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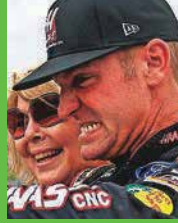
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## WEATHER

**Fri** Scattered  
T-Storms  
50%

Hi: 86° Lo: 72°

**Sat** Scattered  
T-Storms  
30%

Hi: 92° Lo: 72°

**Sun** Scattered  
T-Storms  
40%

Hi: 91° Lo: 72°

**Mon** Scattered  
T-Storms  
50%

Hi: 86° Lo: 72°

**Tues** Partly  
Cloudy  
20%

Hi: 88° Lo: 72°

**Wed** Partly  
Cloudy  
20%

Hi: 90° Lo: 72°

## Changes in Newton Grove Police Department



Newton Grove mayor and town board honor Sgt. Nobert Edwards for years of service

With over 15 years in law enforcement, Sgt. Nobert Edwards of Newton Grove has decided on a new career path. He spent 14 of those years in his hometown of Newton Grove after a short stint in Roseboro.

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## Cooper Appoints New District 4 Judge



Governor Cooper announced on Tuesday the appointment of a new District Court Judge for District 4. Christopher J. Welch, of Jacksonville, North Carolina, will fill the vacancy created by the retirement of the Honorable William "Mac" Cameron in Judicial District 4 which consists of Duplin, Jones, Onslow and Sampson counties.

Mr. Welch has achieved the rare distinction of being certified by the North Carolina State Bar as a specialist in criminal law, and he has been an advocate in the criminal justice legal system for his entire career. As an Assistant District Attorney in Onslow and Duplin Counties, he represented the State of North Carolina at both the District and Superior Court levels. After going into private practice in 2002, Mr. Welch specialized in the field of criminal defense and has represented clients charged with serious felonies and misdemeanors before state and federal courts throughout the Cape Fear Region. A member of the Onslow County Bar, the Criminal Defense Section of the North Carolina Advocates for Justice, and various other professional organizations, he has served on the Board of Directors for the Onslow County Teen Court and as Treasurer for the 4th Judicial District Bar. Mr. Welch was recognized as one of the "Top 40 under 40" criminal defense attorneys by the American Society of Legal Advocates, as well as one of their Top 100 Criminal Defense Attorneys. Mr. Welch earned his B.A. with Honors from Trinity College in 1997 and his J.D. from the Wake Forest School of Law in 2000.

"Christopher's extensive legal experience makes him a great asset to our court system, and I'm grateful for his continued service to North Carolina," said Gov. Cooper.

On Tuesday, Governor Cooper also announced the appointment of Joseph Edgar Brown III to serve as District Court Judge for District 7.

"Ed has an impressive legal background and is a leader in his community," said Gov. Cooper. "I look forward to seeing him serve his district in this new role."

Joseph Edgar Brown III, of Wilson, North Carolina, will fill the seat in District 7 left vacant by the passing of the Honorable John Jay Covolo. District 7 serves Nash, Edgecombe and Wilson counties. Brown is currently a partner at Sallenger & Brown, LLP and has over 28 years of private practice. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Economics from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and his Juris Doctor from North Carolina Central University School of Law.

## Clear the Shelter Event Scheduled for August 17th



The Sampson County Animal Shelter will join other shelters around the nation in celebrating the annual Clear the Shelters event, helping find loving homes for shelter cats and dogs. The event is scheduled for August 17, 2019 from 12noon until 4pm.

According to Sampson County Shelter Director Anna Ellis Saturday's Clear the Shelter event will be the first time the county has participated. Ellis stated, "We are hoping to allow our local citizens to be able to come and adopt an animal from their local shelter."

On Saturday, all charges will be waived in order to facilitate more people being able to adopt a new pet. The normal charges are \$80 for male dogs, \$105 for female dogs, \$60 for male cats and \$90 for female cats. The 60 animals available for Saturday's event are already fixed; they have been spayed and neutered prior to the event.

Ellis noted, "I hope the public will come and participate and allow us to "clear our shelter" and give our animals loving homes."

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## WEEKLY VERSE

A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.

Proverbs 11:25

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# LOCAL NEWS

## From the Desk of Senator Brent Jackson



I hope you had a great week thus far. This week, I had the opportunity to join Rep. Lisa Barnes on the In Focus Show with Loretta Boniti to discuss the impact of Hurricane Florence on NC Farmers one year after the storm. Thank you to Danny Kornegay and his farm outside of Princeton for showing us some southern hospitality and hosting the event for us all.



I enjoyed being able to speak about the appropriations and other assistance programs the General Assembly has been able to promote in order to ensure that our farmers are able to recover and continue to be an economic force in North Carolina.

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

### Legislative Recap

#### Weekly Legislative Update

This week, the Senate was in session on Tuesday this week. We continued to work on and pass some outstanding legislation as well as a few conference reports that needed continued work with the House. The NC Farm Act of 2019 is still waiting to be heard in the House Rules Committee. If it is passed, it will then be presented on the House floor for a vote.

### From the District

#### Newton Grove honors Edwards, Herring

After many years of dedicated service, Sgt. Norbert Edwards of the Newton Grove Police Department was honored by Mayor Gerald Darden and the Board of Commissioners.

During the meeting, community members honored Edwards during his last days after spending 14 years as a full-time officer. Soon, he'll start a new journey outside of law enforcement. A celebration with Edward's family and community members was held after a Monday meeting for the board.

After spending more than a year with the Roseboro Police Department, Edwards continued his career in 2005 by becoming an officer with the Newton Grove Police Department. He was once selected as the the North Carolina State Grange's law enforcement officer of the year. The award was presented in Charlotte during the state convention at the University Hilton.

Edwards thanked town leaders and Commissioner Alan Herring for his help as liaison for the department. He enjoyed working with Herring, who presented a monthly report to his colleagues on the board. Herring said the town is losing a great officer.

During the meeting, Commissioner Alan Herring spoke about leaving the board and not filing for another term, with family being the reason.

Herring supports the board 100 percent with no animosity. As the father of a 12-year-old, Herring said he would like to spend more time at school functions.

### District Spotlight

#### Pierce Steps into Midway HS Leadership Role

After spending several years in the classroom, Colt Pierce is ready to help lead Midway High School.

Following recent approval from the Sampson County Board of Education, Pierce was selected to become an assistant principal at the school in the northern part of the county.



Pierce taught math at Union High for four years and during that time, he was a junior varsity basketball head coach, varsity basketball head coach and math department chair. He was also a sponsor for the Key and Math clubs. During his time at the school, he also helped new teachers as a mentor.

He developed a passion for education during his junior year at North Iredell High School. He joined the cadet program and went to elementary and middle schools to learn about the world of teaching, while helping out.

Those moments led to a North Carolina Teaching Fellows Scholarship and Pierce's enrollment at North Carolina State University, where he earned a bachelor's in mathematics education. Before coming to Sampson County, he taught and coached for one year at Rolesville High School in Wake County. In 2017, he continued his education and earned a master's degree in school administration at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

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

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**NEWTON GROVE, cont. from P. 1**

“I love this town and I always wanted to be here,” explained Edwards. “That’s why I spent 14 years here. But I felt like it’s time for me to not even go to another chapter in my life, but to shut the whole book and grab another.”

Commissioner Alan Herring who oversees the police department thanked Sgt. Edwards for his service and said, “the town is losing a great officer.”

It has been just four months since Newton Grove swore in a new Police Chief, Greg Warren. At the time of his joining the force, Chief Warren stated that Sgt Edwards had done a terrific job running the department in absence of a chief.

On Monday night, Town leaders honored Sgt Edwards for his service and invited his family to celebrate Edwards’ service to the community.

Alan Herring also announced that he would not be seeking re-election as a town commissioner. In an emotional announcement Herring, who serves as Police Commissioner, stated that he loved working with the police department and serving the town for two decades.

“It’s been a great journey for me,” stated Herring. “It’s been 18 years on the board and 2 or 3 years on the zoning board. So, it’s been a long time. I love this board and I support it 100%. There’s no animosity, I just have a 12-year-old child and sometimes I have to make a decision between the board or going to her school functions. There’s been too many times I’ve had to decide between the board and her school functions.”

Herring expressed his deep appreciation for Sheriff Jimmy Thornton and his department’s help in providing coverage when needed. “I can’t even count the times I’ve called, and he responded right away.”

Herring also thanked the officers in Newton Grove. “I know in the past you’ve been criticized, but you have done a great job. Thank you.”

As Herring steps down to spend more time with family, other board members thanked him for his years of service and expressed their sorrow over his departure.

Mayor Gerald Darden stated, “I guess I’m selfish, but I wanted you to run again. But I understand.”

Commissioner Cody Smith stated that he too understood. “Alan, I’ve been there. I blinked and lost 8 years. And you can’t get them back.”

**SHELTER, cont. from P. 1**

The event, sponsored by NBC and Telemundo owned stations, are teaming up with hundreds of shelters across the country to host Clear the Shelters, a nationwide pet adoption drive on Saturday, August 17 to help find loving homes for animals in need. More than 250,000 pets found their forever homes since 2015.

On Saturday, August 17, 2019, the Sampson County Animal Shelter will join other shelters around the nation in celebrating the annual Clear the Shelters event. The following are the guidelines and requirements:

- Photo I.D. is required and must be 18 years or older;
- The animals will be free and adopted on a first come, first served basis;
- There will be dogs and cats;
- Animals will be adopted at a 2 animals per family max;
- All the animals will be spayed and neutered, and will have already received rabies and other vaccinations

According to event coordinators, “Every year, millions of companion animals end up in shelters across the country. And while shelter adoption rates have been steadily rising since 2011, according to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, approximately 1.5 million animals — 860,000 cats and about 670,000 dogs — are still euthanized each year due to overcrowding.”

The number of euthanized animals could be reduced dramatically if more people adopted pets instead of buying them. And, by adopting a shelter animal, you actually save two lives.

There are over 1400 shelters and rescue organizations that are participating this year.

Last year, more than 100,000 pets were adopted from over 1,200 shelters across the country. Since 2015, Clear the Shelters has helped 256,688 pets find forever homes.

“Every single pet that is adopted frees shelter staff up to work with and prepare the next pet for potential adoption,” said Kenny Lamberti, director of strategic engagement and companion animals for the Humane Society.

So, if you’re thinking about taking home a new furry friend, consider heading to a local animal shelter to adopt during Clear the Shelters on Aug. 17 when hundreds of shelters will waive or discount fees as part of the one-day adoption drive.

The Sampson County Animal Shelter is located at 168 Agriculture Place in Clinton on Hwy 421 South. Phone number is (910)592-8493.



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# SCC Student Builds Success in Nation’s Capital



*Holloway (L) offers instructions for some of his workers at a job site.*

Sampson Community College’s motto for success is Begin Here, Go Anywhere. In TJ Holloway’s case, that anywhere is in our nation’s capital constructing new buildings designed to help, of all things, new students.

After graduating from SCC with a degree in Building Construction Technology, Holloway transferred to East Carolina University and received Bachelor of Science in Construction Management. He was then hired by a major construction management company located near Washington, DC. HESS Construction hired Holloway as an Assistant Project Manager.

“I was recommended to attend SCC by a relative that had previously attended the college,” says Holloway. “This person knew my interest and knew the direction I wanted to take my education. After doing some of my own research on the programs and courses the college offers, I saw that there was a program specifically designed to suit the route I wanted to take to further my education. At that point, making the decision to attend SCC was a no brainer.”

Founded in 1978, HESS has been a leader in the commercial construction business in the Baltimore Washington Metropolitan Region. The HESS family has been in the construction industry for over a century. Fred G. Hess and Sons was founded in 1914. Over the years, the HESS name became synonymous with quality craftsmanship and customer service. Holloway’s office is based in Gaithersburg, Maryland but he primarily builds educational facilities in the DC-Metro area.

“I would definitely recommend starting off your career path at SCC,” Holloway adds. “SCC has a ton of opportunities specifically tailored to jump start anyone in the right

direction to further their education. My future plan is continuing the course. Every day I learn something new which affects the decisions I will make. With the help of SCC, I have been able to embed myself in a position that fits me extremely well. Maybe one day I will decide to start my own company.”

Forging a path from SCC to ECU and beyond has become even easier as the two institutions signed a transfer agreement called the Pirate Promise. Students can now apply to SCC and ECU simultaneously and commit to maintaining full-time status. Upon completing an associate degree, they are guaranteed admission into degree-completion programs at East Carolina. Students attending Sampson Community College can now be Vikings and Pirates at the same time.

SCC’s Building Construction Technology prepares students to apply technical knowledge and skills to the fields of architecture, construction, construction management, and other associated professions. Course work includes instruction in sustainable building and design, print reading, building codes, estimating, construction materials and methods, and other topics related to design and construction occupations. For more info contact Barney Grady at 910.900.4118 or at bgrady@sampsoncc.edu.



**CELEBRATE THE FOUNDATION OF AMERICA  
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There are two documents of paramount importance to American history: the Declaration of Independence, which forged our national identity, and the United States Constitution, which set forth the framework for the federal government that is still in use today. While Independence Day is a beloved national holiday, fewer people know about Constitution Week, an annual commemoration of the living document that upholds and protects the freedoms central to our American way of life. This year, the annual celebration begins September 17, 2019.

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) initiated the observance in 1955, when the organization petitioned the U.S. Congress to dedicate September 17–23 of each year to the commemoration of Constitution Week. Congress adopted the resolution, and on August 2, 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed it into Public Law #915. The celebration’s goals are threefold: to encourage the study of the historical events that led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787; to inform people that the Constitution is the basis of America’s great heritage and the foundation of our way of life; and to emphasize U.S. citizens’ responsibility to protect, defend and preserve the Constitution.

DAR has been the foremost advocate for the awareness, promotion and celebration of Constitution Week. This annual observance provides innumerable opportunities for educational initiatives and community outreach, two mission areas of crucial importance to the National Society’s work. By fostering knowledge of and appreciation for the Constitution and the inalienable rights it affords to all Americans, DAR helps to keep alive the memory of the men and women who secured our nation’s independence, whose bravery and sacrifice made possible the liberties we enjoy today. “The framers created a Constitution that translated into law the ideals upon which our nation was built,” said DAR President General Ann Dillon. “Their vision was so forward thinking that their words still guide us today. No American history education can be complete without a thorough understanding of the impact the Constitution has had on the lives of American citizens past and present.”

