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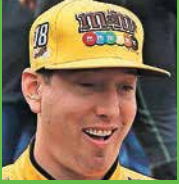


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Rare and Mysterious Find in Newton Grove

A mysterious find just south of Newton Grove in northern Sampson County has State archaeologist baffled. The object, a stone of approximately 2 feet by 1.5 feet which at a glance seems normal, but when looking closely you find a face carved in the stone.

"I really wish I could answer all your questions about the sandstone head sculpture," said Assistant State Archaeologist Dr. Mary Beth Fitts, "but it is currently a mystery, which is part of the reason we shared the 3D model online. We are hoping that if more people see it, maybe someone who has seen or found a similar object will let us know."

Tom Giddens, who found the strange stone carving in March said he initially overlooked the stone. "I ride around my farm every day or two and I saw it laying at the edge of one of my fields, but it was laying face down. It just looked like a rock, but I'd been around there every few days and it hadn't been there."

Giddens, fearing the stone large enough to damage equipment said he moved the stone to the boulder of the field where it laid for a week or longer.

"I finally stopped one day with my truck and opened the tailgate thinking I would throw the stone in the woods where it couldn't damage anything." Thinking that a spider or small snake might be using the stone as a home, Giddens said, "I just took my hand and kind of rolled it over and there that face was looking up at me."

Giddens says that with help from his daughter and son-in-law he eventually talked with two people from the State Archaeologist Office who later visited the stone to examine it. "They weighed it and took at least 50 pictures of it. They even looked over the area where it was

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Align Making Plans in Sampson County



Hog Facility at Circle K II Farms
Part of the Optima KV Project in Kenansville, NC

Dominion Energy and Smithfield Foods have teamed up to convert biomass into renewable energy.

According to Align, "Align Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) is a new company that has the rare ability to align the interests of farmers, food processors, neighbors, municipalities, energy consumers, policymakers and indeed the planet by capturing methane before it is released into the atmosphere and, instead, turning it into a valuable clean fuel.

WHAT IS RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS?

Renewable natural gas, sometimes called biomethane, is a pipeline-quality gas derived from biomass — organic matter that can be used as fuel. In this case, the biomass is hog manure.

Like solar and wind power, renewable natural gas is a promising alternative energy source.

How will the natural gas be produced?

Swine waste will be treated in anaerobic digesters — where the solids in manure are converted by bacteria into biogas, which then flows through conditioning equipment to convert to pipeline-quality gas. Multiple farms will be tied into one natural gas conditioning unit prior to pipeline injection.

What are the benefits of the project?

- Align RNG will deliver many benefits, such as:
 - Creating more reliable energy through a renewable resource
 - Providing cleaner air by capturing methane currently released into the atmosphere
 - Expanding the use of natural gas to lower energy costs for customers
 - Covering lagoons to convert manure to energy while mitigating risks associated with severe rain events such as hurricanes
 - Offering an additional, stable revenue source to contract farmers
 - Delivering property tax revenues to the nearby localities

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SAMPSON ARTS COUNCIL ACCEPTING SUBGRANT APPLICATIONS

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The Sampson Arts Council is now accepting applications for the North Carolina Arts Council's Grassroots Arts Program subgrants through September 16, 2019. Since 1977 The North Carolina Arts Council's Grassroots Arts program has provided North Carolina citizens access to quality arts experiences. Using a per capita based formula, the program provides funding for the arts in all 100 counties of the state through partnerships with local art councils. The Sampson Arts Council serves as the NC Arts Council's partner in awarding subgrants to local organizations for arts programs in Sampson County.

Applications are available for non-profit organizations whose purpose is to promote and develop diverse cultural arts programming in Sampson County. Funding priority is given to qualified arts organizations (theatres, galleries, choral societies, festivals), arts in education programs conducted by qualified artists, and other community organizations that provide arts programs in the county. Grassroots applicants are required to spend their grant on programming that reflects African American, Asian American, Latino, and Native American cultures. This requirement is met through supporting arts

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Can a man walk on hot coals without his feet being scorched?
Proverbs 6:28

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From the Desk of Senator Brent Jackson



I hope you had a great week thus far. This week, my office had the opportunity to meet with the campers of the Tobacco Farm Life Museum during their visit to the state legislature. I hope they were able to learn about how government works and had fun experiencing the General Assembly.

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

Legislative Recap

Timeline for the Rest of Session

This week, the Senate was not in session. Next week, the session will reconvene on August 6th in order to hear the remaining bills on the calendar. The Farm Act, which is our final remaining piece of legislation, is scheduled to be heard in House Rules before being sent to the House floor for a vote.

From the District

Sampson County

County Honors Roseboro Student

Burroughs Strickland, the rising fourth-grader from Roseboro Elementary School was honored with an academic excellence award by district leaders. During the school year, he had a 100 percent perfect score on his third-grade English Language Arts End-of-Grade test. Principal Tonya Colwell presented a certificate to Strickland as his family and many teachers from RES watched.



Burroughs was recognized on the Superintendent's List for three terms. He was also recognized on the Principal's List and for having perfect attendance all year. Colwell said teachers have many great things to say about him.

Colwell added that it's been a pleasure being his principal for four years, while praising him for his accomplishments and character. Outside of the classroom, he's a member of school organizations and participates in activities with Sampson County Parks and Recreation. Next year, he's joining the fourth-grade Battle of the Books team. He is the son of Brandon and Megan Strickland.

District Spotlight

2019 Johnston County Farm Bureau Scholarship Recipients

The Johnston County Farm Bureau Scholarship program provides an important service to deserving youth in our county that desire to further their education after high school.



This year the Johnston County Farm Bureau Board of Directors recognized 13 deserving students who each received a \$1,000 scholarship.

Recipients pictured from left to right: Bailey Benson, Sara Brewer, Brandon Barrow, Eryn Godwin, Paul Eldridge, Alan Farrior, Peyton Lee, and Joshua Williford. Recipients not pictured: James McKenzie III, Gracie Whitley, Tyler Wells, Georgia

Price, and James Lee.

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.

Garland Appoints New Board of Commissioner Members to Fill Vacant Seats



On Tuesday night at a special called Garland meeting, Austin Brown and Carolyn Melvin were appointed to fill the 2 vacant seats on the board. Congratulations!!

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found,” says Giddens. “But they didn’t have any answers for me.”

“It is definitely a rare find,” adds Dr Fitts, “which is why we presently don’t know how old it is or who made it. It is made of sandstone, which is of medium hardness and doesn’t require specialized tools to carve. There is an outcropping in the nearby stream, which leads us to think that the carving has not been carried very far from where it was created.”

This is not the first item Giddens has found on his farm. “They wanted to know if I had found any arrow heads in the area, and yes, I find them occasionally. I even found a little stone bowl that looks like something you might grind corn or some other grain in.”

Giddens goes on to explain that he was not the initial person to find the stone. After word of its discovery got around, a lifelong friend of Giddens who had rented that particular field explained that he had hit the stone while disking and moved it to the edge so it wouldn’t damage his combine later.

Historians associated with the Sampson County History Museum have a different take on the rudimentary stone carving. Their appraisal is that the stone is of Native American or African Slave origins.

In a letter to Museum Director Chris Woodson, the stone is described as similar to the large

stone heads and faces known to have been carved by Coharie Native Americans, descendants of the ancient Neusiok Tribe. They date the stone carving to mid to late 18th century.

But, with no truly definitive answers the face in the stone is still a mystery. If you have come across anything similar or have knowledge of its origins, the State Archaeologist Office would like to hear from you.

“We are always happy to look at artifacts people have found in North Carolina,” adds Dr. Fitts. “The easiest way is to email us photos. We have an interactive map on our website that people can use to find contact information for their regional archaeologist at <https://archaeology.ncdcr.gov/about/contact-0>. We also encourage people to record archaeological sites and cemeteries on their property with us, and have a citizen scientist form on our website <https://archaeology.ncdcr.gov/programs/forms> .”

“More information about our office is available at <https://archaeology.ncdcr.gov/> , along with information about upcoming events, such as our lecture series, and links to other sources of information about archaeology in North Carolina. We also encourage people to follow us on Facebook and Instagram.”

To view the stone carving in full 3-D imagery please visit https://sketchfab.com/3d-models/sandstone-sculpture-934dec1c13874493adfc3e534df4e299?fbclid=IwAR3a_8e0XM_icaSLYPsYtTg5D9V9-cG2dkCI6MiQY85qBPEN91fipCRMpUE

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How or where will the natural gas be transported to an interstate transmission pipeline system?

Once the waste is converted to pipeline-quality gas, it will be transported to the area’s local distribution company’s pipeline system.

HOW DOES RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS WORK?

- Hog waste is captured and stored in covered “lagoons.”
- The waste is flushed or transferred to a covered lagoon.
- Anaerobic digesters break down solids, releasing methane gases in the lagoon.
- That gas is captured inside the lagoon and moved into a processing facility.
- That facility converts the methane gas into renewable natural gas.
- The renewable natural gas is injected into the pipeline for customer use.

WHERE ARE THE PROPOSED LOCATIONS?

- 19 farms in Virginia
- 48 farms in North Carolina
- 26 farms in Utah

These first four projects will produce enough energy to reliably power about 14,000 homes and will reduce the amount of greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to taking almost 120,000 passenger vehicles off the road or planting about 14 million new trees.

HOW DOES RNG IMPACT THE ENVIRONMENT?

Renewable natural gas is a carbon-negative fuel because it captures significantly more greenhouse gas emissions from biomass than are released from its end use in power plants, homes and businesses. And because methane is 25 times stronger than carbon as a greenhouse gas, reducing methane can have an even more positive impact on the planet than other carbon reduction initiatives.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS?

- Reduction in greenhouse gas emissions



Refinery at Smithfield Foods' Bostic Farm
Part of the Optima KV Project in Kenansville, NC

- Increased domestic energy production
- Improved waste management
- New revenue source for American farmers

According to Align, “As global leaders in the energy and agriculture industries, Dominion Energy and Smithfield Foods have the resources, expertise and market access to expand this proven technology on a wide scale across the region. Our companies are initially investing \$250 million in this initiative over ten years with the potential for application across 90 percent of Smithfield’s hog farms in North Carolina and Utah. In addition to these states, projects will be implemented in Virginia and have the potential for wider-scale application across the country.”

The public is invited to learn more about the Align Renewable Natural Gas Project on August 15th from 5:30-7:30pm at the Sampson County Exposition Center- Heritage Hall located at 414 Warsaw Road in Clinton.

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programming conducted by artists, ensembles, or organizations of color. It is not met by the multicultural percentage of audiences participating. Projects must occur between July 1, 2019 and June 15, 2020.

Application forms and grant guidelines are available on the Sampson Arts Council’s website at www.sampsonarts.net (under “Grant Info”) or may be picked up at the Victor R. Small House at 709 College Street in Clinton. Call 910-596-2533 to schedule a time to stop by. The Sampson Arts Council will also mail applications upon request. Applications must be received no later than September 16, 2019 by 5pm.

It is recommended that all 2019-2020 applicants attend a free Grassroots Arts Program Workshop to assist in preparing competitive grants: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 - 5:30-6:30pm or Wednesday, August 21, 2019 - 12:00-1:00pm at the Victor R. Small House, 709 College St. in Clinton. Please call 910-596-2533 to register.

Grant applications are evaluated by a diverse panel of community members and voted on by the Sampson Arts Council Board of Directors. Awards will be announced in October 2019. For questions or more information, contact Kara Donatelli, Executive Director of the Sampson Arts Council, at 910-596-2533 or director@sampsonarts.org



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SAMPSON COUNTY CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU ANNOUNCES OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR THE CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM



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The SCCVB Capital Grant Program (CGP) was developed to stimulate economic growth by supporting non-profit visitor attractions in Sampson County, NC. The program allows the SCCVB to award capital grant funding to organizations whose projects are designed or developed to attract visitors to Sampson County. The program allows eligible organizations to receive funding for the development of new visitor attractions or to organizations that are working to enhance or restore existing structures and other projects whose primary mission is to serve visitors to Sampson County.

Capital Grant Funds may be granted for projects such as new brick and mortar construction, maintenance and preservation of historic attractions, cultural and historical acquisitions, conservation of artifacts, or other infrastructure that improves the CVB's ability to promote tourism and that assists in attracting visitors to Sampson County.

"Primary consideration will be given to those projects that have the greatest potential for positive economic impact for tourism within the County. Highest priority will be given to those projects which are more likely to promote and generate travel from outside Sampson County and that lead to overnight stays among our local lodging establishments" stated Sheila Barefoot, Director of the Sampson County CVB.

CVB Board Member and Chair, Julie Stadig stated, "We welcome all that have projects that fit in these guidelines to apply. Projects must be for travel and tourism development only. All projects approved for funding must prove that they attract and serve visitors to Sampson County as their primary purpose."

