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Hurricane Isaias Takes It Easy on Sampson County



On Sunday August 2 at 8pm, the Emergency Operations Center of Sampson County was activated due to the impending arrival of Hurricane Isaias. The hurricane was expected to bring high winds and large amounts of rainfall to the county.

Shelters for evacuees were open at Clinton High School, Union High School, Midway High School and a Special Needs Shelter at the Adult Day Care Center in Clinton. Also, a Pet Shelter was opened at the Sampson County Animal Shelter for those evacuees that needed shelter for their animals.

According to Situation Reports coming out of the EOC, there were 13 staff and 2

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As Students Return to School, North Carolina to Remain Paused in Phase 2



Stabilizing trends are good but fragile, and now is the time to double down on safety measures

Governor Roy Cooper announced that North Carolina will remain paused in Safer At Home Phase 2 for another 5 weeks as students and staff return to schools, colleges and universities and the state doubles down on efforts to decrease COVID-19 numbers.

“Other states that lifted restrictions quickly have had to go backward as their hospital capacity ran dangerously low and their cases jumped higher. We will not make that mistake in North Carolina,” said Governor Cooper. “In keeping with our dimmer switch approach with schools opening, and in order to push for decreasing numbers which will keep people healthier and boost our economy, North Carolina will remain paused in Safer At Home Phase 2 for 5 weeks.”

Dr. Mandy Cohen, Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services shared an update on North Carolina’s data trends. Dr. Cohen explained that while some of North Carolina’s numbers have mostly leveled, any progress is fragile as other states have shown with sudden and devastating surges in viral spread.

“While overall we are seeing signs of stability, we still have much work to do. Our recent trends show us what is possible when we commit to slowing the spread by wearing face coverings and following those simple but powerful 3Ws,” said NCDHHS Secretary Mandy Cohen, M.D.

Trajectory in COVID-Like Illness (CLI) Surveillance Over 14 Days

-North Carolina’s syndromic surveillance trend for COVID-like illness is declining, though remains elevated.

Trajectory of Lab-Confirmed Cases Over 14 Days

-North Carolina’s trajectory of lab-confirmed cases has stabilized but remains high.

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17 Total Deaths in Sampson County Linked to COVID-19



Sampson County Health Department is reporting 52 new cases as of Friday, bringing the total to 1,610 positive cases of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) as of this date. As of Friday, the state of North Carolina was reporting 132,812 laboratory confirmed cases, 2134 deaths, 1,939,812 completed tests and 1123 currently hospitalized.

Friday’s totals include the testing numbers and results provided from pop-up testing events. As previously reported, the tests were conducted by a third-party

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WEATHER

Fri	Partly Cloudy	20%
	Hi: 88°	Lo: 69°
Sat	Sunny	10%
	Hi: 91°	Lo: 71°
Sun	Sunny	10%
	Hi: 89°	Lo: 72°
Mon	PM T-Storms	40%
	Hi: 89°	Lo: 72°
Tues	Scattered T-Storms	40%
	Hi: 89°	Lo: 72°
Wed	T-Storms	40%
	Hi: 89°	Lo: 73°

WEEKLY VERSE

But food does not bring us near to God; we are no worse if we do not eat, and no better if we do. Be careful, however, that the exercise of your freedom does not become a stumbling block to the weak.
1 Corinthians 8:8-9

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LOCAL NEWS

Department of Transportation Receives More Than \$6.3 Million



Brings Total to more than \$44.2 Million to NCDOT for Hurricane Florence Expenses

The State of North Carolina and FEMA have approved \$6.3 million to reimburse the North Carolina Department of Transportation for debris removal costs following Hurricane Florence.

Funds for this project cover the removal hurricane-related debris in Brunswick, Duplin, New Hanover, Onslow, Pender and Sampson counties. More than 14,500 tons of hurricane-related debris were removed from NCDOT roads and public property.

The approval brings the total to more than \$44.2 million to reimburse the NCDOT for Hurricane Florence-related expenses.

FEMA's Public Assistance program provides grants for state and local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations to reimburse the cost of debris removal, emergency protective measures and permanent repair work.

Public Assistance is a cost-sharing program. FEMA reimburses applicants at least 75 percent of eligible costs and the remaining 25 percent is covered by the state. The federal share is paid directly to the state to disburse to agencies, local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations that incurred costs.

FEMA's total share for this project is more than \$4.7 million and the state's share is more than \$1.5 million.

For more information on North Carolina's recovery from Hurricane Florence, visit ncdps.gov/Florence and FEMA.gov/Disaster/4393. Follow us on Twitter: @NCEmergency and @FEMARegion4.

Artist Support Grants



The Sampson Arts Council knows how important artists are to a strong and vibrant community. Now more than ever we need creative individuals to inspire us, enlighten us, and cross boundaries to bring us together through art.

With the support of the North Carolina Arts Council, the 2021 Artist Support Grants were created to support individual artists during and following the COVID-19 pandemic. This opportunity, formerly known as Regional Artist Grants, funds professional and artistic development for emerging and established artists to create work, improve their business operations, or bring their work to new audiences. Artist Support Grants support a broad range of talented artists in the genres of visual arts, performing arts, literary arts, and interdisciplinary arts.

Individual artists and small, unincorporated groups of collaborating artists who live in Cumberland, Hoke, Robeson, Sampson, or Scotland Counties for at least one year are eligible to apply for grants up to \$1,000.

If you are familiar with our past grants for artists, you will notice a few differences this year:

- All eligible artists may apply even if they have received a Regional Artist Grant from the Arts Council in the past.
- All projects for the 2021 Artist Support Grants must be completed by June 30, 2021.
- Up to 50% of the grant may be used to pay the artist applicants for their work on the project.

For more information and the application for the Artist Support Grants visit: <https://www.theartscouncil.com/grants/regional-artist-project-grants>

The deadline to apply is Wednesday - September 30, 2020.

Live outside the eligible counties for the United Arts grant? Visit the North Carolina Arts Council website to learn more about artist support grants in all 100 counties.

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Trajectory in Percent of Tests Returning Positive Over 14 Days

-North Carolina's trajectory in percent of tests returning positive is stable but still elevated.

Trajectory in Hospitalizations Over 14 Days

-North Carolina's trajectory of hospitalizations is beginning to level.

In addition to these metrics, the state continues building capacity to be able to adequately respond to an increase in virus spread. These areas include:

Laboratory Testing

While testing turnaround times have improved, the number of tests done has decreased over the past week. Testing is a priority for anyone who has symptoms or those who may have been exposed to COVID-19, including:

- Anyone who has attended a mass gathering including a protest.
- Anyone who works in a setting at higher risk of exposure such as a grocery store, restaurant, gas station, or childcare program.
- People who live or work in high-risk settings such as long-term facilities, homeless shelters, correctional facilities or food processing facility.

Tracing Capability

We continue hiring contact tracers to bolster the efforts of local health departments. There are over 1,500 full-time and part-time staff supporting contact tracing efforts, including the 615 Community Care of North Carolina (CCNC) contact tracers.

Personal Protective Equipment

Our personal protective equipment (PPE) supplies are stable.

Interstate Ramp in Sampson County Closing for Repairs

Closure expected to begin Monday morning

NEWTON GROVE – An interstate ramp at a Sampson County interchange is scheduled to close next Monday for improvements and repairs.

The Interstate 40 East ramp at the U.S. 701 East interchange (Exit 343) is expected to close at 7 a.m. Aug. 10 and reopen by 6 p.m. the next day.

The N.C. Department of Transportation contract crew will mill and replace pavement on the ramp, as well as repair a structure that will improve drainage.

Drivers should anticipate needing extra time for their commute as they will be directed back to I-40 West from U.S. 701 to N.C. 50/55 (Exit 341) to access I-40 East. Motorists are also encouraged to be alert during the closure for the safety of themselves and crews at work.

This work is part of a contract awarded earlier this year to make improvements to more than 20 miles of I-40 between the Johnston County line and Duplin County line.

PUBLIC NOTICE

DOCKET NO. SP-25199, SUB 0

APPLICATION OF MEMBER EMC SOLAR FIVE, LLC
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE
AND NECESSITY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 27, 2020, Member EMC Solar Five, LLC (Applicant), filed an application seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.1(a) for construction of a 500-kW solar generating facility to be located at 2000 Leroy Autry Road, Autryville, Sampson County, North Carolina. Applicant's site layout illustrating the footprint of the facility may change to some degree based on government land use requirements, interconnection requirements, or similar factors.

The Applicant plans to sell the electricity to the North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation.

Details of the application may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 430 N. Salisbury Street, 5th Floor, Dobbs Building, Raleigh, North Carolina 27603 or 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300 or on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net.

If a complaint is received within ten days after the last date of the publication of this notice, the Commission will schedule a public hearing to determine whether a certificate should be awarded, will give reasonable notice of the time and place of the hearing to the Applicant and to each complaining party, and will require the Applicant to publish notice of the hearing in this newspaper. If no complaint is received within the time specified above and if the Commission does not order a hearing upon its own initiative, the Commission will enter an order awarding the certificate sought by the Applicant.

Persons desiring to lodge complaints may file statements to that effect with the Commission. Such statements should reference Docket No. SP-25199, SUB 0 and be addressed as follows: Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.

Statements may also be directed to Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff - North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300 or to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General of North Carolina, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-9001. Written statements may be emailed to utilityAGO@ncdoj.gov.


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evacuees at the Clinton High School Shelter, 22 staff and 6 evacuees at the Union High School Shelter, 5 staff and 3 evacuees at the Special Needs Shelter, and 2 staff and zero pets at the Pet Shelter. All evacuees had returned home and the shelters closed on August 4th.

There are 44,682 electric customers in Sampson County. At the height of the electric outages due to Hurricane Isaias, there were 7873 without power across the county. There were numerous electric lines down, high water on roads and downed trees that were quickly cleared by local fire departments, DOT or county and city agencies.

Officials were concerned with flooding of the Black River. This concern resulted in voluntary evacuations in the area. Flood stage is 16 feet. Minor flooding can be observed at 18 feet.