One of the largest patriotic women’s organizations in the world, DAR has more than 185,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters across the country and even in numerous foreign countries. DAR strives to promote historic preservation, education and patriotism via commemorative events, scholarships and educational initiatives, citizenship programs, service to veterans, meaningful community service, and more. For additional information about DAR and its programs, visit www.dar.org.

## LOCAL NEWS

## Align RNG Plans to Partner with Local Farmers



*Dominion Energy representatives along with Representative William Brisson and Representative Jimmy Dixon*

On Thursday night August 15th at the Sampson County Agri Expo Center, representatives from Smithfield Foods and Dominion Energy held a learning session concerning the new first of its kind joint venture between Smithfield and Dominion to convert swine manure into renewable energy. The meet and greet session was held from 5:30pm-7:30pm.

In attendance were also local representatives, Senator Brent Jackson, Representative William Brisson and Representative Jimmy Dixon. Also present was Ray Starling, general counsel of the NC Chamber and president of the NC Chamber Legal Institute.

According to a press release from Align Renewable Natural Gas: Dominion Energy and Smithfield Foods, Inc are pleased to announce that the companies are breaking ground on North Carolina's largest renewable natural gas (RNG) project through their joint venture, Align Renewable Natural Gas. Located in Duplin and Sampson counties, this project will generate enough energy to power more than 3500 homes annually upon completion. Align RNG is a multi-state joint venture between Dominion Energy and Smithfield that will capture methane emissions from hog farms and convert them into RNG to power homes and businesses.

"Breaking ground on this project with Dominion Energy is an exciting first step in bring-



*Senator Brent Jackson, Stewart of Smithfield Foods, and Ray Starling discuss the possibilities of the new Align project*

ing Align RNG to life," said Kraig Westerbeeck, senior director of Smithfield Renewables and hog production environmental affairs for Smithfield Foods. "This project implements proven 'manure to energy' technology across a number of farms to produce reliable renewable energy for our community and contributes to our company's ambitious goal to reduce our greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions 25% by 2025."

As part of the initiative, technology will be installed across as many as 19 area farms to transform manure into RNG that will be processed and injected into existing natural gas distribution systems to serve local homes and businesses. This project is modeled after the Optima KV project, which captures biogas on five Smithfield contract farms in North Carolina, and similar projects on Smithfield farms in Northern Missouri and Utah.

"What we are starting today is truly transformational," said Gary Courts, Dominion Energy's general manager of new gas business development. "We're using the power of innovation to make our energy cleaner and our farms more sustainable than ever before," Courts continued. "With renewable natural gas, everyone wins. It's good for the environment and our planet. It's a huge win for the farmers. And it's around-the-clock renewable energy for consumers."

The 300,000 MMBTU of renewable energy this project is estimated to produce will play a key role in the state of North Carolina's historic initiative to reduce GHG emis-



*Terry Tate, manager of DM Farms in Rose Hill and a Smithfield contract grower*

sions over the next decade and will help expand the state's energy portfolio with a reliable source of renewable energy. The sale of RNG generated by these projects will also provide family farmers with an additional source of revenue.

"This project is providing an incredible opportunity to turn one of our largest cost drivers- manure management- into a new revenue stream," said Terry Tate, manager of DM Farms in Rose Hill and a Smithfield contract grower. "Working with Dominion Energy and Smithfield on this project was an easy choice. I'm proud to be part of an initiative that is improving both the viability and durability of our farms while benefiting the local community with a renewable energy source."

NC House of Representative Jimmy Dixon stated, "Dominion Energy and Smithfield are supporting the growth of agriculture in North Carolina, the state's leading industry. This project forecasts an exciting shift in the role that farmers play by providing opportunities within the energy sector that expand their capabilities and improve their bottom line." Dixon stressed that it was a "Win, Win situation!"

This is the first "manure-to-energy" project to begin under Align RNG since the joint venture was announced in late 2018. Additional projects are planned in North Carolina, Utah, and Virginia, and are projected to produce enough energy to power 14,000 homes and businesses in total. The emissions reduction associated these projects equate to planting 7.8 million new trees or taking 100,000 vehicles off the road.

For more information on Align RNG, visit [alignrng.com](http://alignrng.com).

## From the Vine: Tree Decline



Have you noticed any of your ornamental trees or shrubs beginning to decline recently? If not, you are one of the few in Sampson County and southeast NC that isn't experiencing this new-found occurrence. Affected tree and shrub species include dogwood, maple, oak, poplar, ornamental fruit trees, spruce, cherry laurel, boxwoods and others. Symptoms begin with leaves wilting, turning brown and dropping off the plant, followed by tip die back, branch die back, and eventually tree death. Everyone wants to know what to spray for this disease, but is it really a disease?

From my observations, I am not finding disease, but rather damaged and/or reduced root systems which are causing the decline of all these trees and shrubs. You can point the finger of blame at Hurricane Florence, which dumped upwards of 30" of rain in our area in the fall of 2018. We were also inundated with a wet winter and received a year's worth of rain during the winter months. Flooding, standing water, or saturated ground brought on by the extreme weather damaged many of these root systems.

Trees root systems are made up of both major lateral roots that are woody and form the support system of the tree and fine roots that are non-woody and are involved in absorption of water and nutrients to support the trees life functions. Flooding can cause damage to tree roots in several ways, but saturated or flooded soils are usually the main cause of

the damage brought on by the lack of oxygen in the soil. Roots require oxygen to carry out cell functions and they get their oxygen through absorption of oxygen from small air spaces in the soil. The lack of oxygen in the soil leads to death and decay of the roots that are utilized in absorbing water and nutrients, resulting in a loss of root mass. Even if the water wasn't standing above ground, doesn't mean that the water didn't "stand" below ground. Depending on how long the soil was inundated with water, tree root damage can be extensive. Stagnant water can be worse on tree roots than flowing water, since stagnant water is often depleted of oxygen.

According to the NCSU Area Forestry Agent, Colby Lambert, when the tree experiences flooding, and its root mass is reduced in size due to death and decay, it becomes more susceptible to other issues such as the abnormally dry or moderate drought conditions that we have experienced over the past few months. So, the decline we are seeing in these tree species now are likely the result of the impact flooding had on the root system and the added stress brought on by the lack of water under the more current dry conditions experienced during May through July.

Trees need water just like us, and the lack of a root system to obtain adequate amount of water from the soil ultimately can lead to the trees decline and death.

Trying to save these trees or shrubs will be a difficult and arduous task. After many hours of hard work and TLC, you may still lose your beloved plants. However, the general recommendation to try and save trees that are under this type of stress is to prune out all dead limbs and reduce the tree or shrub canopy now. Take a soil sample and send for analysis. Before the first frost, prune out any new growth that may have occurred to prevent winter injury. During the dormant season, prune the tree or shrub back to the natural shape. In the spring, follow the recommendations for fertilization and lime as recommended by the soil analysis.

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# We Should Know . . .



*Cynthia Charles with J.W. 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 discussion is healthcare and the guest is Cynthia Charles, Vice President, Communications and Public Relations for North Carolina Healthcare Association (NCHA).

JW Simmons begins the show stating simply that he knows nothing more important to people than healthcare. “That’s so true,” states Cynthia Charles. “Health is important to all of us. And having healthy communities in North Carolina is important to us as a state because healthy communities are great places to do business and great places to live. So, we’re committed to that mission.”

Simmons says that costs for healthcare continues to rise at a rate much faster than other goods and services. He asks Charles to discuss the quality of our healthcare and the sustainability of healthcare as costs continue to go up.

Charles begins, “As all of us know, when we do need to go to a doctor we expect and deserve high quality safe care. That’s a given. And healthcare is a highly regulated industry so there are certain quality and safety standards that we have to meet that are not negotiable. And that is as it should be.”

“Some of the factors that over the years have caused healthcare to become more expensive for people include rising costs of drugs and medications. Drugs have become more sophisticated, more targeted. There’s a lot of medical research that happens behind the scenes before a drug comes to market and that is a driver of healthcare costs.”

“Another is labor costs,” continues Charles. “So, what we have to pay physicians and nurses and all the other healthcare workers that support a hospital’s ability to operate 24/7. There are very few businesses that we expect to be open around the clock 365 days a year to serve us. And hospitals are one of those businesses. Particularly emergency departments being very expensive.”

“Many of you have heard that there has been national shortages of doctors and nurses, particularly in certain specialties. And North Carolina has many rural areas and it can become difficult to recruit and to retain, keep highly skilled doctors and nurses in many of our rural

communities. So, it has to worth it financially for them to do that.”

“So,” says Charles, “those are a few examples of the rising costs for healthcare. What I can share, I have worked on the provider side primarily for health systems and hospitals for more than 25 years and what I have seen over the past ten years is they have been working very hard and very focused to become more efficient and to reduce their operating costs. So much of that work has already been done for hospitals to become leaner and more efficient.” Next, Simmons asks Charles to discuss the decline in primary care providers and rural, not for profit hospitals and the issues our communities face when they finally go away. “Yes, well you touched on some very important issues,” says Charles.

“Including that there are not that many independent hospitals or physician groups in the state and part of the reason for that is, as I mentioned earlier, healthcare has become highly regulated. There is so much paperwork and so much reporting and data tracking that they are required to do. And there’s also an expectation these days that they have electronic medical record systems and electronic billing systems and all these technology practices. And those things are expensive to purchase and implement. So, we have seen over time many of the independent physicians and hospitals becoming part of a larger system so they can focus more on patient care which is what they really want to do. And have some of those administrative processes handled for them as part of the larger system.”

Charles goes on to say, “Healthcare is moving more towards an emphasis on health and wellness. We all want to be healthy and well. Many of us are paying more attention to what we’re eating and trying to be more active in our lives. So, the primary care physician is typically our partner. He or she is the quarterback of our care working with us to come up with a game plan for how we can be healthy and well throughout our lives.”

Simmons next asks Charles to discuss the sustainability of healthcare verses changing insurance policies and practices. “That is a big issue,” begins Charles. “Many people do not realize that almost all hospitals in the state of North Carolina are not for profit and that means that they are primarily focused on patient care and community health and not on profit. But as I said earlier, we expect them to operate 24/7 and be fully staffed and there is a lot of cost associated with that.”

“In our state, particularly in rural areas many of the patients that hospitals and physicians are caring for are primarily insured through Medicare or Medicaid. That is the vast majority of coverage for the patients that they’re seeing, and many people don’t realize that Medicare only reimburses physicians and hospitals about 87 cents on the dollar. Medicaid is even lower than that.”

“So, the only way these physicians and hospitals can sustain their operation is by having enough patients that have other types of coverage. That may be Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina for example, or Etna. And they are really making up the difference in reimbursement to physicians and hospitals so their operations can continue.”

“Now what has started happening is many of us have high deductible health plans and people often resist going to the doctor knowing that they have a high deductible health plan and they have to pay out of pocket for that before the coverage is fully kicked in. So, they either resist going if they can, or if they go, they can’t pay the bill that they incur. What that means for doctors and hospitals is they end up with a lot of uncollectable debt.”

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.

## Sampson County VITAL STATS

### Deaths

-James Anthony Brewington  
 -Blanche Rubenia Edwards  
 -Sandra Arlene Faircloth  
 -Glenn Gene Faulkner  
 -Christine Kivett  
 -Ruby Merritt  
 -Kathy Starling McAllister  
 -Eric Serrano-Sanchez  
 -Daniel Austin Wilson  
 -Dora Louise Wright

### Marriage Certificates

-Tyrey Tuan Boone to Laneshia Anne Lamb  
 -Ross Sweatt Carrington to Samantha Michelle Conceicao  
 -Andrew Paul Hawkins to Reagan Taylor Malpass  
 -Christopher Steven Temple to Amy Dianne Johnson

### Births

-Mila Isabel Dominguez born on July 31, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Jose Luis Dominguez Milian and Bailie Ann Warren  
 -Ethan Lee Cruz born on August 4, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Mariah Alexis Cruz  
 -Liam Nelson Cruz born on August 4, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Mariah Alexis Cruz  
 -Journee Malaysia Thompson born on August 6, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Tiaja Valente Bene Lofton

### Land Transfers

-Lashorn Threatt, Loshorn Threatt/AKA to R&B Investments of Beulaville Inc- 0.95 Acres Franklin  
 -Crystal Lindsay Barefoot, James Corbett Barefoot to Nathan Corbett Barefoot- 5 Tracts  
 -Kristian Ramirez to German Luis Castro Lainez- Lot 50 McKoy Property w/exceptions North Clinton  
 -Nabor Arenas Dominguez, Maria Adelina Sanchez Martinez to Armulfa Arenas Dominguez, Amado Juanchi- Lot 3 0.79 Acres South Clinton  
 -R&B Investments of Beulaville Inc to Raynisha Beddingfield, James Turner Jr- 0.95 Acres Franklin  
 -Marion E Stewart to Phyllis A Baggett- 0.62 Acres Lot 2 Dismal  
 -Blake W Rogers, Jessica B Rogers to Ronald Jeffrey Moore Jr- 0.88 Acres Williamsdale Section 1 Little Coharie