Organizations that may apply for CGP funding include any legally chartered 501-(c)3 non-profit Sampson County organization or chartered municipality representing a visitor attraction, which includes tourism promotion among its major activities. Documentation of le-

gal status, tax exemption, federal identification number, budget, and organizational purpose are required with all applications. The organization applying for funds must show that they own the property, and it is not leased by the organization. However, if an organization making a request does not own the land or the structure to be preserved or built on a particular site, the organization may provide properly executed documents that state the organization has a permanent easement for the site, including ingress and egress.

The Sampson County Convention & Visitors Bureau CGP will use a matching grant formula whereby organizations may be awarded one grant dollar for each dollar spent by the organization up to \$50,000 per project. Due to the potential number of grant applications that may be received annually, the full amount of an organization's grant request may not be awarded. It is anticipated that typical grant awards may average between \$5,000 and \$10,000. The SCCVB Capital Grant Program has a cap of \$50,000 per organization. Once this amount has been distributed to an organization, the organization must sit out of the grant application process for a period of three (3) years from date of final funding from the CVB. In addition, multiple non-profits may not apply to receive funding for the same project.

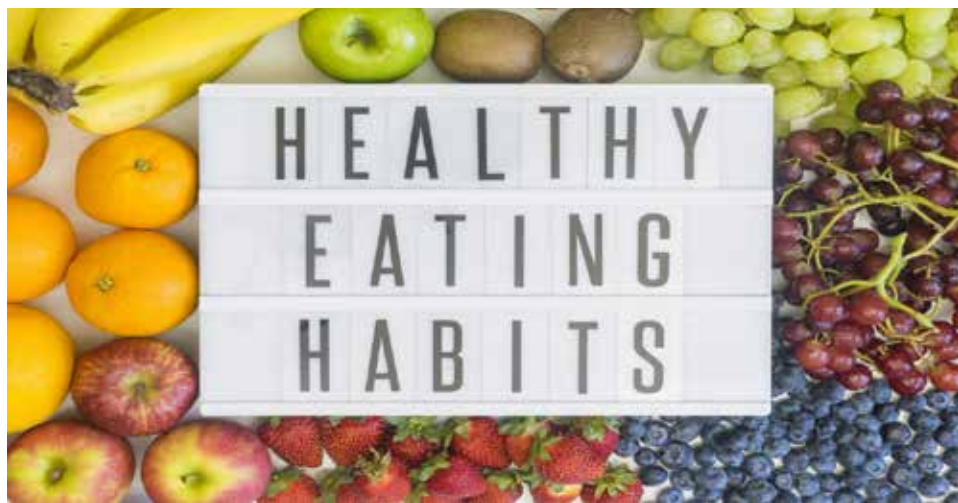
SCCVB Executive Director, Sheila Barefoot stated, "With each cycle, I get excited about how the CVB can now help in tourism related projects by funding these projects throughout the county". There are two application cycles. The first cycle may be submitted from July 1st until July 30th and must be postmarked later than July 30th for consideration during the August cycle. Applications for the second cycle may be submitted from November 30th to December 31st and must be postmarked no later than December 31st for consideration during the January cycle. Capital Grant applicants must contain the written approval or a formal resolution of the organizations governing board, and include relevant municipal government endorsement, and a list providing other individual or organizations that have made contributions to the proposed project.

Funding for the SCCVB Capital Grant Program is provided through room occupancy taxes (ROT) that are collected by Sampson County's lodging establishments which are generated because of overnight lodging by visitors to Sampson County. The SCCVB will allocate 33% of all room occupancy taxes collected to the Capital Grant Program on an annual basis. Sheila Barefoot, Executive Director of the CVB stated: "We have funded three project since the unveiling of the Capital Grant program in 2017, which are The Sampson County History Museum, The Sampson Arts Council for the Victor R Small House and The Sampson Community College."

The Sampson County CVB was approved and enacted to be a public authority established through legislation by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina and adopted, approved, and enacted by the Sampson County Board of Commissioners with the purpose of promoting the development of travel and tourism related activities in Sampson County, through state, regional and national advertising, marketing and promotional activities and campaigns.

For more information or details about the SCCVB Capital Grant Program or to receive grant guidelines and applications, contact Sheila Barefoot, Executive Director at 910-592-2557 or via email at sbarefoot@visitsampsonnc.com. The Sampson County CVB's offices are inside the Sampson County Exposition Center located at 414 Warsaw Road, Clinton, NC.

Time To Work It Off



Can or Will you take the Time to work it off:

Today I want to talk about healthful eating habits. After all, there's not enough time to work off a bad diet. That's why Beth Rosen, MS, RD, CDN teamed with a research group to create this information along with a poster, Work it off. Work it off outlines exactly how much time it would take a person to burn off the calories in common foods like burgers and soft drinks. Do you know that it would take 1 hour and 40 minutes to walk off the calories in half a frozen pizza? Or that an oversized cinnamon roll would take 2 hours and

14 minutes to walk off? I am sharing all this painstaking- researched information with you in hopes that you will decide to make some changes in your life.

Exercise is an important tool for achieving a healthy lifestyle. But beware of this pitfall: Exercise alone will not help you reach your weight loss goals, especially if you're eating a high-calorie diet filled with solid fats and added sugar. While exercise does burn calories, but there is a common misperception about just how long it takes to burn enough calories to equal the calorie in a meal, snack or drink.

You can get a personalized guide to both food and exercise at food and Health's Exercise and calculator. <https://foodandhealth.com> Here is how it works. Simply choose an activity (aerobics, yoga, walking, etc.), then enter the amount of time you will take to do it. Fill in your weight in pounds, and then click "Compute". You'll end up with a number of calories burned. The figures are based on moderate activity levels. If your workouts are more vigorous, you can add a few calories to the number you burn.

How long will it take you to work it off?

This article and others are brought to you monthly by the partners with Sampson County Healthy Carolinians. This organization is committed to address major health and social issues within the county. Their on-going efforts are to provide prevention, education and awareness of the available resources that can assist families with their overall health and wellness. For more information about Sampson County Partners for Healthy Carolinians, visit www.scpfhc.org.

Child Health and Immunizations



By: *Kristy Cashwell, RN*
Child Health and Immunization Coordinator
Sampson County Health Department

School is out for the summer and no one wants to think about starting back, but we at the Sampson County Health Department have begun to prepare for the 2019-2020 school year. The requirements for health and attending school vary from geographical location to geographical location. It is important to being to prepare for those requirements now, before the summer is just a memory.

One way to ensure that your child starts the school year off with the greatest health is to have your child physically examined. Having a physical exam not only meets new entrance guidelines for most school systems, but it can provide insight into potential small problems before they develop into more serious situations. The Sampson County Health Department works closely with the schools in

Sampson County to help combat many problems that could potentially keep your child from attending school.

The Sampson County Health Department follows child health guidelines mandated by the State of North Carolina. During child health physicals, the child health nurse and child health provider will screen for a number of potential disease processes by evaluating height, weight, obesity status, blood pressure, temperature, and heart rate, and compare these on a growth chart for the child's age. The child health nurse and child health provider will also screen for anemia, developmental disorders, psychosocial and depressive disorders, vision impairment, hearing impairment, nutritional disorders, and more, based on age-specific requirements. Referrals are made to outside providers as needed. Through our in-house laboratory, lab work is obtained to screen for sickle cell, blood lead, anemia, etc., as required during the child health physical examination.

The Sampson County Health Department offers a number of different services. In the child health program, clients can have sports physicals, college physicals, and/or work physicals completed through 21 years of age. During these visits, our staff can complete required forms and provider immunization records as requested by the client.

Another way to start the school year off as healthy as possible is to check the vaccination status of your child. Vaccinations help to provide immunity to many vaccine preventable diseases. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), certain vaccinations are recommended for children, pregnant women, and those individuals that are at a high risk for certain diseases. The Sampson County Health Department can determine a client's immunization status and administer needed vaccines at each visit. For a complete list of recommended vaccinations and the recommended vaccination schedule, refer to the CDC website.

Weekly Child Health visit appointments are available and Child Health problem visits are scheduled by appointment daily. Immunizations are provided during scheduled appointments and can be scheduled in our Walk-In clinic. For a complete list of services offered, refer to the Sampson County Health Department website at www.sampsonnc.com. Please contact our office at (910) 592-1131 for appointments.

We Should Know . . .



Ed Causey with JW Simmons Host of We Should Know

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

The guest for this week’s show is the Sampson County Manager, Ed Causey. Causey has been with Sampson County as Manager for 10 years now. Prior to becoming the County Manager for Sampson County, Causey spent 40 years with the United States Department of Agriculture.

Since 1972, Sampson County has operated under the Board of Commissioners/County Manager form of government. The County Manager serves as the local government’s chief administrator, providing administration and supervision of all departments over which the Board of Commissioners has authority to control.

Edwin W. Causey has served as the Sampson County Manager since May 2010. Prior to his appointment as County Manager, Mr. Causey worked for almost forty years for USDA Rural Development specializing in financing and administering community programs (such as water and sewer infrastructure). Mr. Causey holds a Master’s degree in Economics from North Carolina State University, where he also completed undergraduate degrees in Animal Science Technology and Poultry Science Technology.

JW Simmons opens the show asking Ed Causey to discuss what brought him to Sampson County and why he has stayed for nearly 10 years now. Causey explains, “Actually its an interesting story, one of the commissioners by the name of Jarvis McLamb. He came to visit me in my office one day and had understood that I was thinking about retirement. He looked at me and said, Mr. Causey, you’re pretty darn good at loaning money, why don’t you think about coming on down to Sampson County and let’s figure out if you’re as good at paying it back. That kind of set the stage. I applied and here we are.”

Simmons next asks since his beginning in May 2010 until now, what has been Causey’s biggest challenge. Causey replies, “The biggest challenge that I found out early on was understanding a particular board. If you make one change in the board, the board has a different flavor. And if a manager is going to be effective and accomplish anything, you’ve got to pick up what the differences is in the flavor of the board and be able to adjust in order to accommodate their desires and wishes.”

Simmons says that prior to Causey coming on board in 2010, that he had the sense that there

was a little push and pull on the board of commissioners. He asks if that has changed and if the board is more united now in Causey’s estimation.

“I would answer yes,” says Causey, “there is a quicker sense. Now part of it may be the fact that you have a manager that has been here 9 years now as apposed to no time, so some of it could be my experience. I think the biggest credit that I would give this board is they ask a lot of questions, but they will also make a decision.”

“And if you’ve been through a period where maybe it was difficult to make a decision, you get to the point that you appreciate an answer whether it be yes or no. That lets a manager who is trying to look after all of the interests of the county to take the answer and move forward onto something else. After all, a manager has to remember that he’s got two roles. Number one, he is the one person that reports directly to the board that they can decide they don’t need this person just because of personality or he just doesn’t fit.”

“At the same time that person has got to represent 543 employees as well as the 65,000 residents. And local government commissions and other regulatory parties look to that county manager to help keep things on track and meet the physical responsibility of the law.”

Next, Simmons say that of Causey’s many accomplishments, one that stands out is his plan to stabilize and maintain quality employees within the county. He asks if that is now where Causey wants it to be. Causey replies, “We have made a lot of improvements. In fact, in 2015 we approved a \$3.7 million pay increase for employees that was implemented over four years. We had some other adjustments with benefits that we had to make, and I would tell you that we have made significant progress.”

“I tell you that in four years you can already find that there are some job classifications that are out of date and in demand and so it becomes a constant thing of looking to see what you need to adjust. To tell you that we are out of the woods, no we’re not. It’s a competitive world out there and if you’ve got skill sets that you need, if you’re not paying an adequate range, we’ve got counties close enough by that people can move to. So, it is always within our best interest to be competitive in our wages. And yes, we have done a lot of work, accomplished a lot, but we’ve got more work to do.”

Simmons responds by stating that the term skill set always make him think in terms of technology. He asks Causey to discuss how that impacts smaller rural counties.

Causey explains, “Technology is a positive thing. Now I’ll be the first to admit that I’m not a technology guru, but I do have those working in the county that are. One of the things we’re doing is a lot of work in customer service particularly as it relates to economic development. And one of the things we’re finding as we get into this is our customer service is not going to be any better than our technology in the ability to get people information.”

“So, as a consumer of county services, if I can give you the opportunity to tie in by computer or technology and get your service or your permit or what ever you need by the technology without a trip to the county office I would think you would perceive that as good customer service. So, in addition to the one on meetings and improvements that we’re trying to do, we’re also looking to make sure that we’re looking for the opportunity for technology to assist us.”

“What I have learned,” adds Causey, “is technology changes and you can use that for two or three years but then you need to be prepared to update it of change it. And a lot of that we’re looking at the present time to see what we can do to improve.”

To view the entire broadcast of We Should Know please visit their YouTube channel at 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 or you can find them on Facebook.



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FAITH



Three Trending Topics This Week

This week I wanted to take a look at the “Twitterverse” and see a few of the trending topics that our culture is taking note of and how we, as believers, can parse these issues and make sense of them according to a biblical worldview.