The Sampson County Emergency Operations Center was deactivated as of 12 noon on Tuesday August 4th, with Sampson County officially escaping the wrath of Hurricane Isaias and county and local government impressively showing that they are prepared for any emergency situation and the hurricane season that is upon us.

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vendor selected by the State, NOT the Sampson County Health Department. The Health Department has now begun to receive the results from those tests and is beginning the associated contact tracing. If you have concerns about test results from one of these testing events, please feel free to call the Health Department COVID line (910) 490-1056 between the hours of 8 am – 5 pm, Monday through Friday. COVID testing numbers for Sampson County as of August 7, 2020:
Total Number of Tests Performed: 4,628
Positive Test Results: 1,610 (1,378 recovered)
Negative Test Results: 2,999
Pending Results: 19
Deaths: 17

Due to Hurricane Isaias, the county did not report any COVID-19 data on Monday and Tuesday

COVID-19 Number for Week of 08-07-20
Wednesday August 5th- 26 New Cases

Thursday August 6th- 11 New Cases
Friday August 7th-

Citizens have also been inquiring as to why it was taking so long to get test results back. The county responded, “We have heard many concerns about the delay in receiving testing results from the “pop-up” testing events held recently. These tests were conducted by a third-party vendor selected by the State, NOT our Health Department. We have made contact with the vendor and the State to voice your concerns (and our concerns) and have been assured that our Health Department should begin to receive test results from these events today. In the meantime, if you have concerns about test results from one of these testing events, please feel free to call the Health Department COVID line (910) 490-1056 between the hours of 8 am – 5 pm, Monday through Friday.”

A disproportionately high percentage of North Carolina’s confirmed cases of COVID-19 have occurred among historically marginalized populations. Mounting evidence shows the members of these populations experience higher rates of COVID-19 mortality and serious complications.

People who may not currently have symptoms but may have been exposed to COVID-19 should get tested, especially people from historically marginalized communities, including Latinx/Hispanic, Black/African American, and American Indian populations. In addition, testing is a priority for anyone who has symptoms or those who may have been exposed to COVID-19, including:

- Anyone who has attended a mass gathering including a protest
- Anyone who works in a setting at higher risk of exposure such as a grocery store, restaurant, gas station, or childcare program
- People who live or work in high-risk settings such as long-term facilities, homeless shelters, correctional facilities or food processing facility.

If someone tests positive for COVID-19, the COVID-19 Community Team will reach out to them and connect them with needed supports. People should answer the call when the COVID-19 Community Team reaches out. They may also get a text message from the number 45394 or email from NC-ARIAS-NoReply @ dhhs.nc.gov with further instructions.

- The Sampson County Health Department is urging citizens to:**
- Continue to social distance by staying 6 feet away from others, especially if you are at high risk for serious illness from COVID-19. If you can, avoid crowds and mass gatherings.
 - Continue to wear cloth face coverings in public. Face coverings are most essential when social distancing is difficult.
 - Wash your hands, and clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.
 - Stay home if you are sick.



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CRIME

CRIME REPORT

07-22 Adolfo Benjamin Rodriguez, 21, Clinton. OFA- FTA Simple Possess Sch IV CS (M), OFA- FTA Fail to Comply, OFA-FTA No Operators License. Bond \$13355. Trial Date 09-24-20

07-22 Edwin Gonzalez Martinez, 51, Clinton. Breaking & Entering. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 08-07-20

07-22 Francisco Gonzalez Rivera, 22, Clinton. FTA- Speeding, Reckless Driving and Possession of Open Container. Bond \$3000. Trial Date 08-05-20

07-23 Miguel Flores Gonzalez, 47, Warsaw. Driving While License Revoked. Trial Date 09-22-20

07-23 Wilfredo Cruz Torres, 54, Warsaw. DWI- Level 5, Unsupervised Probation Violation. Bond \$1160. Trial Date 09-11-20

07-23 Nathan William Bass, 38, Clinton. Order for Arrest- FTA Child Support. Bond \$600. Trial Date 12-18-20

07-23 Ashley Marie Smith, 34, Clinton. Order for Arrest-FTA Child Support. Bond \$800. Trial Date 08-14-20

07-24 Margarita Ortiz, 33, Clinton. Simple Assault, Communicating Threats. Trial Date 10-12-20

07-23 Sylvester Ray Hemmingway, 33, Clinton. Simple Assault, Injury to Personal Property. Bond \$500. Trial Date 08-31-20

07-25 Kevin Ray Hodge, 35, Pink Hill. Felony Probation Violation. Trial Date 08-14-20

07-25 Jessie Danzig Robinson, 26, Salemburg. Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Trial Date 11-19-20

07-25 Andre Maurice Boone, 40, Clinton. Possession of Marijuana Paraphernalia, Simple Possession of Schedule VA CS. Trial Date 11-19-20

07-25 Ronald Edward McLellan, 47, Clinton. Assault by Pointing a Gun, Communicating Threats, Resisting Public Officer. Bond \$7000. Trial Date 07-30-20

07-26 Jaleil Steven Herring, 26, Fayetteville. FTA- Misdemeanor Larceny. Bond \$500. Trial Date 07-30-20

07-26 Tony Wayne Strouth, 48, Clinton. Possess Meth. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 11-09-20

07-26 Durwood Chase Fox, 20, Clinton. Second Degree Trespassing. Trial Date 10-15-20

07-27 Jose Eduardo Palencia, 21, Clinton. Rape of a Child, Sat Sex Off with a child <15. Bond \$125000. Trial Date 08-07-20

07-27 Willie Mack McKoy, 57, Fayetteville. Domestic Criminal Trespass. Trial Date 10-13-20

07-27 Marcus Dontrelle Williams, 40, Angier. Flee/Elude Arrest W/MV, Fictitious Information to Officer, Order for Arrest- DWLR, Order for Arrest- Fail to Stop, Hi/Run Leave Scene Property Damage, Order for Arrest- Fail to wear seatbelt, Hit/Run Leave Scene Property Damage. Bond \$29000. Trial Date 08-07-20

07-28 Rodrema Leenae Anderson, 19,

Salemburg. Misdemeanor Stalking. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 08-25-20

07-28 Sherrill Edward, 29, Bunnlevel. Child Abuse. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 09-29-20

07-28 Crystal Dawn Tidwell, 35, Stedman. Fictitious/Altered Tag, Operate a Motor Vehicle on a Street or Highway Without Liability Insurance, Driving While License Revoked. Trial Date 12-15-20

07-28 Wilson Antonio Lopez Gonzales, 24, Clinton. No Operators License. Trial Date 10-15-20

07-29 Misty Suzanne Horne, 40, Dunn. Conversion. Trial Date 09-24-20

07-29 Otis Parnell Faison, 58, Dunn. Fail to Comply. Bond \$555. Trial Date 10-12-20

07-29 Adonis Lee Toomer, 29, Turkey. Simple Affray, Assault on a Female, Assault Inflicting Serious Injury. Trial Date 09-14-20

07-29 Charles Williams, 46, Clinton. Assault on a Female- WFA. Bond \$500. Trial Date 10-19-20

07-29 Antwan Romeo Rich, 26, Salemburg. Second Degree Trespass. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 10-27-20

07-29 James Milton Myers, 56, Newton Grove. Possess of Meth, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 10-16-20

07-29 Melvin Ray Williamson, 70, Rocky Mount. Statutory Sex Offense by an Adult, Indecent Liberties with a Child, First Degree Statutory Sex Offense. Bond \$150000. Trial Date 10-15-20

07-29 Otis Parnell Faison, 58, Dunn. Communicating Threats- WFA. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 10-12-20

07-29 Jodi Keyona Langley, 24, Clinton. Injury to Personal Property. Bond \$3500. Trial Date 10-19-20

07-30 Devon Wayne Martin, 27, Clinton. Harassing Phone Calls. Trial Date 10-20-20

07-30 Ezequiel Rivera, 20, Newton Grove. DWLR, No Liability Insurance, Fict/Alt Title/Reg Card/Tag, Fail to Stop Sign/Flash Red Light. Trial Date 11-19-20

07-30 Jameeka Manay Marshall, 23, Clinton. Assault and Battery, Communicating Threats. Bond \$500. Trial Date 10-22-20

07-30 James Earl Butler, 52, Clinton. Order for Arrest- FTC Child Support. Bond \$500.

07-30 Jada Parker, 19, Clinton. Misdemeanor Worthless Checks- CS. Trial Date 11-19-20

07-30 Peter William Faircloth, 37, Clinton. Communicating Threats, Injury to Personal Property. Bond \$500. Trial Date 08-27-20

07-30 Miranda Zeilnicki, 22, Jacksonville. Assault with A Deadly Weapon, Assault and Battery, Consume Alcohol by <19. Bond \$5500. Trial Date 09-29-20

07-30 Teresa Christine Rabon, 33, Bladenboro. PWISD Cocaine, Felony Possession Schedule 2 Controlled Substance, Maintain Vehicle/Dwell/Place Controlled Substance, Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$15000. Trial Date 10-29-20

07-30 Tony Wayne Dustin Strouth, 48, Clinton. Assault on a Female. Trial Date

10-20-20

07-31 Elizabeth Marie Pineda, 28, Clinton. Possess Marijuana, Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Trial Date 10-28-20

07-31 Charles Moore Jr, 54, Clinton. Fail to Return Property.

08-01 Ana Patricia Ramos, 33, Clinton. Shoplifting.

08-01 Jonathan Lewis Jones, 37, Turkey. Resisting Public Officer. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 10-22-20

08-01 Priscilla Mae Cowan, 59, Clinton. Driving Under the Influence, No Operators License. Bond \$500. Trial Date 10-29-20

08-01 Roser Francisco Gonzalez Ruiz, 32, Clinton. Shoplifting.