-BB&T Company to Albert Lopez- 1.76 Acres  
 -Sandra H Laughinghouse to Sherri L Matthis- Lots 19 and 21 Serenity Lake Subdivision Phase 1  
 -Belinda Dawn Branham, Jesse T Branham III, Belinda Dawn Hairr/AKA to Carlisle Farms Inc- 11.0 Acres Dismal  
 -Sandra Cain Naylor to Jerry Lester Naylor Jr- 2 Tracts South River  
 -Robie Edison Simmons, Wanda Warren Simmons to Felicia Sills Lewis- Lot 2 1.42 Acres Plainview  
 -Ashley M Faircloth, Brandon Faircloth, Amanda Royal, Joshua Adam Royal to Rigoberto Sanchez Ramirez, Lourdes Bautista Sanchez- 3.22 Acres South River  
 -Cathy Beasley Blanton, Neville Blanton to Calvin Allen McNeill- Lot 2 1.05 Acres  
 -Betty M Beasley, Randy Garrett Hering, Taylor Danielle Bryant Herring to Lewis S Matthis, Willa D Matthis- South Clinton  
 -Margaret Lucille Smith, Teddy Gene Smith to Wanda Kay S Martin- Lot 4 0.33 Acres Halls  
 -Lila Horne Autry to Charles F Carlisle, Dale W Carlisle- 11 Acres Lot 3 Dismal Hall Division  
 Eleanor A Triolo, Mario A Triolo, Mario A Triolo Sr to Blanca Amalia Osorio- Lot 3 North Harrington Village Subdivision Mingo  
 -Ellen S Jordan, Randy J Jordan to Andrew C Mitchell, Kaitlyn Mitchell- 1.07 Acres Lot 33 Boykin Lakes Section 3 South Clinton  
 -Raeford Hiram Royal Jr, Rayford Hiram Royal Jr/AKA to Heather Jackson Avery, Thomas Ray Avery- 2 Tracts w/exceptions Herring  
 -Mildred L Underwood to Amy Taylor, Geoffrey Manning Taylor- Lot 7 & Lot 8 Fox Hill Section Three  
 -Justin Snell, Lillian Megan Snell to Sara Norris- 1.0 Acres Lot 2 South Clinton  
 -Dexter Jackson, Erika Diane Reynolds to Donna Reynolds- Lot 7 Phase 2 Serenity Lake 0.71 Acres  
 -Peggy Jean Melvin to Gail Melvin Carter/FKA, Gail Melvin- Tract 3 15.45 Acres Belvoir  
 -Peggy Jean Melvin to Gwendolyn Sandle, Nolan S Sandle- Tract 1 2.48 Acres Belvoir  
 -Gail Melvin Carter, Earlie M Melvin, Edna Marie Melvin, Gwendolyn Sandle, Nolan S Sandle, Christopher Thompson, Kimberly Thompson to Alfredo Thompson, Christopher Thompson- Tract 2 2.48 Acres Belvoir  
 -Peggy Jean Melvin to Alfredo Thompson, Christopher Thompson- Tract 2 2.48 Acres Belvoir  
 -Sanderson H Lawrence/MGR, Warren Realty LLC to Colin B Faulkner, Katie Faulkner- Lot 17 0.17 Acres Villas at Birch Cove Subdivision North Clinton  
 -Franklin M Knowles/TR, Mavis H Knowles/TR, Knowles Family Trust to Angela K Hart- 3 Acres w/exceptions Herring  
 -Grady Mitchell Barefoot, Ronald Cole, Wanda Barefoot Cole to Alice Gray Lee Barefoot- Tract 1 1.90 Acres Newton Grove  
 -Jason Alan Sessoms, Melanie Sessoms to Jason Alan Barber, Melanie ONeal Sessoms- Lot 4A 11.72 Acres

## FAITH

## Pear Tree Christian



*Luke 13:6, "And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none."*

The year was 1980 and my grandfather and I had purchased a pear tree from K-Mart in Wilmington. Our plan was to plant this fruit tree in the back yard and in the coming years enjoy the fruit it produced. We dug the hole correctly, watered the tree and eagerly waited to see results. Two unseen events occurred in the coming years, my grandfather would pass away and the pear tree never displayed any fruit. Over time I gave up on the hope of the pear tree doing what it was created to do.

Did you know that God also expects His followers to bear fruit? No we are not bearing pears, but spiritual fruit. A life without spiritual fruit takes up space instead of being an expression of our Lord's never ending grace and mercy. When a person is barren of the fruit of Christ it affects not only them, but the entire community of faith.

Many Christians lack the knowledge of the fruit they are supposed to produce. We discover

in Galatians 5:22-23 the list of fruit that the Apostle Paul encourages believers to seek. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law." The fruit does not save an individual, but because we are redeemed by the blood of Jesus we produce good fruit. The world might offer what appears to be good fruit, however it is rotten to the core.

Since we are to bear fruit we should also understand the spiritual pruning process. John 15:1-2, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit." Our lives must be purged of the unhealthy habits of this world. We have to have to have a heavenly mindset and allow Christ to remove the parts of life that is diseased by sin. Once the sin has been addressed by our Master, then the Holy Spirit can produce the fruit inside us.

Christian evangelist Paul Washer proclaimed, "We know that men are saved by repentance and faith, and whoever does call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. But salvation is a supernatural work of God that will always produce fruit. And the evidence, not the cause, but the evidence of salvation is a changed life, a changing life."

I encourage you this week to bear fruit for the Kingdom of God. I think we would all agree that the world needs more love, goodness, gentleness and joy. Take the time to watch the evening news on television or read your local paper and quickly you will notice a lack of spiritual fruit. We need to pray that God will open doors of opportunity for us to share the fruit that God has placed in our lives.

Don't be like the pear tree my grandfather and I planted. Be the Christian that is rooted deep into the word of God and seeking His will daily. Many fruit trees don't produce very much fruit until three to five years after planting depending on the rootstock. Don't get discouraged if you are not producing the same amount of fruit as someone else. God has a special plan for your life and the fruit He will reveal in you.

*Rev. Ken Smith  
Atkinson Baptist Church.*



## CHOCOLATE ICE CREAM CONE



One of my fondest memories of growing was when my sister, Mary Brown, and I would spend time in the swing on the front porch of our wonderful old farmhouse. We would swing and sing to the top of our voices, performing all of the tunes of "Your Hit Parade". I'm not sure this one was on the Hit Parade, do not know where we first heard it, but we've never forgotten it. In fact, she and I were visiting one day in Wilmington, I asked her if she remembered our little song. She immediately began singing and we never missed a beat, sang it just like we had done 40 years prior. I have used it extensively in my programs for Seniors, they love it, every once in awhile someone will sing along, what JOY!

### CHOCOLATE ICE CREAM CONE

My Mama said if I'd be good she'd send me to the store,  
She said she'd make some gingerbread if I would sweep the floor,  
She said if I would make the beds, and watch the telephone,  
She would send me out to get a chocolate ice cream cone.

And so I did, the things she said,  
And my Mama made some gingerbread,  
And I went out, just me alone,  
To get my chocolate ice cream cone.

Now, coming home I stumped my toe upon a little stone,  
And need I tell you that I dropped my chocolate ice cream cone.  
A little puppy came along and took a great big lick,  
And then I hit that mean old dog with just a little stick,  
And he bit me, where I sit down,  
And he chased, me all over town,  
And now I'm lost, can't find my home,  
And all because of that  
Chocolate Ice Cream Cone.



*Martha M. Pierce*

## Psalms For The Soul

*By Linda Herring*



The Bible speaks to us but the Psalms speak for us. God gave Joshua a detailed plan for defeating Jericho. Every time, I read that story, I am amazed how God brought that about. To me, it doesn't make sense. The people, led by the ark represents God's presence, march around the city for a week, then blow their trumpets, and that would

do it. This plan would require faith and obedience. This was a plan in which God would get all the glory. Joshua and the people rose to the challenge. Psalm 60:12 says, "With God we will gain the victory and He will take care of our enemies. The point is not to pray that He will be on our side, but that we will be on His side. God is in control and He knows what He is doing. God loves us and He has a plan for our lives. We need to walk in obedience and victory will be ours. Do not let the stresses of the day steal your Psalm. Contact me with prayer requests and comments. If you need a speaker contact me at [herring.theword@gmail.com](mailto:herring.theword@gmail.com).

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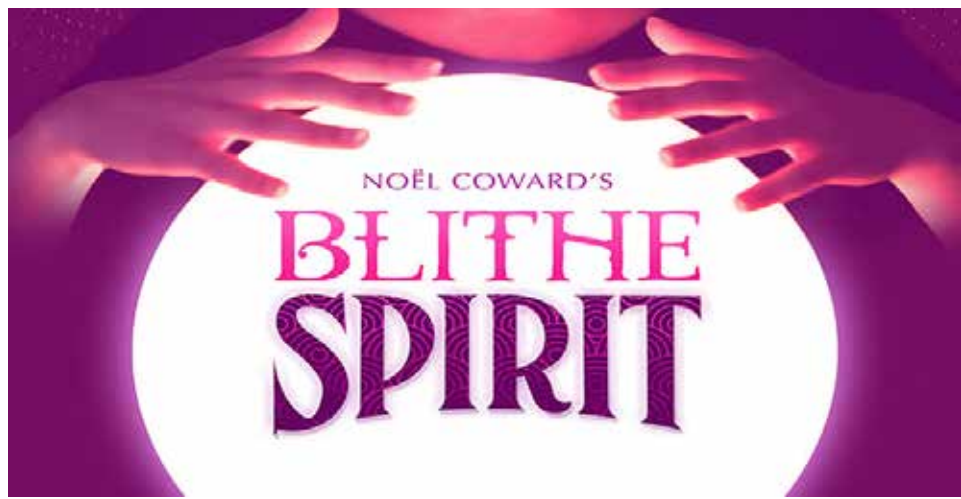
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ENTERTAINMENT

# What's Happening

By Angela Martin

at **SCT**



## Blithe Spirit Begins

This week we saw our theatre begin to bring our next production, Blithe Spirit to life as we get enthralled in our rehearsals. This cast is a small 7 member cast but it packs a lot of humor in this story and cast. The story of Blithe Spirit is that there is a couple who decided to invite a medium over to basically do research on the medium, however the tables turn when someone is conjured up. The late wife of the man comes back - only to him - and this is where the conflict ensues. Lots of funny quips, lots of funny circumstances and lots of laughs can be experienced with this play. Tom Wilbur is directing this production, which is slated to open Friday, September 20 and run to Sunday, September 29. The Friday and Saturday shows begin at 7:30 pm and the Sunday matinees will be held at 2:30 pm. Come out and see this play which is sure to be entertaining.

Our renovations are taking place currently which has led us to end our season after Blithe Spirit. Our next production will be ready for our first show of the season which will be in April 2020. We hope that you come out to see our new bathrooms and updated items throughout our theatre. If you are a 2019 patron you will receive an extra two tickets to any production in our 2020 season to replace your tickets for A Christmas Carol - which was supposed to be right after Blithe Spirit. We are thrilled to be able to update our theatre and hope you will love it.

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Rated R for strong crude sexual content, drug and alcohol material, and language throughout - all involving tweens

After being invited to his first kissing party, 12-year-old Max is panicking because he doesn't know how to kiss. Eager for some pointers, Max and his best friends Thor and Lucas decide to use Max's dad's drone - which Max is forbidden to touch - to spy (they think) on a teenage couple making out next door.

Fri-Wed 1:45p 4:00p 6:15p 8:30p



**DORA AND THE LOST CITY**  
NOW SHOWING

Rated PG for action and some impolite humor

Having spent most of her life exploring the jungle with her parents, nothing could prepare Dora (Isabela Moner) for her most dangerous adventure ever -- High School. Always the explorer, Dora quickly finds herself leading Boots (her best friend, a monkey), Diego (Jeffrey Wahlberg), a mysterious jungle inhabitant (Eugenio Derbez), and a rag tag group of teens on a live-action adventure to save her parents (Eva Longoria, Michael Peña) and solve the impossible mystery behind a lost city of gold.

Fri-Wed 2:00 5:00p 8:00p



**FAST & FURIOUS**  
NOW SHOWING

Rated PG-13 for prolonged sequences of action and violence, suggestive material and some strong language

Ever since hulking lawman Hobbs (Johnson), a loyal agent of America's Diplomatic Security Service, and lawless outcast Shaw (Statham), a former British military elite operative, first faced off in 2015's Furious 7, the duo have swapped smack talk and body blows as they've tried to take each other down. But when cyber-genetically enhanced anarchist Brixton (Idris Elba) gains control of an insidious bio-threat that could alter humanity forever -- and bests a brilliant and fearless rogue MI6 agent (The Crown's Vanessa Kirby), who just happens to be Shaw's sister.

Fri-Wed 1:30p 4:45p 8:00p



**SCARY STORIES TO TELL IN THE DARK**  
NOW SHOWING

Rated PG-13 for terror/violence, disturbing images, thematic elements, language including racial epithets, and brief sexual references

It's 1968 in America. Change is blowing in the wind...but seemingly far removed from the unrest in the cities is the small town of Mill Valley where for generations, the shadow of the Bellows family has loomed large. It is in their mansion on the edge of town that Sarah, a young girl with horrible secrets, turned her tortured life into a series of scary stories

Fri-Wed 1:30p 4:30p 7:30p

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**CHS Tennis Coach Robert Jones Says Goodbye**  
*\* SMS educator and CHS coach headed to Warsaw Elementary*



*Coach Robert Jones, Camden Thompson, Lukas Jerez, Alexandre Haran, Peter Darden, Cooper Brewen. Not pictured: Ty Randleman, Wesley Cowand*

Clinton High School men's tennis coach Robert Jones officially said goodbye to his players last Thursday night during a ceremony that was held at Immanuel Baptist Church in Clinton.

"It went pretty well," Jones admitted. "I think we held it together pretty good ... I did get choked up a few times though."

The event was actually a ring ceremony for the 2019 NCHSAA 2-A Men's Tennis Champions. The team finished last season with a 22-1 overall record and was 6-0 in the conference.

Jones, who taught at Sampson Middle School and coached tennis at CHS, said that the ceremony was 'bittersweet' since he accepted a position teaching Physical Education at Warsaw Elementary in mid-July.

Chad Brewer will take over the reins of Clinton High Tennis this season, while Jones, who is a NCCAT 2014-15 Jean P. Powell Honored Educator Scholar, is listed to coach tennis at James Kenan, that is, if the school has a team in the fall.

"It will be a smooth transition," Jones says of Brewer. "He has played and coached tennis, so the kids will be fine under his leadership."

Jones, who has been coaching high school tennis for two decades, said that leaving Sampson Middle after six years (coaching both boys and girls tennis during his tenure at Clinton High) will be bittersweet, but, he said, that he is excited about the next chapter in his journey.