#1 #IBlameKarenFor

I can’t help but laugh a little to see this topic trending on Twitter. In case you don’t understand, the running joke on social media is to blame “Karen.” Karen is not a real person, but rather a made up personality that people place blame on, just as a joke. Some examples are, “I blame Karen for drinking all my juice boxes,” or “I blame Karen for common core curriculum.” While everyone on Twitter is “blaming Karen” there is a glimpse of truth deep down in the joke. We all try to find someone to blame for our problems. Our greatest problem, speaking from a Christian perspective, is sin. And while it is a problem we all have, we can see our propensity to place blame on others even in our first parents when they sinned and brought all of its harmful effects into the world. Genesis 1 tells us what when Eve sinned, she pointed to the serpent. When God confronted Adam about the whole situation, he pointed at his wife. None of us like guilt. It exposes who we truly are – hence, Adam and Eve hid from God, and even tried to cover up. The only one blameless in the whole story is God. Deep down, we know that we are not morally blameless like God is. We are spiritually and emotionally naked. We know something is broken in our world, and instead of taking responsibility for that brokenness, we nod our head in the direction of others. In our culture, the blame game is everywhere and woven into the fabric of society.

#2 Jamestown

I remember going to Jamestown, Virginia as a kid. I can’t remember why our family went, but I remember seeing the artifacts, the monuments and the remains of the first permanent English settlement in North America. Jamestown, however,

isn’t trending worldwide because of its 400 years of rich history. Jamestown is trending because President Trump is speaking there at an event commemorating America’s democratic heritage. Ironically, while many will be upset because the President’s detractors have gathered to protest his appearance, what has historically made America’s democratic heritage is the right to protest. The best way for a Christian to think about this trending topic is the theological framework that public theologians might call “Grace alongside nature.” That simply means that God’s world is divided into two realities, or two kingdoms: the natural kingdom and the spiritual kingdom. In the natural kingdom, God rules as Creator and Sustainer ultimately through common grace, but has delegated the day to day responsibilities of governing to its citizens. Contrast that to the spiritual kingdom, what Jesus would call “The Kingdom of Heaven” in the gospels. In that kingdom, God’s rule is authoritarian. Between these two kingdoms, there is a tension. The Christian is a citizen of both kingdoms, however our allegiance ultimately belongs to Christ’s kingdom.

#3 National Cheesecake Day

I’m particularly excited to see that it is National Cheesecake Day, considering cheese cake is one of my favorite desserts! I’m reminded of Psalm 34:8, “Taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusts in him.” If you like cheesecake, delight in cheesecake! If you don’t like cheesecake, then delight in something else you like. Our God is a God who delights in us and in turn, we are delighted in God when we are delighted in His creation. While cheesecake may not be a direct creation, it is something God has given man the ability to create, and our ability to put food together in a way that is delightful glorifies Him. So then, as we think about National Cheesecake Day, be reminded of 1 Corinthians 10:31, “So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.” Cheesecake is one of the many things we can be thankful to God for!



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



When He Was On The Cross

Allow me to remind you of an amazing truth we sometimes tend to set aside in the busyness of the daily of our lives. This truth that I became reacquainted with during a time of illness is so simple yet so profound. It has priceless eternal value that cannot be bought or sold:

“If you had been the only person who ever lived Jesus would have died on the cross for you!”

Imagine this, in the eyes of the King you are cherished, you are of great value, you are special, simply because you exist! You cannot do anything to earn or to deserve such genuine love. All Jesus Christ asks is that you believe in Him, accept His immeasurable gift and then LIVE for HIM. You will begin to listen with more discernment to His still small voice. You will start to experience newness of life, a calmness in your spirit. Stated another way, the closer you get to God the more you’ll hear His softest whisper.

One of my favorite old Gospel songs, written by Kenny Hinson some years ago, puts this in perspective. I trust you will take this amazing truth to heart.

When He Was On the Cross, I Was On His Mind

I’m not on an ego trip, I’m nothing on my own
I make mistakes and often slip, just common flesh and bone.
But I’ll prove someday just what I say, I’m of a special kind
When He was on the cross, I was on His mind.

A look of love was on His face, thorns were on His head
The blood dripped on His scarlet robe, and stained it crimson red.
His eyes were on the crowd that day, but He looked ahead in time
For when He was on the cross, I was on His mind.

Chorus:
He knew me, yet He loved me
He whose glory makes the Heavens shine.
I’m so unworthy of such mercy,
For when He was on the cross, I was on His mind.

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Borrowed

They borrowed a bed to lay His head,
When Christ the Lord came down,
They borrowed a foal in the mountain pass
For Him to ride to town.
But the crown that He wore, and the cross that He bore
Were His own.

He borrowed the bread when the crowd He fed
On the grassy mountainside;
He borrowed the dish of broken fish

With which He satisfied.
But the crown that He wore, and the cross that He bore
Were His own.

He borrowed the ship in which to sit
To teach the multitude;
He borrowed the nest in which to rest;
He had never a home as crude.
But the crown that He wore, and the cross that He bore
Were His own.

He borrowed a room on the way to the tomb,
The Passover Lamb to eat.
They borrowed a cave, for Him a grave
They borrowed a winding sheet.
But the crown that He wore and the cross that He bore
Were His own.

The thorns on His head were worn in my stead
For me the Savior died;
For guilt of my sin the nails drove in,
When Him they crucified.
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Were His own.....They rightly were mine, instead.
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What's Happening

By Angela Martin

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Shrek Continues This Weekend

Shrek the Musical opened this past weekend with audiences loving every minute of this delightful musical comedy. With many actors you know from the community, you can see people you know creating a little magic on the stage as they transform themselves to ogres, fairy tale characters and even Duloc residents. The production is proudly sponsored by Sampson Surgical Services and features actors from all over our community. The shows this week are - Thursday - Sunday - August 1-4 with Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances beginning at 7:30 and Sunday matinee beginning at 2:30 pm. Come out and laugh and love this heart warming musical that will be sure to keep you smiling as you leave the performance.

This weekend we had an emergency in our cast and Landen Langston - our sound technician stepped up with 30 minutes until showtime to take on one of our lead roles - the Donkey. Landen was fantastic and it is also worth noting that Noah "perfection" Jackson took over for Landen on the sound board as Landen perfectly mastered his part and Noah did too. Thanks to Landen and Noah on a job well done and for being team players.



Lord Farquaad (Lucas Jackson) dances and sings during the finale

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



LION KING NOW SHOWING

Rated PG for sequences of violence and peril, and some thematic elements

The live-action version of the Disney classic, which journeys to the African savanna where a future king must overcome betrayal and tragedy to assume his rightful place on Pride Rock.

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



TOY STORY 4 NOW SHOWING

Rated G for General Audiences

Woody has always been confident about his place in the world and that his priority is taking care of his kid, whether that's Andy or Bonnie. But when Bonnie adds a reluctant new toy called "Forky" to her room, a road trip adventure alongside old and new friends will show Woody how big the world can be for a toy.

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

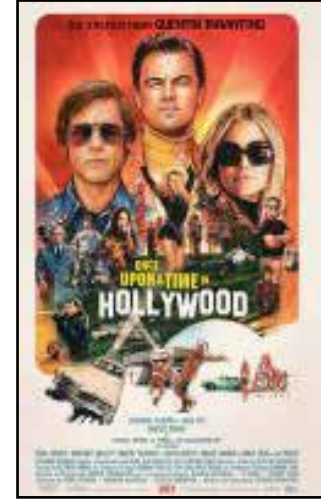


FAST & FURIOUS NOW SHOWING

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



ONCE UPON A TIME IN HOLLYWOOD NOW SHOWING

Rated R
Quentin Tarantino's ninth feature film is a story that takes place in Los Angeles in 1969, at the height of hippy Hollywood. The two lead characters are Rick Dalton (Leonardo DiCaprio), former star of a western TV series, and his longtime stunt double Cliff Booth (Brad Pitt). Both are struggling to make it in a Hollywood they don't recognize anymore. But Rick has a very famous next-door neighbor...

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Enjoyed a handful at a time or as part of creative, flavorful snack recipes – like Popcorn Pepperoni Pizza Dippers, Sweet and Salty Popcorn Party Mix, Maple Bacon Popcorn Mix and Truffle Popcorn – popcorn offers plenty of versatility to fit nearly any theme. Find more recipes perfect for serving at your next movie night at popcorn.org.

Sweet and Salty Popcorn Party Mix

Yield: 14 cups

- 10 cups popped popcorn
- 2 cups miniature pretzel twists
- 1 cup pecans
- 1 cup peanuts
- 2 cups rice, wheat or corn cereal squares
- 1/2 cup butter (1 stick)
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup corn syrup
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda

Heat oven to 300 F.

In large bowl, combine popcorn, pretzels, pecans, peanuts and cereal squares; set aside.

In medium saucepan over medium heat, heat butter, brown sugar and corn syrup. Stir mixture until it begins to boil. Boil 3 minutes without stirring. Remove from heat and stir in baking soda. Note: Mixture will foam.

Pour syrup over popcorn mixture and stir until evenly coated. Pour mixture onto large, rimmed baking sheet or roasting pan. Bake 30 minutes, stirring twice during baking. Stir mixture several times as it cools. Store in airtight container.

Make Your Movie Night **POP**



Popcorn Pepperoni Pizza Dippers

Yield: 16 squares

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup tomato and basil reduced-fat cooking cream
- 1 tablespoon grated parmesan cheese
- 1/8 teaspoon coarse ground black pepper
- 10 cups popped popcorn
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1/3 cup thinly sliced pepperoni, coarsely chopped marinara sauce, for dipping

Heat oven to 350 F. Spray 8-inch square baking pan with nonstick cooking spray.

In large bowl, whisk eggs, cooking cream, parmesan cheese and black pepper. Stir in popcorn, mozzarella cheese and pepperoni.

Spread mixture in prepared pan, patting down with spatula or spoon.

Bake about 15 minutes until set and lightly browned. Let sit 5 minutes. Cut into 16 bars. Serve warm with marinara sauce.



Maple Bacon Popcorn Mix

Yield: 2 quarts

- 6 slices thick-cut bacon
- 1/4 cup pure maple syrup
- 8 cups popped popcorn
- 2/3 cup pecan halves, coarsely chopped
- 2/3 cup dried cranberries
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1/4 teaspoon coarse ground black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon maple extract

Heat oven to 400 F. Line jellyroll pan with foil. Place wire rack in pan. Arrange bacon in single layer on rack.

Bake 15 minutes until ends of bacon start to curl.

Remove and reserve 2 tablespoons bacon drippings. Brush bacon with 2 tablespoons maple syrup; bake 15 minutes until browned. Cool then coarsely chop bacon.

In large bowl, combine popcorn, pecans and cranberries.

Combine butter, black pepper, maple extract, remaining maple syrup and reserved bacon drippings. Cook over low heat until butter is melted. Drizzle over popcorn mixture and mix thoroughly.

Spread popcorn mixture in jellyroll or roasting pan.

Bake 5 minutes. Toss in bacon pieces. Serve warm.

Truffle Popcorn

Yield: 10 cups

- 1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon, plus 2 teaspoons, white truffle oil, divided
- 1/2 cup popcorn kernels
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 3 tablespoons shredded parmesan cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

In large, heavy-bottomed pot with lid, combine olive oil and 1 tablespoon truffle oil. Add about three popcorn kernels.

Heat over medium-high heat until one kernel pops. Add remaining popcorn kernels; cover.

Once corn begins to pop, shake pot constantly over heat.

When popping slows, remove pot from heat and transfer popcorn to large serving bowl.

Melt butter and mix in remaining truffle oil. Pour mixture over popcorn; toss.

Sprinkle parmesan cheese, salt and pepper over popcorn; toss to distribute evenly.

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Recent CHS Grad Parker Norris Officially Finishes High School Career



Dark Horse standout is headed to UNC-W next month

Clinton High School recent graduate Parker Norris - and his teammates on the Dark Horse Men's Soccer team - finished his final year of high school with a State Championship in soccer, something no other soccer team had done in Clinton High's history.

Norris, a midfielder, also became the leading record breaking scorer for the Dark Horses, with 35 goals 21 assists; he was named the East Central Conference Player of the Year; He was ranked No. 1 State Player of the Year in the 2-A East; Norris was nominated for the All-South Team; the All-State Team; The All-Region Team; and named All-Conference and All-County.

But that championship game would not be his last one.

Norris, who will begin his freshman year at the University of North Carolina - Wilmington in August, recently played in two prestigious soccer events - the Clash of the Carolinas, that was held on June 29, and the East/West All-Star game, that was held earlier this week on July 16.

"I was just ecstatic," he said. "To be voted to get into one of the games is a huge honor, but two! It is a big accomplishment and I feel so honored and proud to have had the opportunity."

For Clash of the Carolinas, Norris was nominated by high school coaches and selected from a voting panel of high school coaches from the state.

"I had been really sick the previous three weeks," Norris said of the event that took place at Wake Med Soccer Park in Cary. "I was sick for most of June. When that game came up, I was just getting back to feeling better."

The North Carolina and South Carolina teams ended in a 1-1 tie.

"I didn't get to play a lot," Norris added. "But I was honored to be part of the team. It was a lot of fun."

It was just the opposite for the East/West All-Star Game, that was held in MacPherson Stadium in Greensboro on Tuesday night, in that game Norris saw a lot of action.