08-01 Jonathan Lewis Jones, 37, Turkey. Resisting Public Officer, Break and Entering, Larceny After Breaking and Entering, Poss Stolen Property, Larceny, Communicating Threats. Bond \$17500. Trial Date 10-15-20

08-01 Timothy Ray Sutton, 40, Autryville. Assault on a Female. Trial Date 10-27-20

08-01 Stephanie Diane Williams, 26, Dunn. Injury to Real Property, Injury to Personal Property. Bond \$500. Trial Date 10-27-20

08-01 Tiffany Diane Harrell, 26, Turkey. Burglary/Breaking & Entering. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 10-27-20

08-01 Thomas Francis Jones, 56, Clinton. Simple Assault. Trial Date 10-27-20

08-01 Quamaine Lee Watlington, 27, Dunn. Driving While Impaired, Speeding, DWLR. Bond \$500. Trial Date 10-22-20

08-02 Jose Antonio Funez Murillo, 46, Mount Olive. DWI, Fail to Burn Headlamps. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 10-14-20

08-02 Michael D Reiss, 46, Wilmington. Possess Meth, Drug Paraphernalia not for Marijuana, DWLR Not Impaired, Fictitious Alter/Tags, No Liability Insurance. Bond \$50000. Trial Date 08-21-20

08-02 Justin Noble, 29, Autryville. Failure to Appear. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 10-29-20

08-02 Osmin Reyneay Zuniga-Moya, 40, Clinton. Trafficking in Cocaine, Carry Conceal Gun. Bond \$50000. Trial Date 11-25-20

08-02 Jimmy McCoy Rouse, 71, Garland. Intoxicated and Disruptive. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 10-20-20

08-02 She'Lite Campbell, 24, Garland. DWLR Not Impaired, No Liability Insurance, Fail to Register Motor Vehicle. Trial Date 10-20-20

08-02 Christopher Bryan Draughon, 30, Clinton. Intimidation. Bond \$500. Trial Date 10-26-20

08-03 Anthony Lewis Cole, 35, Newton Grove. Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Communicating Threats, Hit/Run Leave Scene Prop Dam. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 10-22-20

08-02 Veronica Palacios, 27, Warsaw. Shoplifting. Trial Date 11-17-20

08-03 Steven Dwayne Williams, 20, Elizabethtown. Possess Stolen Firearm, Carry Concealed Gun. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 08-21-20

08-03 Benard Melvin Corey, 60, Fayetteville. Order for Arrest. Bond \$570. Trial Date 10-15-20

08-03 Cesar Romeo Vasquez Castro, 29, Clinton. DWI, NOL, Failure to Maintain Lane Control, Hit and Run. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 10-14-20

08-03 Yeimi Ayala, 21, Harrells. Larceny from a Merchant. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 08-28-20

08-03 Emmit Ray Jackson, 58, Faison. Domestic Violence Order. Trial Date 10-26-20

08-04 Angel Dawn Kirkland, 29, Clinton. Aid and Abet Larceny, Speeding, DWLR Not Impaired Revocation. Bond \$15500. Trial Date 08-04-20

08-04 Brian Curtis Murphy, 35, Salemburg. DWLR Not Impaired. Bond \$500. Trial Date 08-31-20

08-04 Rasheem Barnett, 28, Fayetteville. Misdemeanor Larceny- FTA Bond \$500. Trial Date 08-17-20

08-06 Elliott Draughon, 56, Clinton. Negligent Manslaughter. Bond \$100000. Trial Date 08-21-20

08-06 Thomas Lee Davis, 59, Clinton. Cruelty to Animals. Bond \$500. Trial Date 08-31-20

08-06 Jeffery Alan Bishop, 43, Roseboro. Simple Possession Schedule VI.

08-06 Lawanda Michelle Ashley, 44, Clinton. AWDWIKISI, Simple Assault. Bond \$151000. Trial Date 08-14-20

08-07 Jacob Matthew Hawks, 21, Clinton. Resist Public Officer, Assault by Strangulation. Bond \$23000. Trial Date 08-10-20

INCIDENT REPORTS

07-31 James Butler of Clinton reported Damage to Property- dwelling \$100.

08-01 Walmart of Clinton reported Shoplifting- consumable goods- \$7.90, household goods- \$10.46 Extension cord/markers \$6.96.

08-01 Walmart of Clinton reported Shoplifting- merchandise- \$8.47, food items \$32.00, household items- \$10.00, apparel/shoes- \$63.00, Gain/Snuggle- \$35.00.

08-02 Walmart of Clinton reported Shoplifting- Baby Wipes- \$11.38, food items- \$35.00, misc items \$23.48, Lego \$28.00.

08-03 Susan Smith of Clinton reported Damage to Property- tires \$52.00.

08-03 Eva Simmons of Clinton reported Larceny of license plate.

08-03 Walmart of Clinton reported Shoplifting- airbed \$29.94.

08-04 Big Blue Store of Clinton reported Shoplifting- tools Dewalt Drill \$317.99.

08-06 Best of Clinton Inc reported Motor Vehicle Theft- Chevrolet \$13000.

08-06 M&M Mortgage Services Inc reported a Breaking and Entering.

08-06 Gregory Daughtry Jr of Clinton reported Larceny of riding lawnmower \$500.

08-07 Andrew Wilson of Barnhill reported Larceny of tire and rims- \$80.00.

08-07 Marcel Sellers of Clinton reported Theft from Motor Vehicle, Larceny- firearms \$1300.

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

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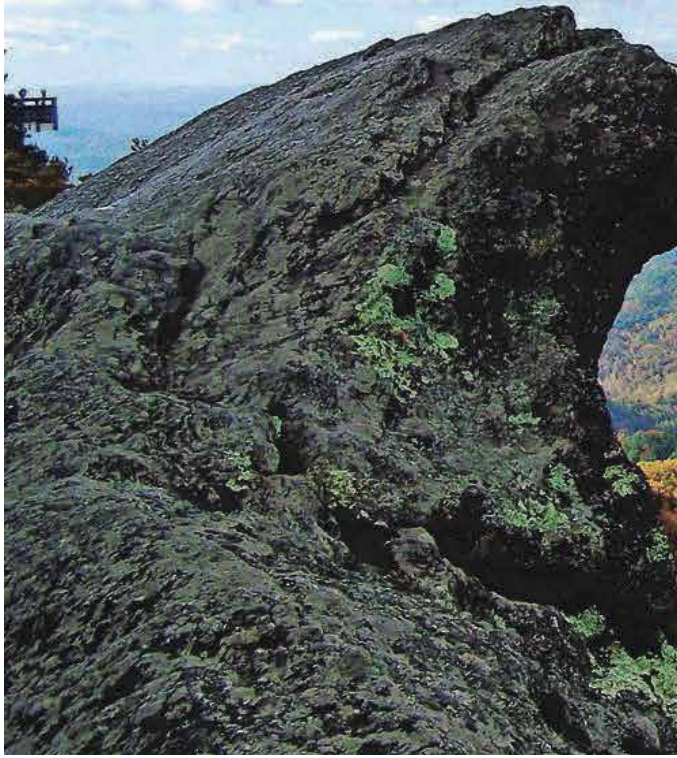
TRAVEL

EDITOR'S NOTE

Please follow all local and CDC recommendations before traveling ([go to cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html)). In the meantime, please enjoy this page as part of a "staycation" or to create your post-self-quarantine bucket list.

Head for the high country

Adventure and relaxation in the mountains of North Carolina



By Marci DeWolf
More Content Now

With high temperatures bearing down on much of the country, this is a good time for a mountain getaway. The North Carolina High Country is just the place for cool fresh air, crisp breezes and refreshing waterfalls.

High Country encompasses several small towns along the highest elevations of the Blue Ridge Parkway in the northwest part of the state.

Families have been coming to the High Country for adventure and spectacular views since before the Civil War. The oldest attractions are areas of natural beauty such as The Blowing Rock, Linville Caverns and Grandfather Mountain.

The most breathtaking views of the Blue Ridge Mountains are found at the majestic Grandfather Mountain and its exhilarating Mile High Swinging Bridge. When the wind blows the bridge actually "sings" in the same way a harmonica sounds.

There are easy walking trails and naturalist programs to see wildlife in their natural habitat. Adventurers can scale ladders, climb steep rocks and edge along cliffs or hike to remote peaks. Calloway Peak on Grandfather Mountain is 5,946 feet above sea level.

More daring exploits are found at Hawksnest, one of the largest zipline parks in the country. It has three swinging bridges and 20 adrenaline-pumping ziplines reaching heights of 200 feet. Participants appear to fly over trees, lakes and creeks at speeds up to 50 mph while watching panoramic mountain views below.

Agri-tourism offers fun ways to experience life down on the farm. In addition to apple picking in the fall, visitors can learn about the production of Christmas trees at Sugar Plum Farm in Plumtree. Swinging Bridge Farm in Deepgap has a walking tour of its Christmas tree

farm. High Country has the largest production of Yule trees in the East. It has provided the White House Christmas trees for eight of the last 20 years.

The streets of Blowing Rock are storybook sweet with quaint boutiques, independent restaurants, art galleries and antique shops. Memorial Park and gardens in the town's center give a magical feel against the backdrop of the Parkway and Pisgah National Forest. Look for the Thursday farmer's market through October.

The town's namesake — the Blowing Rock — is a unique outcrop formation with magnificent views and near-constant winds on Highway 321 South.

Just outside of town, the Chetola Resort and Spa is an all-purpose vacation retreat. Located on 87 pristine acres, the name means "haven of rest" in Cherokee.

Besides the main lodge, there are a small inn and condos on the estate. For rainy days, an indoor pool and recreation center are located in the main building.

Timberlake's Restaurant and

patio overlook Chetola Lake, a well-loved landmark for kayaking, paddle-boating and fishing.

The resort is COVID-safety-conscious and offers many outside activities: guided fly-fishing trips, a sporting reserve, archery by the lake and evening bonfires.

The 1891 Green Park Inn is a different world altogether. One of the Grand Manor Hotels of the Victorian age, it has catered to such luminaries as Annie Oakley, Margaret Mitchell and Eleanor Roosevelt. Photos of these and other celebrities line the walls of the long, elegant living room.