"It was really an honor for me to have been there," he

said. "We had six really good years. The opportunity came up for me to teach P.E. and it was the right time for me."

Something he told his players last Thursday night.

"It feels like we closed this chapter at the right time," Jones explained. "I know they will be headed into college and some will head into their senior year at high school. We are just moving on to our next chapter."

Jones began his coaching career in the late 90s at East Duplin High School, then onto Spring Creek, where he led both the boys' and girls' tennis teams to the 2-A State Championships, in 2003 for the boys; and 2005 for the girls, respectively. Although both teams lost the state championships, it was history making at the school. After Spring Creek, Jones went to Pender, where he led the men's tennis team to the NCHSAA State Tennis Playoffs only to get knocked out by the N.C. School of Science and Math.

"They have some really great teams there," he said. "That is why it was so big to be able to beat them last season."

Clinton beat N.C. School of Science and Math 5-4 in the semi-final of the 2019 NCHSAA 2-A Tennis State Playoffs. They beat Salisbury 5-4 to win the state championship.

The popular coach has left an indelible legacy at Clinton High School in tennis. His men's tennis teams have not lost a conference match in six years. In the last five years, the men's tennis team went an amazing 79-9.

When reminded of this, Jones pushes any praise for him onto his teams.

"It was all the kids," he said. "Any success that we had there was because of those athletes. They are the ones that went out there during the off season and worked hard. They were not satisfied with being second. They went out there and kept working on their games." Jones continues with pride, "This past season, they came in wanting it really bad. We made it to Regionals the past three seasons, and they didn't want to settle. They put their mind to it and put the work in - it all paid off. I just feel really lucky because they trusted my judgment, but they did all the work."

The relationships Jones has forged with his players over the past six years are relationships that he feels will stand the test of time.

"They are really great kids," Jones said. "They are a true reflection of their parents. Just fantastic."

He continues, "I told them, that if they ever needed me, I will always be there for them," he said. "No matter what. They all have my number all they have to do is call."

In addition to his players, Jones said that he wanted to show some appreciation for those who supported the tennis program at Clinton High School.

"I have to thank Dr. Steven Miller and Coach Jeff Sawvel," he said. "Mr. Daughtry for his continued support. Pastor Tim Ameen, who is also my assistant coach. He has been instrumental in the relationships with the kids. The administration ... The parents. I mean, the parental support at Clinton High is something I never had before. It was just phenomenal. They brought drinks and snacks, traveled all over to support us. Just incredible ..."

The coach also thanks his players.

"I just want them to know how much I appreciated the past six years," Jones said. "I just hoped that they were able to learn a little bit from me and have a love of the game. I feel like tennis is a sport that they can play for life. I just hope they keep playing and keep enjoying the game as the years go on."



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## EDUCATION

# SCC Begins Fall Semester

The leaves have not hit the ground yet but already the fall semester is underway at Sampson Community College. This week, the college welcomed back all faculty and staff members, many of whom did not hold classes this summer.

The first two days upon return, staff members and faculty are oriented with new policies, procedures and new items of interest designed to make student's lives more prosperous and easier to navigate on campus.

Among announcements, students may be interested in, include further expansion and improvements to the campus as well as planned intramurals that are returning to the college after a previous hiatus. Students who have not completed the admissions and financial aid process are encouraged to register for the next #BeAViking session scheduled for September 11th. These students will be eligible to begin classes in October.

There is no better time to enroll at Sampson Community College thanks to several initiatives and transfer agreements the college has engaged in over the past several months. The Viking Express is an accelerated program where students complete five eight-week consecutive sessions beginning in August and ending in July of each academic school year.

Sampson Promise is a new program which allows eligible students the chance to fill unmet needs beyond what is covered by financial aid or scholarships. Also, SCC has signed transfer agreements with Fayetteville State University, East Carolina University, UNC-Wilmington and NC State. These enable students to acquire guaranteed enrollment at those four-year institutions when they enroll at SCC.

Sampson Community College is a member of the North Carolina Community College System, located in Clinton, NC in Sampson County. The college offers many programs to include two-year degrees, college transfer, continuing education and workforce development options and early college education. For more information, visit the website at [www.sampsoncc.edu](http://www.sampsoncc.edu).

## 15-year Employees Recognized at SCC



*Sampson Community College recognized employees who have served the college for 15-years or more during a recent faculty and staff meeting. Honored (from left to right) is Aleta Whaley, April Melvin, Loretta Jones, Adriene Howard and Sue Butler. For more information about SCC, visit the website at [www.sampsoncc.edu](http://www.sampsoncc.edu).*

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## Community College Best Value Says Report

Sampson Community College is a well-kept secret that is not much of a secret anymore. It's hard to live in this area and not see or hear about new programs, new facilities or be touched somehow by the college.

Those who already attend SCC know its value and see it every day but for those who still don't know, the US News & World Report publication issued a report last month detailing its top ten reasons why community colleges are the best value going and the biggest bang for the buck. US News & World Report is an American media company that has published news, opinion, consumer advice, rankings, and analysis for more than 85-years.

SCC President, Dr. Bill Starling explains why he agrees with the report. "Economists point to the collective amount of college debt, over \$1.5 trillion, as an economic headwind for growth, not only for the students that have accumulated it, but for the national economy as young people delay important life decisions to address their student loan debt," Starling says. "Increasingly community colleges are recognized for their ability to lower the cost of acquiring a college degree or developing occupation skills."

As a matter of fact, affordability was listed in the report as the number one reason that community colleges are so attractive to new students. The report states that "the average cost of annual tuition



*Hundreds of students attended orientation last week at SCC.*



*Faculty and staff prepare for influx of new students at SCC*

## SCC's Shillady Honored for Decade of Service



*Cindy Shillady, Biology instructor at Sampson Community College, was recognized for her ten years of service to students at the college. For more information about SCC, visit the website at [www.sampsoncc.edu](http://www.sampsoncc.edu).*

## SCC Honors Five-Year Employees



*This week, Sampson Community College honored employees who have served the college and its students for a half-decade. Pictured left to right is Jeanette Rackley, David Lockwood, Holly Brewington and Amanda Bradshaw. Not pictured is Angela Marco. For more information about the college, visit the website at [www.sampsoncc.edu](http://www.sampsoncc.edu).*

and fees at four-year institutions in the 2018-2019 school year was \$35,676 at private colleges, \$9,716 for state residents at public colleges and \$21,629 for out-of-state students at state schools. In contrast, community colleges charge about \$3,660 on average per year for in-state students."

Other top ten reasons cited in the list are academic flexibility, school-life balance, STEM education and opportunities, personalized attention, elements of traditional college, online class options and the offering of professional certificates.

Two of the top reasons Starling felt needed emphasis to parents and students are financial aid options and transfer agreements. "SCC now enjoys transfer agreements with UNC-W, ECU, Fayetteville State and a special cooperative admission program with NCSU," Starling points out. "These important agreements are supplemented by a number of transfer agreements with other regional and private colleges and universities providing SCC students a range of opportunities for transfer."

"Beginning this fall, SCC offers additional financial aid support to Sampson County high school graduates through Sampson Promise," adds Starling. "This program assures each graduate that their unmet cost of attendance beyond federal financial aid will be met by the College. We're excited that we have been able to bring these assurances to our high school students that are wondering how they might pay for college."

An additional perk just announced by SCC this week is that the college is adding intramural sports beginning this fall to students who attend. Sampson Community College has long promised its students that they can "begin here and go anywhere" and the reason the college can successfully make that claim are detailed in the U.S. News & World Report article. For more information about where to begin, visit [www.sampsoncc.edu](http://www.sampsoncc.edu).

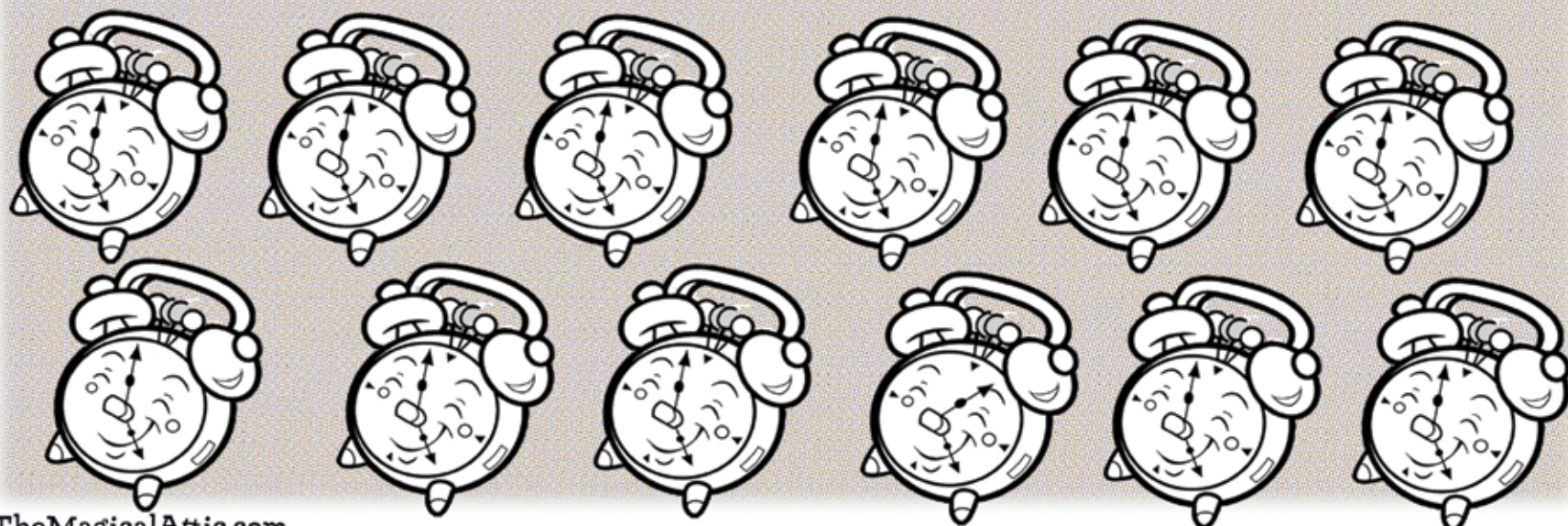
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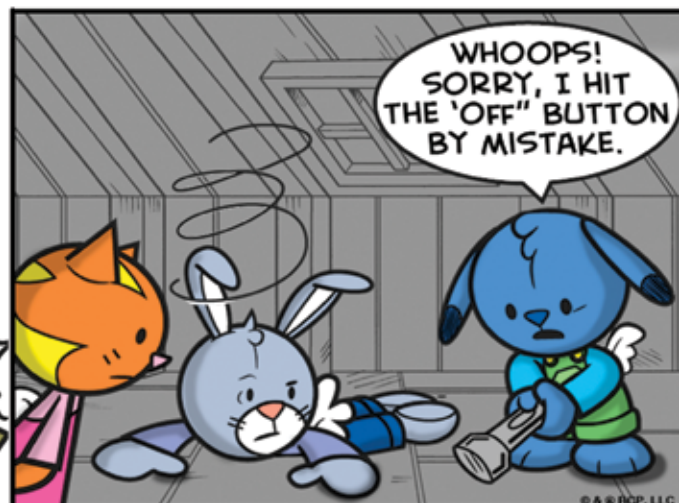
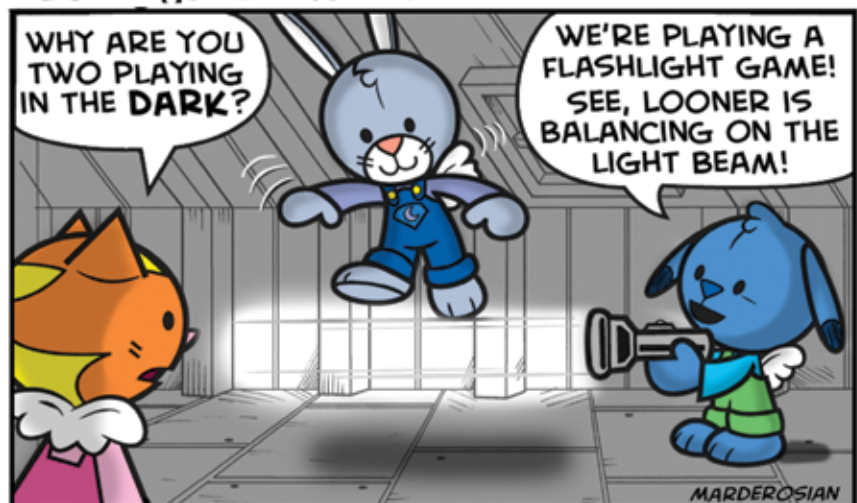
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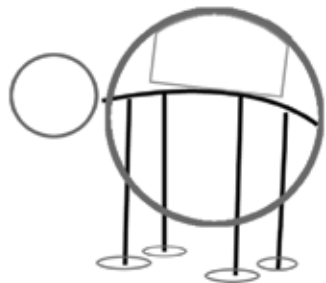