"I played almost the whole game," he said. "I sat out some minutes, but for the most part, I was in the entire time."

Norris finished with two strong shots on goal during the contest with the West - the most from the East squad - however, a second period goal from the West's Brandon Linares, who came in off the bench as a substitute, would be enough for the West to get out of the contest with a 1-0 victory.

"Hey, I really had a lot of fun," Norris said. "I knew a lot of my teammates from just playing against them or knowing them from playing. I also knew a lot of the West guys too."

Norris said that because of that familiarity, as well as solid playing from both teams, made the game that much better.

"It was a really good game and it was a time where we could just go out and enjoy ourselves," he said.

His long-time high school head coach, Brad Spell, said the soccer program will miss the soccer standout.

"I am just really proud of all his accomplishments," the legendary Clinton coach said. "Parker has a bright future ahead of him and I am excited about his new journeys ahead. Dark Horse soccer is going to miss him."

Currently Norris says he is getting ready for college.

"I have been doing a lot of training," he

admits. "I am going to be playing soccer, but I have to really work hard and earn my position there. I have to fight for it, so I am trying to do my best to work on striking and conditioning."

Norris hopes to earn a position under Seahawks head coach Aidan Heaney, who will be in his 17th season at UNC-W.

The Seahawks will have an exhibition at home on August 20 against Duke (game time is 6 p.m.).

Norris said he appreciates all of the support he, as well as his teammates, received this past season as a Dark Horse.

"It was just an incredible season for all of us," he said. "To win the state championship was just amazing and a thrill. I am going to miss it, but I am also excited to move on and move on to the next step."

When asked if he had a piece of advice for an upcoming freshman to Clinton High, Norris says, without hesitation, "Don't put limitations on yourself. You have to go in and just do what you can ... You'll regret it if you don't".

In closing, Norris said he wanted to thank all of his family, his coaches and, of course, his teammates, for all of their support over the years.

"I just really appreciate it," he said. "Thank you."



Parker Norris signs to play soccer with UNC-Wilmington

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SCC Board Member Familiar Face to College



Catherine Ezzell Joyner swears in to serve SCC

If her name sounds familiar, there's a reason for that. Catherine Ezzell Joyner serves as Executive Vice President at Ezzell Trucking, Inc., the family business which has become synonymous with Sampson County.

Ezzell Trucking has a long-lasting relationship with Sampson Community College that goes back several years. From providing scholarships and equipment to SCC to hiring drivers that have graduated from the college, Ezzell Trucking has always been a major supporter of Sampson Community College. It is no surprise that Joyner now proudly serves as a member of the Board of Trustees for the college.

"One of the things I love about Sampson County is its citizens' commitment to making the county a great place to live," she says. "It is a strong community whose members work together to overcome obstacles through their involvement in their churches, civic groups, and non-profit organizations."

Ezzell Trucking was founded almost 70 years ago by Catherine's grandfather, James Ezzell. He first got into trucking when he was pursuing a reliable trucker to haul his turkeys to the market; when he found none, he decided to do it himself. Once his neighbors saw what he was doing, they asked him to take their turkeys as well.

Over the years, Ezzell Trucking has hauled live turkeys, refrigerated, dry van, and bulk commodities, both regionally and cross-country. Today, it focuses specifically on wood residuals: chips, bark, shavings, and wood pellets. They service the forestry industry in the Carolinas and Virginia, and their customers include International Paper, Weyerhaeuser, Georgia Pacific, and Enviva. It is only natural that the company partners with SCC to benefit students and employees.

"The success Sampson Community College has had in recent years is due to the passion its staff and faculty have for making SCC's vision of Begin Here, Go Anywhere! a reality for its students," adds Joyner. "My family has been a part of this county for many years, and we are a strong advocate for the school, especially the occupational training programs. A few weeks ago, we found an old newspaper article of the founding of the school, then known as the Sampson Technical Institute, and to our surprise, my grandfather was pictured at the table."

Joyner has held various positions within the company but also various positions within the banking industry as well to include Community Development Compliance Officer, Compliance Analyst and Associate Internal Auditor.

She received her bachelor's degree from UNC's Business School and her master's degree from Wake Forest, however she says it was her roots in Sampson County that brought her back to serve. "I grew up in Sampson County, and moved back to Clinton in my late 20s to work in my family's business. I am honored I can continue to assist in helping SCC in their mission of providing the community with an invaluable education in all fields."

About Sampson Community College: 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.

Troopers Offer Highway to Success for Students



Turlington accepts donation from Trooper Steven Naylor

To protect and serve...and educate. The most recent donation to Sampson Community College's Foundation comes from a place that also exists to support its community. Trooper Steven Naylor of the North Carolina State Highway Patrol paid a visit to the college this week to present a \$5,000 to the college for student scholarships.

"What we want to do is partnership with the community," says Trooper Steven Naylor, "A lot of people are aware of our annual fundraising efforts. These donations we receive, whether through individuals or businesses each year, help to make students in Sampson County move up and reach their goals and dreams."

The \$5,000 donation made to the SCC Foundation by the troopers is awarded to five different students—one from each Sampson County high school—in the amt of \$1,000 per student selected. The student can apply the funds to any program of their choosing, but they must attend SCC to receive the funds. This is the 20th year the group has made this donation to students

Lisa Turlington, Dean of Advancement and Director of the SCC Foundation always welcomes the donations. "We appreciate the support this organization has offered the college through the Foundation. Over the years, our local Highway Patrol team has helped 100 students earn an education. The officers and support staff have made a real difference in our community."

Funds left over after the annual donation to the college go towards other charitable ventures such as the Shop with a Cop program. Last Christmas, troopers were able to take twenty local children shopping for Christmas gifts through the extra money donated by the public.

The North Carolina State Highway Patrol's primary mission is to reduce collisions and make the highways of North Carolina as safe as possible. The State Highway Patrol has more than 1,600 troopers who cover 78,000 miles of North Carolina roadways, more than any other state except Texas. To make a difference in a young student's life or to learn more about the SCC Foundation, contact Turlington at lturlington@sampsoncc.edu.

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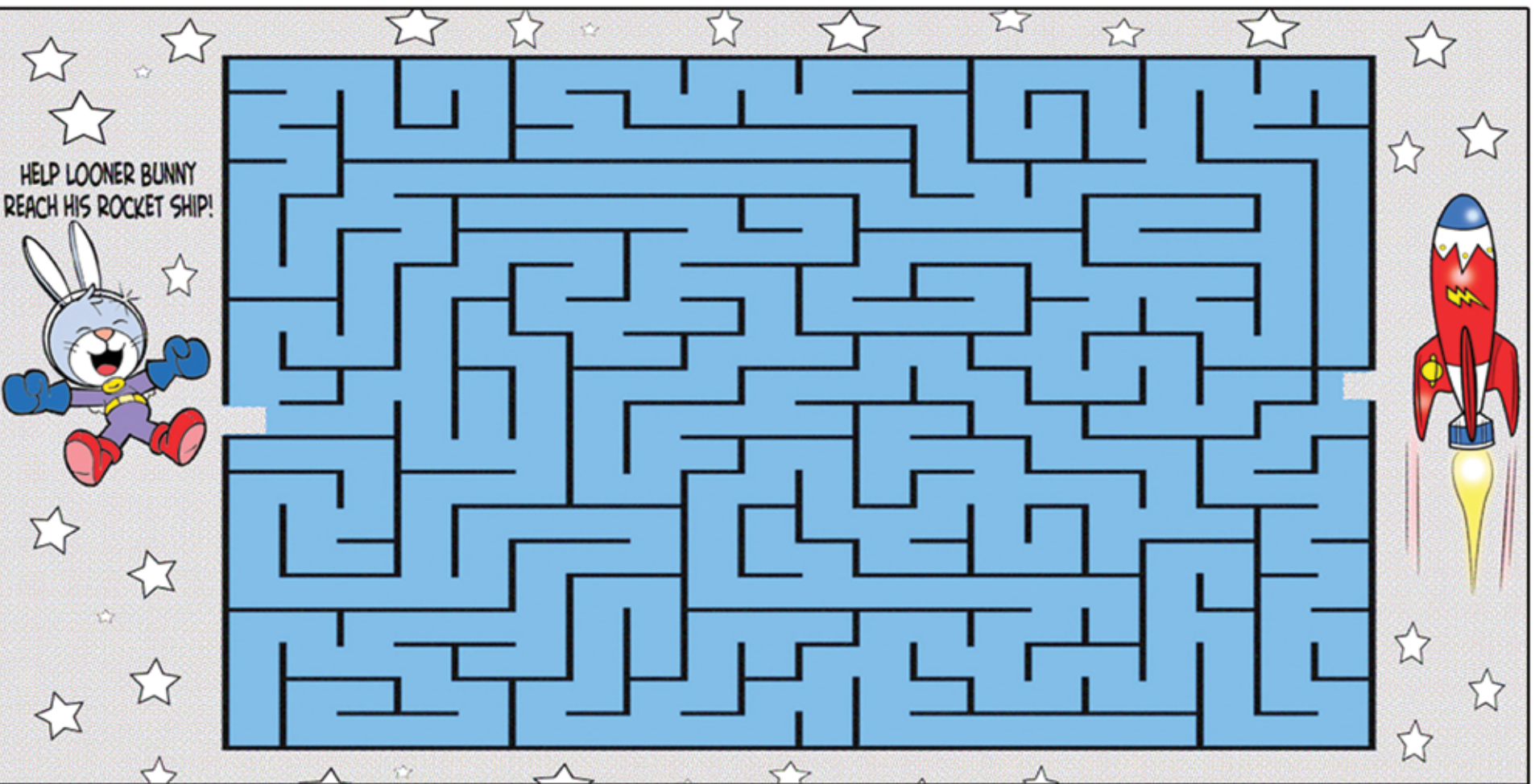


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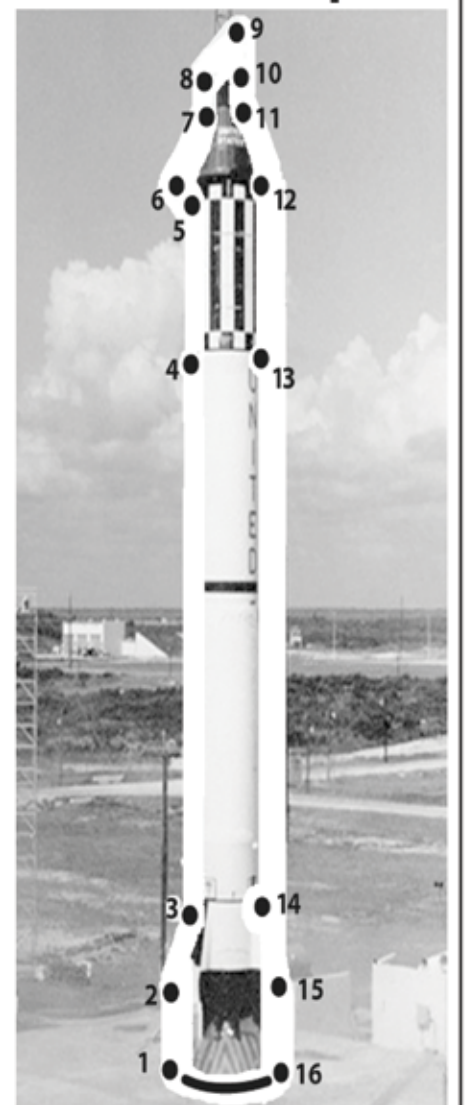
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4. Now we can add the face. Maybe draw your own face as the Astronaut!



