another passenger, Nathan Piercy were taken to Sampson Regional Medical Center and were being treated for non-life-threatening injuries. Trooper GJ Bianchi investigated the scene.

The driver of the Jeep, Bass, has been charged with two counts of misdemeanor death by motor vehicle and failure to stop at a duly erected stop sign. Highway Patrol stated that the wreck is still under investigation.

Miranda Butler was an active youth member at Central Baptist Church in Dunn, NC. The chapel was open on Thursday for any friends, family and youth that needed to pray or speak to the pastor.

Salt and Light Students at Central Baptist Church, in which Miranda was a member, posted this on Facebook: "We are devastated to hear about the tragic passing of our dear Miranda last night. The student center will be open today starting at 12 if any of you would like to gather together with us for prayer and comfort. We praise the Lord for her salvation knowing she is now in His presence. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1"

Midway High School tweeted, "With heavy hearts, we report the passing of Miranda Butler after an auto accident last night. Miranda was a Junior and a member of the class of 2020. While we mourn her loss, we cherish her time at MHS and will continue to pray for her friends and family! Rest in Peace!"

A prayer service and vigil to remember Miranda Butler will be held on Friday at 6pm in the Midway High School auditorium. The service is open to students, staff, family and community members who would like to gather and remember Miranda.

Once the obituaries becomes available, The Sampson Weekly will post it on our Facebook page.

## CHASITY, cont. from P. 1

ketball courts as "Chasity's Court" and cutting a ribbon for the newly lined court. The town is looking forward to completing Phase III in the future, providing a concrete pad, bleachers and shelter for locals to enjoy."

Born and raised in Roseboro, Chasity is the daughter of Jimmy and Janet Melvin. She is one of five children. She came from modest beginnings to become one of the most decorated women's basketball players in North Carolina history.

According to her bio on the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame: "Both parents possessed a strong work ethic and an equally strong faith, and it was those qualities, along with superior height and skills, that Melvin used to become a star. So driven was she that at age 11 she declared to her mom that she would one day play basketball professionally in America, even though no such opportunity existed at the time.

The athleticism the 6-foot-4 Melvin displayed at Lakewood High School (where she won a state championship playing alongside sisters Danielle and Jimmelle) drew college coaches from all over the country, but she chose to stay in state and play for her beloved late mentor, coach and friend, Kay Yow. While at N.C State, Melvin improved every season, culminating in a senior campaign that led to career totals of more than 2,000 points and 2,000 rebounds and earning her All-American honors.

Her senior season, 1997-98, was memorable on numerous fronts. The Lady Wolfpack reached its first Final Four, and Melvin's star shone brightest on the biggest stage when she scored a NCAA Final Four-record 37 points in a heartbreaking loss to Louisiana Tech. Later that spring, she was drafted in the first round of the first women's pro league, the ABL, by the Philadelphia Rage, and then later by the Cleveland Rockers of the WNBA.

Melvin went on to play 12 seasons in the WNBA, starring first for the Rockers, then for the Chicago Sky and later for the Washington Mystics. She was named to the league's All-Star team in 2001. Also, during that time – and for 14 total seasons – she played internationally in Spain, Russia, Poland, South Korea, Italy, Israel, Turkey, and China. All told, she was a part of five championship teams and earned multiple individual honors.

Throughout her career, Melvin embodied style, uniqueness, beauty, talent and faith. Her play on the court, hallmarked by her signature smile, combined with an engaging personality off the court made her appear larger than life to fans of women's basketball. Now that her playing days are done, coaching and mentoring young girls and empowering women are her passions. Along those lines, she has traveled to Africa for a Hoops 4 Hope innovative and traveled to Colombia as a sports ambassador for health and wellness. She uses her creative talent and communications degree to produce her own True Sports Talk online radio show. Her book, At the End of The Day, is a must-read and the ultimate blueprint for those seeking success, inspiration and an undeniable faith as a way to help reach their goals."

In 2018, Melvin was hired as the first female coach of the Charlotte Hornets.

She is also a North Carolina State Athletics Hall of Famer, a coordinator for the Kay Yow Cancer Fund, a distinguished Arthur of the book, At the End of The Day and the accomplishments just go on and on.

On social media, Melvin stated, "I am super excited about this gesture. This will be a special moment for me on Saturday. Special thanks to my hometown for honoring me. I'm from a small town and this small town has always been good enough for me."

Melvin continued in another post, "This is special to me...Roseboro Sampson County, YOU, You and especially YOU please come out to BloomFest- Downtown Roseboro and celebrate the Basketball Court Dedication in my honor. I'm extremely excited and humbled by this gesture and I look forward to seeing you this Saturday, 4.27.19 at 10 AM."

## Operation Round Up Celebrates \$2 Million In Community Donations

South River EMC's charitable foundation, the Community Assistance Corporation, or CAC, reached the \$2 million milestone with the most recent \$23,622 in Operation Round Up grants to Hargrove Elementary, Clement Elementary and Stedman Volunteer Fire Department.

In 2007, South River EMC began providing a means for members to help the community where



**Clement Elementary (l-r): Media Specialist Christy Bullard, Principal James "Bo" Mullins and AIG Specialist Tara Howell-Armwood**

they live – and it proves that small change changes lives.

"Since the launch of Operation Round Up, we have assisted 139 local organizations with 373 grants totaling \$2,003,041," said VP of Member Services and PR Catherine O'Dell. "This program has been a homerun for the Cooperative and, most importantly, a grand slam for our community."

Operation Round Up is a voluntary program in which cooperative members' bills are rounded up to the next dollar. In doing so, members put their nickels and dimes to work for the benefit of our community. CAC manages the funds and an independent board oversees the selection and disbursement of grants.

"Serving on the Operation Round Up board has been a wonderful experience," said John Wengert, CAC charter board member. "As board members we get to allocate funds to fire departments so they can replace outdated equipment and maintain their state requirements for serving their areas. "The board allocates funds to schools for new and exciting technology. Local museums have re-



**Stedman VFD 9(l-r): Paul Pirro and Chief Jason Nobles**

ceived grants to preserve our past, lest we forget how life used to be. Operation Round up is the embodiment of a rural cooperative. "

Non-profit organizations can apply for up to \$5,000 and educational institutions are eligible for grants up to \$10,000. Those receiving funding in March included Hargrove Elementary, a nine-time recipient, which received \$7,648 to purchase new books for students.

"Hargrove Elementary's Media Center has improved drastically over the past few years," said Media Specialist Lauren Strickland. "We have new and exciting books, as well as 21st Century technology for our students. We owe much of this success to Operation Round Up.

"Many of our students do not have access to high-interest literature or advanced technology at home. However, with the help of Operation Round Up, we are able to offer this when our students are at school."

Additionally this cycle, Clement Elementary, received \$10,000 for technology to teach today's



**Stedman VFD 9(l-r): Paul Pirro and Chief Jason Nobles**

learners. The Stedman Volunteer Fire Department received a grant for \$5,974 to purchase new automated external defibrillators, or AEDs.

The Godwin-Falcon Fire Department is a seven-time recipient of Operation Round Up grants.

"The Godwin-Falcon Fire Department has been blessed to have received a number of grants from the Operation Round Up program," said Chief Wayne Lucas. "These grants have enabled us to continue to provide much needed fire and rescue services to citizens in our area. Items that have been purchased or maintained include; a training manikin to train skills such as CPR and victim treatment of first aid; multi-gas monitors, which allow us to test for various lethal gases; rechargeable batteries for our handheld radios; and hand lights that are often used under adverse conditions."

South River EMC CAC accepts and reviews applications quarterly. The next due date is May 19. Applications and rules can be found online at sremc.com. Applicants should always download the latest application to ensure you have the most updated requirements.

# We Should Know . . .



Sgt. Jessica Byrd with JW Simmons Host of We Should Know

Tuesdays from 2:30 PM until 3:30 PM, J.W. Simmons hosts a show on 1170 AM and on Star channel 16 SD and 316 HD called “We Should Know”, and The Sampson Weekly will feature portions of the transcripts in our continuing efforts to bring you more coverage of what is happening in our community.

The topic for this week’s show is animal welfare and the guest is Sgt. Jessica Byrd with the Sampson County Sheriffs Office.

JW Simmons begins the show letting everyone know that Sgt. Jessica Byrd brought a few little friends with her to the studio, one a small kitten she was cradling in her arm. Simmons asks Byrd if she was actually an animal lover to which she stated definitely a lover of all animals.

Next, Simmons says that the spring of year seemed like the time most people interact with animals who don’t normally do so on a daily basis. “That’s correct,” states Byrd. “Everybody’s out and about and so are the animals.”

“Some of it’s tragic and some of it’s wonderful,” says Simmons who asks Sgt. Byrd what some of her challenges are as an animal control officer.

“Well, its kind of been an ongoing issue in the county and I would love to see an end in sight, but its not. And its kind of perfect that I had the call right before I came today because I had to pick up four of these little guys (kittens). And what we see a lot of times is, and we discussed it in a past episode, but a lot of people when a stray shows up feels very sympathetic which is easy to do at this age because their cute and cuddly. But what happens is people feed it, but don’t take responsibility for it.”

“These (the four kittens) are actually the outcome of that. These were found under a pile of trash that had to be picked up today by some of the city workers. And its one of the biggest problems we have in the county because this leads to overpopulation. So, there’s four kittens in this litter and mom is no where to be seen because she’s probably a feral cat.”

Byrd adds, “Like you said people are getting out and being active and with the feral cat population, and especially the feral dog population which we’ve had some incidence in the past were folks out walking enjoying the weather that turn into some serious medical issues because of attacks.”

“But if you have a feral cat or stray dog show up, we want you to call immediately before there are a lot of little ones walking around. Then the population starts to explode. So, it’s a responsibility to call us as soon as they show

up so we can try to curb the problem. And that’s something we’ve been battling for years is the stray animal population.”

Next, JW Simmons asks Sgt. Byrd to define the term feral. Byrd replies, “So, feral can come two ways. Like this one (the kitten) was born feral because its mom was feral. There is no owner, it’s a stray cat. Its never had any human contact until today. Which at this age we can totally reverse that. Give it three weeks and this will be a highly adoptable kitten.”

“But feral animals are ones that are not handled. They may come close to eat and they may even eat out of your hand. But once you go to handle them, we have a lot of bites that happen that way. It seems like a very friendly animal, well come up to you and eat right out of your hand, but you go to pet it or pick it up – a lot of people will stop along the road to pick up a stray – and they get bitten. But feral is one that has no ownership and no contact with humans. Its essential wild.”

Simmons next asks what is more prevalent in our area, feral dogs or cats. Byrd replies, “Definitely the feral cats and that’s because they can certainly multiply at an astronomical rate. Within 6 months a newborn kitten can start having babies of her own. And the normally have multiples. This is a litter of four, but we typically see litters of no less than seven and upwards to 14 or 15. Of course that’s the high end, the average that we see is 7.”

So, in a matter of months 7 cats can turn into 20 cats and it just keeps going on. We’ve had I can tell you countless times we’ve been contacted after there were 50 or 60 cats on a property. And that takes a lot of time. Daily we get calls saying hey I have 20 cats here, and its not that 20 cats just showed up. Its that they have been allowed to breed and of course it gets to the point that the person who initially felt sympathetic and was trying to help an animal in need and now they’re overwhelmed. Both with physical number of cats and the financial responsibility to feed them.”

Simmons next asks if we see houses here like in other areas that are just inundated with animals. “Quite frequently,” says Byrd. “Right here in Sampson County. A couple years back there was actually a home that had to be condemned here in the city. I think we removed 30 live and 15 deceased animals.”

“One of the most frequent questions I get is if an animal will be put to sleep. And there are certain instances when that can occur, but if you can bring them in when they’re young and highly adoptable that makes a huge difference verses waiting for them to get a year or two years old. When someone comes in to adopt a new pet for their family, they are much more inclined to go for the younger verses one that a full age and size.”

The Sampson County Animal Shelter is located at 168 Agriculture Place, Clinton, NC. The shelter has an Adopt a Pet program which seeks to find good homes for sheltered pets. If you are interested in adopting a pet, please contact the Sampson County Animal Shelter at (910) 592-8493 or by email at [animalshelter@sampsonnc.com](mailto:animalshelter@sampsonnc.com). You can also visit their Facebook page at any time by searching “Sampson County Animal Shelter” to see all the animals available for adoption.

To report an issue to the Sampson County Animal Control Unit please contact the Sheriff’s Office at 910-592-4141.

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

The next “We Should Know” hosted by J.W. Simmons will air next Tuesday from 2:30 to 3:30 PM on our local radio station WCLN 1170 AM and on Star channel 16 SD and 316 HD. If you would like to reach “We Should Know” you may call them at 910-592-8947 or email them with show ideas at [weshouldknowedu@gmail.com](mailto:weshouldknowedu@gmail.com) or you can find them on Facebook.