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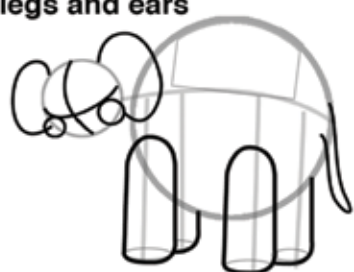
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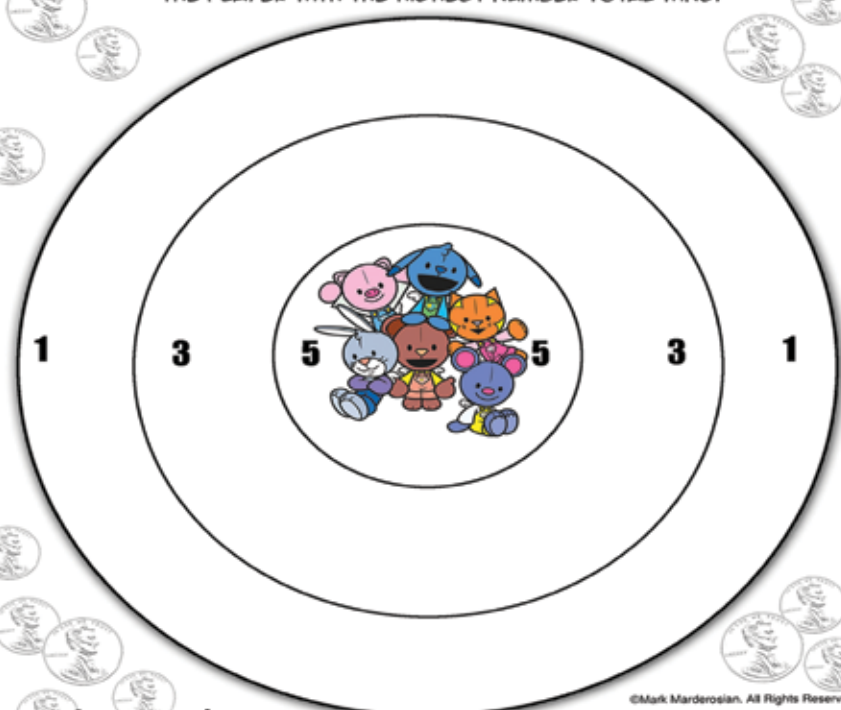
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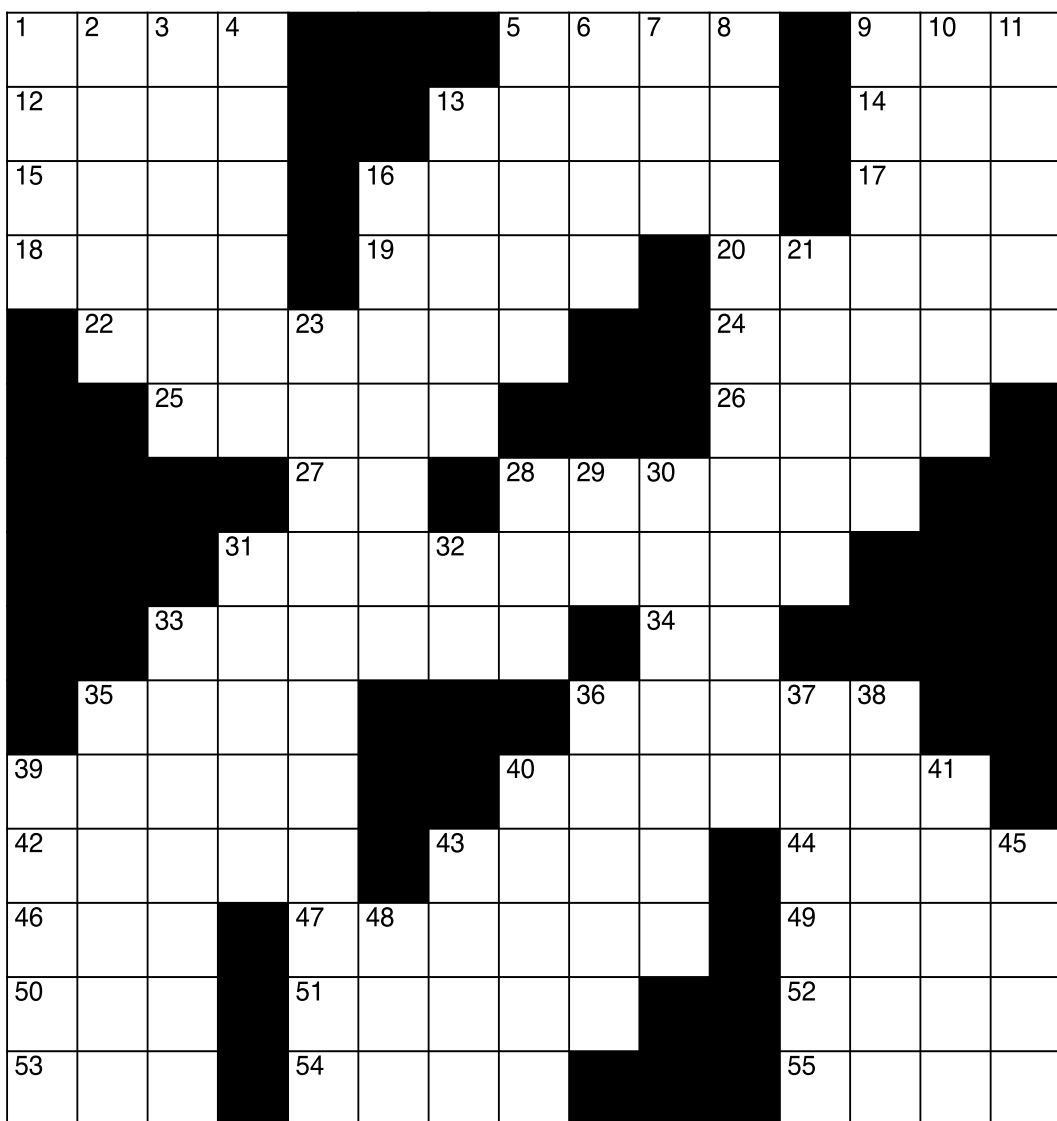
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# Crossword Puzzle

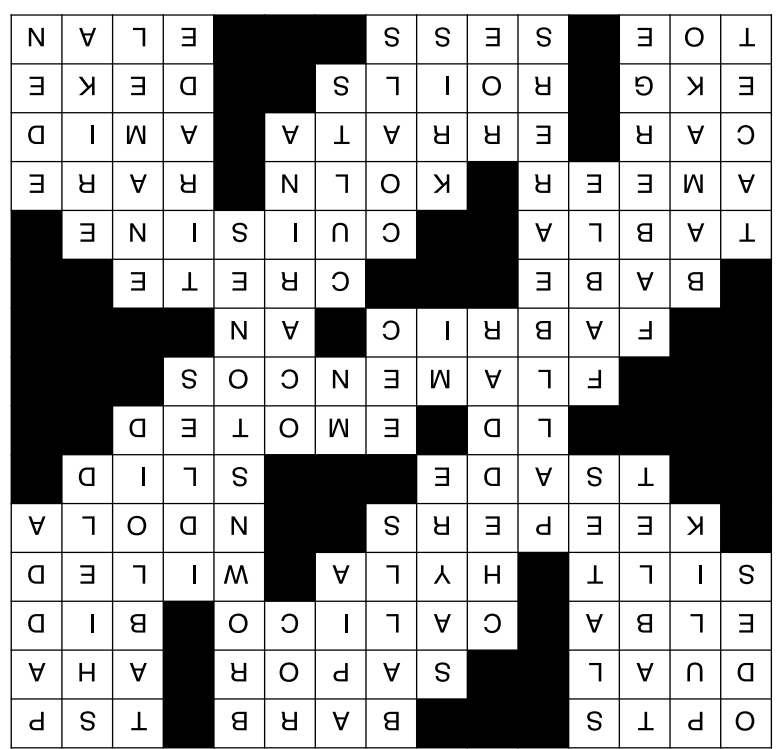


### CLUES ACROSS

1. Selects
5. A cutting remark
9. Teaspoonful (abbr.)
12. Having two units or parts
13. Quality perceptible to the sense of taste
14. Expression of surprise
15. Italian Island
16. A coarse cloth with a bright print
17. Propose a price
18. Sedimentary material
19. Tree toad genus
20. Passed time agreeably
22. Custodians
24. 3rd largest city in Zambia
25. 18th Hebrew letter (var.)
26. Coasted on ice
27. Libyan dinar
28. Displayed exaggerated emotion
31. Andalusian Gypsy dances
33. Material
34. Article
35. Ballplayer Ruth
36. 5th largest Greek island
39. Hand drum of No. India
40. A style of preparing food
42. Former ruler of Afghanistan
43. AKA Cologne
44. Not generally occurring
46. Auto
47. Print errors
49. Interspersed among
50. Electrocardiogram
51. Churns
52. Ice hockey feint
53. Drive obliquely, as of a nail
54. Dried leaves of the hemp plant
55. Ardour

### CLUES DOWN

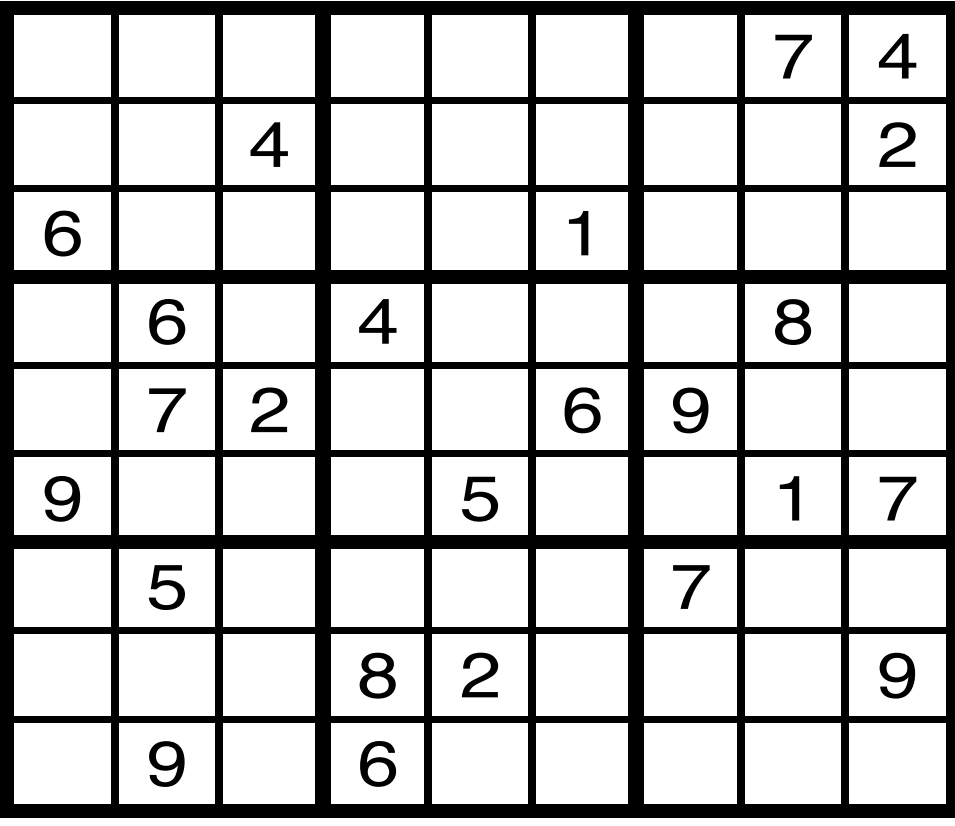
1. Lyric poems
2. Hungarian sheep dog (var. sp.)
3. A pad of writing paper
4. Lists of candidates
5. Base, basket and foot
6. Samoan capital
7. Mythological bird
8. Urban row houses
9. Sensationalist journalism
10. Carried on the arm to intercept blows
11. Estrildid finch genus
13. PA 18840
16. S.W. English town & cheese
21. Runs disconnected
23. Mourners
28. Old world, new
29. Atomic #25
30. Sweet potato wind instrument
31. Legend
32. 3rd tone of the scale
33. Russian jeweler Peter Carl
35. Capital of Mali
36. Extremist sects
37. Violent denunciation
38. Tooth covering
39. Music term for silence
40. Smoldering embers
41. Writer Jong
43. Actor Kristofferson
45. Adam and Eve's 1st home
48. Fish eggs



# SUDOKU

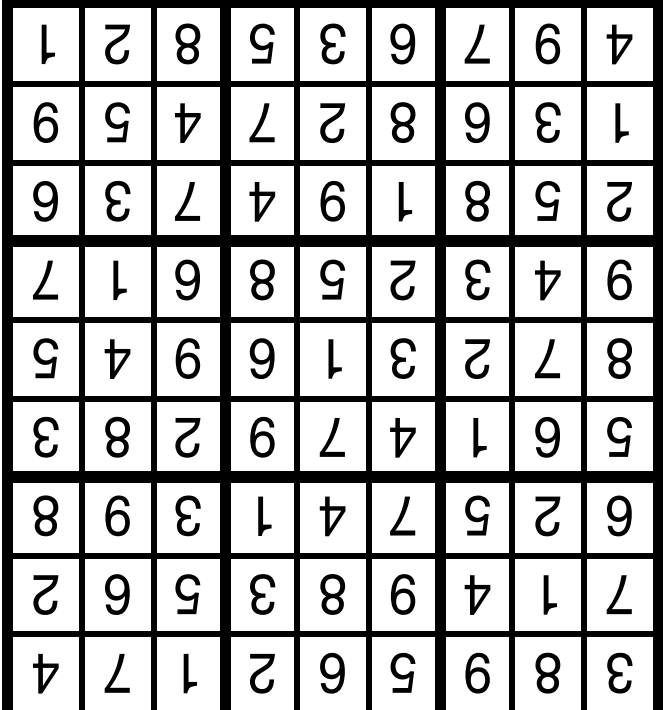
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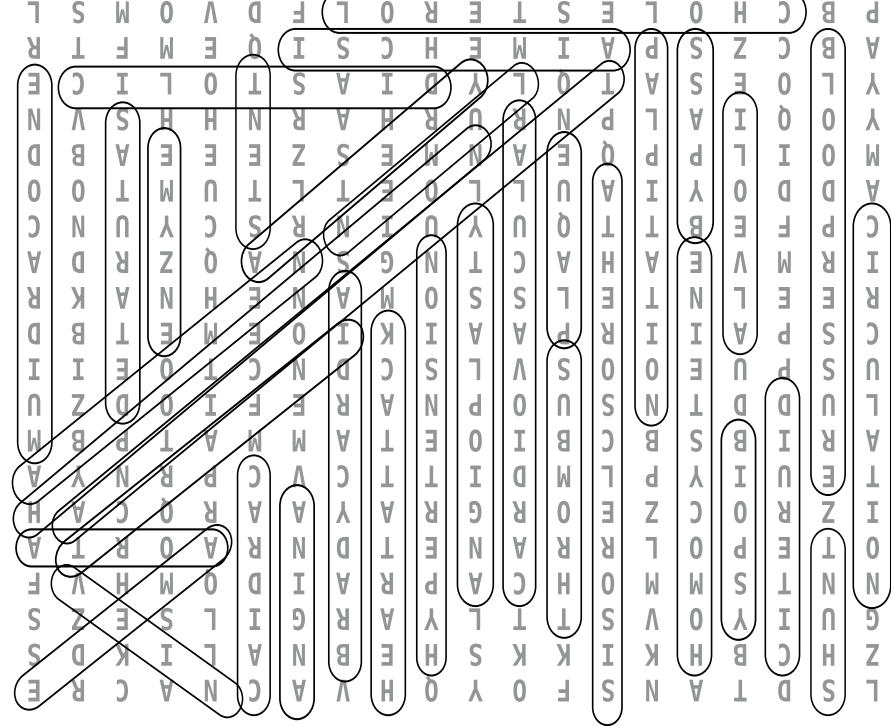
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### WORDS