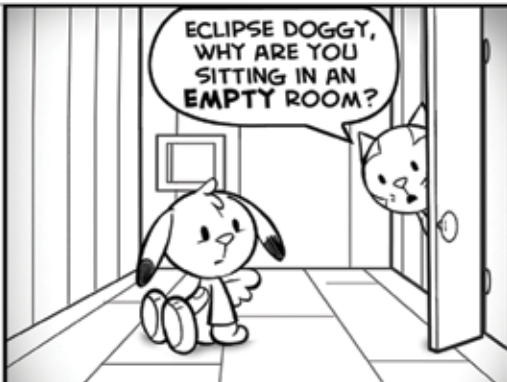
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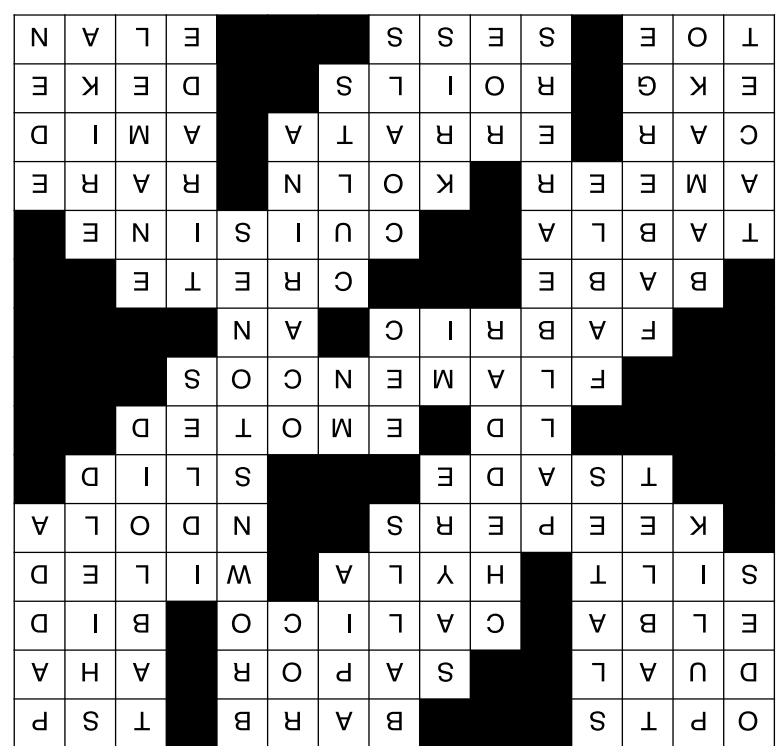
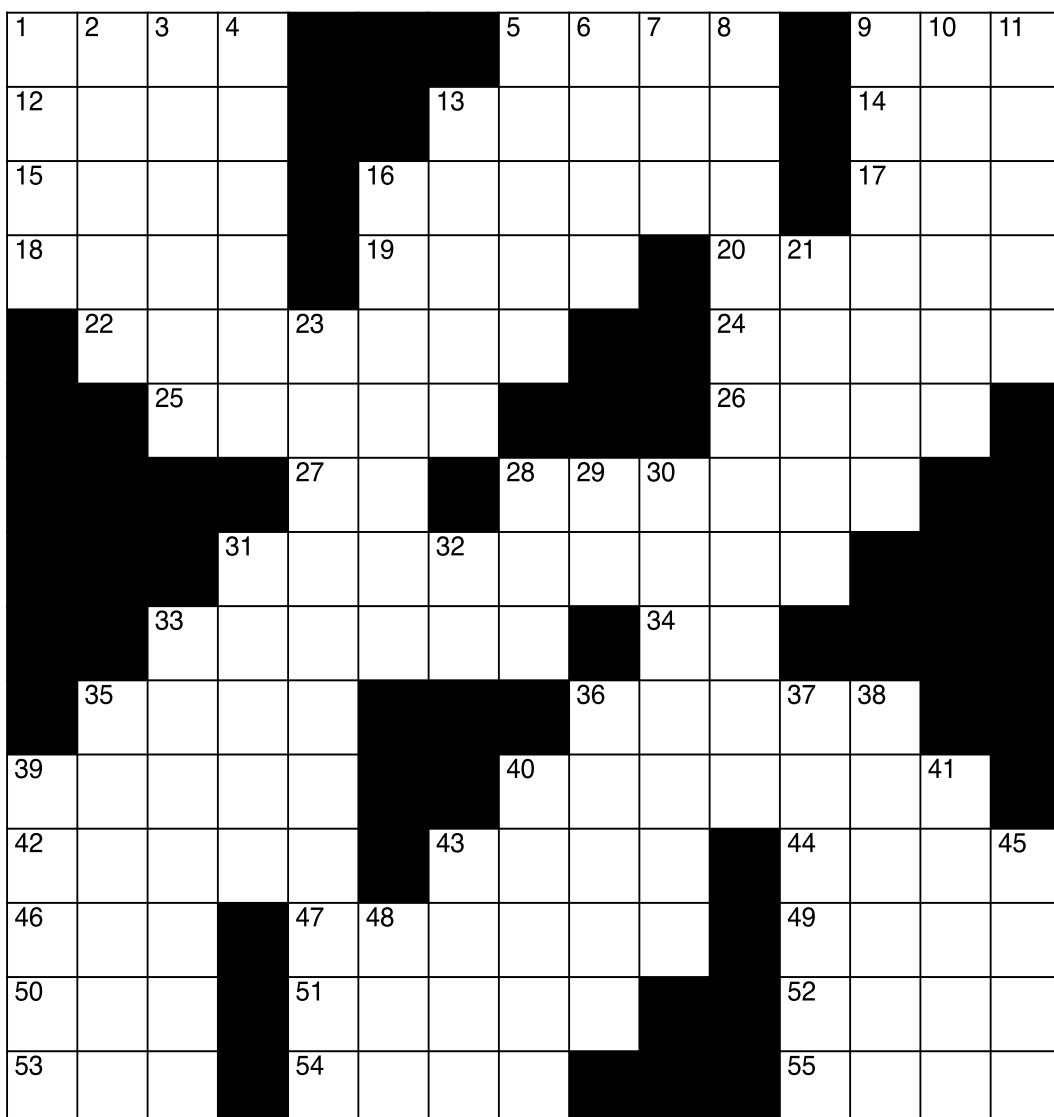


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Crossword Puzzle



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

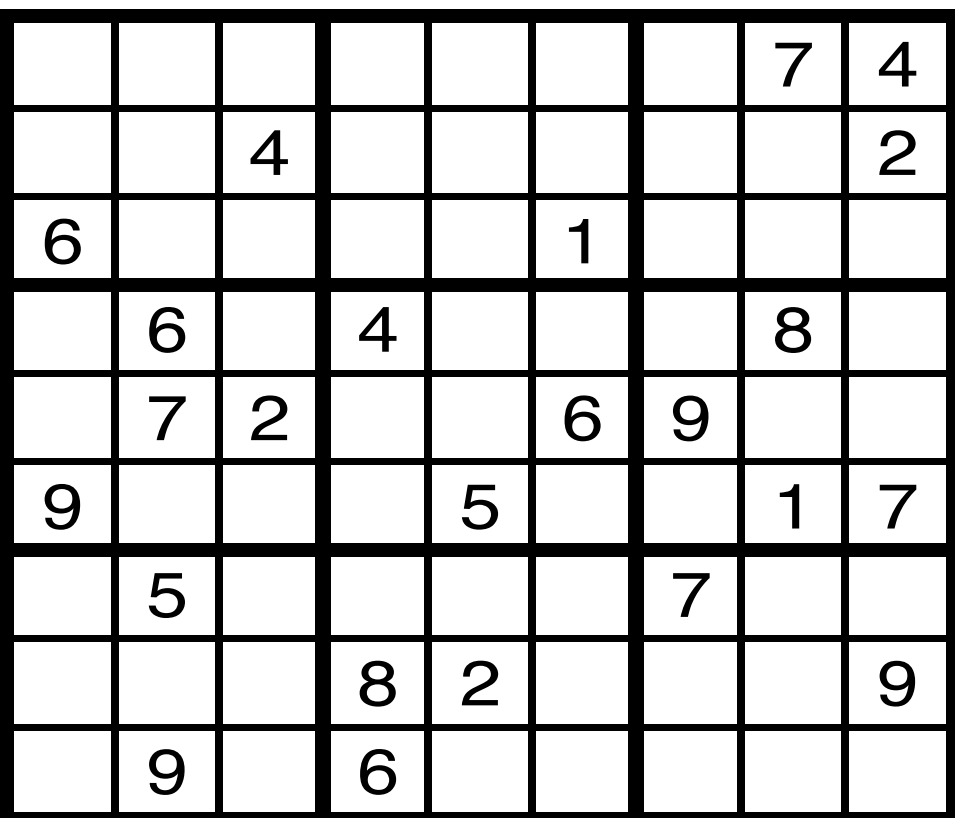
CLUES DOWN

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

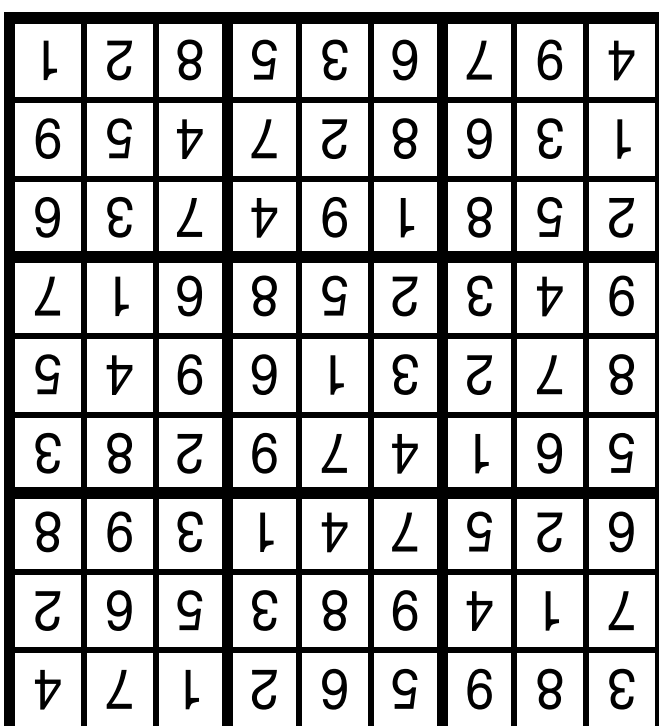
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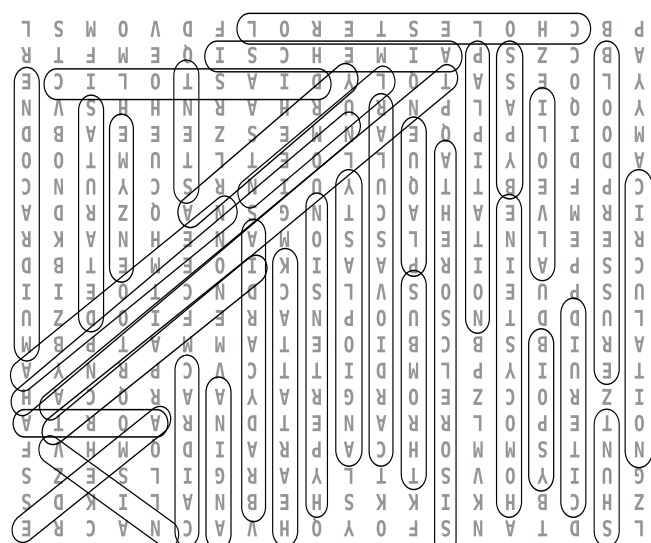
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CRIME

Arrest Reports

07-25 Britini Nicole Minnich, 38; 704 Cutchin St., Clinton; Reconnect Utility; Bond \$1,000; Court Date 08-09

07-25 Olivia Paidamoyo Nyakupfuka, 32; 4110 201 Manor Bluff Way, Raleigh; MO-DWI; MO- DWLR Not Impaired Revoke; Careless and Reckless Driving; Exceeding Posted Speed Limit; Failure to Reduce Speed; Bond \$7,500; Court Date 09-04

07-25 Micah Nathaniel Williams Jr., 33; 2013 Yellowbrick Rd., Fayetteville; DWLR Not Impaired Revoke; S Bond \$500; Court Date 08-19

07-26 Shaqilla Frederick, 27; 426 Hunt Lane, Clinton; Shoplifting; Court Date 09-26

07-26 Julio Francisco Cifuentes Hernandez, 36; 212 Beaman St., Clinton; Warrant Service for offenses committed in another jurisdiction; Bond \$2,000; Court Date 08-07

07-26 Holly Flores, 27; 9478 N US 421 Hwy., Clinton; Fail to Return Rental Property; Court Date 08-15

07-26 Amber Cecil Nash, 22; 95 Dakota Lane, Dunn; Threatening Phone Calls; Cyberstalking; Harassing Phone Calls; Bond \$2,500; Court Date 08-27

07-26 Charles Marvin Faulkner, 34; 530 Kitty Fork Rd., Clinton; Order for Arrest- Felony Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance; Bond \$10,000; Court Date 08-12

07-26 Sentoya Reane Hayes, 25; 405 W Carter St., Clinton; Failure to Appear- Operate Vehicle No Insurance; Failure to Appear- DWLR Not Impaired Revoke; Assault with a Deadly Weapon; Bond \$500; Court Date 08-22

07-26 Kimberly Ann Byrd, 42; 279 Effie Peterson Lane, Clinton; Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle; Court Date 08-20

07-26 Donnie Ray Batts, 61; 3520 Roseboro Hwy., Clinton; Injury to Real Property; Second Degree Trespass; Court Date 08-08

07-27 Kenneth Lloyd Coats, 33; 4213 NC 55 E, Dunn; Fail to Com-

ply; Bond \$465; Court Date 08-22

07-27 Malcolm Jamar Carter, 48; 1972 Belvin Maynard Rd., Harrells; No Liability Insurance; Drug Equipment Violations Possession of Marijuana Paraphernalia; Expired Registration Card/ Tag; DWLR; Failure to Appear- DWLR Not Impaired Revoke; Bond \$500; Court Date 08-19

07-27 Tara Nicole Wilson, 22; 917 Vann Rd., Clinton; Possess Drug Paraphernalia; Simple Possess Schedule IV Controlled Substance; Court Date 09-30

07-27 James Roy Brown, 39; 207 W Roseboro St., Roseboro; Fail to Comply with Community Service; Bond \$500; Court Date 08-21