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Pictures on this page share the joy of serving the Lord locally - where the importance of faith and family shines from one end of Sampson to the other and all in between - and seeing the bounty of His blessings. Experiencing God's open door to extend help to His children in foreign countries brings new and exciting endeavors.

We, at Tim's Gift Inc., praise God for every person He sends to receive help and hope and for every church, business, and person He puts in our path to support the ministry by sowing prayers, time, and financial support. Blessings come when we pay it forward, give generously with a sweet spirit, and honor God while watching the awesome things He can do in our lives. May these pictures of local people paying it forward bless your heart. Mr. and Mrs. Carter asked to show their appreciation for help they received with medical bills and for prayers from the Sunshine Kids. They made Easter baskets for each child and shared prayer with them around Tim's Gift prayer table.

My nephew, Sean, donated several button-up shirts for our African ministry project. Julie Banister took the shirt home after last Tuesday's prayer at noon. On Wednesday, she came bearing the beautiful dress I'm holding made from Sean's shirt. It will be included in a shipment of dresses going to Nigeria in May. If you have men's or women's button up shirts, you can drop them off at Tim's Gift and they will become darling dresses and tops also.

The prayer table is filled with people at Tuesday's morning prayer 7-8am. You are invited to come and stay or drop by with prayer requests. Noon prayer is 12am - 1pm - bring a sandwich and join us!

Ms. Priscilla is all smiles after having a ramp built at her home in Roseboro. Oh, how she has blessed us by her strong faith and sweet spirit. Read By God's Grace and see why we love her so!



## ...by God's Grace

By God's grace we are humbly commanded to love. The sweet presence of Father, family, and friends colors our world with joy and quite enough love for all His children to embrace and enjoy for all the days of our lives. Yet, we must make choices to love and not hate, to engage and enjoy life and not withdraw and be wimpy, to speak up and not remain silent, to love God first - love our neighbors and not give leftovers to Him and them, to prepare and not procrastinate, to love and be loved here and in heaven when our work is done...where we will be with Thee for eternity!

Sharing the rest of last month's story about Ms. Priscilla Culbreth and her sisters brings joy deep down in my soul and a verse from Proverbs 17, "A friend loves at all times..."

In Matthew 22, Jesus told us to love our neighbor as ourselves. He did not say to love as long as we feel we have nothing to lose. Jesus simply said, "LOVE"!

When Priscilla's sisters came to Tim's Gift seeking help for her, they embodied faith, hope, and love! God put the pieces in place using Alford Jackson, Beth Best / youth group, and volunteers from Mingo Baptist Church teaming up with Tim's Gift to build a ramp for Priscilla. While they worked and we prayed over the finished ramp, Priscilla was receiving dialysis alongside my brother, Billy, in Roseboro. God was being glorified as friends and family were being connected in ways only Christ could do. There was so much love in the entire process of putting up a ramp to make life easier for Priscilla and her family. The planning and preparation it took to make the ramp reality was gladly given; yet, God had a big surprise in store for the Youth of Mingo Baptist Church and me! They received the Outstanding Youth Mission Trophy at Rise Up - Rejoice; I received a phone call from Priscilla three weeks after Rise Up that lit me up like the glow worms Cameron and Clint slept with when they were little boys. Oh, the joy of precious memories... Amen!



Mrs. Priscilla Culbreth and Becky Spell Vann praise God for bringing them together and providing help for a ramp to be built at Priscilla's home!

Picking up my phone and hearing the happiness in Priscilla's voice put the pile of paperwork in proper perspective as her words 'took me away' to a place where the sun always shines and eternal LOVE reigns!

Priscilla talked a mile a minute with passion and purpose that proved God really does care for all His children - even you and even me - and has us engraved on the palm of His Hand. I was in awe as she shared, "Ms. Becky, I'm so excited how God has put us together; we are family. I had insurance with Mr. Tim and loved him so much. He was always so kind and helped me many times. Mr. Tim was always smiling and made me feel so good when I went in to pay my insurance. And, Ms. Becky you won't believe this. Your second husband, Mr. James, was my half-brother! Oh, How I loved that sweet man!"

Without warning, tears flooded my face and joy beyond understanding rose up in my heart. Speechless, I sat in front of Jennifer's desk with phone in hand, listening to Priscilla share - by God's Grace - about the two men I married and will love eternally. Next month, I will share the rest of the story of Priscilla and her love for Tim, James, and most of all Jesus!

# What's Happening

By Angela Martin

at **SCT**

## LEGALLY BLONDE The Musical JR.



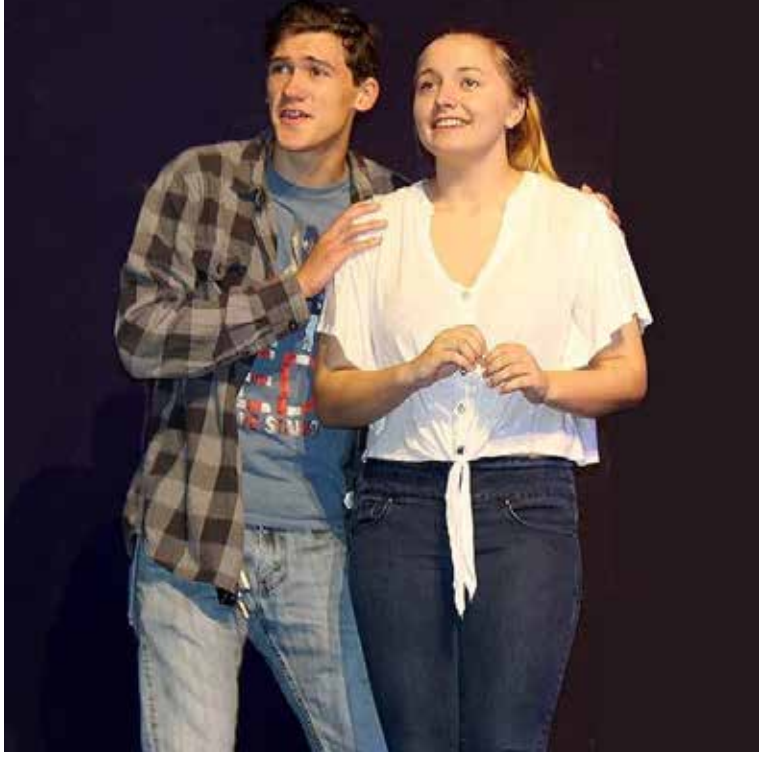
### Legally Blonde, Jr. set to open next weekend!

Our next production will open, Thursday, May 2. Legally Blonde, Jr. is directed by Angela Martin and is sponsored by David Hobson, Attorney at Law. The show features 27 teens from Sampson, Cumberland and Duplin Counties. The young people are busily learning their lines, fine-tuning their songs and rehearsing their dance steps to this fun and upbeat musical comedy. The production centers around Elle Woods - who follows her ex-boyfriend to Harvard to get back with him. Along the way she learns that she is a strong young woman who has dreams of her own. It is really a fantastic story line and you will be happy that you decide to see this production.

The show runs only one weekend, May 2 - May 5. Each day - Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday will have evening performances beginning at 7:30 pm and we will also be having a 2:30 pm matinee performance on Saturday and Sunday. All tickets are \$10.00

Student Preview Night is a great way for you and your child to see this family-friendly production of Legally Blonde, Jr. The production features a one night only - Thursday Student Night. On Thursday, all students k-12 can come to the production for \$5.00 - all parents, adults or guardians will pay \$10.00. We hope that you can come out to see this wonderful production.

Photo - Josiah Burkhardt (Warner) lets Lily Woodall (Elle Woods) know it is time to get "serious." Watch these two talented stars and their fellow cast members as they perform Legally Blonde, Jr. Thursday, May 2-Sunday, May 5 with 7:30 pm performances each day and 2:30 pm matinees on Saturday and Sunday.



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Fri-Sun 1:15p 3:30p 5:45p 8:00p

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### AVENGERS ENDGAME

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After events of Avengers: Infinity War, the universe is in ruins. With the help of the allies, the Avengers assemble once more in order to undo Thanos' actions and restore order to the universe. Starring Brie Larson, Chris Evans, Scarlett Johansson, Chris Hemsworth, Paul Rudd, Robert Downey Jr., Karen Gillan, Jeremy Renner, Bradley Cooper, Josh Brolin, Danai Gurira

Fri-Sun 1:00p 2:00 4:30p 6:00p 8:00p

Mon-Thurs 6:30p 7:00p



### LITTLE

NOW SHOWING

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

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

Fri-Sun 1:15p 3:30p 5:45p 8:00p

Mon-Thurs 6:30p



### MISSING LINK

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

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

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Fried Bologna Cups

Of the many challenges parents face daily, encouraging healthy eating habits for their children can be one of the most vexing. While the consumption of nutritious foods like vegetables is good for kids while they're young, it can also serve an important role in encouraging lifelong healthy habits.

One strategy for achieving that goal is to pair familiar foods with vegetables and prepare them in interesting ways. This tactic – pairing foods kids already enjoy with the foods you want them to start eating willingly – is called “associative conditioning,” and can help encourage children to try the new food, according to research conducted by Elizabeth Capaldi-Phillips and Devina Wadhwa and published in the “Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.”

For example, prepared beef products like hot dogs, deli roast beef, salami and summer sausage provide sources of nutrients like protein, zinc and vitamin B12. In addition to the direct benefits, these meats can also be used in recipes like Green Bean Twists and Salami-Babs to help encourage the consumption of vegetables.

Easy-to-make recipes such as Jerky Trail Mix, Fried Bologna Cups and Beefy Lettuce Cups also provide simple snacking solutions for kids that include the nutritional benefits of both beef and veggies.

Find more family-friendly recipes and tips to encourage nutritious eating habits from the North American Meat Institute, a contractor of The Beef Checkoff, at meatpoultrynutrition.org.

### Fried Bologna Cups

Recipe courtesy of The Beef Checkoff  
Yield: 8 bologna cups

Vegetable oil spray  
8 slices beef bologna

#### Potato-Vegetable Filling (enough for one bologna cup):

1/4 cup mixed vegetables  
1/4 cup mashed potatoes  
1 tablespoon grated cheddar cheese

#### Apple Salad Filling (enough for one bologna cup):

3 tablespoons chopped apple  
2 teaspoons minced celery  
1 teaspoon golden raisins  
2 teaspoons light mayonnaise  
1 teaspoon plain, low-fat yogurt

Spray large, nonstick skillet with vegetable oil spray. Set skillet over medium heat and lay bologna slices in pan, as many as will fit in one layer. Let bologna fry until it cups. Transfer cups to serving plate and fry remaining bologna in same fashion.

**To make Potato-Vegetable Filling:** In small, microwave-safe bowl, stir together vegetables and potatoes; microwave until hot.

**To make Apple Salad Filling:** In small bowl, stir apple, celery, raisins, mayonnaise and yogurt.

Spoon desired filling into each cup. For cups with Potato-Vegetable Filling, top with grated cheese.

# Encourage Healthy Eating Habits



Jerky Trail Mix

### Jerky Trail Mix

Recipe courtesy of The Beef Checkoff  
Yield: 4 cups

1 1/2 cups kettle corn with no added sugars  
1 cup mini unsalted pretzels  
1/2 cup unsalted, dry-roasted peanuts  
1/2 cup beef jerky, broken or chopped into 1/4-inch bits  
1/2 cup golden raisins

In large bowl, stir kettle corn, pretzels, peanuts, beef jerky and raisins together. Seal in sandwich bags or serve in bowl.



Salami-Babs

### Salami-Babs

Recipe courtesy of The Beef Checkoff  
Yield: 8 kebabs

6 ounces beef salami or summer sausage, cut into 3/4-inch chunks  
8 bamboo skewers (8 inches long)  
4 ounces cheese (cheddar or swiss), cut into 1/2-inch chunks  
16 small broccoli florets  
4 baby carrots, cut in half crosswise

Thread pieces of meat onto skewers, alternating with cheese, broccoli and carrots. Arrange on plate and serve.

**Note:** To prevent choking, children should be seated while eating, especially when a recipe involves toothpicks; encouraged to take their time and thoroughly chew their food; and should be carefully supervised. When serving young children, cut any circular-shaped foods like grapes, carrots or hot dogs into thin, coin-shaped slices or long, thin strips.

### Green Bean Twists

Recipe courtesy of The Beef Checkoff  
Yield: 16 twists

8 ultra-thin slices roast beef, about 2 ounces, cut in half lengthwise  
16 green beans, trimmed, blanched and chilled

Wrap one slice roast beef around each bean, creating spiral, arrange on plate and serve.