The inn has its own garden, supplying fresh produce and herbs to the restaurant, the Chestnut Grille.

All CDC guidelines and protocols are adhered to at High Country attractions, said Candice Cook of the regional visitors' center NC High Country Host. Face masks are required in public in North Carolina.

For information, maps of hiking trails and attraction websites, go to mountainsofnc.com or call 828-264-1299.

Above, the Blowing Rock in North Carolina. Below, Timberlake's Restaurant at Chetola Resort overlooks Chetola Lake, a haven for kayaking, paddleboating and fishing. [PHOTOS COURTESY OF NC HIGH COUNTRY HOST]

Brookfield Zoo near Chicago adds dinosaurs to the mix

By CR Rae
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Historic Brookfield Zoo west of downtown Chicago reopened its outdoor exhibits in July after shutting down because of the pandemic, and some exciting new creatures moved in during the hiatus.

Now through Nov. 1 is "Dinos Everywhere!" The zoo has transformed its 216 acres of nature park into a home for 40 animatronic dinos, and dinosaur lovers will love these lifelike exhibits.

Visitors can create their own safari to search for all of the dinosaurs. One not to be missed is the Argentinosaurus located on the zoo's west mall. This guy (or girl) measures more than 110 feet in length and is three stories tall.

This prehistoric exhibit is interactive and allows zoo-goers to put their knowledge of dinosaurs to the test, answering trivia questions to win a prize.

Don't forget your camera or phone for some selfies. A picture with a Tyrannosaurus rex, Stegosaurus, Pteranodon or



A Tyrannosaurus rex waits to be discovered at the zoo near Chicago. [COURTESY OF BROOKFIELD ZOO]

Pentaceratops is a must.

"Dinos Everywhere!" was created by "Jurassic Park" adviser Don Lessum and is on loan from the Wildlife Conservation Society.

Six Mold-A-Rama machines have been added to the park so kids can make a dino to take home. The first Mold-A-Rama machine at the zoo was installed in 1966.

The machines are found at different locations across the zoo and make a molded plastic souvenir relative to the location.

Zoo visitors also have the opportunity to see current animals in their outdoor habitats, including Brutus and Titus, the 4-year-old African lions who joined the zoo family in March. Brookfield is also home to

African wild dog puppies, Mexican wolves, polar bears, gray seals, an Amur tiger, Galapagos and Sulcata tortoises, kangaroos, brown bears and Sasha, a 5-month-old Amur leopard cub born at the zoo.

Brookfield Zoo also is an accredited arboretum, with more than 100 trees and plant species throughout. A detailed map identifies the trees and provides a self-guided tour.

The zoo opened in 1934 and has gained an international reputation because of its role in animal care and conservation. In 1937 it became the first zoo in the United States to have a panda bear.

All admission and parking tickets must be purchased at CZS.org/OnlineTicketing.org. No tickets will be sold onsite. Everyone older than 2 is requested to wear a face covering when they enter the zoo, and face coverings should be worn when guests are not able to maintain at least 6 feet of distance from staff and other visitors who are not members of the same family. At this time all the buildings are closed to entry.

Check out CZS.org/KnowBeforeYouGo for more information.

FAITH

Blessings in a Box



Matthew 25:35-40, "For I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; 36 I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you took care of Me; I was in prison and you visited Me." 37 "Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You something to drink? 38 When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or without clothes and clothe You? 39 When did we see You sick, or in prison, and visit You?' 40 "And the King will answer them, 'I assure you: Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me.'"

Most of us are fortunate enough not to know much about real hunger and thirst. From time to time we might complain that we are famished as we wait for our next meal. However, our health is hardly threatened when dinner is delayed for a few hours. Even when we might say, "I'm starving," does that really mean the same as the person whose refrigerator is empty?

Consider these alarming statistics about hunger in North Carolina. Almost 604,000 households don't have enough to eat. North Carolina is the 10th hungriest state in the nation. Almost 1 in 5 children in our state faces hunger on a regular basis (24.6%). It should shock us all that so many children in our state don't get enough to eat. We could just marvel at these numbers and think that the problem is too large or we can look for creative solutions.

After discovering that the Baptists on Mission of North Carolina had received a \$1.6 million grant from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to provide around 8,000 Farmers to Families Food Box on a weekly basis, members of Atkinson Baptist Church knew they had to do their part in getting these food boxes to those in need. The first boxes were distributed on April 17th as part of the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program. Partnering with the Eastern Baptist Association in Rose Hill we have been able to serve the community with fresh vegetables, fruits, meats and dairy products, while supplies lasted, to anyone that said they had a need.

Many of the residents of Pender County that the church has assisted are familiar faces. Families that were assisted during the previous hurricane have benefited from the food boxes. Some of these individuals have told us they are still trying to get into their homes and find full time employment. One common statement I have heard during this ministry outreach has been, "Pastor Ken, you just don't know how much a blessing the food inside this box is." I might not know the stories of each person that we have helped, but I'm confident that a little in the hands of God can go very far.

Consider the promise of Proverbs 22:9, "Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor." I have been blessed by God so much that the least I could do is try to bless someone else. Finally, I leave you with these words from a card that I recently received. "Thank you so much for the nice box of vegetables and fruit that was left at my mom and dads this week. They wanted to make sure that all involved in this were thanked. It was such a wonderful way of helping people in these uncertain times with extra food, but also showing people that they are loved and cared about. God is definitely working in many ways and it shows through people like you. God bless you all for your many acts of kindness."



Ken Smith

Cataracts Can Be A Blessing

Walk into God's Blessings

Really? I can almost hear you asking the obvious question: "How in this world could those cataracts on my eyes be a blessing?" Stay with me here, and I'll try my best to put this in a new perspective as I share a couple of real-life stories.

Now in my 80's, I realized that the aging process was beginning to take its toll on me, particularly regarding my vision. Years earlier I was diagnosed with Corneal Dystrophy, or progressive dry-eye disease. Thankfully help was available - drops, drops, drops, and more drops - but this 'cataract thing' was something entirely different. So, with advice from my most trusted Optometrist, I finally determined that having cataracts removed was my sensible option. Was I ever in for an awe-inspiring experience! After the first eye surgery I was literally shocked! Light was so bright, colors were so vivid, the bathroom fixtures were white - not pale yellow! And after having the other eye taken care of, it was truly a WOW moment! I found that I could once again READ with clarity - oh what JOY was mine! Of course, I saw dust, and dirt, and stains that had not been seen in some time, and that too could now be remedied. A time of rejoicing, thanking everyone who assisted me, and Praise to our Heavenly Father continues to this day.

My sister, Mary Brown, gave me a gift I cherish: The Gaither Homecoming Bible - Inspiring Hope Through Scripture, Song, and Story. Now that those cataracts had been removed, my 'new' vision was indeed a blessing and it restored to me a part of my life that had been diminished. I really (there's that word) am able to spend so much more time reading, particularly my Bible, thus leading me to be more dedicated in private times of reflection, prayerfully seeking the Father's will.

Recently, while reading my new Bible, I came upon a well known scripture and Bill Gaither's amplification which I want to share with you - story number two. The Scripture given by Paul in 1 Corinthians 13:12. "Now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known."

Bill shares his testimony: "Not too long ago, I had surgery on each of my eyes to remove cataracts. Each eye was repaired separately, so after the first surgery, I covered the newly repaired eye with my hand to compare my vision with the eye that was still clouded. When I compared the clear vision of my good eye with the impaired eye, I suddenly realized that I had been looking through a yellowish-brown haze that darkened everything in my line of sight.

It was unbelievable and, to be honest, it was disturbing how dark and cloudy my vision had become without my realizing it. Day by day, over the course of probably twenty years, my vision slowly grew more and more impaired. Yet because it happened so gradually, and because I couldn't compare what I was seeing to what I should've been seeing, there was no way to really comprehend

what I was missing until the fog was removed by my surgeon's hands. This principle is not only a physical one but a spiritual truth as well. The world we know is a vague silhouette of what eternity will hold for us. All we have ever known is a dark, limited view with which we have nothing to compare. But one day, the blinders will be off, and we will have clarity we never knew! Our questions, our doubts, our confusion will all be abundantly clear.

Until that day, we are engaged in a walk of faith in which we are dependent on the One whose vision is perfect and whose hand is ready to guide us through the dark."

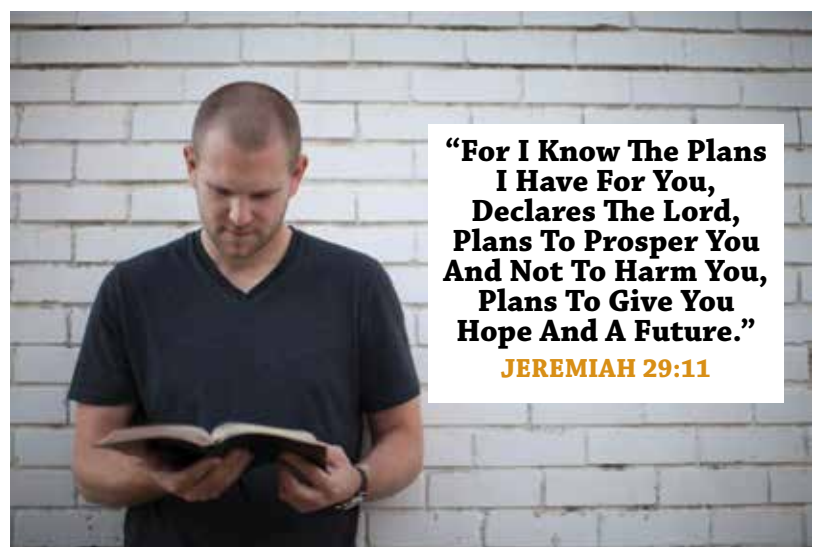
And to that I wholeheartedly say, "Thank you, Bill Gaither!" Most definitely he validated my 'cataract thing' and, also gave me some new spiritual insight. What Joy! Now I can live each new day from a 'restored vision' point of view. I am so very grateful to God for His guiding hand and blessings upon me. Daily I praise our Heavenly Father for opportunities to offer glory and honor to His Holy name.