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 Z H C B H K I K K S H E B N A L I K D S  
 G U I Y O V S T T L Y A R G I L S E Z S  
 N N T S M M O H C A P R A I D Q M H V F  
 O T E P O L R R A N E T D N R A O R T A  
 I Z R O C Z E O R G R A Y A A R Q C A H  
 T E U I Y P L M D I T T C V C P R N Y A  
 A R I B S B C B I O E T A M M A T P B M  
 L U D D T N S U O P N A R E F I O D Z U  
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 Y O Q I A L P N R U R H A R N H H S V N  
 Y L O E S A T Q L Y D I A S T O L I C E  
 A B C Z S P A I M E H C S I Q E M F T R  
 P B C H O L E S T E R O L F D V O M S L

- ABDOMEN
- ALVEOLI
- ANGINA
- ANGIOPLASTY
- AORTA
- ARTERY
- ATHEROSCLEROSIS
- BIOPSY
- BLOOD PRESSURE
- BRADYCARDIA
- BYPASS
- CARDIAC
- CARDIOVASCULAR
- CHOLESTEROL
- CIRCULATION
- DIASTOLIC
- DIURETIC
- EDEMA
- ENDOCARDIUM
- ENZYMES
- HOMOCYSTEINE
- HYPERTENSION
- HYPOTENSION
- INFARCT
- ISCHEMIA
- LUMEN
- PALPITATION
- PLAQUE
- SATURATED
- SEPTUM
- SHUNT
- STENT
- THROMBUS
- VEIN

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.



# CRIME

## Crime Reports

08-09 George Nathan Lee, 57, Dunn. Violation of Court Order, Communicating Threats, Assault on a Female Bond \$40,000. Trial Date 09-25-19

08-09 Atravis Ray Kemp, 39, Salemburg. FTA- Speeding, FTA- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. Bond \$500. Trial Date 08-28-19

08-09 David Sean Thomas, 29, Fayetteville. Operate Vehicle No Insurance, DWLR, Cancel/Revoke/Susp/Certif/Tag. Bond \$500. Trial Date 09-03-19

08-09 Diona Faith Rich, 20, Roseboro. Fail to Comply. Bond \$570. Trial Date 08-27-19

08-09 Justice Samuel Patterson, 23, Raeford. Assault on a Female. Bond \$500. Trial Date 09-04-19

08-09 Philip Brandon Daw, 38, Clinton. Order for Arrest/True Bill of Indictment. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 08-13-19

08-09 Michael Wayne Gainey, 57, Clinton. Breaking and Entering. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 08-23-19

08-09 Elijah James Williams, 29, Garland. Fail to Comply. Bond \$305. Trial Date 09-03-19

08-09 Jeffrey Scott Melvin, 32, Clinton. FTA- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. Bond \$500. Trial Date 08-29-19

08-09 Haley Amber Wainright, 20, Autryville. Expired Registration Card Tag - FTA, Speeding - FTA, Possession of Marijuana up To 1/2 Ounce - FTA, Possession Of Marijuana, Paraphernalia - FTA. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 08-29-19

08-09 Ada Delores Moore, 69, Clinton. FTA- Expired Registration Card/ Tag, FTA- Operate Veh No Ins, FTA- DWLR Not Impaired Rev, FTA- Expired/ No Inspection, FTA- Cancel/ Revoke/ Susp Certif/ Tag. Bond \$500. Trial Date 08-22-19

08-09 Marquese Moore, 29, Garland. Fictitious Info to officer. Bond \$500. Trial Date 09-05-19

08-10 Stephanie Angelica, 31, Clinton. OFA- FTA Failure to Reduce Speed, OFA-FTA DWLR. Bond \$100. Trial Date 09-04-19

08-10 David Keith Skaggs, 37, Faison. DWLR not Impaired, Fail to Wear Seat Belt. Bond \$1000.

08-10 Daron Nasiri Owens, 17, Roseboro. Poss Stolen Goods/prop, Misdemeanor Larceny, Break or Enter a Motor Vehicle Bond \$5000. Trial Date 08-14-19

08-10 Akili Underwood, 20, Salemburg. Possess Marijuana Paraphernalia, Possess

Marijuana 1 oz to 1 1/2 oz. Trial Date 09-25-19

08-10 Jeffrey Hobbs, 43, Salemburg. Impede Traffic Sit/Stand/Lie, Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$750. Trial Date 09-26-19

08-10 Lonnie Jason Pike, 31, Goldsboro. Probation violation out of county. Bond \$30,000. Trial Date 08-19-19

08-10 Terrell Urai Anders, 36, Garland. FTA- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 09-03-19

08-10 Devante Lajuan Foster, 25, Clinton. FTA- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. Bond \$500. Trial Date 08-23-19

08-10 Brandy Nicole Jacobs, 32, Clinton. Possession Drug Paraphernalia, Possession Methamphetamine, Possession Drug Paraphernalia, Possession Methamphetamine. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 08-23-19

08-11 Heather Lynn Chavis, 31, Clinton. OFA- FTA Improper Turn, OFA-FTA DWLR Not Impaired Rev. Bond \$500. Trial Date 08-22-19

08-11 Nikita Cherrie Cox, 32, Wilson. Resisting Public Officer. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 09-03-19

08-11 Michael Henry Taylor, 43, Autryville. Resisting Public Officer. Bond \$250. Trial Date 09-11-19

08-11 Rodney McDonald, 30, Smithfield. Hit and run property damage, Misdemeanor child abuse, Possession of stolen property, Resisting Public Officer. Trial Date 09-26-19

08-11 Amanda Hinson Creech, 30, Micro. DWLR not Impaired. Bond \$500.

08-11 Roussel Mecen, 42, Clinton. Unauthorized Use Of Motor Vehicle. Bond \$500. Trial Date 09-03-19

08-11 Nicholas Chevon Leroy Moore, 27, Roseboro. Maintain Vehicle/Dwell/Place CS, Possess Marijuana Paraphernalia, Possess Drug Paraphernalia, PWISD Cocaine. Bond \$30000. Trial Date 08-23-19

08-11 Zachery Maynard, 28, Salemburg. No Operators License, Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 09-05-19

08-11 Ashland Dawn Raynor, 22, Clinton. Expired Registration Tag/Card, Improper Vehicle Inspection. Trial Date 09-30-19

08-11 Osman Hernandez, 20, Roseboro. Second Degree Trespass, Injury To Personal Property, Resisting Public Officer, AWDW Government Official. Bond \$50000. Trial Date 08-30-19

08-12 Austin Dean Gray, 21, Roseboro. Possess Drug Paraphernalia, Possess Marijuana Paraphernalia, Possess Methamphetamine, DWLR, DWLR, Fict Tags, Possess Marijuana. Bond

\$29000. Trial Date 08-26-19

08-12 Marcus San Juan Washington, 27, Fayetteville. Order for Arrest/FTA. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 09-19-19

08-12 Christopher Trevon Graham, 26, Clinton. Possess Drug Paraphernalia, Driving While Impaired, Possess Firearm By Felon, Trespass, Simple Possess Marijuana, Probation Violation, Reckless Driving to Endanger, Injury to Personal Property, DWLR- Not Impaired, Resisting Public Officer, Felony Possession of Cocaine, Assault on Female, Injury to Real Property. Bond \$126000. Trial Date 08-28-19

08-12 Austin Keith Brewer, 20, Clinton. Order for Arrest/FTA. Bond \$500. Trial Date 09-03-19

08-12 Kiara Rivera Torres, 25, Clinton. Att Obtain Prop False Pretense, Possess Counterfeit Instrument/Currency. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 08-23-19

08-13 Thomas Lee Robinson, 47, Clinton. Driving Under the Influence, Fail To Maintain Lane. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 10-03-19

08-13 Bobby Thurman Autry, 53, Roseboro. Worthless Check, Possession of Firearm by Felon. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 08-13-19

08-13 Tracy Canady, 47, Stedman. Expired/No Inspection, Expired Registration Tag. Trial Date 09-17-19

08-14 Aaron Adell McCrae, 48, Wilmington. Order for Arrest-FTA Child Support. Bond \$8800. Trial Date 08-27-19

08-14 Everette Boyd Toss, 49, Clinton. Domestic Communicative Threat, Domestic Assault on a Female. Trial Date 09-10-19

08-14 Kameron Lejoy Williams, 20, Greenville. Drug Equipment Violations, Drug/Narcotic Violations. Trial Date 09-30-19

08-14 Keith Tyrell Graham, 37, Dunn. Driving while license revoked, Speeding. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 08-22-19

08-14 Tracey Lee Naylor, 37, Roseboro. DWLR, Fail To Secure Load. Trial Date 09-17-19

08-14 Kemo Kenta Lewis, 41, Clinton. OPER/PERMIT OPER VEH NO INSUR, CANCL/REVOK/SUSP CERTIF/TAG. Trial Date 09-23-19

08-14 Juan Carlos Rivas Rios, 52, Newton Grove. Speeding 72/55. Trial Date 10-03-19

08-14 Terrance Lee Faison, 42, Clinton. Threatening phone call, Injury to personal property. Trial Date 09-04-19

08-14 Linwood Rich, 19, Dunn. Fail to Stop sign/Flash Red Lt, No Operators License. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 09-06-19

08-14 Jami Jo Treadwell, 21, Clinton. Speeding, Reckless Driving- Wanton Disregard. Bond \$500. Trial Date 09-03-19

08-14 Garrett Brandon Davis, 19, Dunn. Misdemeanor Larceny. Bond \$4500. Trial Date 09-04-19

## Incident Reports

08-09 Cody Wirt of Clinton reported Larceny of Firearm valued at \$450.00

08-10 Ricky Jackson of Clinton reported Larceny of Personal Property, television valued at \$500.00

08-10 James Brown of Godwin reported Larceny of Firearm valued at \$530.00

08-10 Johnnie Hodges of Clinton reported Breaking & Entering and Larceny of A/C Unit valued at \$500.00

08-11 Ruben Lopez of Dunn reported Possession of Stolen Property, license plate valued at \$15.00

08-12 Shawarn Melvin Jones of Roseboro reported Theft from Motor Vehicle. Stolen knife, apple watch, damage to car window valued at \$630.00

08-12 Richard Blue of Dunn reported Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property. Damage \$540.00

08-12 Tara Armwood of Roseboro reported Theft from Motor Vehicle, Cash and Property damage valued at \$130.00

08-12 Ada Lambert of Roseboro reported Larceny of Bicycle valued at \$150.00

08-13 Roslyn Melvin of Clinton reported Damage of Property. By pouring sugar into gas tank, damage to automobile valued at \$14800.00

08-13 Tonya O'Brien of Dunn reported Motor Vehicle Theft of 1999 Dodge Durango valued at \$5000.00

08-14 Margaret Honeycutt of Roseboro reported All Other Larceny of wallet.

08-14 Hunter Ray of Newton Grove reported Larceny of wallet valued at \$130.00

08-14 Melissa Bradsher of Clinton reported Larceny of Clothing and Jewelry valued at \$550.00

08-14 Sallie Hunter Bean of Clinton reported All Other Larceny of wire baskets valued at \$25.00

08-14 Hunter Ray of Mount Olive reports Larceny of Gift Cards

08-14 Sherri Spell of Spell reported Breaking & Entering. Stolen television, flip phone valued at \$62.00

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

# OBITUARIES

## ROSE HILL

**Crystal Wells Johnson** of Rose Hill, NC departed her earthly home for her heavenly home on the early morning of August 9, 2019 while at Davis Health Care in Wilmington, NC. Born on February 2, 1931 in Teachey, N.C., she was the daughter of the late Robert Lee Wells Sr. and Mary Caroline Wells, both of whom predeceased her. She was also predeceased by her husband, Bizzell David Johnson; and her siblings, Robert Lee Wells Jr., Elwin Wells, Jake Wells, Jean Farrow, Harriet Phillips, Sam Wells, Annie Frances Jones, and Josey Wells. Left to cherish her memory are her children: Cris Davis of Wilmington; Nash Johnson and wife, Beth, of Clinton; Linda Beroth and husband, T, of Pilot Mountain; Judy Spedding and husband, Jeff, of Magnolia. Her life was blessed by her many grandchildren who also survived her: Ashley Banker and husband, Chris, of Wilmington; Scott Davis and wife, Cristina, of Columbus, IN; David Johnson of Clinton; Lauren Blair and husband, Sam, of Annapolis, MD; Lee Johnson and wife, Anne, of Rock Hill, SC; Mary Agnes Johnson of Fort Worth, TX; Philip Johnson and wife, Haley, of Huntsville, AL; Elizabeth Johnson of Clinton; Joseph Johnson of Dallas, TX; Adam Johnson of Clinton; T.J. Beroth and wife, Olivia, of Pilot Mountain; Crystie Strawbridge and husband, Mike, of Apex; Carrie Spedding and Ching Spedding, both of Magnolia. Her great grandchildren added additional joy to her life: William Blair, Anderson Blair, Wyatt Johnson, Steven Nash Johnson, Catherine Johnson, Easton Banker, Audrey Banker, Tyson Beroth, Hunter Beroth, Micah Beroth, Jasper Beroth, Eli Strawbridge, and Nora Strawbridge. Everyone who knew Crystal Johnson found her to be a delightful southern lady. She had a gentle, unassuming spirit and a great love of music. She was the church organist at Rose Hill Methodist Church for 46 years. She enjoyed flowers and flower arranging, sewing, crafts and cooking. More than anything else earthly, she loved her family--especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Family received friends on Monday, August 12, 2019 at 10:30 am in the Rose Hill Baptist Church with memorial service following at 11:30 am. The family is being served by Padgett Funeral & Cremation Services.