### Beefy Lettuce Cups

Recipe courtesy of The Beef Checkoff  
Yield: 8 lettuce cups

8 ounces corned beef, chopped  
1/2 cup shredded carrots  
1/2 cup chopped water chestnuts  
2 tablespoons unsalted, dry-roasted cashew pieces  
2 tablespoons teriyaki sauce  
8 butter lettuce leaves

In medium bowl, stir together corned beef, carrots, water chestnuts, cashew pieces and teriyaki sauce. Spoon onto lettuce leaves and serve.



Green Bean Twists and Beefy Lettuce Cups

## 6 Strategies to Encourage Nutritious Snacking

With an abundance of prepared-in-advance snacks available that likely come along with unnecessary salts and sugars, it can be difficult to encourage kids to eat snacks with healthier ingredients.

Quick recipes that include beef and veggies may not be the first snack idea that comes to mind for kids (or parents), but it's not impossible to instill better decision-making in the kitchen. Skip the chips and improve your children's snack habits with these simple ideas for influencing healthier decisions:

- Enhance the visual appeal of foods by piercing them with decorative toothpicks.
- Offer a variety of colorful foods on a plate.
- Create color contrasts with foods on a plate or in a bowl.
- Arrange foods in an orderly way using a bento box or divided plate that helps keep them separate.
- Involve kids in preparing their meals.
- Pair nutritious foods, like fruits and vegetables, with well-liked or familiar foods.



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## EDUCATION

### SCC's Educational Outreach Knows NO Age



Grady demonstrates equipment to school children.

Sampson Community College's reach, when it comes to educating students, is not limited by the borders of Sampson County. Warsaw Elementary School invited SCC's Coordinator of Building and Industrial Programs, Barney Grady, to its campus during its STEAMA initiative.

Over the last several weeks, fifth graders at Warsaw Elementary have been learning about the relationships between energy, work, force, and horsepower. To culminate their lessons, Grady provided students with a hands-on opportunity to see these concepts in action.

"We were able to show them about how hydraulic systems with a Bobcat loader," says Grady. "They use pressurized fluid to power an engine. Students used math measurement skills to convert tons to pounds to understand the magnitude of the work load this machine can handle and explore potential careers in which this piece of equipment and others like it are used and the projects they are capable of completing."

STEAMA stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math, and Agriculture. STEAMA is designed to widen each student's perspective of local and global communities by providing relevance to curriculum, college and career opportunities. STEAMA empowers students and teachers by maximizing individual talents through creative freedom and engagement.

Grady says it is always a pleasure to see students take an interest in learning. "They are never too young to get begin thinking about what they want to do in the future," he says. "You never know—this could be the spark they need to stir their curiosity or see something they remember and later want to pursue."

The Building Construction Technology curriculum at the college is designed to prepare individuals to apply technical knowledge and skills to the fields of architecture, construction, construction management, and other associated professions. For more information about SCC's Building Construction Technology discipline, contact Grady at bgrady@sampsoncc.edu.

### Virtual Training to Create Real Careers at SCC



SCC welding instructor, Mark Brown "welds" spark-free as he sees a virtual reality version in his mask.

Fresh off Sampson Community College's groundbreaking for a new state-of-the-art welding facility, the college has already begun acquiring new tools that will fill the building once completed.

Instructors were busy setting up and practicing on the new welding simulator, which provides the user with virtual reality goggles which allow the user to see different settings that represent real-life welding scenarios.

"This machine allows students the opportunity to get an upper hand on those who don't have this advantage," says Dale Godbold, Lead Welding Instructor for the college. "This allows them to be competitive when going out to find a career path. This helps us train them on correct procedures and helps them learn the proper way to fine tune their welding skills."

Once a student completes a virtual welding session, the program prints out a report on the student's performance. Along with images of the student's virtual weld, statistics on position, length, angle, and speed is also available. While a huge peripheral benefit to using these machines is saving materials, a top concern is always safety.

"There are no sparks, no electrodes, no burns or damaged clothing," adds Kevin Shaffer of Lincoln Electric, which sells the machines. "Safety is always number one. It is a must. From speaking with Mr. Godbold, it most certainly is here. Once people look at how virtual reality works, they are drawn in and want to try it and that's great."

For more information about the Welding Technology program at SCC, contact Godbold at dgodbold@sampsoncc.edu.

### Sampson County School Awards



Art Students Recognized

Dr. Melenas of Sampson County Schools recognized four of her art students who received ribbons at the Sampson County Arts Council Show. They are Catalina Nery; placed 2nd, Takayla Lee, 3rd place; Gracie Pridgen, Honorable Mention; Nahamy Garcia, Honorable Mention and the Art teacher Ashley Knowles.



Berrones Recognized by School Board

At the March Sampson County School Board meeting, Cindy Rovnak from Union High School recognized Valeria Berrones for placing second in the Visual Arts, Drawing Division 2 competition at the State Beta Convention in February. Her piece entitled "Impurity" was created in charcoal and has earned her a trip to the National Beta Convention this June in Oklahoma City.



Early College Students Recognized

Ms. Westerbeek, principal of Sampson Early College, recognized first place in Beta Competition, winner Yadria Paz for two dimensional design; third place winners, Yarely Gonzalez, Jason Lopez, Oscar Maldonado, Maria Meza, Rosio Montalvo, Leandro Navarro, Christian Ramirez, Arbey Romero, Ramon Sanchez, Manuel Valbuena for Living Literature; four place winner Nidia Pineda for Spanish Division and fifth place Nidia Pineda for Fiber Arts. The students received certificates for their achievements at the March Sampson County School Board meeting.



Sampson County Students Accepted into Governor School

At the Sampson County School Board meeting, Dr. Carr recognized three students that have accepted into Governor School, they are Cullen Faircloth, Midway HS, selected discipline trumpet; Ramon Sanchez and Manny Valbuena, Sampson Early College HS, selected discipline mathematics.



Stephens Recognized For STEM Conference

Mrs. Locklear will recognize Kim Stephens from Roseboro-Salemberg Middle School for being chosen to attend the empowering STEM Conference March 25th. The conference brought together business leaders and educators from across the state of NC in a hands-on learning environment that helped make connections from classroom to career. The event is a partnership between Glaxo-Smith Kline, NC Business Committee to Education and Kenan Fellows.



NCTIES Students Honored

Mr. Holland, principal; at Union Intermediate School, recognized eighteen of his students for the 2nd Annual School Maker Faire and presenting their showcase at the NCTIES Conference in Raleigh. The students are: Aaron Romero, Landyn Carter, Irelynn Allen, Savannah Suggs, David Ramirez, Alyson Fisher, Natalie Spell, Katherine Cruz, Jabarie Kerr, Yoselyn Lopez, Jasmin Basilio, April Ropala, Prsely McNeil, Brylie Register, Johna Powell, Hollis Harrell, Skarlette Castro, Edith Lopez. The advisors are Caren Long and Tanya Robinson-Freeman.



Sampson County Schools Recognizes Social Workers

Mrs. Carr with Sampson County Schools recognized the month of March as the celebration of School Social Work. She recognized Amelia Joas, Social Worker, Lakewood and Union Districts and Lee Ann Barefoot, Social Worker, Hobbton and Midway District at the March School Board meeting.



Union High Art Students Honored

Heather Knowles from Union High School recognized Lyndsey Matthews, sophomore, for receiving first place over-all and Cameron Matthis for receiving honorable mention for his artwork hosted by the Sampson County Arts Council for our students. They were recognized with a certificate at the Monday night Sampson County School Board meeting.



## Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit

There are a lot of famous last words. Frank Sinatra reportedly died right after saying, "I'm losing it." Harriet Tubman's last words were "Swing low, sweet chariot." Supposedly on his death bed, Benjamin Franklin said, "A

dying man can do nothing easy." "Pistol" Pete Maravich even said, "I feel great."

Luke 23:44-46 provides the setting, the scene and the last sentence of Jesus: "It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain in the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, 'Father into your hands I commit my spirit.' When he had said this, he breathed his last."

With these words that Luke records for us – the atonement is finished. He declared it finished just a few seconds before his last words (John 19:30), but now in his last words, his dying breath, there is nothing left to accomplish to secure the forgiveness of sins. Perhaps these are the most significant last words in human history.

New Testament scholar Leon Morris says, "It is not at all unlikely that at first the Christians did not realize the full significance of the cross. But in time they came to see that the crucifixion is rightly understood only when it is seen as God's great saving act. It is the means God used to deal with the problem of human sin ... The cross is the continuation of the outworking of his grace. But it also means something radically new, for God had never before done anything like sending His Son to die for people's salvation." (Leon Morris, *The Atonement*).

## Church Growth



**1 Corinthians 3:12-13, "Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done."**

Is having a large church more important than building disciples? Could the modern church mistaken that having a large church is a sign of success? These days there seems to be a prevailing sentiment that the best way to measure the success of a church congregation is to count how many new members it can add each year. For some pastors, growth in numbers becomes an end in itself. Many pastors will go to bed every night thinking they have failed at their calling just because all the pews of their church aren't packed.

Some pastors, knowing that others will judge their success based on numbers, will result to watering down their sermons to not offend anyone. They toss out the old hymnals to be replaced by modern songs that could easily be sung in a cloudy night club. Pulpits are put in storage and stage lights are added to give a sense of excitement to the worship experience. While wanting to grow the church they serve they have in fact missed the message of Christ's call to repentance, sanctification and holiness.

A new study from Exponential by LifeWay Research found 6 in 10 Protestant churches are plateaued or declining in attendance and more than half saw fewer than 10 people become new Christians in the past 12 months. When we consider these numbers, it would appear that we are losing the cultural battle. The average church goer might attend a worship service if it fits into their schedule. The lack of commitment is like a rash that has spread across many congregations.

You might ask, "So how do churches gain more members?" Some of them, of course, are located in fast-growing suburban communities where newcomers actively look for a religious home. A dynamic church program and outstanding preaching also prompt rapid growth. Others grow by preaching a relaxed message that requires nothing of anyone. I don't think there is a secret formula for growing a church. The key is to remember that we are to plant the seeds of the Gospel and allow Christ to provide the increase.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer boldly proclaimed, "Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession, absolution without personal confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, and grace without Jesus Christ." If we don't see anyone getting saved, it can be disheartening, but we need to remember that sowing is just as important as reaping. Some of us are sowers of the Gospel and may never see the result of our labor. That is why our concentration should be on pleasing the One who sent us into the field rather than on controlling the rate of growth or the amount we reap.

This week I encourage you to not eliminate the work God has called you to participate in. When you attend church this week, remember to worship God and not the style of the worship service. Instead of staring at empty pews, keep your eyes upon Jesus and listen to His call. Remember that Jesus used a handful of followers to turn the world upside down and He can use your faithful service to Him to make an impact for the Kingdom of God.

**Rev. Ken Smith**  
**Atkinson Baptist Church**



Philosopher William Lane Craig writes, "The events of the cross are not pleasant. They are bloody. And modern sensibilities want to clean them up to make them more palatable. But to do so minimizes the awfulness of sin and its requisite eternal penalty which makes necessary the bloody punishment." (William Lane Craig, *Contending with Christianity's Critics*).

No doubt, one of the most significant events in world history was God sending his Son to die on a cross for sinners. This text clues us in to how important this event is:

First, the cosmos tell us how important this is. As Jesus was about to breathe his last breath, the text tells us that about noon, darkness came over the land. This wasn't just a random storm or cloud coverage. This was by divine design. In Amos chapter eight, when the prophet Amos preaches to Israel, he says, "'In that day', declares the Sovereign Lord, 'I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your religious festivals into mourning and all your singing into weeping. I will make all of you wear sackcloth and shave your heads. I will make that time like mourning for an only son and the end of it like a bitter day.'" (Amos 8:9-10). Darkness, for many Old Testament prophecies, indicated judgment. Amos 8 indicates a specific judgment. God rearranged the laws of nature, the laws he created and set into motion in Genesis 1, so that the sun would disappear in the middle of the day, so that we could see and know how important this moment was: that judgment had come upon the Son. During the dark, God the Father judged God the Son for the sins of humanity.

Second, the curtain being torn tells us how important this is. The judgment in verse 44 is connected to the curtain being torn in verse 45 for two reasons. First, the temple is included in the judgment. Israel had rejected the Son of God, and since the temple was central to Israel's worship – it reveals that God had set himself against them and their hard heartedness. Second, the tearing of the curtain suggests that those who trust Christ by faith have a clear way to God. The curtain symbolically shielded access to God and by ripping it open, that restricted access no longer existed. That's why we, as New Covenant Christians have no need for the sacrificial system of the Old Testament. With Jesus dying on the cross, the need for sacrifice has ended. Jesus is the ultimate sacrifice.

Third, the comment of Jesus tells us how important this is. During those three hours of darkness, Jesus bore the penalty of our sins in His body. At the close of that time, He committed His spirit into the hands of God. The Romans ultimately didn't murder Jesus; Jesus voluntarily yielded His life. His final statement was a picture of obedience and acceptance: in his obedience, he accepted the judgment for us, the wrath of God we deserved.