The song says, "Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit Divine". Yes, my spiritual eyes are open, and I can honestly say that cataracts can be a blessing. Let us all live in great expectation of that day in eternity with Jesus Christ when we shall truly SEE Him as He is, in all of His Glory! REALLY!



Martha M. Pierce

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Sampson Regional Medical Center (SampsonRMC) is pleased to announce it now offers the BABY & ME – Tobacco Free Program™ to help pregnant women in our community. This free evidenced-based, prenatal/postpartum program assists pregnant women in quitting tobacco and staying quit. Mothers and their partners who successfully stay quit have the opportunity to earn free diapers for up to 12 months.

Sampson Medical Group of Clinton is a trained and certified provider designated by the hospital to administer the new program. “We must encourage pregnant smoking women to consider quitting,” said Dr. Joshua Ferrell, MD, Family Medicine Faculty and Asso-

ciate Program Director for the hospital’s family medicine residency. Tobacco use during pregnancy is a known cause of birth defects, premature births, underweight babies, and sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS). “Quitting smoking greatly reduces the health risks to the mother and baby. Women enrolled in the program will receive proven tools to assist them in successfully quitting tobacco throughout the postpartum period and beyond,” explained Dr. Ferrell.

Laurie Adams, BABY & ME – Tobacco Free Program Executive Director and program creator, provided the technical support and training to Sampson Medical Group and certified three staff members to implement and enroll women into the program. “Sampson Medical Group is the perfect fit for the program,” stated Adams. Sampson Medical Group serves prenatal patients and works with their patients to support their quit attempt. Pregnant women who enroll in the program receive counseling support and resources to help them quit smoking. “The greatest gift a woman can give her baby is a tobacco-free pregnancy and tobacco-free home. We are thrilled to be working with Sampson Medical Group to help pregnant women in their community,” shared Adams.

Upon successfully quitting and staying quit, enrolled participants are eligible for FREE diapers during the prenatal period and up to 12 months following the birth of their baby. This program is generously funded by Anonymous Trust of Raleigh, North Carolina through grant to the Sampson Regional Medical Center Foundation. “The SampsonRMC Foundation is proud to offer this program to Sampson County expectant expectant and new mothers and their spouses which will relatively improve the health outcomes of their baby and other children in the home. Our Foundation is grateful to partner with Sampson Medical Group in our common mission to make a positive impact on the health of our community and for future generations,” shared Sherrill Allen, Fund Development Coordinator for Sampson Regional Medical Center.

The BABY & ME – Tobacco Free Program™ is in 21 states nationwide. For more information on the program visit www.babyandmetobaccofree.org, or to enroll, call Sampson Medical Group’s BABY & ME Program Administrator at 910-590-8755.



Sampson Regional graduates residents, welcomes new class

Sampson Regional Medical Center (SampsonRMC) is pleased to announce the 2020 class of graduates from its Family Medicine, Dermatology, and Transition Year Residency programs.

While COVID-19 dampened traditional ceremonies, Sampson Regional proudly celebrates the accomplishments of seven graduating residents and four interns from its Graduate Medical Education (GME) programs. The following physicians have formally completed their residency programs:

Family Medicine:

- Alanna Hannegraf, DO Originally from Minnesota, Dr. Hannegraf attended medical school at Western University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific-Northwest. She looks forward to practicing in Oregon at an outpatient family practice with hopes of entering an Obesity Medicine Fellowship. She also anticipates her upcoming marriage in August. During her time at SampsonRMC, Dr. Hannegraf was nominated for the American Academy of Family Physicians National Award for Excellence in Graduate Education among other outstanding GME Residents.
- Dylon Howard, DO Dr. Howard was in the first graduating class of Transition Year Interns at Sampson Regional. Following his first year of residency, he transferred back to Sampson Regional for Family Medicine Residency, where he was Chief Resident in his final year. He completed residency six months ahead of his cohort, graduating this past December. At that time, he relocated to his hometown of Ada, Oklahoma where he is a practicing family physician.
- Dr. Kira Groves, DO Dr. Groves is a candidate for residency graduation on August 31, 2020. Upon graduation, she will return to her hometown in Louisiana with her husband where they will both be practicing family medicine physicians.
- Dr. James McNamara, DO A Louisiana native, Dr. McNamara has an extensive academic background -- a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry from North Carolina State University, Doctorate in Biomedical Engineering from Louisiana Tech University, Masters of Science in Medical Science from University of South Florida, and a Doctorate of Osteopathic Medicine from William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. McNamara looks forward to serving other small communities, much like Sampson County, in the future. His plans are to practice family medicine in rural Kentucky.
- Rosemary Savage, DO A native New Yorker, Dr. Savage began her studies at Milton Hershey School in Hershey, Pennsylvania, and continued her education in her home state at the University of Rochester in Rochester, New York. She completed her medical degree at West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Savage looks forward to moving south to practice outpatient family medicine in Florida.

Dermatology:

- Falon Brown, DO Dr. Brown began studies in her home state at The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa and completed medical school at the Georgia Campus of Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Suwanee, Georgia. She completed an Internal Medicine Residency at Louisiana State University in New Orleans before becoming a dermatology resident. Dr. Brown will return to Louisiana to practice general, surgical, and cosmetic dermatology.
- Dahlia Saleh, DO Dr. Saleh attended Michigan State University to receive her undergraduate degree in Human Biology before attending medical school at LECOM in Pennsylvania. She completed her internship year in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida before joining SampsonRMC’s dermatology residency. In her final year of residency at SampsonRMC, she acted as Chief Resident. Dr. Saleh will return to Florida to practice general, surgical, and cosmetic dermatology.

Transitional Rotating Year:

- Blair Harris, DO Dr. Harris was accepted into SampsonRMC’s Dermatology residency where he will continue training for the next three years.
- Mikel Muse, DO Dr. Muse was accepted into SampsonRMC’s Dermatology residency where she will continue training for the next three years.
- Hannah Pile, DO Dr. Pile was accepted into the Dermatology Program at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- Patrick Whitman, DO Dr. Whitman was accepted into the Dermatology Program at Silver

Falls Dermatology in Salem, Oregon, associated with Samaritan Health, Corvallis, Oregon.

Family Medicine Residents are led by John-Mark Miller, DO, Program Director, who is currently deployed by the Army National Guard and unable to share comment at time of release. Joshua Ferrell, MD, Associate Program Director of Family Medicine Residency, shared his honor of being a faculty physician for graduating residents and his pride in their accomplishments. “Their ability to adapt in the face of adversity will continue to set them apart,” he said, speaking of the unique challenges they faced in their final months of training as the COVID-19 pandemic hit. “They have been asked to adapt to caring for patients in a manner very different from anything they previously encountered.

They have bravely walked into an atmosphere of uncertainty and fear and have upheld their oath and calling to serve the suffering,” explained Dr. Ferrell.

Dr. Ferrell shared that each resident has left an undeniable impact on the Family Medicine Program and the community they have served. “Their character is of the highest quality and deserving of honor as they leave our residency program to care for the sick and promote health in communities across the country. I am so excited to see each of them move forward into what I know will be a bright future.”

Dermatology Residents practice under the supervision of Program Director Jonathan Crane, DO, F.A.O.C.D., who trains residents in his two offices located in Wilmington and Clinton. Dr. Crane has confidence that graduates of the SampsonRMC Dermatology program will go on to provide excellent care for their patients. Recounting his experience with both graduating residents, Dr. Crane offers his sentiments about their completion of the program. “Dr. Brown was a terrific resident for the past three years. During her interview, we considered her an outstanding pick, and now she is moving on to be an outstanding dermatologist. She is a great person whom the staff and I will really miss. Dr. Saleh has done well in her years of residency. She has a fun personality and caring nature that the staff and I will truly miss her. She is full speed ahead and totally ready for all aspects of Dermatology. We wish her the best of luck in Florida where she will be practicing.”

Transition Year Interns are led by Subodh Pal, MD, Program Director. Transition year interns spend a year rotating through a wide variety of disciplines, training them in general medicine as a requirement before they enter a residency program for more specialized training. Reflecting on another successful year, Dr. Pal shared his best wishes for the graduating interns. “We had four outstanding interns. They are all bright, self-motivated, and compassionate physicians. Collectively, they provided outstanding care to our community and were always pleasant to work with. They are all heading into further training in Dermatology.”

In addition to celebrating residency graduates, SampsonRMC ushers in academic year 2021 with new residents who began training on July 1st. SampsonRMC welcomes these residents to its programs:

Family Medicine

- Dr. Brianna Clark- Transferred to SampsonRMC from Edward Via College of Medicine, Carolinas Campus, Spartanburg, SC
- Dr. Henry Curry – University of Pikeville, Kentucky College of Medicine, Pikeville, KY
- Dr. Mason Day – Lake Erie College of Medicine, Bradenton, FL
- Dr. Nicholas Royster - Lake Erie College of Medicine, Erie, PA
- Dr. Jordan Wong- University of Pikeville, Kentucky College of Medicine, Pikeville, KY

Transition Year

- Dr. Jarett Casale – Campbell University School of Medicine, Buies Creek, NC
- Dr. Yasmin Hadian- Touro University, College of Osteopathic Medicine, Vallejo, California
- Dr. Abigail Hunter- University of North Texas – Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, Fort Worth, TX
- Dr. Paul Kevin Jaszewski II – Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine, Carolinas Campus, Spartanburg, SC

If spending more time at home than usual has you reaching for snacks more often, keep some quick, flavorful options on-hand to help fuel you and your family throughout the day when hunger pangs strike.

One versatile pantry staple that can fit a variety of snack cravings: popcorn. With no artificial additives or preservatives, light and airy popcorn is naturally low in fat and calories, non-GMO and gluten free, making it a sensible option to enjoy one handful at a time or sprinkled with seasonings that satisfy your taste buds. A whole-grain food, popcorn has energy-producing carbohydrates and fiber, which can help keep you satisfied longer. Plus, it's simple enough to make that kids can help in the kitchen by popping it themselves or adding toppings.