Carl Faircloth. Funeral Services were held at 2:00 pm on Thursday, August 15, 2019 at Peniel Pentecostal Holiness Church, burial followed in the church cemetery. Tina leaves to cherish her memories: Life Partner: Ben Lovell of the home, Sons: Matthews Lovell of Stedman and Luke Lovell (Kimberly) of Hope Mills, Sisters: Karen Faircloth (Johnny) of Autryville and Judy Taylor (David) of Eastover Brothers: Houston Faircloth of Fayetteville and Ronnie Beard of Texas. A granddaughter: Sadie Mae Lovell. Visitation was held prior to the service on August 15, 2019 from 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm at the church.

## CLINTON

Surrounded by his loving family, Dale Patton Johnson, age 76, passed away peacefully at this home in Clinton, NC on Sunday, August 11. Johnson was a well-respected attorney, steadfast champion of his alma mater, Clinton High School, and the City of Clinton's counsel for years. Johnson was born in Elizabethtown and moved to Clinton as an infant. He graduated from Clinton High School in 1961, where he served as Student Body President in his senior year. He received a BA degree from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1965 and a JD degree from the same institution in 1968. He spent his career practicing law in Clinton from 1968 until his retirement in 2014. He also served as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Campbell University, legal counsel for the city of Clinton, legal counsel for Sampson County, and attorney for Sampson Memorial Hospital. Johnson was the first appointed state-wide special prosecutor for the state of North Carolina. In addition, he sat on several committees at the state level dealing with legal matters. Johnson was a member of First United Methodist Church, where he served on the Administrative Board, taught Sunday School, and led youth activities. His unconditional love of God was visible throughout his life as he, selflessly and passionately, served his family, friends, and community. He was selected as the 2008 Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year and named to the Outstanding Lawyers of America listing. Although he received many professional honors and accolades, his primary passion was directed toward the education and provision of opportunities for students in Clinton City Schools. Johnson was well-known for his love of everything Dark Horses. He was a member of the Clinton High School Athletic Boosters Club, a member of the Fieldhouse Building Committee, and served twice as president of both the Sampson County Sports Club and the Sampson County Sports Hall of Fame, into which he was inducted in 2014. In 1984 he chaired the Dark Horse Stadium Building committee and raised \$135,000 for the stadium now on the CHS campus. He also chaired the March to a Million effort in 2006, which raised 2.4 million dollars in four months to fund an extra gymnasium, an auditorium, and extra classrooms for CHS as the school was



being constructed. For his many efforts, he received the first-ever Pivotal Dark Horse Award in 2017, an accolade meant to honor those who make a tremendous impact on the school system and its students. At the same event, Mayor Lew Starling presented Johnson with a key to the city of Clinton for his "lifelong devotion to the city of Clinton." According to Johnson, "My main joy and thrill in athletics has been working with young people on a personal level. I have tried to be a role model for them and have enjoyed my association with them. I have maintained contact with many of them throughout the years, and I consider them to now be role models for others. I hope I played some small part in that." Enough cannot be said about how much Dale Johnson loved his family. He is survived by his wife of 47 years Dianne Butler Johnson, the love of his life, daughter Amy Dianne Johnson and her fiancé Christopher Steven Temple, son Chadwick Dale Johnson and wife Jessica Boone Johnson, two granddaughters AnnaDale Baggett Johnson and Charlotte Olivia Johnson, sister Patty Johnson Perkins and husband David Barrett Perkins, brother Edwin Lynn Johnson and wife Ines Johnson, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Patty and Edwin Johnson. The family welcomed friends to attend a celebration of Johnson's life to be held in the Clinton High School atrium on Thursday, August 15, at any time between 5:30 and 7:30. The funeral service will be held at First United Methodist Church in Clinton at 3:00 on Friday, August 16. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be sent to Clinton High School Athletic Booster Club at P.O. Box 641, Clinton, NC 28329. A college scholarship for a CHS student will be set up in memory of Johnson. Royal-Hall Funeral Home is honored to serve Mr. Johnson's family.



## MOORESVILLE

**Mr. Clute Fann, 83**, of 140 Carriage Club Drive, passed away, Sunday, August 11, 2019 at Lake Norman Regional Medical Center. A funeral service was held at 2 PM, Thursday, August 15, 2019 at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, with the Rev. Tim Reaves officiating. Interment followed in Grandview Memorial Garden. The family received friends from 1 PM - 2 PM, Thursday just prior to the funeral at the funeral home. Clute, born December 17, 1935 in Clinton, NC, was the son of the late Ashford and Arcenia Parker Fann. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. Clute graduated from Salemburg High School in 1954. He was an Air Force Veteran serving from 1954-58 and served in the Korean War. He worked for Federal Glass for 22 years and retired from the Ferro Corporation after 22 years. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife, Carol Fortner Fann, son, Kelly Bailey, Jr. and 17 brothers and sisters. Survivors include; sister, Zeldia Fann Steinhour; children, Jenni Payne, Shawn Fann



## STEDMAN

**Tina Carmen Faircloth 57** died Saturday August 11, 2019 at Cape Valley Fear Medical Center. Born in 1962 in Cumberland Co. to the late Houston and Lena Mae Beard Faircloth. Tina was a counselor for a drug rehabilitation center. In addition to her parents Tina is also preceded in death by a sister Gina Faircloth and a brother

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(Emily), Judy Fann (Ronnie), Cindy McKenzie (Kevin Metz) and Jeff Fann (Dora); 12 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Serenity House, 110 Centre Church Road, Mooresville, NC 28117. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.crumpler-honeycutt.com](http://www.crumpler-honeycutt.com). Arrangements are by Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville St., Clinton, NC 28328.



## CLINTON

**Mrs. Glenn Gene Phelps Faulkner, 84**, passed away Friday morning August 9, 2019 at her home surrounded by family. Born in Franklin County, to the late Garland and Louise Phelps and preceded in death by a sister Mary Lou Phelps Gentis and daughter-in-law Lisa Daniel

Faulkner. Her passions in life were her husband Arthur, her family, gardening, cooking, and being at the beach. Jean was a stay at home mom for many years. She began a career as an instructor for three and four year olds at the Fisher Drive Recreation Department. As "Miss Jean", she helped introduce one of the first After School Care Programs in the Clinton City Schools, where she became director with all hands-on philosophy. She touched the hearts of many children during her 16 years of dedication. Her presence in her community and family will truly be missed. At her request, the Faulkner family had a small gathering of family and friends under her beloved gazebo on Pineview Road on Monday, August 12 at 1:00 p.m. Mrs. Faulkner leaves to cherish her memories, Herbert Arthur Faulkner Sr. Children; Herbert Arthur Faulkner Jr. (Cindy) Clinton, James Walter Faulkner, of Clinton, Susan Faulkner Iliamson (Larry) of Rocky Mount NC, Jane Faulkner (Andy) of Salisbury, NC; sister, Anethia Phelps Collins of Franklinton, NC and a host of nieces & nephews. Grandchildren: Chad Nelson Honeycutt Williamson, Melisa Jean Williamson, Meghan Allen, Jeremy Faulkner, Colin Faulkner, Brittany Reardon, Katelyn Wilhelm, Olivia Reardon, Taylor Reardon, Jennifer L. Sinclair, Justin Faulkner, Josh Harrell, Justin Harrell. She had 18 great grandchildren that she loved dearly. The family wishes to extend their sincere gratitude & appreciation to the staff of Community Home Care & Hospice for their loving care of their mother during her extended illness. They also want to express their gratitude to the caretakers who have cared for their mother and family as though they were all one big family. Through the love & attention of the Community Home Care & Hospice team and the dedicated caregivers, their mother was able to enjoy a greater quality of life. Flowers to the family and donations to the Community Home Care & Hospice (Grace Foundation) are accepted.

## FAYETTEVILLE

**United States Marine JonPaul C. Grant 47** died Tuesday August 6, 2019 in Horry County S.C. Home Going Service was held 11:00 am Monday August 12 2019 at First Missionary Baptist Church in Roseboro NC burial followed at Sandhill State Veterans Cemetery in Ft Bragg NC with full military honors.



Visitation was held 2:00 pm until 6:00 pm with family present at 5:00 pm Sunday August 11, 2019 at Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Service & Cremation 1246 Hobbton Hwy Clinton NC 28328. JonPaul was born July 12, 1972 to Tommy Grant and the late Martha Miller. He received his education from Ramsey County School Systems and he later graduated from Harding High School in 1991 St. Cloud, MN. After completing High School, JonPaul joined the United States Marine Corps and served seven years as a dedicated Marine. Upon his exit out of the Marine Corps, he attended A&T Truck Driving School. He also completed some courses at Pembroke University. He is survived by his wife of 24 years; Jeanette D. Grant, Children: Shandre J. Armwood (Antonio) of Clinton, NC, K-Shawn D. Grant of Fayetteville, NC, and Macey T.B. Grant of Fayetteville, NC and his Father Tommy Grant of St. Cloud, MN; Grandchildren: Adele and Antonio Armwood; Siblings: Robert Grant of Minneapolis, MN; Kitty Ann Olsen (Benny) of Colorado; Autum Grant of California; Adrian Rozeske of St. Cloud, MN; Father In-Law: the late Charlie Davis and wife Juanita Davis; Brothers in-Law: Charles E. Owens (Patricia) of Clinton, NC; Roger Davis (Wandy) of Clinton, NC; Dwight Davis (Patricia) of Charlotte, NC; Timothy Davis of Fayetteville; Sister In-Law: Lynette Bennett (Robert) of Roseboro; and many nephews and nieces.



## FAYETTEVILLE

**Mrs. Frances Spell Hall, 87** of Fayetteville passed away on Monday, August 12, 2019 at the Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. The funeral service was at 2:00 PM Thursday at Butler Funeral Home in Roseboro with Rev. Lutrell Spell officiating. Burial followed in the Spell Cemetery. The family received friends from on Thursday from 1:00 PM until 1:50 PM at the funeral home. Mrs. Hall was born on March 15, 1932 in Sampson County and was the daughter of Libby Carr Spell and Florence Butler Spell. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, James Preston Hall, her step-mother, Marcie Tyndall Spell, brothers, Festus Spell, Uriah Spell, Earl Spell, Edwin McKenzie; and sisters, Mildred Spell, Mable Spell Parker and Patricia Spell Hall. She was a homemaker. She is survived by her son, Donald Hall and wife, Crystal of Hartsville, SC; sister, Ora "Sis" Roegiers of CT; brother, Lutrell Spell of Fremont; three grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.



## GARLAND

**Mr. Robert Earl Howard, 71**, of 56 North Powell Street, died Thursday, August 08, 2019 at the Genesis Health Care Center in Mount Olive, NC. Mr. Howard was born August 25, 1947 in Sampson County, the son of the late Rob Howard and Lizzie Keith Howard. Mr. Howard was preceded in death by two brothers

Cleo Howard and Nathaniel Howard. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, August 17, 2019 at Carter Funeral Home. Burial will follow at the Garland Community Cemetery. He is survived by two sisters Elnita Howard of Garland and Ethel Tatum of Clinton, and a host of nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends on Friday August 16, 2019 from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Carter Funeral Home. Service by Carter Funeral Home in Garland. [www.carterfh.com](http://www.carterfh.com)

## FAYETTEVILLE

**Mr. Edgar Jackson, Sr., 91** of Fayetteville passed away on Monday, August 12, 2019 at his home. The funeral service was held at 11:00 AM Thursday, August 15 at Cedar Creek Baptist Church with Rev. Jeff Buchanan officiating. Burial followed at Lafayette Memorial Park. The family received friends from 10:00 AM until 10:50 AM at the church. Mr. Jackson was a native of Cumberland County, the son of the late Zeb James and Lina Johnson Jackson. He was a retired bus driver for Trailways Bus Line. He is survived by his wife, Mary Anne Horne Jackson of the home; three sons, Edgar Jackson, Jr. and wife Linda of Hope Mills, James A. Horne and Ricky Horne both of Fayetteville; five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 6535 Clinton Road, Stedman, NC.



## DUNN

**Mrs. Kim Pope Strickland, 55**, of Dunn died Friday, August 9, 2019 at her home. Kim was born January 16, 1964 in Harnett County. She was preceded in death by her father, Bobby D. Pope and brother, Mark K. Pope. Kim was a 1982 graduate of Erwin High School and a 1993 graduate of Johnston Community College. She had worked at Betsy Johnson Hospital for ten years as a C.T. Technologist and was a member of Gospel Tabernacle Church. A funeral service will be held 11 a.m. Monday, August 12, 2019 at Gospel Tabernacle Church with Pastor Josh Brown officiating. Burial will follow at Devotional Gardens. Kim is survived by her husband, Hank Strickland; son, Jake Strickland and wife Ashley of Mebane; daughter, Anna Strickland Johnson and husband Dwight of Autryville; grandchildren, Mileigh Matthews, Mason, McKenzie and Landon Johnson, Cash and Cage Strickland; mother, Faye Upchurch Jones of Dunn; brother, Bobby Pope of Dunn; sister, Caron Latimer of Angier. The family received friends 6-8 p.m. Sunday, August 11, 2019 at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home.



## GRAHAM

**Mrs. Dorothy Smith Strickland, 80**, of 4508 A Preacher Homes Rd., formerly of Garland, died Saturday, August 10, 2019 at her residence. Mrs. Strickland was born September 10, 1938 in Sampson County, the daughter of the late James Franklin Smith and Burdette Guy Smith. Mrs. Strickland was preceded in death by her husband Paul Winfred Strickland, two sisters Linda Smith and Louise Pate and one brother James "Buddy" Milton Smith. Funeral services were held at 12:30 PM on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at Carter Funeral Home by the Rev. Jimmy Hall. Burial will follow in the Garland Cemetery. She is survived by two Sisters Pearl Meshaw (Howard) of Wilmington, NC, Annie M. Johnson of Garland, NC, two Brothers Glenn Smith (Melody) of Wilmington, NC, Larry Smith (Janice) of Garland, NC, Sister In-Law Doris Smith of Graham, NC, Special Sister Janice Register of Wilmington, NC. Service by Carter Funeral Home in Garland. [www.carterfh.com](http://www.carterfh.com).