Finally, the commitment of Jesus tells us how important this is. Even in his dying moments, in his last breath, Jesus commits Himself, his action, his attitude, and his will to God the Father. The word for "commit" there in Luke 23:46 is the Greek word "paratithēmi" and was used for food set on a table. In other words, Jesus is saying, "Here it is, come and get it. Take my life." This is a continuation of a pattern of Jesus' obedience. In Luke 2, preaching in the temple, Jesus says to his parents, "Didn't you know that I had to be in my Father's house?" Before he was arrested, in the Garden of Gethsemane, he prayed "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done." (Matthew 26:42). His commitment shows us how we should be committed to doing the will of the Father.

Jesus died well. With his last words, he yielded his life, one more time, into perfect obedience to the Father. May we see the importance of those last words as our salvation extends into our sanctification.

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



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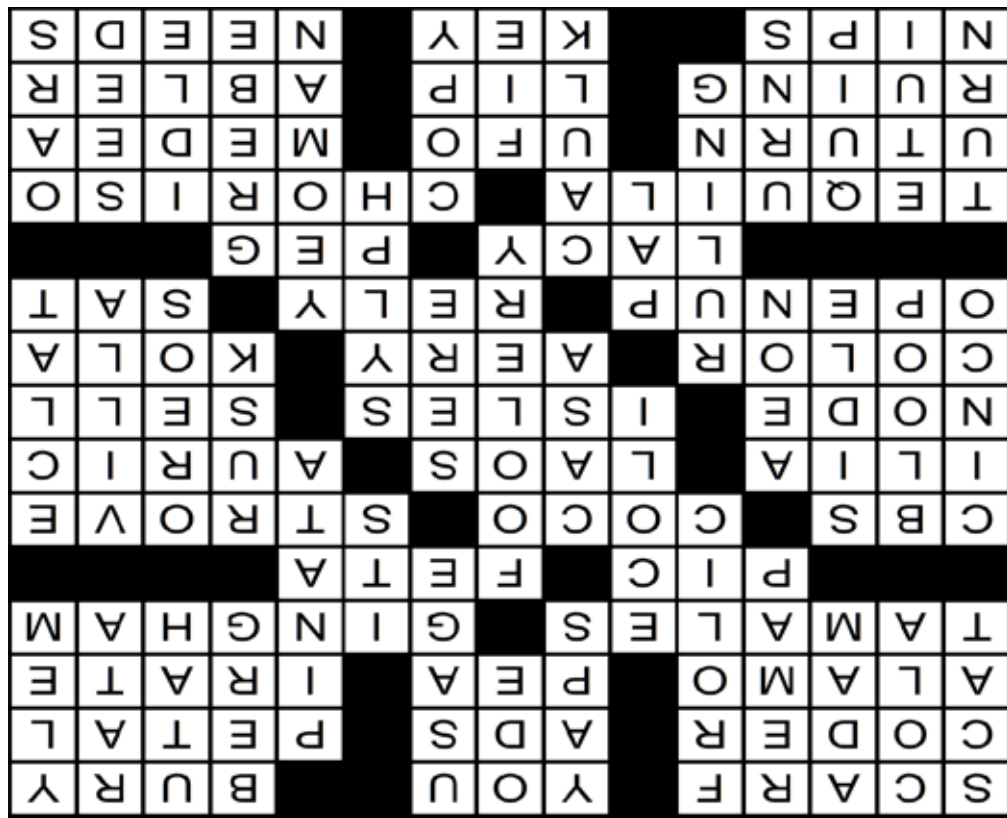
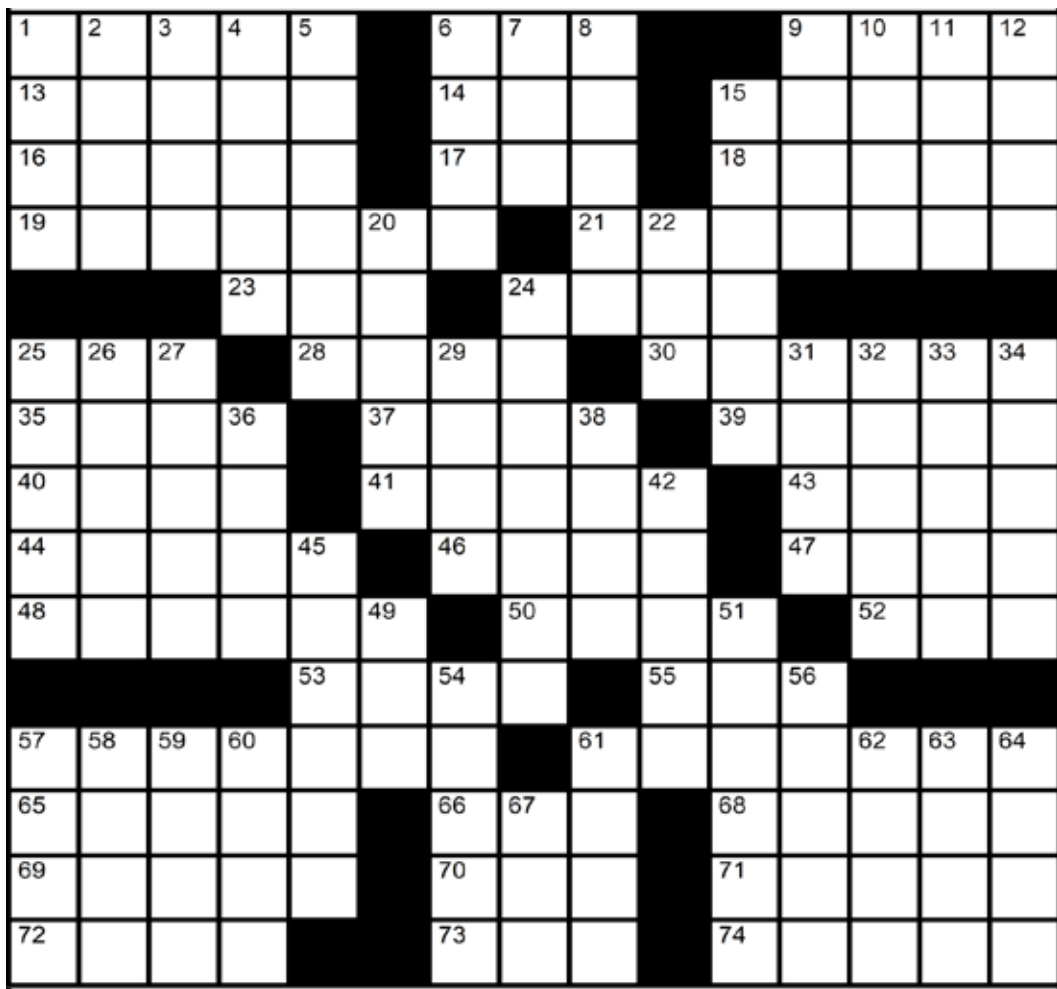
# Crossword Puzzle

## SOUTH OF THE BORDER ACROSS

1. Winter warmer
6. \*Tú, north of the border
9. Put six feet under
13. Computer programmer
14. Supermarket circulars, e.g.
15. "He loves me..." flower part
16. \*Santa Anna's 1836 victory locale
17. Pod dweller
18. All worked up
19. \*Filling+corn dough+corn husk, pl.
21. Like Dorothy Gale's dress
23. Selfie, e.g.
24. Cheese on Peloponnese
25. Eye Network
28. \*Day of the Dead-inspired Oscar-winner
30. Attempted
35. Hipbones
37. Between Thailand and Vietnam
39. El Dorado-related
40. Lymphatic swelling
41. Archipelago parts
43. Unload on eBay
44. Hue perception
46. Bald eagle's nest
47. Caffeine-containing nut tree
48. "\_\_\_\_\_! This is the police!"
50. Bank on
52. Aptitude test
53. Like a doily
55. Margaret, for short
57. \*Made from agave
61. \*Popular huevos accompaniment
65. Driver's 180
66. Flying saucer acronym
68. Mythological princess of Colchis
69. Repenting
70. Collagen target
71. More capable
72. Tiny sips
73. Skeleton in a lock
74. Must-haves

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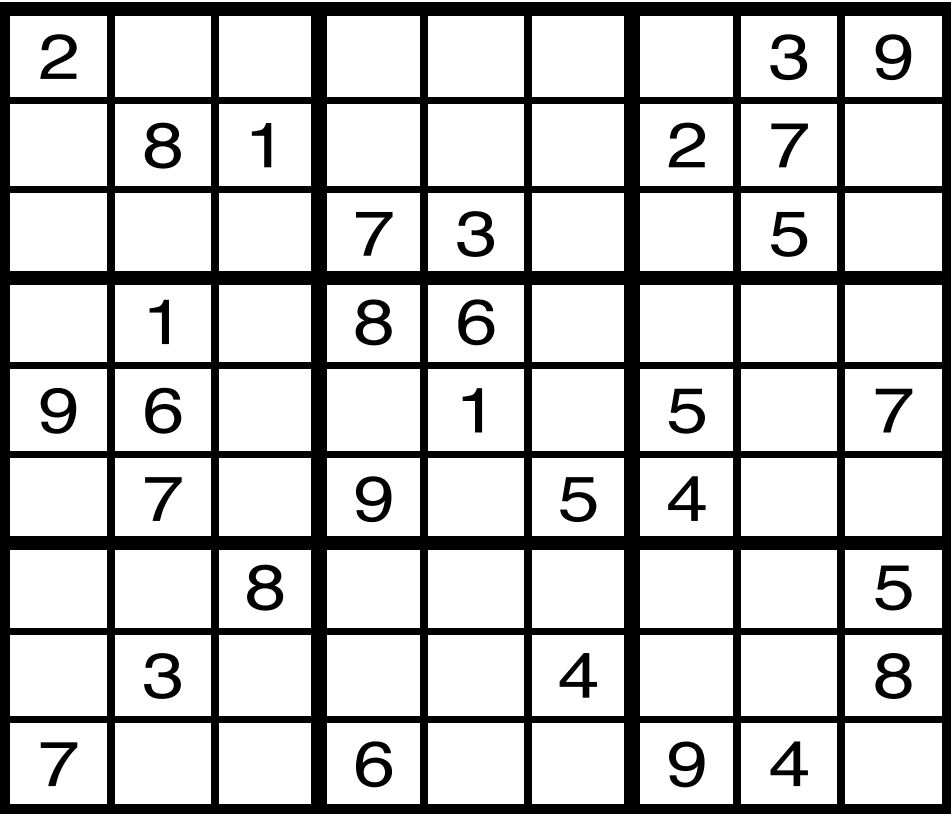
1. Jazz singing
2. Coca follower
3. Comic Sandler
4. Chart anew
5. Lark about
6. Puppy barks
7. Keats' poem
8. Cell phone bill item
9. Frigid shipping hazard
10. Butch Cassidy's home state
11. Pro \_\_\_\_\_
12. Big Bang's original matter
15. \*Blind man's target
20. Cause for food recall
22. "\_\_\_\_\_ Now or Never"
24. Tom's craziness?
25. \*\_\_\_\_\_ de Mayo
26. Soft single in baseball
27. Move sideways
29. \*"Mi \_\_\_\_\_ es su..."
31. Biscuit
32. Sandwiches for dessert
33. \*Zapata's collaborator
34. Audience's approval
36. Long, long time
38. Bone-dry
42. Airy fairy
45. Exercising authority
49. One of peeps
51. Tower of London guard
54. Sealing product
56. Freshwater diving bird
57. \_\_\_\_\_ of events
58. Red carpet purse
59. Witty remark
60. RIP pots
61. "\_\_\_\_\_ that" on walkie-talkie
62. In neutral
63. Gardener's purchase
64. Crew propellers
67. "Jack and the Beanstalk" exclamation