Whether you're craving something sweet, salty, spicy – or nearly anything else – freshly popped popcorn can serve as the perfect base ingredient to simply mix in your favorite toppings or create more unique tastes by combining a variety of herbs and spices. For example, consider these hacks to add easy flavor:

- **Pop it on the stove.** Stovetop popping allows you to choose your toppings. Cover the bottom of a pot with a thin layer of oil and popcorn kernels, shake to coat, cover with a lid then turn on the heat. Once popping has slowed to 2-second intervals, remove from heat and add toppings.
- **Add some sweetness.** When you're in the mood for something sweet, add a dash of salt and a pinch of sugar (or more to meet your taste) to a bowl of popcorn. Or add sugar to the pan before it's popped, like this recipe for Sugar Corn.
- **Melt some butter.** For a classic taste treat, melt a little butter and pour over your bowl of popped corn.
- **Satisfy multiple cravings.** Pop a large pot of popcorn and divide it in half; top one half with sweeter toppings like honey, which is a key ingredient in Honey Matcha Popcorn, and the other with something savory, like nutritional yeast or dill. When hunger strikes, you're ready, regardless of the flavor craving.
- **Spice it up.** Cayenne pepper and a blend of other spices can be sprinkled on popcorn to create a spicier snack like Cajun Corn.
- **Add mix-ins.** Add dried fruits, nuts or candies to a bowl of popcorn to make your own trail mix.
- **Cheese, please.** A sprinkle of Parmesan cheese can make your snack a bit more substantial. Mix in some dried herbs like basil and parsley to create this Popcorn Con Pesto.

For more snack ideas that deliver on both flavor and nutrition, visit popcorn.org.

Sugar Corn

- Yield: 8 cups
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil, for popping
 - 1/2 cup popcorn kernels
 - 1 pinch white sugar, plus additional, to taste

In medium pan, heat oil until hot. Add popcorn to pan and sprinkle sugar over it. Add more sugar, if desired, to taste. Cover and shake pan continuously until popcorn is popped.



Sugar Corn



Honey Matcha Popcorn

Honey Matcha Popcorn

- Yield: 12 cups
- 12 cups unsalted, unbuttered popped popcorn
 - 1/4 cup butter
 - 1/4 cup honey
 - 1 teaspoon matcha green tea powder
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1 tablespoon black sesame seeds
- Preheat oven to 300 F.

Line large, rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper. Place popped popcorn in large mixing bowl. In small saucepan over medium heat, melt together butter, honey, matcha powder and salt, stirring until dissolved. Pour over popcorn; toss to combine. Spread onto baking sheet. Sprinkle with sesame seeds. Bake, stirring occasionally, 25-30 minutes, or until popcorn is dry. Let cool completely before serving. **Tip:** Matcha powder can be found in the tea and coffee aisle at supermarkets.

Popcorn Con Pesto

- Yield: 5 quarts
- 5 quarts popped popcorn
 - 1/2 cup butter
 - 1 tablespoon dried basil leaves, crushed
 - 1 teaspoon dried parsley, crushed
 - 1 teaspoon garlic powder
 - 1/3 cup Parmesan cheese
 - 1/2 cup pine nuts (optional)

Place popped popcorn in large bowl and keep warm. In small saucepan, melt butter; add basil, parsley, garlic, Parmesan cheese and nuts, if using. Stir to blend. Pour over popped popcorn, stirring well. **Note:** Dried thyme or oregano, or combination of ingredients, may be used in place of basil.



Popcorn Con Pesto



Cajun Corn

Cajun Corn

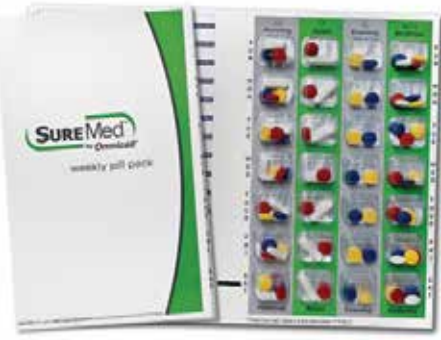
- Yield: 2 1/2 quarts
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
 - 2 1/2 quarts popped popcorn, warm
 - 1 teaspoon paprika
 - 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
 - 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
 - 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
 - 1 teaspoon lemon pepper
- Heat oven to 300 F. In bowl, pour butter over warm popcorn. In separate bowl, combine paprika, onion powder, garlic powder, cayenne pepper and lemon pepper; sprinkle over popcorn. Toss to mix. Bake 5-10 minutes for crispy popcorn.

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...by God's Grace

Summer 2020 has been filled with blessings beyond measure. Burdens have bombarded as we, the people of Sampson County, stand strong together in Christian love, pray, not allow any form of division to spoil His plans for us to prosper - put personal agendas aside - step in faith - shine as unified believers with our focus on THEE - and let our little (we love JESUS) lights shine - SAMPSON STRONG - for all the world to see!

Then, people put in places making harmful decisions and people living in hometowns and hurting places across America can see: God can bring peace and restore our nation when we keep our focus on THEE ...and take it off 'we'!

Pictures on Tim's Gift/ Learning Station page (provided by a Good Samaritan in our hometown) portray the joy of Sonshine Kids from The Learning Station sharing Jesus throughout Sampson County during Summer 2020. These children prayed with people, shared seven hundred fifty cards at businesses and with people who came to Tim's Gift for help - - with 2 Chronicles 7:14 and their personal messages of hope on them, made and gave away hundreds of heart cards that said, "Good News - Jesus Loves You", praised and worshipped the Lord every day, enjoyed trips to Papa Pete's Family Farm, and are presently decorating three hundred bags for Helping Hands to use in a community event to honor those who serve Sampson strong!

By God's Grace... Cindy Byrd - owner and manager of Dominoes in Clinton - and I have shared thirty years of growing a close friendship (we are sisters in Christ) and building our businesses. Cindy's love for the Lord, her family, employees, and customers shines brightly as she humbly serves and happily helps people God puts in her path. During Summer 2020, Cindy, her daughter - Ashley, and faithful staff at Dominoes teamed up with Tim's Gift to share pizzas and prayer with HEROES throughout our city and county. We have delivered over three hundred pizzas and prayed with the precious people who received them with sweet spirits of gratitude! What a great place we live in

and call home!

Giving a 'shout out' to Cindy for her beautiful benevolent spirit of giving, example of hard work and strong faith, and taking time to tend to things that matter most... (as Jesus did) - listening, loving, and looking for ways to help people wherever He leads! Thank you, Cindy, for believing in the power of possibilities through Prayer and Pizza... and being a faithful friend!

His love, Becky



THE POWER of PIZZA & PRAYER

By Cindy Byrd, Owner of Domino's Pizza

When the idea of "Pizza and A Prayer" was being formed, Becky's sister came by the store (Domino's) this particular day. She was working on a fundraiser. We began to talk. It was the first time that I had heard the entire story of how Tim's Gift was created. It was a touching story. I had this desire to give food to people in need but didn't know exactly how to go about that. When I told her sister this, she went to Becky and told her about our conversation. Becky had the means and the way to get pizza to folks and I had the product. We put our ideas together and with a few trial runs, it evolved into how it's done today! I just wanted to give to folks who may need a meal or may need to know that people DO care about others. Sometimes it is the small things that a person may say or do that makes a big difference in someone's day or life. Just a small act of kindness means so much, and sometimes we don't even know how much it may really mean to that person. Life can be so hard and difficult at times.



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EDUCATION

SCC Makes Plans to Move Forward this Fall



Students, employees and visitors are required to wear face coverings, and floor markers remind about social distancing guidelines. (Photo Credit/Cheyenne McNeill)

Like several institutions across the state, Sampson Community College has made plans to prepare its campus for the arrival of students. The plan includes increased safety measures for faculty, staff, and students, and several other preventative measures.

Safety measures include hand sanitizing stations that have been installed at entrances, stairwells, and other high traffic areas, and requiring employees, students, and visitors to wear face coverings in classrooms, hallways, and common areas where appropriate social distancing cannot be maintained.

Despite the disruptions caused by COVID-19, President Bill Starling says Sampson Community College has not seen major issues as an institution.

“SCC has been in continuous operation since many of our classes transitioned to on-line delivery in March. This summer we enjoyed the largest enrollment we have had with almost all classes taught online,” Starling stated. “We will begin the semester using multiple forms of course delivery including face-to-face, blended, and online sections. We followed the lead of many of our senior universities and will conclude the fall semester by Thanksgiving.”

The College will offer classes in a combination of approaches: online, face-to-face, and hybrid and blended courses. These hybrid and blended courses have both face-to-face and online features. SCC also reduced enrollment caps for courses by 50 percent to maintain social distancing in face-to-face courses and hybrid/blended courses with face-to-face functions. Face shields and/or clear barriers are provided to instructors and in classrooms where face-to-face courses are held.

Employees are encouraged to limit in-person office interaction, and to hold virtual meetings via Zoom or phone. The College also encourages divisions and Student Services to continue conducting virtual services and appointments with students.

Housekeeping and maintenance teams will continue to maintain frequent and routine cleaning of high-touch and high-traffic areas. Commercial grade disinfecting of classrooms will occur on a regular basis to increase sanitation.

If a student or employee is diagnosed with COVID-19, the school has already implemented plans to work closely with the Sampson County Health Department and has instituted an ‘Excused Absences Due to Public Health Emergency Policy’.