07-27 Emmitt Ray Jackson, 29; 3231 Lake Artesia Rd., Faison, Warrant Service for offenses committed in another jurisdiction; Bond \$2,000; Court Date 08-27

07-27 Marcus Darrell Underwood, 44; 68 Windsong Lane, Clinton; CS Assault on a Female; Court Date 09-26

07-27 Ginger Thornton Baggett, 40; 3559 Straw Pond School Rd., Roseboro; Order for Arrest-Felony Probation Violation; Order for Arrest- DWLR; Order for Arrest- Unsafe Movement; Bond \$15,500; 08-19

07-27 Antonind Neal Chestnutt, 45; Budget Inn Room 16, Clinton; Misdemeanor Larceny; Court Date 09-03

07-27 Michael Clyde Penick, 26; 6055 Hobbton Hwy., Clinton; Simple Assault; Bond \$1,500; Court Date 08-26

07-28 David Daniel Davis, 66; 6132 Five Bridge Rd., Clinton; Injury to Personal Property; Court Date 08-20

07-28 Ginger Thornton Baggett, 40; 245 Bent Tree Lane, Dunn; Child Support; Bond \$500; Court Date 07-30

07-28 Roger Dwayne Phillips, 61; 2030 Carr Church Rd., Clinton; Threatening Phone Call; Communicating Threat; Court Date 08-28

07-28 Joshua Corey Lee, 36; 4671 E NC 210, Harrells; Aid and Abet Larceny; Bond \$500; Court 09-05

07-28 Jessica Francis Britt, 32; 2655 W Hwy 210, Harrells; Misdemeanor Lar-

ceny; Bond \$500; Court Date 09-05

07-28 Jeremy Dail Royal, 36; 569 Renfrow Rd., Clinton; Communicating Threat; Court Date 08-20

07-29 Rashod Rasheen Loftin, 27; 234 Huckleberry Lane, Clinton; Possess Marijuana; Written Promise to Appear Court Date 08-26

07-30 Sutton Randolph Autry, 29; 2175 Harrells Hwy., Garland; Misuse of 911; Communicating Threats; Bond \$5,000; Court Date 08-22

07-30 Tommy Lee Ray, 42; Zachary Lane, Salemburg; 2 Counts: Uttering Forged Instrument; Forgery of Instrument; Attempt Obtain Property by False Pretense; 2 Counts: Uttering Forged Endorsement; Obtain Property by False Pretense; Bond \$22,500; Court Date 08-09

07-30 Marquese Moore, 19; 256 Bubba Gump Lane, Salemburg; Consume Alcohol by 19/20; Bond \$2,000; Court Date 08-19

07-30 Charles Frankie Long, 47; 125 Manuel Lane, Faison; Resisting Public Officer; Bond \$500; Court Date 08-12

07-30 Rachel Coleman Batts, 64; 3520 Roseboro Hwy., Clinton; Failure to Appear- Worthless Check; Bond \$500; Court Date 08-21

Incident/Investigation Reports

07-25 Lula Robinson reported the Theft from a Vehicle located at 32 Massengill Lane, Clinton. Items reported missing included a vehicle and a tool set.

07-26 Samuel Cannady reported a Breaking and Entering located at 23 Short Cut Lane, Clinton. Items reported missing included Firearms, US Currency, clothing, headlights, flashlights, computer, vacuum. Jump start and jewelry.

07-26 Tracey Ammons reported the Theft of Debit Cards from her Vehicle located at 276 North Herring, Garland.

07-26 Amber Nash reported a Breaking and Entering located at 95 Dakota Lane, Dunn. Items reported missing included a window ac unit.

07-26 Samuel Cannady reported a Breaking and Entering located at 23 Short Cut Lane, Clinton. Items reported missing included batteries, firearms and a carjack.

07-27 Linda Tew reported the Theft of a

Vehicle located at 102 SW Railroad St., Roseboro.

07-27 Ronald Armstrong reported a Burglary located at 234 Brantwood Court, Roseboro. Items reported missing TVs.

07-28 Hugh Barwick reported a Burglary located at 820 Matthis Rd., Clinton. Items reported missing included medication and a TV.

07-28 Anya James reported a Burglary located at 1393 Moltonville Rd., Clinton. Items reported missing included a jewelry box and a TV.

07-28 Jordan Lockamy reported a Breaking and Entering located at 1189 Hollerin Rd., Dunn. Items reported missing included a Debit Card, Wallet and US Currency.

07-29 Ladedra Williams reported a the Theft of a Handgun from her Vehicle located at 336 Chesters Rd., Roseboro.

07-29 Catherine Haney reported a Burglary located at 175 Templar Lane, Roseboro. Items reported missing included a generator, water pump and a TV.

07-29 Jessica Craft reported the Theft of a Catalytic Converter located at 7201 Wildcat Rd., Ivanhoe.

07-29 John Fussell reported a Burglary located at 1560 Union School Rd., Clinton. Items reported missing included an assortment of jewelry, firearms, ammunition and a TV.

07-30 Nancie Betts-Hood reported a Burglary located at 852 Sampson Acres Dr., Clinton. Items reported missing included a Playstation 4; medication, air compressor, leaf blower, Nintendo Switch and an assortment of jewelry.

07-30 Joel Harvey reported a Burglary located at 504 Needmore Rd., Turkey. Items reported missing included firearms.

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

Sampson County VITAL STATS

Deaths

- William Bullard
- Sharetta Donetta Dawson
- Robert Faircloth Jr
- Frances Irene Sutton

Marriage Certificates

-Roderick Javon Smith to Alleyah Samone Jones

Land Transfers

- Donald Ray Sutton, Patricia L Sutton to Rhina Fernandez, Pedro Velazco- 0.46 Acres Lot 14 Ramblewood Subdivision North Clinton
- Bryon W Smith, Yoland F Smith to Charlotte W Tanner, Larry C Tanner- 2 Tracts South River
- Ashley W Slater, Todd M Slater to Tyler Westlee Rose- Lot 17 BP Bradshaw Subdivision North Clinton
- William Earl Burch to Rosa Elia Hernandez, Salvador Hernandez- Tract 1 2.00 Acres Piney Grove
- Ryan Zeno Tobi to Susie Ann DelaRosa Galvan- Lot 40 0.49 Acres Henry's Landing
- Richard G Elmore II, Richard G Elmore II to Jessie Joe Gonzales- Tract 2 1.23 Acres Turkey
- Luella Tew to Carl Wesley Gaddy- Tract Two 1.68 Acres Honeycutts
- Blackmon E Tew to Lisa Kaye Paris- 2 Tracts Dismal
- Harold Edward Conyers/Co ADMR, Harry L Conyers Jr Estate, James Lynn Conyers/Co ADMR, Jason Lee Conyers to William A Tyndall- 4.28 Acres Mingo
- Marion E Stewart to Felix Garcia- Lot 1 Dismal
- Edward Vann, Jane Autry Vann to William McPhail- 3 Tracts w/exceptions Little Coharie
- Carolyn Hill Buck, Jessie Lynn Clifton to Carolyn Hill Buck- Lot 50 of the IN Williams Subdivision North Clinton
- Claudia Bonilla, Jaime Alexis Bonilla to Lindsay Hope Autry- Lots 7 and 9 DM Howard Division Little Coharie
- Sharon Barbour to David Brian Syck, Sharon Barbour Syck- Lot 4 2.0 Acres
- David Bryan Syck to David Brian Syck, Sharon B Syck- 1.0 Acre Lot 11
- Dm Apperson III, Kristie G Apperson to James A Schmidlin, Kimberly G

- Schmidon- 0.02 Acres Killington Place Subdivision Plainview
- Wanda Kay A King to Bertus Scott King- 10.0 Acres w/exceptions Halls
- Susan N Marler to Larry F Melvin- Tract 18 16.58 Acres Little Coharie
- Jenny Gayle R Beard, Robert Arin Beard Jr to Ashley Slater, Todd Slater- 2 Parcels
- Austin C Autry to Jaret L Maynard- 1 Acre
- Andra S Nensiel, David C Nensiel to Kimberly Love Johnson, Wesley Scott Johnson- Lot 65 Timberlake Subdivision Section Twelve 0.84 Acres North Clinton
- Bonnie Clowers, Darrell W Clowers to Harley Hunter, Nicholas Cullen Hunter- Lot 5 of the GR King Land Division 0.501 Acres
- Eric L Blevins/By AIF, Kelly Blevins, Kelly Blevins/AIF to Austin Chase Autry, Whitney Lynn Lee- Plainview Lot 3
- H Lawrence Sanderson/MGR, Warren Realty LLC to Hayley Lynne Aldrich, Maurice Newbern Aldrich III- Lot 18 0.18 Acres Villas at Birch Cove Subdivision North Clinton
- Anne B Hope to Sidney P Dunn, Aaron C Warwick- 2 Parcels Westbrook
- Janice Gervasi to Mary Ann Hill Tr, Mary Ann Hill Revocable Living Trust- Lot 28 0.73 Acres
- Delbra Best Heirs, Jefforey Best Heirs, Milton Best Heirs, Thelma Butler Best Estate, James McConico Heirs, Janice Best McConico Heirs to Rochelle Butler Stuart- Lot 1 0.5 Acres Joseph G Royal Subdivision
- Delbra Best Heirs, Jefforey Best Heirs, Milton Best Heirs, Thelma Butler Best Estate, James McConico Heirs, Janice Best McConico Heirs to Betty Sue Butler- Lot 5 5.20 Acres Harrings
- Milton Best Heirs, Thelma Butler Best Estate, James McConico Heirs, Janice Best McConico Heirs to Betty Sue Butler, Rochelle Butler Stuart- Lot 5 5.20 Acres Harrings
- Dewey Stephen Elmore/TR, Jestine Jackson Elmore, Dewey Peele, The Dewey Peele and Jestine Jackson Elmore Trust to Marcus Olanda Bennett- 2 Tracts North Clinton
- Michael W Gupton, Sandra Gupton to DOT- Lot Sampson
- Randall A McLamb to DOT- Lot Sampson
- Peggy A Rogers, Helen D Wright, Jesse L Wright to DOT- Lot Sampson
- DMB Partners LLC, Lee Ann Furnidge, Karen T Sutton/MGR to Edward Blake Sandlin- North Clinton Lot 15 Timberlake Subdivision
- Chrystal Leigh Hall, Gordon Burnice Hall to Gordon Burnice Hall, Justin Marshall Hall, Crystal Dawn Nunnery- 10.07 Acres Little Coharie
- Caroline Erin Smith, Justin Alexander Smith, Stephanie M Smith to Mirjean B Blackman- 58.06 Acres Westbrooks

OBITUARIES

CLINTON

Mrs. Frances Irene Sutton, of Willow Road, Clinton, NC, died Saturday at her home. A graveside service was held Monday 2 PM in the Clinton Cemetery with Rev. Tony Calhoun and Rev. Mike Shook officiating. Mrs. Sutton was a native of Sampson County, the widow of M.J. Hudson and Tatum Lee Sutton, and was the daughter of the late William Dewey Quinn and Callie Irene Pope Quinn. She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church and retired from Thermopane. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Peggy Robinson; three brothers, William Dewey Quinn, Jr., Samuel Matthew Quinn and Timothy Nelson Quinn. She is survived by one son, Jeffrey Hudson of Goldsboro; two grandchildren, Kelly R. Bland and Jonathan Blake Robinson; two great-grandchildren, Quinn Pollock and Collin Layton; two sisters, Marie Butler and husband Bobby and Shelva Warren and husband Ronnie; two step daughters, Tamra Jones and husband Rick and Kimberly Sutton and husband Jamie; four step-grandchildren;

sister-in-law, Delores Quinn and several nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Grace United Methodist Church, 800 Smith Street, Clinton, NC 28328.

STEDMAN

Mr. Jerry Glenn Taylor, 61 of Stedman, passed away Friday, July 26, 2019. Jerry was born August 24, 1957 in Sampson County. He was an avid outdoorsman and loved to go antiquing. He had a servant's heart and was well known for helping anyone who needed it. He was well known for being the go-to mechanic, often having customers come from several hours away. He was a family man and loved his grandchildren and his dog, Sophie wholeheartedly. They were his world. Jerry and Tammy would be celebrating their 40th anniversary on August 17, 2019. He was retiring in August and they had plans to purchase a small RV and start traveling. He was preceded in death by his father, Kenneth Taylor; a brother, Michael Taylor; and grandparents, George and Sadie Pinter. He

is survived by his wife, Tammy Britt Taylor; daughters, Kristen Prater and husband RK of Stedman, and Lauren Taylor and fiance TJ Simmons of Laurinburg; grandchildren, Kayleigh Parrish of Stedman, Kaleb Parrish of Stedman, and Lula Mae Prater of Stedman; his mother, Mildred Pinter Taylor of Stedman; special furbaby, Sophie; brother, Wayne Taylor and companion Paulette Banks of El Cajon, CA; and sister, Connie Davis and husband Mike of Butler, TN. The family received friends from 11:00am-1:00pm on Thursday, August 1, 2019 at Stedman Pentecostal Holiness Church, 432 Hillsboro Street, Stedman. The funeral service followed at 1:00pm with Bishop Donald Baldwin and Chaplain Rickey Dawson officiating. At other times the family received friends at the home of RK and Kristen Prater, 4679 Hummingbird Place, Fayetteville, NC 28312. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Service Source, attn. Friendship House, 600 Ames Street, Fayetteville, NC 28301. Butler Funeral Home of Stedman is serving the family.