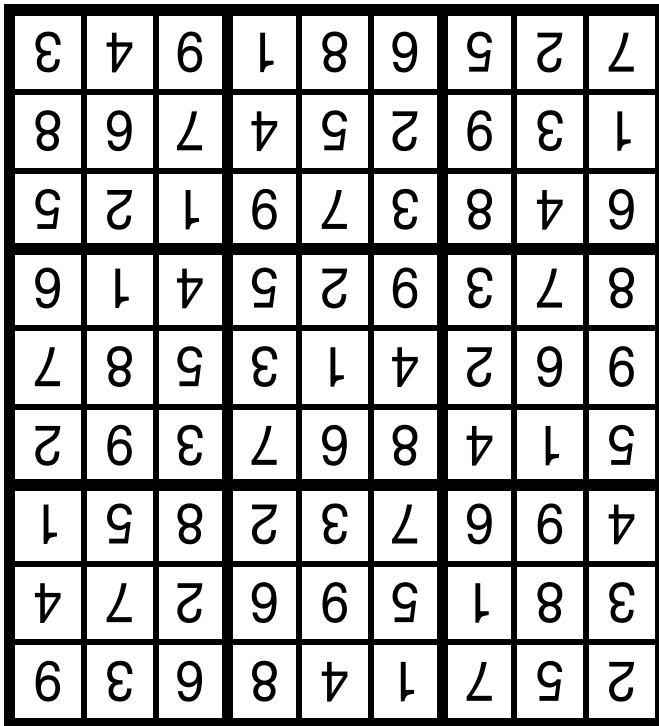
# SUDOKU

## Fun By The Numbers

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



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



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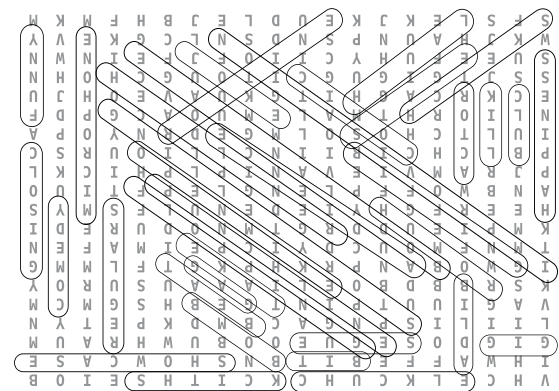


## WORDS

- ACTOR
- AD-LIB
- AUDIENCE
- BEAT
- BIT
- BODY LANGUAGE
- BOMB
- CHUCKLE
- CLOSING
- CLUB
- COMEDY
- COMIC
- FLOPPING
- FUNNY
- GAG
- GIG
- HAPPINESS
- HEADLINER
- HUMOR

- IMPROVISATION
- JOKE
- KILL
- LAUGH
- MICROPHONE
- OPEN MIKE
- PUNCHLINE
- REGULARS

- RIFFING
- ROUTINE
- SEGUE
- SHOWCASE
- SHTICK
- SKETCH
- STAGE
- STORYTELLING



CRIME

Crime

04-17 Russell Donnell King, 34, Goldsboro. DWLR License Not Reclaimed. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 05-06-19
04-18 Wayne Anthony McNeil, 55, Clinton. 24 Hour Hold, Open Container. No Bond. Trial Date 05-02-19
04-19 Veronica Marshburn, 35, Autryville. Domestic Violence Protection Order Violation- FTA. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 05-14-19
04-19 Justina Monique Henry, 20, Salemburg. Driving After Consuming <21, Driving Under the Influence. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 05-14-19
04-19 Jonah Phillip Smith, 27, Newton Grove. DV Protective Order Violation. Trial Date 05-06-19
04-19 Haley Elizabeth Sutton, 24, Clinton. Allow Unlicensed Driver to Operate Motor Vehicle. Trial Date 05-28-19
04-19 Danielle Elizabeth Marino, 35, Roseboro. Misdemeanor Child Abuse. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 04-23-19
04-19 William Joel Oyola, 32, Magnolia. Illegal Deposit of Garbage. Trial Date 05-10-19
04-19 Dallas Dyrbonne Wilson, 45, Ivanhoe. FTA-Unsealed Wine/Liq in Pass Area, FTA- Fict/Alt Title/Reg Card/Tag, FTA- Brake/Stop Light Equip Violation, FTA- DWLR Not Impaired Rev, FTA-Unsafe Lane Change, FTA- Driving While Impaired. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 05-06-19
04-19 Christopher Trevon Graham, 26, Clinton. Possess Drug Paraphernalia- FTA, Simple Possession of Marijuana- FTA, Possession of Cocaine-FTA, Probation Violation, Possession of Cocaine. Bond \$32000. Trial Date 05-03-19
04-19 Emma Faye Liebegood, 41, Autryville. FTA- Felony Probation Violation. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 05-08-19
04-19 Devante Lajuan Foster, 25, Clinton. DWLR Not Impaired Rev. Trial Date 06-10-19
04-19 Floyd Lawade Sutton, 47, Clinton. Probation Violation. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 05-06-19
04-19 James Scott Richmond, 25, Roseboro. Carrying Concealed Gun, Misdemeanor Child Abuse. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 04-23-19
04-19 Robert Bailey Herring, 24, Clinton. Possess Marijuana Paraphernalia, Possess Marijuana, No Operators License, No Inspection, Expired Registration Card/Tag. Trial Date 05-28-19
04-20 Michael Devone Graham, 31, Warsaw. Felony Probation Violation, Possess Marijuana up to 1/2oz, Expired Registration, DWLR Impaired. Bond \$25,500. Trial Date 05-02-19
04-20 Diana Carroll Phillips, 45, Dunn. Second Degree Trespass, Injury to Personal Property, Assault With a Deadly Weapon, Resisting Public Officer. Bond \$6500. Trial Date 05-02-19
04-20 Lonnell Rico Rich, 26, Mount Olive. DWLR, Possess Marijuana. Trial Date 05-28-19
04-20 William Edward Hurdle, 27, Fayetteville. Marijuana Drug Paraphernalia, Possess Marijuana. Trial Date 05-28-19
04-20 Khadija Shakur MCrimmon, 24, Fayetteville. DWLR. Trial Date 05-28-19
04-20 Shannon Elaine Faircloth Marcum, 45, Roseboro. Child Support. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 04-23-19
04-20 Reginald D Burton, Garland. DWLR. Trial Date 06-10-19
04-20 Travis Martin Faircloth, 45, Autryville.

Assault with a Deadly Weapon. Np Bond. Trial Date 05-30-19
04-20 Paris Isiah Armwood, 28, Clinton. Second Degree Trespass, Assault on a Female. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 05-07-19
04-20 Jessica Maraya McLamb, 28, Clinton. Simple Possession, Window Tinting Violation. Bond \$500. Trial Date 05-08-19
04-20 Linda Marie Parker, 33, Clinton. Misdemeanor Larceny. Bond \$500. Trial Date 05-02-19
04-20 David Lee Sparhawk, 28, Roseboro. Simple Assault. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 05-14-19
04-20 Kaitlyn Denise Harris, 25, Clinton. No Insurance, DWLR, Misdemeanor Child Abuse. Bond \$10,000. Trial Date 05-09-19
04-20 Anthony Lashone Green, 45, Roseboro. Driving Under the Influence. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 05-22-19
04-20 Candasia Shanee Kilgore, 32, Raeford. Obtain Property by False Pretense. Bond \$6500. Trial Date 05-03-19
04-20 Lamond Lennodrick Tatum, 38, Roseboro. Habitual Impaired Driver, Order for Arrest, DWLR Impaired Revocation- FTA, Driving While Impaired-FTA, Expired Registration Car/Tag- FTA, Speeding-FTA, No Operators License- FTA, Possess Open Container/Consume Alcohol Passenger Area- FTA, Simple Possession of Schedule VI CS- FTA. Bond \$57,500. Trial Date 05-03-19
04-20 Charlie Ray Lassiter, 38, Turkey. Trespass, Misdemeanor Larceny. Trial Date 05-09-19
04-20 Deandre Tyrone Smith, 19, Clinton. Open Cont Mbv/Unfwn Property Cy/Cty, Possess Marijuana Paraphernalia, Simple Possess Sch VI CS. Trial Date 05-28-19
04-21 Derrick Ladrell Faison, 40, Newton Grove. DWLR< Expired Registration Card/Tag, DWLR Not Impaired Rev. Bond \$500. Trial Date 05-13-19
04-21 Terek Tyquan Kirkland, 26, Clinton. Canc/Revok/Susp Certif/Tag, DWLR, No Insurance. Trial Date 05-28-19
04-21 Charles Brown, 36, Beaulaville. Allow Unlicensed Minor to Drive, Contributing Del of Juvenile, Fict/Alt Title/Reg Crd/Tag, Permit Operation Vehicle No Insurance, Drive/Allow Mv No Registration, Simple Possession Sch VI CS. Bond \$10,000. Trial Date 05-28-19
04-21 Librado Ventura Paz, 39, Autryville. No Operators License. Trial Date 07-08-19
04-21 Kenneth Henry, 55, Salemburg. NOL. Trial Date 05-14-19
04-21 Tony Garell McNeill, 39, Fayetteville. NOL. Trial Date 05-14-19
04-21 Eva Mae Bodrick, 51, Smithfield. Expired Operators License. Trial Date 05-14-19
04-21 MaKayla McNeill, 21, Clinton. Possess of Drug Paraphernalia, Possess marijuana. Trial Date 05-14-19
04-21 Barrett Deland Ashford, 57, Clinton. Misdemeanor Probation Violation. Bond \$7500. Trial Date 05-02-19
04-21 Vadievier Labristol Graham, 42, Clinton. Simple Assault. Trial Date 05-17-19
04-21 Stephen Roger Wells III, 60, Clinton. Simple Assault. Trial Date 05-17
04-21 Devin Alexander Byers, 29, Fayetteville. DWLR Not Impaired Rev. Bond \$500. Trial Date 05-06-19
04-21 Barrett Deland Ashford, 57, Clinton. DWI Level 5. Bond \$7500. Trial Date 05-02-19
04-21 Abigail Layne Partridge, 21, Clinton. Fict/Al

Tag/Reg Card/Tag, DWLR not Impaired. Bond \$500. Trial Date 05-03-19
04-21 Maricco Sinclair, 30, Lumber Bridge. DWLR. Trial Date 05-14-19
04-21 Jaime Michael Rivera, 31, Spring Lake. Driving with no Operators License. Trial Date 05-22-19
04-21 Thomas Xavier Boone, 24, Fayetteville. Driving while License Revoked. Trial Date 05-14-19
04-22 Mario Treadwell, 31, Clinton. Indecent Exposure. Trial Date 05-07-19
04-22 Rodrigo Alejo, 32, Newton Grove. Window Tinting Violation, DWLR not impaired rev. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 05-07-19
04-22 Ashley Marie Lewis, 33, Clinton. Simple Possession of Schedule IV CS. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 05-07-19
04-22 Terrance Terrell Payton, 22, Turkey. Order for Arrest. Bond \$1000.
04-22 Ayana Michelle Simpson, 24, Garland. Harrassing Phone Calls. Trial Date 05-07-19
04-22 Morris Odell Steward, 41, Turkey. Cancel/Revoke/Susp Certif/Tag, Improper Brakes, Operate Vehicle with no Insurance, DWLR. Bond \$500. Trial Date 05-14-19
04-22 Brandon Clayton Weeks, Dunn. Misd Probation Violation. Bond \$500. Trial Date 05-07-19
04-22 Andrew John Hudson, 32, Wilmington. DWLR. Trial Date 07-08-19
04-22 Gabriel Velasquez, 26, Dunn. Order for Arrest Child Support.
04-22 Harold Wayne Johnson, 55, Autryville. DWLR Not Impaired Rev. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 05-07-19
04-22 Tymia Chantel Smith, 22, Clinton. DWLR not Impaired Rev, Failure to reduce speed. Bond \$250. Trial Date 05-14-19
04-22 Janie Barrett, 29, Roseboro. FTC Child Support. Bond \$250. Trial Date 04-23-19
04-22 Jerry Glenn Howard, 38, Clinton. Resisting Public Officer. Bond \$500. Trial Date 05-02-19
04-23 Gregory Scott Thomas, 19, Newton Grove. Breaking and Entering Residence, Larceny after Breaking and Entering, Possession of Stolen Goods. Bond \$25000. Trial Date 05-03-19
04-23 James Anthony Henry, 59, Clinton. OFA- DWLR Not Impaired Rev, OFA- Fail Surr Title/Reg Card/Tag, OFA- Can/Revok/Susp Certifi/Tag. Bond \$500. Trial Date 05-14-19
04-23 Gregory Scott Thomas, 19, Newton Grove. Fictitious Information of Officer, Resisting Public Officer, Breaking/Entering- FTA, Safe Cracking FTA, Larceny after Braking and Entering- FTA, Poss F-WN/LG/MXBV Under 21- FTA, Exceed the Posted Speed, NOL, Fict/Alt Title/Reg Card/Tag, Window Tint. Bond \$6500. Trial Date 05-06-19
04-24 Luis Alberto Perez, 48, Faison. Forgery of Instrument, Uttering Forged Instrument, Obtain Property by False Pretense. Bond \$15000. Trial Date 05-03-19
04-24 Orlando Rodriguez, 21, Clinton. 24 Hour Hold.
04-24 Shakeen Moore, 29, Clinton. Revoked Registration. Trial Date 05-29-19
04-24 Jonah Phillip Smith, 27, Newton Grove. Assault on a Child under 12. Trial Date 05-28-19
04-25 Thomas Ransom Splawn, 42, Garland. Fail to Apply for New Title- FTA, Fict/Alt Title/Reg Card/Tag-FTA, Drive/Allow MV No Registration- FTA, Operate Vehicle No Insurance- FTA, DWLR Not Impaired Rev-FTA. Bond \$500. Trial Date 05-03-19
04-24 Imahnji Tytheane Henry, 23, Clinton. Injury to Personal Property, Assault with a Deadly Weapon. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 05-16-19