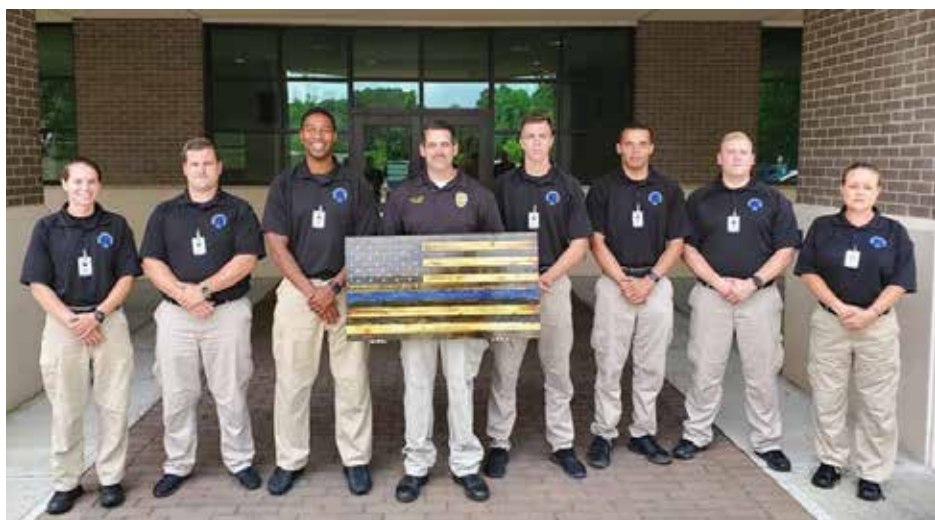
The policy ensures that students can complete and continue coursework if asked to remain home due to a public health emergency.

“Our primary concern is the health and well-being of our students, faculty and staff. We will be following the guidelines set forth by the CDC as well as the local health department. The work of the students, staff and faculty since the pandemic began in March has been exceptional and inspiring,” shared Vice President of Academic Affairs, Wanda Capps. “SCC is committed to the success of the students and will continue to provide stellar instruction during this time.”

Faculty and staff worked to quickly transition courses entirely online in March at the onset of COVID-19. Now after more preparation, instructors and division chairs have adapted and are even more prepared to make changes to courses if necessary, in order to accommodate student needs. The online delivery of courses is under constant evaluation in an attempt to improve course functionality.

“These are the most unusual circumstances that we have faced in my career here. I am confident that our staff and faculty can continue to provide safe and accessible instruction in all our programs of study,” Starling concluded.

SCC BLET Achieves 100 Percent Passing Rate



The Spring 2020 Day BLET Class presented a class gift to Director of BLET, Anthony Davis. (Courtesy Photo) Pictured left to right: Virginia Aspray, Robert Hardison, Moses Williams, Director Anthony Davis, Dolan Grady, Dylan Rich, Coleman Metz, Jennifer Jaramillo

When the decision was made to alter the format of Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) at Sampson Community College, several conscious decisions were made to improve the learning experience of future students. Recruits were given more time for studying and review, and an emphasis was placed on professionalism. Those alterations proved to have paid off on Friday when the BLET class achieved a 100 percent pass rate on the state exam.

“Ultimately, we wanted to produce great recruits into the workforce. This was accomplished through the exceptional leadership from our support staff and instructors.

From day one we teach the recruits the importance of ‘Protect & Serve,’” noted BLET Program Director, Anthony Davis.

As the COVID-19 pandemic threatened to disrupt class delivery, the program was able to continue with caution and safety—making the class passing rate an even greater feat. Several class scheduling challenges were overcome to stay on schedule for the exam date, including the location of the fire arm and driving

practical applications. Davis credits the staff and instructors with their swiftness and willingness to work with scheduling.

Day Class President, Moses Williams, says the challenges brought camaraderie among the recruits.

“What was trying turned out to really bring us closer together. We really came together as a group while we were out there. Because even though it wasn’t the most ideal circumstances, we learned a lot about each other and that was awesome,” Williams shared.

As Class President, Williams ensured that he and his classmates were in sync each day—from their uniforms to the number of sit-ups and push-ups they did during breaks. Uniformity proved to be key for the class—even on exam day when every recruit passed the state exam. Williams says that the class made it a goal from the beginning to set a standard for BLET classes that followed. They were excited to accomplish that goal collectively. Davis shared the news with each recruit individually.

“We were calling each other and congratulating each other. We were just really happy that we were able to get through the whole process, and then to really finalize it with everybody passing the state exam was exciting,” Williams remarked.

BLET Program Qualified Assistant, Robert Stroud, says seeing the students achieve their goal felt like seeing the original goal of the reimagined program achieved as well. When redesigned, the goal was for students to have a stake in the program and become more marketable.

“We gave the class more responsibility to take ownership of the program, basically to make it theirs. Everybody seemed to adapt to it well, and obviously, the test results prove to us that they took ownership of what they were trying to accomplish at the end,” Stroud remarked.

Stroud says seeing the test results for his students was nearly as exciting as receiving his scores years ago. Seeing their dedication and perseverance—especially after the challenges the COVID-19 pandemic caused—made the scores so much more satisfying.

“This year’s work proves that great things can be accomplished,” Stroud remarked.

The BLET program tests students’ knowledge related to Legal, Patrol Duties, Law Enforcement Communication, Investigations, Practical Application, and Sheriff Specific. The newly redesigned program at Sampson Community College puts a new emphasis on discipline and the professionalism of law enforcement. However, it also highlights the importance of compassion and public service. BLET students participated in a community service project to emphasize the service component of their future careers.

“If their heart is in the right place it will make all the difference in the type of officer they will become,” Davis shared.

As the country continues to make steps in reevaluating the training of law enforcement officers, the State Board of Community Colleges approved funds for a program that would provide training focused in de-escalation, relationship-based policing, and community interaction.

For more information about Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) at SCC, visit the website, or attend an interest session on July 2 at 6:00 pm.



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2020 Road Trip into The Magical Attic

by Mark Marderosian

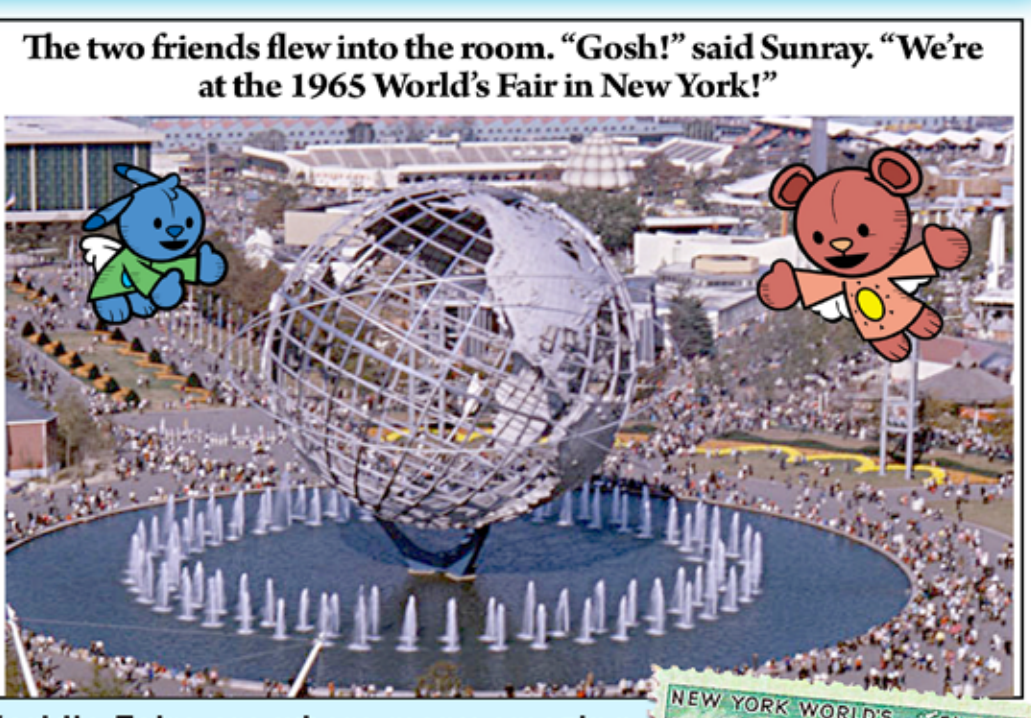


Episode 8 of 9
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Inside the Magical Attic, Sunray Bear said to his good friend, Eclipse Doggy, "Let's visit the Inventions Room!"
"Great!" said Eclipse. "Maybe they invented technicolor popcorn!"



The two friends flew into the room. "Gosh!" said Sunray. "We're at the 1965 World's Fair in New York!"



At the World's Fair, the "Picture Phone" had its debut. Being able to actually see someone while talking to them on the phone was astonishing!

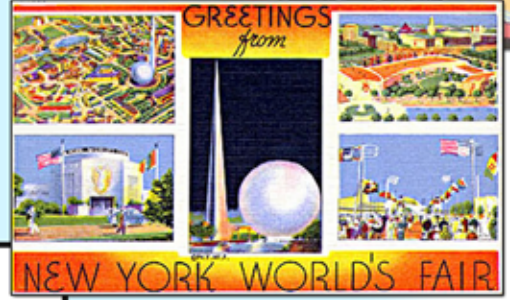
Fairgoers watched a real-life "Buck Rogers"-style rocket pack soar above them! It flew a distance of 815 feet at 60 miles an hour. Definitely fun for getting to school faster or flying over traffic!

World's Fairs are where many amazing inventions are unveiled. People saw lots of wondrous new ideas at the 1964 - 1965 New York World's Fair.



At the Fair, the introduction of new technology included:

- A replica of the Lunar Excursion Module that would land men on the moon in 1969, only four years after the Fair concluded.
- Walt Disney and his team of "Imagineers" built his audio-animatronics for the first time. These "robots" were used in the "It's a Small World" ride and at the Illinois Pavilion with a President Lincoln standing and speaking to guests.