## FAYETTEVILLE

**Jack Knowles** of Fayetteville, NC passed away on August 12 after an extended illness. Born in Salemburg, NC in 1936, Jack was an alumnus of Salemburg High School and attended NC State University. He was a sports enthusiast as well as an avid NC State fan. An excellent boater, Mr. Knowles loved watercraft of every size and speed. He taught all of his family to water-ski at White Lake, NC where week-long family reunions occurred each year. Mr. Knowles served as a life insurance advisor with Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society and Modern Woodmen of America and was recognized as a national leader by both organizations. Mr. Knowles was an original member of Fayetteville's Dirty Dozen coffee group. He was a faithful and dedicated noble of the Mystic Shrine for fifty years. During that time, he served in numerous offices, including 15 years on the Board of Directors of the Cumberland County Shrine Club and as President in 1999. He was also a member of the Creasy-Prodor Masonic Lodge 679. He is survived by his wife, Delores Duke Knowles, of the home; his sons, Jack Wesley Knowles and his partner, Thomas Harrison, of Charlotte, NC, and Jack Christopher Knowles of Huntersville, NC; two grandchildren, Julia and Jude Knowles; sister, Octavia Lewis of Columbia, SC; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Willie B. and Mattie Williams Knowles; brothers, OBreyton and William "Bill"; sister, Magdaline, Maxine Reich, Patricia Spell, and Yvonne Anglin. A graveside service will be conducted 1:00 pm, Monday, August 19, 2019 at Lafayette Memorial Park Cemetery in Fayetteville, NC. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Shriner's Hospital for Children or the Alzheimer's Foundation of America. Arrangements are in care of Hankins and Whittington Funeral Service. Please share online condolences @ [www.hankinsandwhittington.com](http://www.hankinsandwhittington.com).



## DURHAM

**Ms. Gladys H. Mainor, 70**, of 924 Lorain Avenue, Durham, NC, formerly of Rose Hill, NC (Delway Community) passed away on Saturday, August 10, 2019, at her home. She was preceded in death by father James (son) Hayes; mother Ida Spearman Hayes; husband James (Jimmy) Mainor; and is survived by her son Branson (Bran) Mainor; granddaughter Jamia Peaks; grandson Joshua Mainor; brother Fulton

Hayes; aunts Mary Brown (Magnolia), Margaret Greene (Delway); and Peggie Tillman (Fayetteville). A visitation was held on Wednesday, August 14, from 11 a.m. to 12pm, with the family present at the Summerville-Boykin Mortuary. Burial followed at the Mainor family cemetery in Harrells, NC.



## WALLACE

**Ottis Shannon Maready, 46**, of Wallace passed from this life to his eternal rest on Saturday, August 10, 2019 due to injuries from an auto accident in Duplin County. Born on October 5, 1972 in Cobb County, Georgia, he was the son of the late Mary Simmons Raffield. Shannon



proudly served his state and community as a NC Highway Patrolman until he retired a few years ago. Shannon is survived by the love of his life; his wife, Maria Antoinette Maready; children, Shannon Brantly Scott Maready and fiancé, Karly, Christopher Adam Murphy and wife, Stephanie, Michael Andrew Murphy and wife, Ashley, Travis Lee Murphy, Tyler Owen Murphy and wife, Crystal, Heather Cole and husband, Tommie and Jonathan English and wife, Danielle; grandchildren, Langston Gray Murphy, Penelope Rose Murphy, Jackson Adam Murphy, Cambri Jade Murphy, Kynsley Reese Cole, Brody Scott Cole, Keegan English and Wyatt English; step-father, Rick and Teresa Maready and numerous extended family and friends that loved Shannon dearly. Shannon was a loving husband and caring father and grandfather who loved his family with all his heart. He was a simple man who never met a stranger and loved people. He adored his wife, his children and grandchildren, and especially his granddaughters, who were the apples of his eye. Shannon loved tinkering on his truck, mowing the lawn and eating cereal at midnight. He was a fun-loving, good hearted man who would do anything for anybody. With a witty personality, Shannon loved to laugh and make others laugh with him. He was also an avid Georgia Bulldog fan. Shannon will surely be missed but treasured memories of him will forever live in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. There will be a celebration of Shannon's life on Saturday, August 17, 2019 at 11:00am at Christian Fellowship Church in Wallace, NC. Flowers are welcome and are asked to be delivered to Christian Fellowship Church, 4017 S NC Highway 11, Wallace, NC 28466. 910-285-8170.

## PLAIN VIEW

**Berlene Autry Pitts, age 85**, of Plainview passed away August 8, 2019 at Harnett Woods Nursing Home in Dunn. She was born January 11, 1934 in Sampson County, North Carolina the daughter of the late Jim Autry and Iner Lee Autry. She is also preceded in death by, brothers, Dallie Autry and Hubert Autry and a great grandchild, Ryan McFarland. Berlene was a lady that always shared what was on her mind, was strong willed and deeply devoted to her family. She enjoyed spending time in the outdoors and could be found in her yard among her plants. She was a member of Old Mill Church of God and had a strong faith in the Lord that she passed down to her family as a legacy of love. Left to cherish her memory are her sons, Brent Crizer and wife Debbie of Holly Springs, NC, Larry Pitts and wife Tammy of Salemburg, NC and Gary Pitts of Plainview, NC; grandchildren, April Williams and husband Jason, Sherrie Slattery and husband Sean, Carrie Crizer and Larry Wayne Pitts and wife Morgan; great grandchildren, Seth McFarland (Brittney), Marissa Hawley, Austin Whitehead and McKenna Denise Pitts; a great-great grandchild, Kenzeleigh McFarland; and numerous other loving family and friends. The family received friends from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM Saturday, August 10, 2019 at Cromartie Miller Funeral Home in Dunn, NC. A funeral service was held 3 PM Sunday, August 11, 2019 at Old Mill Church of God 170 Williams Lake Road, Roseboro, NC. Burial followed in Family Cemetery- Autry Daniels in Salemburg, NC. Flowers are welcome or memorial gifts may be made to Old Mill Church of God. Cromartie Miller Funeral Home is assisting the family.



## ST PAULS

**Mr. George Hamilton Blackburn, 52**, of 148 Tolar Rd., St. Pauls, NC, formerly of Colly Creek community died Wednesday, August 07, 2019 at Southeastern Hospice House in Lumberton, NC. Mr. Blackburn was born September 05, 1966 in Sampson County. Mr. Blackburn is preceded in death by his father George L. Blackburn. Funeral service was held at 3:00 PM Sunday, August 11, 2019 at Colly Chapel Church. Burial followed in the Blackburn-Norris Cemetery. Mr. Blackburn is survived by his Mother Gladys J. Blackburn, one sister Lou Ann Blackburn, two brothers Sidney Blackburn and Gary W. Blackburn all of St. Pauls. The family received friends on Saturday August 10, 2019 from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM at Carter Funeral Home in Garland.

## CLINTON

**Lester Lockamy 70** of 390 Tyndall Town Road died Friday morning Friday, August 09, 2019 at his home. Lester will be cremated, an Inurnment will be held beside Lester's mother and father at a later date. Born in Cumberland County, NC in 1948 to the late Mack and Magalene Bass Lockamy, Lester was a Professional Painter. In a to his parents he is also preceded in death by brothers; Willard Lockamy, Carl Lockamy and Robert Lockamy, sisters; Peggy Faircloth, Alene Haney, Rosa Lawson and Alice Sessoms. Lester leaves to cherish his memories: Friends and Caregivers: Hazel Tyndall and Kevin Carter of the home, Nephews: Ricky Haney of Raleigh, NC and Keith Sessoms of Roseboro, NC.

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## SPEED FREAKS

A few questions we had to ask ourselves

### Is it still Penske-Gibbs, or is Harvick now a championship contender?

**GODSPEAK:** Ford runs strong at Michigan. One race doesn't tell the story. Stay focused on the Penske-Gibbs battle.

**KEN'S CALL:** It'll still come down to the Penske and Gibbs drivers. Kevin might win another race, but Stewart-Haas isn't title timber right now.

### Is that a fork sticking in Jimmie's ribs?

**GODSPEAK:** I'm calling it right now. The JJ Era is over. "Seven Time" is done. Call in the dogs and put out the fire.

**KEN'S CALL:** That clunker at Michigan did him no favors. But his fellow Bubble Boys are also capable of clankers, so keep hope alive.

## FEUD OF THE WEEK

**JIMMIE JOHNSON VS. RYAN BLANEY, II:** Blaney and Johnson got tangled up at Watkins Glen, and both carried the grudge match through Michigan, where they continued their verbal battle.

**GODWIN KELLY'S TAKE:** "I have nothing to apologize about," Blaney said. "He came down on me. I have a lot of respect — or had a lot of respect — for Jimmie." Folks, this isn't over.

## GODWIN'S PICKS FOR BRISTOL

**WINNER:** Kyle Busch  
**REST OF TOP 5:** Kurt Busch, Joey Logano, Kevin Harvick, Erik Jones  
**FIRST ONE OUT:** Ty Dillon  
**DARK HORSE:** Chris Buescher  
**DON'T BE SURPRISED IF:** The Busch brothers have won the past four races at Bristol, but Kyle has three of those victories.

## MOTOR MOUTHS PODCAST

Whatever happened to the Bristol Stomp? Let's discuss.

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# BRISTOL

## THREE THINGS TO WATCH

### 1. Bubble boys

With only three regular-season events left on the schedule, there is a four-driver battle on the mystical playoff bubble. Ryan Newman and Clint Bowyer are just above the cut line, while Daniel Suarez and Jimmie Johnson hope to claw their way back into the playoff picture. Suarez surged into the discussion after posting his third top-five finish of the season. Johnson is falling faster than a severed oak limb.

### 2. Good point

Clint Bowyer has now taken residence of 16th place in the points battle after crashing out of Michigan and finishing a dismal 37th. "We definitely need to find some things out," he said. "You can talk about the bubble and



**Clint Bowyer, over the next three races, hopes to still be in the NASCAR playoff picture.** [AP/BUTCH DILL]

worrying about points but I am way more worried about getting established and running up front at these types of race tracks. If you make the playoffs and can't compete in it, then what is the use?"

### 3. What's in a name?

Most people call Bristol Motor Speedway's summer race simply the Bristol Night Race.

But the actual name of Saturday's 500-lap run over the .533-mile oval is the Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race. With that in mind, some older NASCAR competitors refer to Daytona's Coke Zero Sugar 400 as the Firecracker, and many of those same folks call the Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte the World 600.

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# MICHIGAN

## THREE THINGS WE LEARNED

### 1. PJ what?

Jimmie Johnson's No. 48 Chevy slipped on the PJ1 traction compound and sent him into the wall early at Michigan. He finished 34th and slipped below the playoff cut line. "We're just going to have to rally on," he said. "These guys are doing an amazing job. We'll keep digging."



**Jimmie Johnson limped home 34th after his No. 48 Chevy slipped on the PJ1 traction compound applied at Michigan.** [AP/PAUL SANCYA]

20 points. Whoever finishes with the most points gets a 15-playoff-points bonus. Get the point?

### 2. Two-driver battle

There are three regular-season Cup Series races left on the schedule and a two-driver battle for the regular-season championship. Kyle Busch leads Joey Logano by

was established. Brett Moffitt is the No. 1 seed. Oh, and by the way, Tyler Ankrum clinched the Truck Series Rookie of the Year Award. "It's awesome," he said.

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### 3. Pay attention

If you were not paying attention last weekend, the NASCAR Truck Series playoff field

## QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers

### Are we spending too much time on the Bubble Boys?

Yes, of course. But then again, no. Yes, because no driver back there between 15th and 18th place will last beyond two rounds in the playoffs. This isn't the NHL; there's no playoff magic to be found. But then again, it's quite intriguing because one guy (Clint Bowyer) was supposed to be so much better than this, and another (Jimmie Johnson) ... well ... we could be witnessing the endgame of a historic career.

### And the anti-bubble gang?

My eyes are turning more and more to Denny Hamlin. Practically everyone considers Mark Martin the best from the modern era who never won a Cup championship. But Hamlin is way up that list, too. He recently bagged his 34th career win, has finished between first and fifth the past five weeks, and has completely put last year's dud behind him. Great career, but he's never been "the man." A championship would change that.

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## NASCAR CUP STANDINGS

1. Kyle Busch	892
2. Joey Logano	872
3. Kevin Harvick	822
4. Denny Hamlin	815
5. Martin Truex Jr.	805
6. Brad Keselowski	754
7. Chase Elliott	711
8. Kurt Busch	701
9. Ryan Blaney	654
10. Alex Bowman	653
11. Aric Almirola	645
12. William Byron	642
13. Kyle Larson	624
14. Erik Jones	623
15. Ryan Newman	569
16. Clint Bowyer	559
17. Daniel Suarez	553
18. Jimmie Johnson	547
19. Paul Menard	506
20. Chris Buescher	486

## WHAT'S ON TAP

(All times Eastern)

**CUP SERIES:** Bristol Night Race  
**SITE:** Bristol Motor Speedway (.533-mile oval)  
**SCHEDULE:** Friday, practice (NBC Sports Network, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.), qualifying (NBCSN, 5:30 p.m.). Saturday, race (NBCSN, coverage begins at 7 p.m., green flag, 7:30 p.m.)

**XFINITY:** Food City 300  
**SITE:** Bristol Motor Speedway  
**SCHEDULE:** Friday, qualifying (NBCSN, 4 p.m.), race (NBCSN, 7:30 p.m.)

**GANDER OUTDOORS TRUCKS:** UNOH 200  
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**TV SCHEDULE:** Thursday, race (Fox Sports 1, 8:30 p.m.)



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