04-24 Kenneth Ray Watts, 34, Clinton. Poss Stolen Goods/Property, Habitual Larceny, Operate No Insurance, Drive/Allow MV No Registration, DWLR Not Impaired, Fictitious Info to Officer, Maintain Vehicle/Dwell/Place CS, PWISD Cocaine, PWIMSD Methamphetamine, PWIMSD Sch I CS, Possess of Marijuana, Possess Drug Paraphernalia, Possess Marijuana Paraphernalia. Bond \$75,000. Trial Date 05-03-19
04-24 Jason Lee Newkirk, 25, Roseboro. DWLR. Trial Date 04-24-19
04-24 Ronnie Lamar Kelly, 32, Warsaw. Resisting Public Officer, Injury to Personal Property, Arson. Bond \$26,500. Trial Date 05-03-19
04-24 Jessica Denise McClean, 34, South Carolina. PWISD Cocaine, PWIMSD Methamphetamine, PWIMSH Sch I CS, Possess of Marijuana, Possess Drug Paraphernalia, Posses Marijuana Paraphernalia. Bond \$25000. Trial Date 05-03-19
04-24 Kerry Montreal Underwood, 34, Clinton. FTA- Deliver Sch II CS, Order for Arrest, FTA, PWIMSD Sch II CS. Bond \$200,000. Trial Date 04-25-19
04-24 Wanda Kay King, 47, Clinton. Oder for Arrest- FTC Child Support. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 05-07-19
04-24 Shaquanya Jeanette Blue, 31, Dunn. Speeding 68/55, DWLR. Trial Date 06-12-19
04-24 Dennis Warren Tew, 64, Clinton. Domestic Criminal Trespass, Communicating Threats, Assault on a Female. Trial Date 05-28-19
04-24 Victor Parker, 50, Newton Grove. Fail to Comply. Bond \$365. Trial Date 05-16-19
04-25 James Fontaz Moore, 22, Fayetteville. DWLR. Trial Date 07-08-29

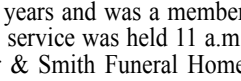
Incident Reports

04-18 Carlisle C's IGA in Clinton reported Larceny of country ham valued at \$5.00.
04-18 Carl Dudley of Clinton reported Larceny of fishing rods and lures valued at \$2120.00.
04-18 Tropicana of Clinton reported Larceny of Money- \$1149.00.
04-18 Walmart in Clinton reported Shoplifting of assorted items. Valued at approximately \$12.00.
04-19 Jessica Moore of Roseboro reported a Breaking and Entering of Moto Vehicle. Stolen vice recorder, purse, license/cards, damage to automobile valued at \$420.00.
04-19 Jaquita Wilson of Clinton reported Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property. Damage to automobile and mailbox of \$785.00.
04-20 Rhiannon Corbett of Dunn reported Larceny of Cabellass cooler valued at \$500.00.
04-21 Kendrick Minchew reported Theft from Motor Vehicle. Stolen pressure washer, gas tank, gasoline valued at \$365.00.
04-21 Albert Flynn of Ivanhoe reported Larceny of wood planer, saws, dolly, chisel set, air compressor, heater and drop cord valued at \$1950.00.
04-21 Patrick Moore of Harrells reported a Robbery. Stolen wallet, cable kit, cash money valued at \$560.00.
04-22 Jerry Walston of Faison reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering. Stolen nail guns, compressor, saws, generator, flashlight, tool set, drills, battery valued at \$4800.00.
04-22 William Starling of Roseboro reported Larceny of Firearms in Roseboro, taking guns from vehicle. Value \$1200.00.

OBITUARIES

DUNN

Mrs. Beatrice Hardison Bass, 90, of Dunn died Friday morning April 19, 2019 at Cornerstone Nursing & Rehab. Mrs. Bass was born July 25, 1928 in Sampson County daughter of the late Noah and Minnie Hair Hardison. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Percy Bass; sister, Lilma Wrench, brothers, John and Donnie Hardison and great grandchild, Andrew Guin. Mrs. Bass had worked at Erwin Mills for several years and was a member of Crestview Baptist Church. A funeral service was held 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Don Davis and Rev. Randy Beasley officiating. Burial followed at Devotional Gardens. She is survived by her daughters, Jeanette Bass and husband James Earl of Dunn, Patty Schmieding and husband Dan of Dunn, Angela Guin and husband Mickey of Clinton; sister, Edith G. Barefoot of Roseboro; seven grandchildren, Steven Bass, Karen Blackwelder, Tammy Blackwell, Josh Schmieding, Tracie Ivey, Kevin Guin and Kelly Edwards; fifteen great grandchildren and five great great grandchildren. The family received friends 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home and at other times at the home. Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association Eastern North Carolina Chapter 5171 Glenwood Ave Suite 101 Raleigh, NC 27612.



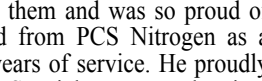
CLINTON

Mrs. Edna Madelle Armstrong Ellis, 81, of 1288 Five Bridge Rd., passed away Saturday, April 20, at home. A funeral service was held at 2 P.M. Wednesday, April 24, at Immanuel Baptist Church with the Rev. Tim Ameen and Rev. Allen Overton officiating. Burial followed in the Clinton City Cemetery. Madelle, a native of Mississippi, was the daughter of the late Millard Bell Armstrong and Alma Mae Cooper Armstrong and was the wife of the late Billy Edward Ellis. She was also preceded in death by two brothers: Edward and Raymond Armstrong and a sister Louise Keith. Madelle was the Human Resources Director at Springdale Fashions and was a member of Immanuel Baptist Church where she loved singing in the choir and working with the children. She is survived by: a son, Mike Ellis and wife Donna; two daughters: Sharon Ellis Hunt and husband Dick, Debbie Ellis McCuiston and husband Walter and, grandchildren: Abby Bass Waters, Zack Raynor (Berkley), Josh Ellis (Cameron), Anna Ellis and Randall Hunt, great-grandchildren: Bailey Waters, Gage and Harper Raynor, TaMya Garner, and Jackson Ellis, step-grandchildren: Michelle Pendleton (Charles) and Shauna Carroll (Rod), step-great-grandchildren: Krystal and Ashley Pendleton, Austin, Brookie, and Dylan Carroll, step-great-grandchildren: Lily Johnson, and Jayden Royal, sisters: Nita Staten, Helen Maharrey (Curt), Kathy Williams, sisters-in-laws: Janie Armstrong, and Betty Wilhite, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. In lieu of flowers the family request memorials be made to Immanuel Baptist Church Play Ground fund P.O. Box 52 Clinton, N.C. 28329 or online at http://www.ibccclinton.com. The family received friends 6-8 P.M. Tuesday at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home and other times at the home 1288 Five Bridge Rd. Clinton, N.C. 28328



CLINTON

Miss Kristin Taylor Pope, 27, of Clinton, gained her angel wings on Thursday, April 18, 2019. Taylor was born October 4, 1991 in Wake County, NC. She was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Ronald "Ronnie" Earl Lucas, Sr. and paternal grandfather, Jimmie Ray Pope, Sr. At the age of thirteen, her family moved to Africa to become missionaries for the IPHC. She was home-schooled by her mother all through her elementary years but attended a private school during her high school years in Africa. Taylor was diagnosed with diabetes when only three years old but the disease never kept her from being involved in all kinds of sports. She was also very talented musically. Along with her parents, Taylor was much involved in church work in Africa. She assisted her parents in worship services by leading the singing and praying around the altar. She really enjoyed working with her father in giving medical help to hundreds of African people. She spent 5 good years in Africa growing up and helping her parents. These years served to point her toward a ministry of helping others. Once back home in the USA she became involved as a caregiver to autistic children, some in her own family, through a company called "Kaleo". All her life she had a special love for children and elderly people. She enrolled at Campbell University with the goal of becoming an Endocrinologists. Though she never attained this goal, because of her medical condition, it never stopped her in her efforts to help others. Taylor is survived by her mother and stepfather, Angelia "Angie" Lucas Underwood and Aldrick Underwood; father, Jimmie Ray Pope, Jr.; maternal grandmother, Brenda L. Clark and her husband Rev. Wiley Clark; paternal grandmother,



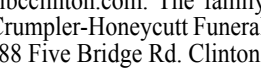
LUMBERTON

Mr. Thomas "Tom" Lowell Carter 77 of 991 Jane St. Lumberton, NC, formerly of Garland, died Friday, April 19, 2019 at Southeastern Regional Medical Center in Lumberton, NC. Mr. Carter was born January 16, 1942 to the late Mr. J.P. Carter and Mrs. Elizabeth Brock Carter. Mr. Carter was preceded in death by his wife, Vivian Cain Carter and two sisters, Barbara Fonseca and Debbie Casselman. Funeral Service was held at 2 pm Wednesday April, 24, 2019 at Cypress Creek Baptist Church with Rev. Richard Smith officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Mr. Carter is survived by two daughters: Ms. Maleia Bellamy of Lumberton, NC and Mrs. Charla Suggs and husband Bart of Hope Mills, NC. One sister, Ms. Peggy Carter of Garland. Five grandchildren: Kristen Weibe and husband George, Kaitlin Bellamy, Kimberlin Bellamy, Isaac Suggs, Gabriel Suggs. Six great-grandchildren: Ameliah Weibe, Adelyn Weibe, Alaric Weibe, Brooklyn Bailey, Vincent Bailey and Isabelle Bailey. The family received friends Tuesday, April 23, 2019 from the 6-8 pm at Carter Funeral Home, in Garland.



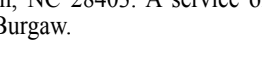
ROSEBORO

Mr. William Haywood "Woody" Faircloth, 68 of Roseboro, passed away on Saturday, April 20, 2019 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. The funeral service was held at 2:00 pm on Monday, April 22, at Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, with Pastor Bryan Strickland officiating. Burial followed at Roseboro Cemetery. He was born on December 16, 1950 and was a native of Sampson County. He was preceded in death by his parents, James Manley and Bertha Parker Faircloth; one sister, Ann Long; and a nephew, Dwayne Armstrong. He was a Veteran of the US Army and worked as a Swine Manager with Prestage Farms. He is survived by his daughter, Lorrie Camp of Florida; son, Woody Faircloth of Florida; five grandchildren, and two great grandchildren; two sisters, Susan Armstrong of New Bern, Wendy Butler of Roseboro; one brother, Manley Faircloth of Roseboro; and several nieces and nephews. The family received friends from 1:00-1:50 pm on Monday prior to the funeral service, and at other times the family will receive friends at the home of Wendy and Keith Butler, 1700 Mintz Road, Roseboro. Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro is serving the family.



BURGAW

Henry "Chip" A. Jordan, Jr., 77, of Burgaw died peacefully at home on Monday, April 22, 2019. He was born February 14, 1942 in Sampson County, the son of Henry A. Jordan, Sr. and Ethel Cavanaugh Jordan; sibling of Jacqueline White and Olive Moore; step-son of Luci Jordan; and step-daddy to Joy Whitley,



ROSE HILL

Charles Linwood Coats, 80, of 2207 Moore's Bridge Road, passed away Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice in Wilmington. Funeral service was held at 6 PM, Thursday, April 25, 2019 at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home. The family received friends immediately after the service and at other times at the home. Interment was, at 10 AM, Friday, April 26 at the Moore Family Cemetery in Rose Hill. Charles, born in 1938 in Sampson County, was the son of the late Bradley Young Coats and Nannie Olive Smith Coats. He was retired from Lundy's as a truck driver and was a farmer. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brother, James Earl Coats and father-in-law, Aubrey Moore. Survivors include; wife of fifty years, Brenda M. Coats; sons, Brad Coats and wife Tina and Scott Coats; brother, Winston Coats; sister, Beverly Coats; grandchildren, Dylan Coats and Caleb Coats; mother-in-law, Louise Moore; and his special



# OBITUARIES

Sandra U. Pope; siblings, Gabriel Austin Pope, Logan Daniel Pope, MaKayla Lindsey Pope, Alex Benjamin Pope, and MaKena Ruth Pope; step-siblings, Alana Symone Underwood and Tristen Amari Underwood; uncle and aunt, Ron and Keisha Lucas; cousins, Brittany and Trey Lucas. She is also survived many special friends who have been like family through the years and a host of other family members and friends here and around the world. A private service will be held for the family. Memorials may be made to your favorite charity in her honor. Services by Skinner & Smith Funeral Home.