OBITUARIES

SALEMBURG,

Billy Robert Hinson, 63, of 5056 N Salemburg Hwy, passed away Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. Funeral will be held at 3 PM, Sunday, August 4, 2019 at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul Honeycutt officiating. Interment will follow in Grandview Memorial Garden. The family will receive friends from 1 PM - 2:45 PM, Sunday, just before the service at the funeral home and at other times at the home. Billy, born in 1956, was the son of the late Billy Hinson, Sr. and Anita Jean Grantham Hinson. Billy served three years on the Clinton Police Department, and was owner and operator of Hinson Tire Service. Billy loved to cook, to listen to music and to have pig pickings. Most important, he loved his family. Billy was a friend to everyone and strangers were just friends he had not met yet. He is survived by; wife, Angela Moody Hinson; children, Nicholas Hinson and Sarah Hinson; grandchildren, Khloe Hinson and Kadence Norton; uncle, Robert Grantham and wife Sue; aunt, Sarah Jamison; uncle, Marvin Marlin and wife Frances; and several cousins. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com. Memorials may be made to the Shriners Children Hospital at 950 W Faris Road, Greenville, SC 29605.



CLINTON

James Anthony "Andy" Brewington, 55, of 99 Perdrie Hall Road, passed away on Monday, July 29th, at his home. A funeral service will be held at 4 PM, Friday, August 2, 2019 at East Carolina Holiness Church with the Rev. James "Buddy" Brewington, Rev. Glenn Vann and Rev. Mitchell Brewington officiating. Interment will follow in Grandview Memorial Garden. The family will receive friends from 6 PM - 8 PM, Thursday, August 1, 2019 at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home. James, born in 1963 in Sampson County, was the son of Carol Ludell Simmons Brewington and James Arthur Brewington. He was self-employed owner of Brewington & Sons Home Improvement and attended East Carolina Holiness Church. James is survived by; wife, Laura Ann Carter Brewington; parents; James Arthur Brewington and Carol Brewington; sons, Anthony Blake Brewington and James Allan Brewington, both of Clinton; four grandchildren; siblings, Carol Brewington (Berry) and Alex Brewington (Juanita); and a host of nieces and nephews. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com.



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RALEIGH

Rena Turner Britt of Raleigh passed away peacefully at Carillon Assisted Living in Wake Forest with her family by her side. Born on July 25, 1942 in Clinton, NC to the late Lewis and Lizzie Lucus Turner. Rena loved the beach, listening to gospel music, doing puzzles, NC State Wolfpack, Jeff Gordon, Angels and most of all Rena loved spending time with her family. She was a member of Hayes Chapel Christian Church in Garner, North Carolina. In addition to her parents Rena is also preceded in death by sisters; Dorothy Jones, Louise Street and Josephine Davis. Funeral services were held at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at Colonial Heights Free Will Baptist Church, 1140 West Elizabeth Street, Clinton, NC, burial followed in the Clinton City Cemetery. Rena leaves to cherish her memories: her husband: John Britt and two sons: Ricky Britt and wife Karen, Kenny Britt and wife Terry, two grandchildren: Christopher Britt and Dena' Guin, three great-grandchildren: Hanna Guin, Kaitlin Guin and Christopher Guin, sisters; Daisy Smith of Clinton, Edna Byrd also of Clinton, Barbara Magon of Virginia, Naomi Eaton of Virginia. A visitation was held one hour prior to the service from 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm at the church.



FAYETTEVILLE

Kathleen (Edge) Melvin Davis, 81 passed away Wednesday, July 24, 2019. Funeral service was held at 11:00 am Saturday, July 27, 2019 at Carroll Memorial Baptist Church, officiating was Rev. James Baker. Burial followed at Lafayette Memorial Park. The family received friends from 10:00am to 10:50am Saturday at the church prior to the service. She is preceded in death by her parents, Leamon Gilbert Edge and Lillie Faircloth Edge; first husband, John "J.R." Melvin; brother, Bobby Edge and sister, Christine Hall. She was a credit manager for Ferguson Enterprise in Fayetteville for 48 years and a member of Carroll Memorial Baptist Church. She is survived by her husband, Paul W. Davis; daughter, Connie M. Schaffernoth & husband, Tom; brothers, Buddy Edge & wife, Patricia and Billy Edge & wife, Debbie; sisters, Madgalene Melvin, Aslean Edge and Ernestine Simmons & husband, W.J.; grandchildren, Joseph Schaffernoth & wife, Cherie, Nathan Schaffernoth & wife, Cristy and Elizabeth Schaffernoth; great granddaughter, Zoe Kathleen Schaffernoth; and a sister-in-law, Faye Edge. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Carroll Memorial Baptist Church, 2220 Camden Road, Fayetteville, NC 28306. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home of Stedman.



TURKEY

Mrs. Dora Brewer Wright, 85, of 291 Faison Rd. passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, July 25, 2019, surrounded by her loving family. Funeral services were held Monday, July 29, 2019 at 2:00 PM at Turkey Baptist Church with Dr. Ron Bryan, Rev. Raeford Carter, Jr. and Rev. Robert Beasley officiating. Burial followed in Grandview Memorial Park. Born on February 14, 1934 in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, Mrs. Dora was the daughter of the late Thomas Neal and Leila Deloney Brewer. She retired in 2003 from Sampson Duplin Mental Health. She was a devoted member of Turkey Baptist Church where she served as a Sunday School teacher, former church secretary and pianist. She enjoyed sewing, cooking and gardening. Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her family, whom she adored. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of fifty-four years, George D. Wright. She is survived by her four daughters: Debbie W. Ward and husband, Lin of Clinton; Lisa A. Wright of Clinton; Sara W. Tew and husband, David of Turkey; Mona W. Robinson and husband, Wayne of Clinton; her son, David A. Wright and wife, Amanda of Faison; three sisters: Janet B. Hearn (Bill) of Louisiana; Alice B. Hasley of Arkansas and Patricia B. Schieffer of Texas; two brothers: Jimmy Brewer (Wilma) of Texas and George Brewer (Louise) of Arkansas. She was also blessed with eight grandchildren:



Jonathan Tew (Ashley), Ashley Parker (Matthew), Andrew Tew (Kristine), Stephanie Edwards (Will), Amberly Tyndall (Josh), Michala Robinson, Tristen Robinson and Zannah Wright; and nine great-grandchildren: Haley, Chandler, Laila, Madelyn, Brooklynn, Addison, Bayleigh, Zoey and Colby. She also leaves behind her close family friend, Jane Robinson (aka "Boots") of Turkey. The family received friends on Sunday evening, July 28, 2019 from 6-8 pm at Royal-Hall Funeral Home; other times at her home. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.royalhallowfuneralhome.com. Royal-Hall Funeral Home is honored to serve the Wright Family.

GODWIN

Mr. Richard Brent Eason, 51, of Godwin died Monday morning July 29, 2019 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in Fayetteville. Richard was born February 16, 1968 in Harnett County. He was a 1986 graduate of Cape Fear High School. He was a hog farmer and grew for Prestage Farms. He and his family had been voted young farmer of the year a few years back. Richard was preceded in death by Dillon's mother, Bonnie Christal Eason; maternal grandparents, Thurman and Rowena Austin; and paternal grandparents, Roger and Irene Eason. A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at Antioch Baptist Church in Falcon with Rev. Sammy McLamb and Rev. Lynn McLaurin officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. He is survived by his son, Dillon Eason of Godwin; mother and stepfather, Bonnie and Joe Byrd of Dunn; father and stepmother, Larry and Patricia Eason of Wade; sister, Teresa Eason Albertson and husband Tyler of Wade; brother, Jeremy Lance Eason of Wade; and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Larry and Dixie Burgette of Godwin. The family received friends from 9:30-11 a.m. Wednesday at the church prior to the service. Memorials may be made to the Bethel Colony of Mercy 1675 Bethel Colony Rd. Lenoir, N.C. 28645. Arrangements are by Skinner & Smith funeral Home in Dunn.



FAYETTEVILLE

Arnold Fryar 65 formally of Clinton died Saturday July 27, 2019 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in Fayetteville. Home Going Service was held at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, July 31, 2019 at Mount Zion AME Zion Church, 11015 Taylors Bridge Hwy, in Magnolia with Pastor Jimmy Melvin officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. A visitation was held on Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Chapel, 1246 Hobbton Hwy. Clinton from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm.



CLINTON

Mr. Edward Earl "Billy" Lamb, 63, of 414 Weeks Street, passed away Saturday, July 29, 2019 at Vidant Medical Center, Greenville, NC. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, August 3, at Lisbon Street Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Thaddeus Godwin officiating. The burial will follow in the Lamb Family Cemetery, Magnolia, NC. The visitation will be held Friday, August 2, at Worley Funeral Home with the family present from 5-6 p.m. Mr. Lamb is survived by his wife, Lillie Lois Lamb of the home; sons, Eric Newkirk of Durham, NC and Michael Lamb of the home; sisters, Peggy Davis of Clinton, NC, Patsy Johnson, Debra McKeithen both of Waycross Community, NC Kathy Merritt of Rosehill, NC and Yolanda Yvette Taylor of Memphis, TN; one grandchild. Online condolences may be sent to worleyfuneralhomeinc.com.



WHITE LAKE

Constance Cain Rackley, 75, of Oak Island, NC and White Lake, NC died Friday, July 26 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice. Mrs. Rackley was predeceased by her Mother, Muzetta Smith Parsons and her Father Curtis Dixon Cain. She is survived by her devoted husband of 49 years, E. L. Rackley of the home. She is survived by a daughter, Jennifer Hofmann Adkins and husband Todd of Southport, NC and a son, Jason Cain Rackley and wife Amanda of Wilmington, NC. Constance is survived by two beloved grandchildren Cole Dixon Hofmann and Isabella Grace Hofmann both of Southport, NC. Mrs. Rackley was also blessed with two grandchildren through love, Brooke Evans Adkins and Huntington Todd Adkins of Southport, NC. Memorial service was at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, July 30 at Garland Baptist Church, Garland, NC. Service will be officiated by Reverend Tom Martin. Entombment will be a private ceremony at the family mausoleum in Garland, NC at a later date. Visitation was held at the family home, 6756 Hwy 701 N., White Lake, NC on Monday, July 29. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions would be welcomed to Betty Cameron Women's and Children's Hospital, 2131 5th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401, Attn: NICU, Brandy Garris. Or Lower Cape Fear Hospice, 955 Mercy Lane SE, Bolivia, NC 28422.



CLINTON

Eric Serrano Sanchez 18 of 546 Five Bridges Road died unexpectedly Friday July 26, 2019. Funeral service was held on Monday, July 29, 2019 at 5:00 pm at the Sampson County Exposition Center, 414 Warsaw Rd, Clinton, NC, burial was held on Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at 5:00 pm at Sanchez Cemetery 400 5 Bridge Rd, Clinton, NC. The family received friends following the service.



CASTLE HAYNE

Leroy Strickland 71 of 5304 Blue Clay Road passed away on Thursday, July 18, 2019 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice in Wilmington. Born in Sampson County in 1947 to the late Woodrow and Katie Strickland, Leroy spent his life serving his country. He spent 6 years in the Navy and departed with an Honorable Discharge, he retired from 22 years in the Naval Reserves and trained in the Navel System Command, Leroy also retired from more than 20 in the Marines stationed at Camp Lejeune's Military Base. Leroy was also a Machinist, worked on diesel engine, welder, outboard motor builder and repair, base maintenance (Camp Lejeune), He proposed a new procedure for a faster replacement of chill water pumps, he received an

award as well as a monetary award for his hours of work and ideas. He was a sheet metal repairer, played winter softball and was a T-Ball coach. He was known to have a great love for his grandchildren and to give his infamous "Bear Hugs". In addition to his parents Leroy is also preceded in death by his wife; Debra Strickland, Sister; Charlotte Strickland, Brothers; George M. Butler, Wadus Strickland & Albert Strickland. A Celebration of Leroy's Eternal Life will be held on Saturday, August 3, 2019 at 2:00 pm at Harmony Baptist Church with Rev. Randy Burchette officiating, burial will follow in the church cemetery with full military honors. Leroy leaves to cherish his memories: Son: Chance Strickland of Castle Hayne, NC, Daughter: Kala Strickland of Castle Hayne, NC, Siblings: Linda Rackley and husband Jay, Carol Burchette and husband Carey, Mable Butler, Gail Strickland, Allen Strickland and wife Arlene all of Clinton, NC Jerry Strickland of Bryson City, NC, Sister-in-law: Betty Strickland of Burgaw, Grandchildren: Isbelle Strickland, Jackson Strickland Holland, Dalton Strickland, Leovittou Strickland and husband Leo, Jessica Adalynn Serrano, William John Slays III. The family will receive friends at the church from 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm.