## CLINTON

**Mrs. Gritzel Acevedo Luna, 67** of 84 Jordan Lane died on Tuesday April 16, 2019 at Cape Fear Valley Hospital in Fayetteville. Born in 1951 in Manhattan, New York, Gritzel was the daughter of the late Jorge Alberto Acevedo and Haydee Villaveitia Acevedo. She was an employee with Smithfield Packing Co. Funeral services were held Saturday at 3:00 PM at Royal-Hall Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Dora Medina officiating. Burial followed in the Clinton Cemetery. She is survived by a brother, George Acevedo of Bronx, N.Y. and a Niece, Lina Acevedo. The family received friends one hour prior to the funeral beginning at 2:00 PM at the funeral home. Condolence may be sent by visiting royalhallfuneralhome.com. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Luna family.



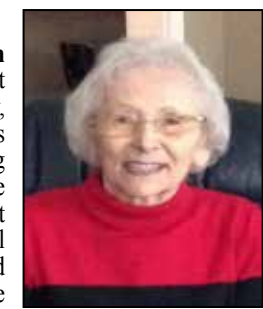
## HARRELLS

**Mr. Utis "Son" Mainor 69** of 2954 Buckhorn Rd. Harrells, NC died Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in Fayetteville, NC. Mr. Mainor was born Florence, South Carolina, the son of the late Utis Mainor and Idella Gibbs Mainor. He was preceded in death by brother, Clyde Mainor, four sisters, Louise Vann, Elois Fennell, Eula Mae Merritt, and Mary Jacobs. Funeral service was held at 3:00 P.M. Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at Wards Chapel Baptist Church, by Rev. James L. McKinnon. Burial followed in the Mainor Family Cemetery. Mr. Mainor is survived by two sisters, Evelyn Tatum Overby of Rose Hill, Elouise Middleton (James) of Brooklyn NY., one brother, James Allen Mainor (Alice) of North Salt Lake, Utah, several nieces & nephews. The public was received from 1:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M. with family present from 5:00P.M.-6:00P.M. Monday, April 22, 2019 at Carter Funeral Home, Garland, NC.



## MOUNT OLIVE

**Mrs. Mildred Hollingsworth Matthews, 91**, of Mount Olive, went to her heavenly home on Saturday, April 20, 2019 at her daughter's home in Wilmington, with her loving family by her side. A Funeral Service was held Wednesday, April 24th at 2:00 pm at the Royal-Hall Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Andy Beard officiating. Burial followed in the Faison Cemetery. Mrs. Mildred was born on June 30, 1927, on her family's farm in Sampson County to the late Fred and Ada Barnett Hollingsworth and the widow of Mr. Vayden Matthews. She was a member of Southern Baptist Church in Faison and a homemaker all her life. She enjoyed delivering Meals-On-Wheels and was dedicated to contributing to the Wounded Warrior Project for veterans every month, for forty-five years. She had a gentle spirit, a giving heart and a smile that could light up a room. She adored her family and will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She leaves behind a daughter, Peggy Roberts of Wilmington; four grandchildren: Tony Roberts, Shane Roberts, Gary Matthews and Megan M. Kornegay; and seven great-grandchildren: Amber Roberts, Carolina Roberts, Hannah Roberts, Savannah Matthews, Anna Kornegay, Morgan and Madison Schoningher; as well as many loving nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her sons, Gary Lee Matthews and Billy Ralph Matthews; four sisters: Elizabeth H. Speas, Ida H. Matthews, Ruby H. Wilson and Amber H. Lee; and four brothers: John, Joe, Deems and Morton Hollingsworth. Visitation for family and friends was held prior to the service, beginning at 1:00 pm. The family would like to extend a warm thank you and sincere appreciation to Liberty Hospice for the loving care they extended to Mrs. Mildred over the last four months. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.royalhallfuneralhome.com. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Matthews Family.



## ROSE HILL

**Mrs. Linda Joan McLemore McLamb, 71**, of 375 Register Sutton Rd., passed away peacefully at her home on Wednesday, April 17, 2019. Graveside Services were held Saturday afternoon, April 20th at 2:00 pm at Clinton Cemetery with Rev. E.C. Mattocks officiating. Visitation was held immediately following the service at the graveside. Born on May 12, 1947 in Sampson County, Linda was the daughter of the late Richard and Marna Rivenbark McLemore. She was a Nursing Assistant at Sampson Regional Medical center many years ago, and then a homemaker to her family, whom she adored. She loved to collect quilts and adored her cats. Linda is survived by her husband, Harry Lewis McLamb and daughter, Stephanie McLamb, both of the home. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the McLamb Family.



## WALLACE

**Wanda Henderson Merritt, 53**, of Wallace, left this earthly life for her eternal rest on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 from Vidant Medical Center, Greenville. She was born on May 27, 1965 in Duplin County; the daughter of Margaret Teachey Henderson of Wallace and the late Johnson Henderson. She was also predeceased by her brother, Brett Henderson. Surviving to cherish her memory are her devoted children, Blake Peterson and wife, Katie of Hampstead, Brooke Hatcher and husband, Brenton of Turkey and Courtney Merritt of Magnolia; her grandchildren, Lennox Peterson, Xander Peterson, Blaize Hatcher, Addilyn Hatcher, Christian Lovette and Kaylee Lovette; siblings, Curtis Henderson and wife, Christy, Steve Henderson and wife, Melanie, Michelle Henderson and Bradley Henderson and wife, Becky; all of Wallace; numerous nieces, nephews and extended family and friends who loved Wanda dearly. Wanda was a woman who was proud of her three children and her grandchildren were the apple of her eye. She had a big heart and was always willing to help anyone in need. With a witty personality and great sense of humor, Wanda was always the life of the party. In fact, someone stated, "SHE WAS THE PARTY"! Wanda loved people and she never met a stranger. She was funny, caring, upbeat and loved her family and friends dearly. She loved to cook and spend time with her family. Wanda will surely be missed but treasured memories will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved her. Memorial



service will be held at 1:00pm on Friday, April 26, 2019 at Quinn-McGowen Funeral Home Wallace Chapel. The family will receive friends immediately following the memorial service on Friday at the funeral home.

## HARRELLS

**Dakota Ontario Moore 30** of 2933 Fire Tower Road died Sunday April 21, 2019 in Ivanhoe. Home Going Service will be held at 1:00 pm on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at Middle District Missionary Baptist Association, 1821 NC Hwy 53W, Burgaw, NC with Rev. James Wallace officiating, burial will follow in the Chestnut Family Cemetery on Firetower Road in Harrells, NC. Visitation will be held on Friday, April 26, 2019 at Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Service, 1246 Hobbton Hwy. from 2:00 pm - 7:00pm with family present from 6:00pm - 7:00pm. Professional services are entrusted to Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Service & Cremation.



## SALEMBURG

**Mrs. Terri Lynn (Nelson) Niesen, 58** formerly of Minneapolis, Minnesota passed away Monday, April 22, 2019 at Vidant Health Hospice in Greenville, NC. A catholic prayer service will be held at 12:00pm Friday, April 26, 2019 at Butler Funeral Home Chapel, officiating will be Chaplain Anthony Kazarnowicz. The family will receive friends from 6:00pm to 8:00pm Thursday, April 25, 2019 at the funeral home. Inurnment will take place at 2:00pm Thursday, May 23, 2019 at Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery Columbarium in Little Falls, Minnesota. She is preceded in death by her father, Charles Edward Nelson; and grandchildren, Gwenivere and Ezekiel Niesen. She is survived by her husband, Tim Niesen; children, Jennifer (Niesen) Yack & husband, Avery, Jonathan Niesen & wife, Virginia, Amanda (Niesen) Jiwani & husband, Zaman and Angela (Niesen) Hitchcock & husband, Brent; mother, Dolores Jensen Nelson; grandchildren, Kayson Yack, Asher, Malcolm & Penelope Niesen, Dastan & Aiden Jiwani, Evalynn Matta and Kayden Hitchcock; sister, Marilee Sagat & husband, John and their children; and brother Jay Nelson & wife, Maureen and their children. The family requests that if you send flowers, please send flowers and plants that can be replanted in Terri's beautiful butterfly garden. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC 28382.



## GARLAND

**Reverend Edwin Odell Peterson 77** of 8040 NC Hwy. 210 West Garland, NC died Thursday, April 18, 2019 at his residence. Mr. Peterson was born July 30, 1941 in Bladen Co., NC the son of the late Edwin B. Peterson and Edna Underwood Peterson. He was retired farmer and a Minister/Pastor having served at the following church's, Cypress Creek Baptist Church, Garland, West Virginia Minister Field, Sand Hill Baptist Church in Lumberton, Union Grove Baptist Church Clinton, Evergreen Baptist Church, Autryville, Pleasant Union Baptist Church Roseboro. Funeral service was held at 3:00P.M. Sunday, April 21, 2019 at Evergreen Baptist Church 9626 NC Hwy. 210 West, Autryville, NC by the Rev. Richard Smith, Rev. Charles Davis, Rev. Raeford Carter Jr., and Rev. David Bays. Burial followed in the Peterson Family Cemetery. Reverend Peterson is survived by his wife, Barbara J. Peterson, two sons, Edwin O. Peterson Jr. wife Tina of Smithfield, Steven C. Peterson wife Angie of Garland, two grandchildren, Emily Peterson of Smithfield, Craig Peterson of Garland, Special sister-in-law, Barbara J. Johnson of Garland, Brother, Howell Peterson of Charlotte, Sister, Betty Jones husband, Wayne of Lincolnton, several nieces & nephews. The family received friends on Saturday, April 20, 2019 from 6:00 P.M.-8:00P.M. at Carter Funeral Home in Garland.



## GODWIN

**Mrs. Stephanie Adams Pope, 53**, of Godwin died Monday morning April 15, 2019 at Cape Fear Valley Hospital in Fayetteville. She was born January 21, 1966 to Woody Ray and Sally Wade Adams. She is preceded in death by her grandparents, Sam and Earnestine Wade and grandfather, James Woodrow Adams. Stephanie was a 1984 graduate of Cape Fear High School and was the risk management coordinator for the city of Fayetteville. A funeral service was held 11:30 a.m. Thursday, April 18, 2019 at Antioch Baptist Church in Falcon with Rev. Sammy McLamb officiating. Burial followed at the Old Bluff Church Cemetery in Wade. She is survived by her husband, Harry Pope of Godwin; sons, Brandon Norris and wife Victoria of Godwin, Hunter Norris and wife Alyssa of Godwin; grandchildren Alexis Baker, Brayson Norris, Woodrow Norris all of Godwin; parents Woody Ray Adams and wife Sally of Wade; brother, Jamie Adams and wife Heather of Wade; sister, Tina Cashwell and husband Wayne of Autryville; nieces Haley Cashwell of Autryville, Madison Adams and Lauren Adams of Wade; nephew, Chipper Cashwell of Autryville; grandmother, Malissa Adams of Godwin; and father and mother-in-law, Harry B. Pope, Sr. and Wanda Faith Pope of Dunn. The family received friends from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. prior to the service at the church. Memorials may be made to one's favorite charity. Arrangements are by Skinner & Smith Funeral Home in Dunn.



## WILMINGTON

**Mrs. Lynne Palmer Pridgen, 80**, formerly of Clinton, passed away on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at her home in Wilmington. Born on April 25, 1938 in New Orleans, Louisiana, Lynne was the daughter of David and Beulah Lizzette Morel Palmer. She graduated from St. Mary's College in Raleigh, where she met her husband, Lee Pridgen. They lived in Chicago, Massachusetts and Maine, before returning to North Carolina. She then completed her master's at NC State University and taught English Literature at James Sprunt Community College for twenty years. She is survived by her son, Richard Pridgen and wife, Wahida, of Sydney, Australia; daughters: Leslie Garces and husband, David of Wilmington; Daphne Green and husband, Matt of Southport; Grandchildren: Whitney and Lauren Autry of Wilmington; Alexandra Tirado-Wang of China; Erik and Alexis Pridgen of Australia; two great-grandchildren: Kayden and Ella; and one brother, David Palmer of Destin, Florida. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Lee Pridgen, to whom she was married to for 59 years. Lynne grew up on a farm in New Orleans and loved to spend her time as a child riding her horse on the levees. As an adult, she loved to travel the coast of Maine on her boat. Her passion for boating continued when they moved to North Carolina, where she and her family would spend their weekends on their boat. Lynne's passion in life was teaching and sharing her enthusiasm of medieval history and literature with her students.



The highlight of her teaching career was to take her students to London to visit the Shakespearean theatre. She also loved reading, painting and gardening. A private service will be held by her family. The family would like to thank the staff of Lower Cape Fear Hospice for their kindness and compassionate care, along with her caregivers: Pam, Rochelle, Debra and Bonnie, who made her last year of life full of laughter and love. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation to support medical research of Parkinson's Disease. Condolences may be made by visiting www.royalhallfuneralhome.com. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Pridgen Family.