DUNN

Dakota Jeff Sullivan, 24, of 69 Michael Lucas Lane, passed away Saturday, July 27, 2019 at Wake Medical Center. A funeral will be held at 7 PM, Friday, August 2, 2019 at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, with Rev. Roy Hilburn officiating. The family will receive friends from 5 PM - 6:45 PM, Friday just before the service at the funeral home. Dakota, born in Sampson County in 1995, was the son of Jeffrey Sullivan and the late Patricia Armstrong Sullivan. He worked in food production in the packaging department. Survivors include; daughter, Chloe Dawn Sullivan and her mother Dawn Marie Gillespie; father, Jeffrey Sullivan and stepmother Christy; brother, Dylan Sullivan and friend Linda; stepbrother, Sean Wiles of TN; aunt, Connie S. Miller and husband Robert; cousin, April Miller and friend Brad; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville St., Clinton, NC 28328 to defray funeral cost. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com.



CLINTON

Elbert Thomas "Tom" Matthis, 90 of 5641 Moseley Ave., passed away Saturday, July 27, 2019 at Kitty Askins Hospice Center in Goldsboro. Funeral Services were held Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at 5:00 pm Royal-Hall Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Matthew Barefoot and Rhonda Cannady officiating. Burial followed in the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church Cemetery. Born on April 14, 1929 in Sampson County, Tom was the son of the late Leonis and Mamie Fryar Matthis. He grew up on a farm and continued as a farmer his entire life. He was a hard-working man and loved gardening and working outdoors. Tom was a fun-loving man and respected by all who knew him. He is survived by his two sons: Tony Matthis and wife, Eleanor and Ronnie Matthis and wife, Betty both of Clinton; brother, Bobby G. Matthis and wife, Linda of Clinton; five grandchildren: Scott Matthis and wife, Melanie, Ann Strother and husband, Neil; Rhonda Cannady and husband, Eddie; Jamie Matthis and wife, Bobbie and Mary Barefoot and husband, Matthew. Tom was also blessed with ten great-grandchildren: Summerlyn Cannady, Chasen Matthis, Lane Matthis, Colbey Matthis, Kelly Cannady, Jayda Matthis, Nella Barefoot, Joshua Cannady, Caleb Cannady and Auden Barefoot. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Parnell Register Matthis, and his five sisters: Anna Laura Cannady, Lizzie Dudley, Janie Kersey, Marie Walters and Doris Saunders. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, 3949 Taylors Bridge Hwy., Clinton, NC. 28328. Condolences may be sent by visiting www.royalhallowfuneralhome.com. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Matthis family.



NEWTON GROVE

Mrs. Shelvia Westbrook, 82, of 419 Main St. Newton Grove, NC died on Friday, July 26, 2019 surrounded by her loving family. A funeral service was held at 6pm on Sunday, July 28, 2019 at Pleasant Union Christian Church in Newton Grove (1920 Mt. Olive Hwy) with the Rev. Debora Stille and Rev. Anthony Westbrook officiating. Visitation was in the church fellowship hall at 5pm prior to the service and burial followed at Hillcrest Cemetery in Newton Grove. Mrs. Westbrook was a true firecracker born on July 4, 1937. Her parents were Albert and Mary Williford. She graduated from high school in 1955 and married Scott Westbrook of Newton Grove in October of 1964. Their almost 50 year journey together included raising their three children, managing a local Western Auto business and tending their family farm. While a lifelong homemaker, she also dedicated her life to not only being a faithful servant to her Lord and Savior but a caretaker to so many through the years. The recipients of her caring hands and heart are almost too numerous to name but included many babies, toddlers, elderly and disabled in and around the Town of Newton Grove. At the top of this list was her husband for whom she sacrificed so much to protect through his many difficult years of declined health. Joining him in receiving her loving attention was her mother, father and grandchildren. She was a unique and genuine lady of traditional values who also had a number of friends to fill her days enjoying life in simple ways. Courageous fighter would have to be another way to describe her given the fact that she successfully battled cancer three times over thirty-five years. Mrs. Westbrook was preceded in death by her husband, parents and a number of sisters and brothers-in-law. Surviving are: her daughter and son-in-law, Jeana and David Carr of Newton Grove, NC; daughter and son-in-law Sarah and Jeff Bradshaw of Clinton, NC; son and daughter-in-law Scott and Paula Westbrook of Dunn, NC; brother Billy Williford of Garner, NC; brother and sister-in-law Rayford and LaRose Williford of Raleigh, NC; brother and sister-in-law James and Barbara Williford of Raleigh, NC; one uncle JD Denning; sister-in-law JoAnn Westbrook; brother-in-law and sister-in-law JB and Mary Westbrook; grandchildren Laura Hutchens and husband Will, Trey Murawski, Eric Bradshaw, Kelby Moore, Scottlin Westbrook, Tripp Westbrook, Morgan Matthews and husband Justin, Christy Pope and husband Brandon, and great-grandchildren, Brantley and Payton Matthews. Survivors also include a number of nieces, nephews and cousins. The family received friends at other times at her home, 419 Main St., Newton Grove. Memorial contributions may be made to Pleasant Union Christian Church of Newton Grove, NC, or a charity of choice.



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SPEED FREAKS

A few questions we had to ask ourselves

Denny Hamlin's 34th career win moves him past 'Fireball' Roberts. Where will he land? GODSPEAK: So the "delivery man" has eight to 10 more wins in him with the new package. **KEN'S CALL:** I say he'll end up somewhere between Mark Martin (40) and Bill Elliott (44). I suspect Herb Thomas (48) is beyond his reach.

Are we officially worried about Chase Elliott yet? GODSPEAK: Yes. Something has done broke in that No. 9 team. Drastic measures needed, like a drum circle.

KEN'S CALL: Hasn't had a top-10 since early June. A crash at Pocono means he's also mixing in some bad luck to go along with bad setups. There's something amiss under that hood.

FEUD OF THE WEEK

KURT BUSCH VS. RICKY STENHOUSE JR.: On a late-race restart, Busch bumped Stenhouse out of the way and Stenhouse returned the favor moments later, sending Busch to the garage. **GODWIN KELLY'S TAKE:** Busch had nothing to say after the incident. "It was disappointing to get caught up in an accident with less than five laps, but everyone is racing really hard," Stenhouse said.

GODWIN'S PICKS FOR WATKINS GLEN

WINNER: Martin Truex Jr. **REST OF TOP 5:** Joey Logano, Erik Jones, Chase Elliott, Kurt Busch **FIRST ONE OUT:** Ryan Newman **DARK HORSE:** Michael McDowell **DON'T BE SURPRISED IF:** Truex, who lost in a last-lap shootout last year, won't be denied this time.

MOTOR MOUTHS PODCAST

Still plodding and podding through summer, with August knocking on the Pod door.

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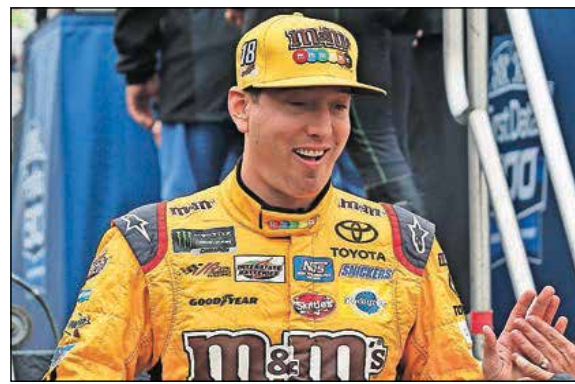
THREE THINGS TO WATCH

1. Playoff points

The NASCAR Cup Series has all sorts of points lists. The most prominent right now is the regular-season driver points list, led by Joey Logano, who has amassed 824 points. Then there are the playoff points standings, which will kick in after Indy on Sept. 8. Kyle Busch leads that group with 28 points, followed by Martin Truex Jr. with 22. Rounding out the top-5 are Brad Keselowski (19), Denny Hamlin (18) and Logano (17).

2. 10 winners, 5 weeks

The Cup Series has produced 10 different winners in the first 21 regular-season races. Since Daytona's summer winner Justin Haley doesn't factor into the playoff equation, nine drivers have



Kyle Busch is all smiles because he leads all drivers in playoff points with the postseason on the near horizon. [AP/STEVE HELBER]

qualified for postseason play based on race victories. There's a dogfight brewing down at the cut line. Clint Bowyer and Ryan Newman are tied for 15th place in points. Jimmie Johnson is 12 points to the bad, as they say.

3. The Glen list

Watkins Glen International has become something of a wild-card race when it comes to the playoffs.

The past seven years have produced seven different winners. In 2014, AJ Allmendinger's victory at The Glen got his team into the playoffs. And who can forget Chase Elliott winning his first Cup Series race at the 2.45-mile road course last year with his father, "Awesome Bill," spotting for him at the bus stop area?

— Godwin Kelly, godwin.kelly@news-jrnl.com

POCONO

THREE THINGS WE LEARNED

1. Redeem theme

The redeem theme has been played a lot this season. Kurt Busch lost Daytona, then won Kentucky. Denny Hamlin lost New Hampshire, then won Pocono. "Proud of this team for giving us yet another winner two weeks in a row," he said. "We really fought for it last week and came up short."

2. Mileage racing

Put Erik Jones in the "dislikes mileage-racing" category. Jones was soft-pedaling his No. 20 Toyota in the closing laps at Pocono not knowing if he had enough fuel to finish in overtime.



Denny Hamlin celebrates with a burnout after beating Erik Jones on a gas-mileage run at Pocono. [AP/DERIK HAMILTON]

"Probably my least favorite part of racing at times is just having to save fuel," he said.

3. Johnson's struggle

Jimmie Johnson is battling for his playoff life. The seven-time NASCAR champion is 17th in points, or

one position below the playoff cut line. The good news? Johnson has five more regular-season races to gather more points, or dare we say a win, to become playoff eligible.

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QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers

Will Watkins Glen provide a surprise winner?

It's tempting to suggest that someone outside the current top 16 could get the win and crash the playoff scene, but frankly the best current road racers are already playoff-eligible. You probably shouldn't even consider Jimmie Johnson, who badly needs a long-awaited win. His past five Glen finishes tell you why: 28th, 10th, 40th, 29th, 30th.

What's the Erik Jones holdup?

Team owner Joe Gibbs has vaguely explained the problems with getting Jones a new contract to stay with the No. 20 car next year and beyond. In the end, you have to get all the sponsors on board, since they pay the bulk of the bills. There are a lot of moving parts, and we'll say it again: When commercial interests play such an outsized role in such things, it's time to consider drastic changes to the business model.

— Ken Willis, ken.willis@news-jrnl.com

NASCAR CUP STANDINGS

1. Joey Logano	824
2. Kyle Busch	818
3. Kevin Harvick	739
4. Denny Hamlin	722
5. Martin Truex Jr.	701
6. Brad Keselowski	695
7. Kurt Busch	650
8. Chase Elliott	616
9. Aric Almirola	614
10. Ryan Blaney	599
11. Alex Bowman	596
12. William Byron	582
13. Erik Jones	559
14. Kyle Larson	557
15. Clint Bowyer	532
15. Ryan Newman	532
17. Jimmie Johnson	520
18. Daniel Suarez	501
19. Paul Menard	464
20. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	444

WHAT'S ON TAP

(All times Eastern)

CUP SERIES: Go Bowling at The Glen **SITE:** Watkins Glen International (2.45-mile road course)

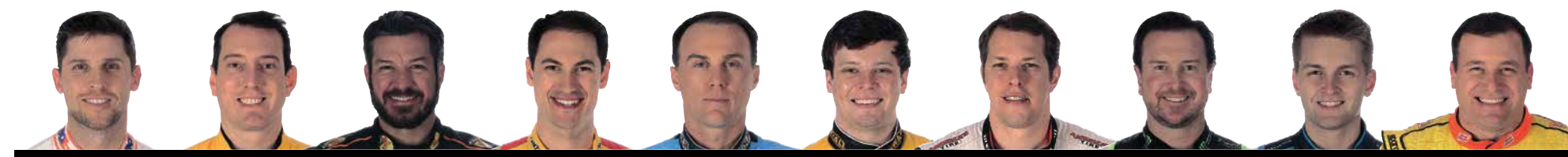
SCHEDULE: Saturday, practice (NBC Sports Network, 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.), qualifying (NBCSN, 6:30 p.m.). Sunday, race (NBCSN, coverage begins at 2:30 p.m., green flag, 3 p.m.)

XFINITY: Zippo 200 at The Glen

SITE: Watkins Glen International **SCHEDULE:** Saturday, qualifying (NBCSN, 11:30 a.m.), race (NBC, 3:30 p.m.)

GANDER OUTDOORS TRUCKS: Eldora Dirt Derby

SITE: Eldora Speedway (.5-mile dirt oval) **TV SCHEDULE:** Thursday, qualifying (Fox Sports 1, 7 p.m.), race (Fox Sports 1, 9 p.m.)



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