## SNOW HILL

**Rev. William Clarence Street, 69** of Snow Hill, passed away Thursday, April 18, 2019 at Castle Creek Assisted Living in Castle Hayne. The funeral service was held at 3:00pm on Monday, April 22, at Zoar Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church, 740 Zoar Church Road, Salemburg, with Pastor Kelvin Blackburn officiating. Burial with military honors followed in the church cemetery. He was born December 31, 1949 in Sampson County and was the son of the late Adolphus Holmes Street, Sr. and Treecia Evelyn Naylor Street. He was an Army Veteran having served in the Vietnam War and was a Gospel Minister serving in the Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, Joyce Hill Street; one son, Anthony "Tony" Wayne Street of Supply; one step-daughter, Elaine and husband Ralph Harrison of Ayden; one sister, Deborah S. and husband Millard Owen of Clinton; two brothers, Dolphus Kendall Street of Fayetteville, Adolphus Holmes Street, Jr. and wife Sherry of Rock Hill, SC; two grandchildren, Kara Hale of Wilmington, Emily H. and husband Chris Templeton of Greenville; two great grandchildren; and his beloved nieces and nephews. The family received friends from 2:00-2:50pm on Monday prior to the funeral service, and other times at the home of Teddy and Robin Owen, 209 Glendale Drive, Clinton, NC 28328. The family would like to thank the staff of Castle Creek Memory Care and the Amedisys Hospice for the special care given to their loved one. Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro is serving the family.



## SALEMBURG

**Georgia Carol Treadwell** of Salemburg, NC. The daughter of the late Almer Thompson and Martha Mae Leak was born January 19, 1945 in Sarah Gorter NC. She was the youngest of 6 children. Carol moved to Newburgh, Ny with her family in her adolescence. She attended North Junior high school and Newburgh Free Academy. She was united in holy matrimony to Deems Treadwell on November 21, 1981. They then later relocated to Highland Falls, NY. Carol loved to fish and cook. She was blessed with a green thumb, which she used to her advantage, constantly growing gardens. She could grow anything, but she grew the best Collard greens. Let's not forget She always kept a spotless house. She quietly entered eternal rest on Tuesday April 16, 2019 surrounded by her family. She was 74. She was predeceased in death by her oldest daughter Catrina Mae Williams in 1997 and siblings Almer G. Thompson and Willie A. Thompson. Funeral service was held at 2:00 P.M. Saturday at Carter Funeral Home. Burial followed in Garland Community Cemetery. A public viewing was held on Friday, April 19, 2019 from 1:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M. Carter Funeral Home in Garland. Her beautiful life will forever be cherished in the lives of her Daughters: Hannah Williams of Newburgh, NY, Elder Tina Melvin of Fayetteville, NC, Carla McClaine of Fayetteville, NC and Julia Thompson of Decatur, GA; Siblings, Hannah Thompson of Poughkeepsie, NY, Martha Butler of Coats, NC and Eddie J. Thompson of Newburgh, NY; 28 grandchildren, 33 great grandchildren; a host of devoted nephews, nieces, cousins and friends. A public viewing was held on Friday, April 19, 2019 from 1:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M. Carter Funeral Home in Garland.



## CLINTON

**Vernon Lee Weeks, 79**, of 213 Forest Trail, passed away Friday, April 12, at The Magnolia. A graveside service will be held at 4:30 PM, Saturday, April 27, 2019 at Clinton City Cemetery with Rev. Michael Oliver officiating. Vernon, born in 1939 in Sampson County, was the son of the late George Washington Weeks and Florence Spell Weeks. He worked in the agriculture business farming. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by siblings, Buddy, Carl, Jody, Junior, Edna, Mag and Sis. He is survived by several nieces and nephews. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumplerhoneycutt.com. Arrangements are by Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville St., Clinton, NC 28328.



## Roseboro

**Ms. Olivia Butler, 97** passed away Tuesday, April 24, 2019 at The Gardens of Roseboro. Arrangements are incomplete at this time. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.

## HARRELLS

**Ms. Paulette Marie Jernigan 69** of 10071 NC Hwy. 41 East Harrells, NC died Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at Bladen Co. Hospital in Elizabethtown, NC. Funeral service was held at 11:00 AM Saturday, April 20, 2019 at Colly Chapel Church, by the Reverend Jim Woodruff. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Ms. Jernigan is survived by one son, John P. Jernigan of Harrells, NC. The family received friends on Saturday, April 20, 2019 from 10:00AM-11:00AM, before the service at the church. Service by Carter Funeral Home, Garland, NC

## CLINTON

**Mrs. Ernestine Lindly**, passed away Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at her home. Arrangements are incomplete at this time and will be announced by Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home as they become available.

## RALEIGH

**Mr. Charles Kenneth Royal, 94** of Raleigh and formerly of Salemburg, passed away Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at his home. The funeral service will be held at 2:00pm on Saturday, April 27, at Salemburg Baptist Church, 300 N. Main Street, Salemburg, with Reverend John Adams and Reverend Charles Royal officiating. Burial with military honors will follow at Sunrise Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends from 1:00-1:50pm on Saturday prior to the funeral service. Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro is serving the family.

## CLINTON

**Mrs. Edna Earl Rhodes Simmons, 92**, of 1380 Simmons Road, passed away Wednesday, April 24, 2019. Funeral service will be held at 11 AM, Monday, April 29, 2019 at Carr Memorial Christian Church with Dr. Penny Ziemer officiating. The family have tentatively scheduled a visitation for 6 PM - 8 PM, Sunday, April 28, 2019 at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville St., Clinton, NC 28328. They will receive friends at other times at Mrs. Simmons' home.

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## SPEED FREAKS

A few questions we had to ask ourselves

**Do we finally break the Gibbs-Penske stranglehold this week?**

**GODSPEAK:** Yes. This is it. The streak ends Sunday on NASCAR's most unpredictable track.

**KEN'S CALL:** Best chance yet, but it's not like they don't also have quality superspeedway talent. I'll say no.

**Any chance tapered spacers bring sanity to Talladega?**

**GODSPEAK:** No, it could be even more insane. Why? Because it's Talladega — you know, Ricky Bobby's favorite track.

**KEN'S CALL:** Let's hope not. Right about now, everyone could use some mayhem. And the resulting anger.

## FEUD OF THE WEEK

**DALE EARNHARDT JR. VS. CLINT BOWYER:**

Earnhardt had Bowyer on as a guest of the Dale Jr. Download podcast. Later, Bowyer posted a video of himself. He shotgun-styled a 12-ounce beer in three seconds.

**GODWIN KELLY'S TAKE:** Earnhardt accepted the video challenge, and social media was not happy with his effort. "Twitter says I'm too slow shotgunning my beers," he wrote on his Twitter page. Win to Bowyer.

## GODWIN'S PICKS FOR TALLADEGA

**WINNER:** Aric Almirola  
**REST OF TOP 5:** Clint Bowyer, Kevin Harvick, Chase Elliott, Kyle Busch

**FIRST ONE OUT:** Chris Buescher  
**DARK HORSE:** Ricky Stenhouse Jr.  
**DON'T BE SURPRISED IF:** Almirola wins this thing on a dramatic, last-lap pass.

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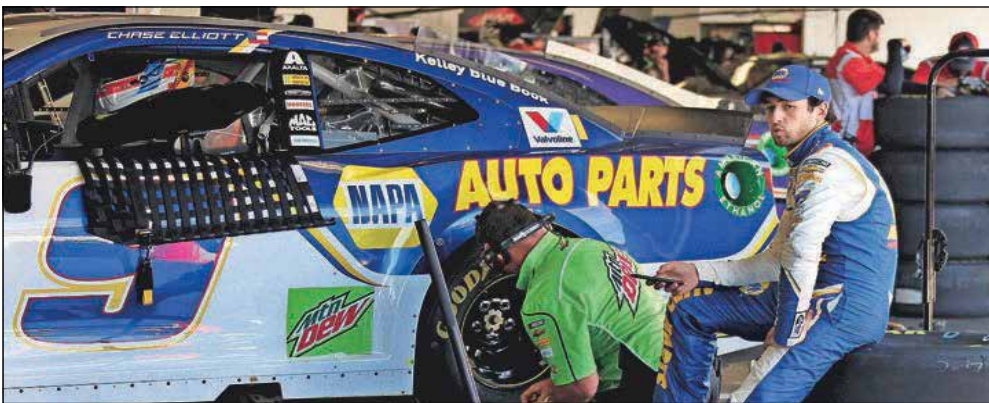
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# TALLADEGA

## THREE THINGS TO WATCH



**Chase Elliott hopes his crew finds some additional speed in his No. 9 Chevrolet.**  
[NEWS-JOURNAL/DAVID TUCKER]

### 1. Catching Chase

Chase Elliott is 10th in Cup Series points and looking for his first win. He spoke with media early during the Easter break about his season to date. "I think it's been, I would say, decent," he said. "I feel like we've had some really good runs — runs that I feel like we were capable of winning an event in; and then we've had runs where we weren't even close. How you summarize that up, I really don't know."

### 2. The 'Dega wave

Performance-hungry NASCAR teams are looking forward to racing at unpredictable Talladega Superspeedway. Look for several midpack regulars to force their way into the lead group, looking for championship points and recognition.

The four super underdogs to keep an eye on Sunday are Chris Buescher (23rd in points), Matt DiBenedetto (24th), Bubba Wallace (26th) and David Ragan (27th).

### 3. No plates, mate

After three decades of restrictor-plate racing at Talladega Superspeedway, NASCAR has gone to a new engine/aero package, which will be used for the first time at the 2.66-mile tri-oval. The plates have been replaced with tapered spacers, which are virtually the same thing as restrictor plates, but allow for a more even airflow to the engine. The plates were used for the very last time in the Daytona 500.

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# EASTER BREAK

## THREE THINGS WE LEARNED

### 1. Bayne update

Trevor Bayne, who won the 2011 Daytona 500, says he is at peace since losing his job at Roush Fenway Racing after the 2018 season. "I didn't want to be out of a race car," he told [dailypress.com](http://dailypress.com). "I still wanted to drive and have a chance to win races — it's something I'm passionate about." He remains without a ride, however.

### 2. News vacuum

NASCAR used the Easter break to announce rules for the All-Star Race at Charlotte on May 18. The stock cars will be outfitted with some Gen-7 pieces, which will be used in 2021. Also, the final race segment will be extended five laps, to 15. The entire race will be 85 laps over the 1.5-mile oval.

### 3. Steve likes it

NASCAR Executive VP Steve O'Donnell said he likes the racing produced by the



**Trevor Bayne's biggest highlight: The 2011 Daytona 500 victory. The 28-year-old driver is out of the racing game after his release from Roush Fenway Racing last year.** [AP/TERRY RENNA]

new aero/engine package. "All in all, you look at something from an eye test standpoint and then you say, 'Directionally, it's pretty good,'" he said. And competition stats are up, he added.

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**KEN WILLIS' TOP 10 NASCAR DRIVER RANKINGS**

## QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers

**New tech elements at All-Star Race? Why should I care?**

Along with its annual (it seems) tweak to the All-Star Race format, NASCAR announced last week that the cars will include two new tech features that figure to be part of the Gen-7 cars that will roll off the haulers in 2021. If you're just a casual fan, at first glance it probably doesn't seem interesting to you: A single-piece carbon-fiber splitter/pan to presumably stabilize aerodynamics; and radiator ducts exiting the hood instead of the engine compartment, thus reducing engine temps.

**And at second glance?**

There's a cost-control element to these changes, and not just for the current teams within NASCAR. As other manufacturers are courted to enter NASCAR, a big lure is cost containment. So consider this one of the many steps being taken to bring back Dodge and maybe introduce another foreign brand to the game.

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## NASCAR CUP STANDINGS

1. Kyle Busch	400
2. Joey Logano	380
3. Denny Hamlin	366
4. Kevin Harvick	349
5. Brad Keselowski	313
6. Martin Truex Jr.	311
7. Kurt Busch	287
8. Clint Bowyer	280
9. Ryan Blaney	277
10. Chase Elliott	277
11. Aric Almirola	260
12. Daniel Suarez	235
13. Jimmie Johnson	234
14. Austin Dillon	216
14. Ryan Newman	216
16. Paul Menard	213
17. Erik Jones	212
18. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	208
19. Kyle Larson	204
20. William Byron	198

## WHAT'S ON TAP

(All times Eastern)

**CUP SERIES:** Geico 500  
**SITE:** Talladega Superspeedway (2.66-mile tri-oval)  
**SCHEDULE:** Friday, practice (Fox Sports 1, 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.). Saturday, qualifying (Fox, 4:30 p.m.). Sunday, race (Fox, coverage begins at 1:30 p.m., racing at 2 p.m.)

**XFINITY:** MoneyLion 300  
**SITE:** Talladega Superspeedway  
**SCHEDULE:** Saturday, qualifying (Fox Sports 1, 10 a.m.), race (Fox Sports 1, 1 p.m.)

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