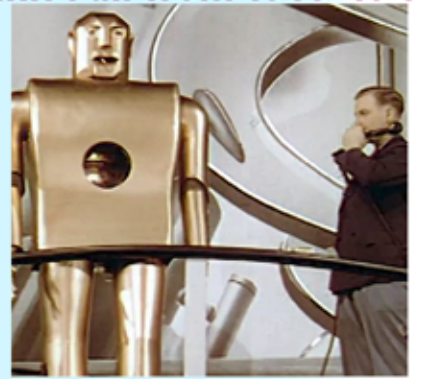


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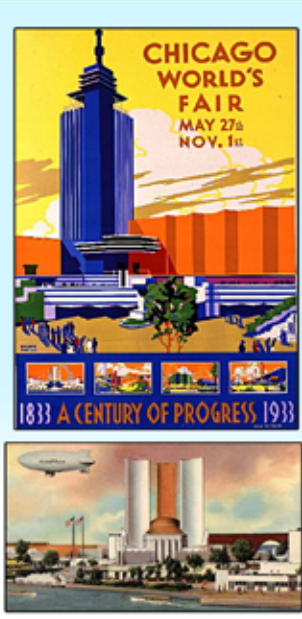
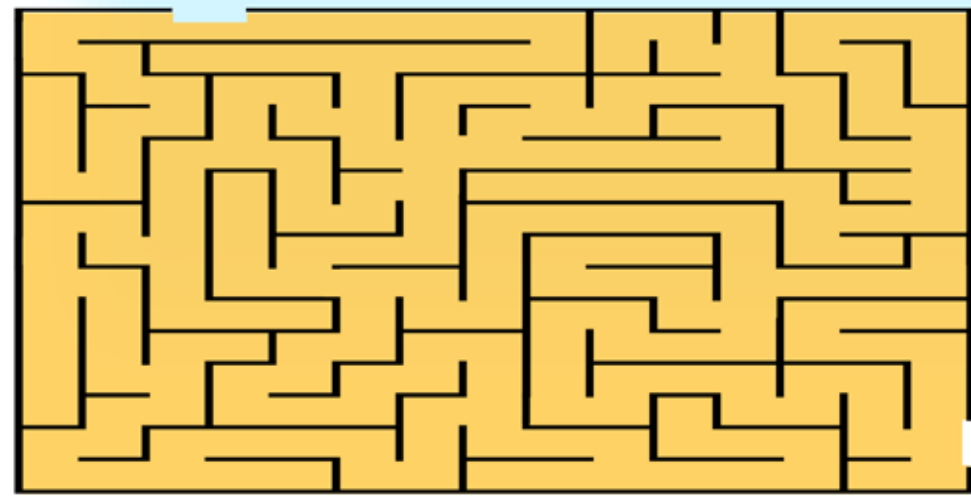
WHEEEEEEE!
THEY DID IT!
WE FINALLY GOT FLYING CARS!

The 1939 World's Fair celebrated "The World of Tomorrow." Over 40 million people visited this Fair from 1939-1940.



Not only did people view color TV sets for the first time, they met one of the first robots ever created: Elektro the Moto-Man! He was seven feet tall and weighed 250 pounds. He'd talk with a vocabulary of 700 words and blow up balloons!

Help Eclipse rocket from the 1965 New York's World's Fair to the 1933 Chicago World's Fair!



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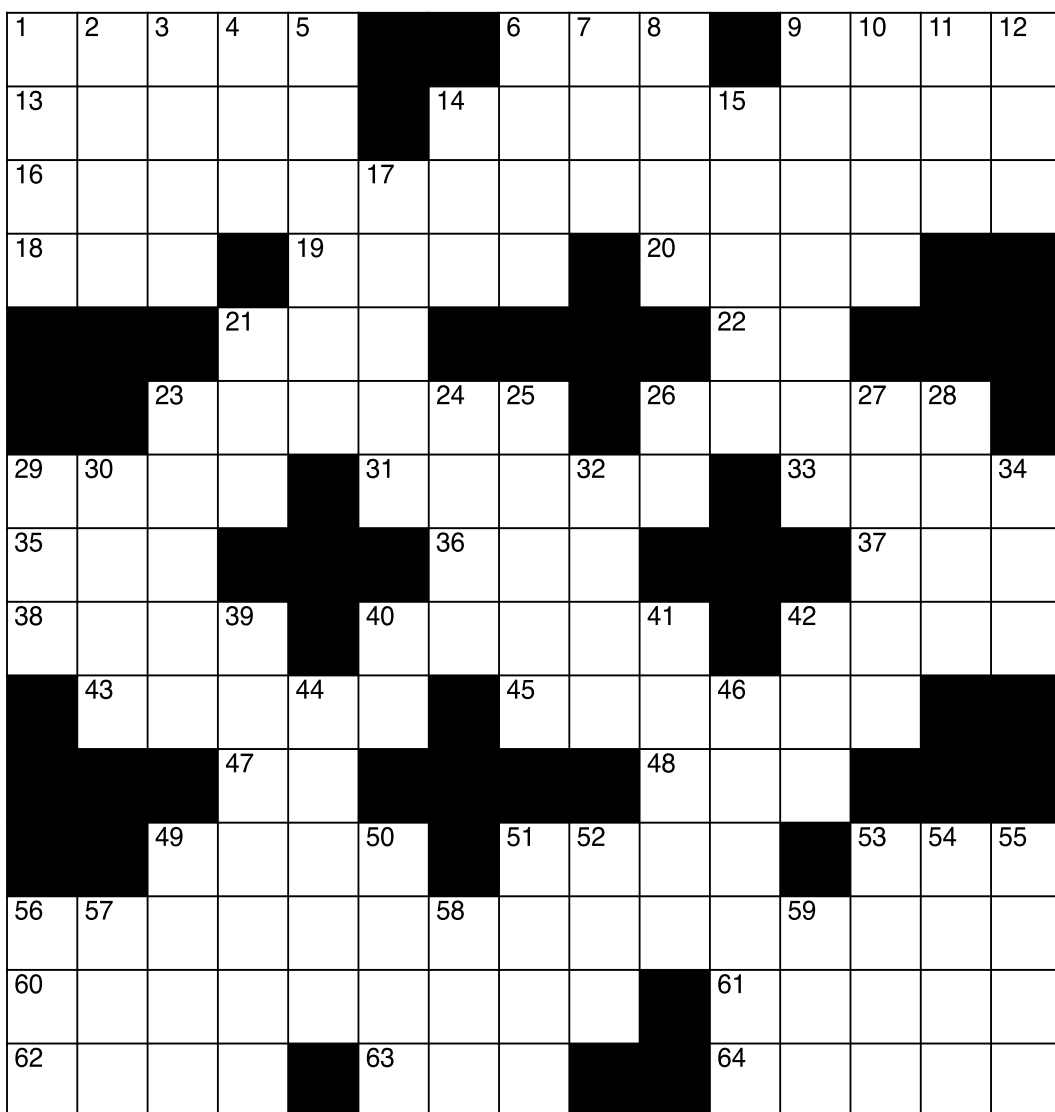
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Crossword Puzzle

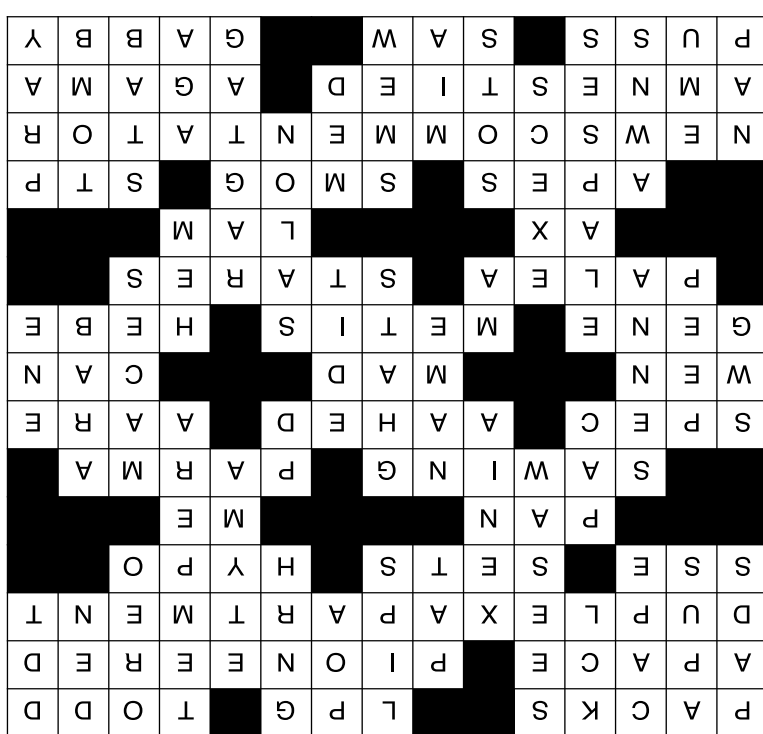


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Wolf groups
- 6. Liquid propane gas (abbr.)
- 9. Liz's 3rd husband Mike
- 13. Quickly, rapidly
- 14. Ventured into the unknown
- 16. 2 floor rental
- 18. Point midway between S and SE
- 19. Jells
- 20. Syringe
- 21. Greek god of the woods
- 22. Of I
- 23. A way of cutting
- 26. Italian cheese city
- 29. Detailed design criteria for a piece of work
- 31. Expressed pleasure
- 33. Swiss river
- 35. Harmless cyst
- 36. Angry
- 37. Airtight metal food container
- 38. Cowboy star Autry
- 40. Jupiter's closest satellite
- 42. Greek goddess of youth
- 43. Grass spikelet bracts
- 45. Gazes
- 47. Used to chop
- 48. Escape to avoid arrest
- 49. Imitators
- 51. Air pollution
- 53. Engine additive
- 56. One who comments on events of the day
- 60. In a way, pardoned
- 61. Lizard of the family Agamidae
- 62. _____ 'n boots
- 63. A lumberman's tool
- 64. Full of conversation

ANSWERS ACROSS

- 1. packs
- 6. LPG
- 9. Todd
- 13. Apace
- 14. Pioneered
- 16. Duplex apartment
- 18. SSE
- 19. Sets
- 20. Hypo
- 21. Pan
- 22. Me
- 23. Sawing
- 26. Parma
- 29. Spec
- 31. Aahed
- 33. Aare
- 35. Wen
- 36. Mad
- 37. Can
- 38. Gene
- 40. Metis
- 42. Hebe
- 43. Palea
- 45. Stares
- 47. Ax
- 48. Lam
- 49. Apes
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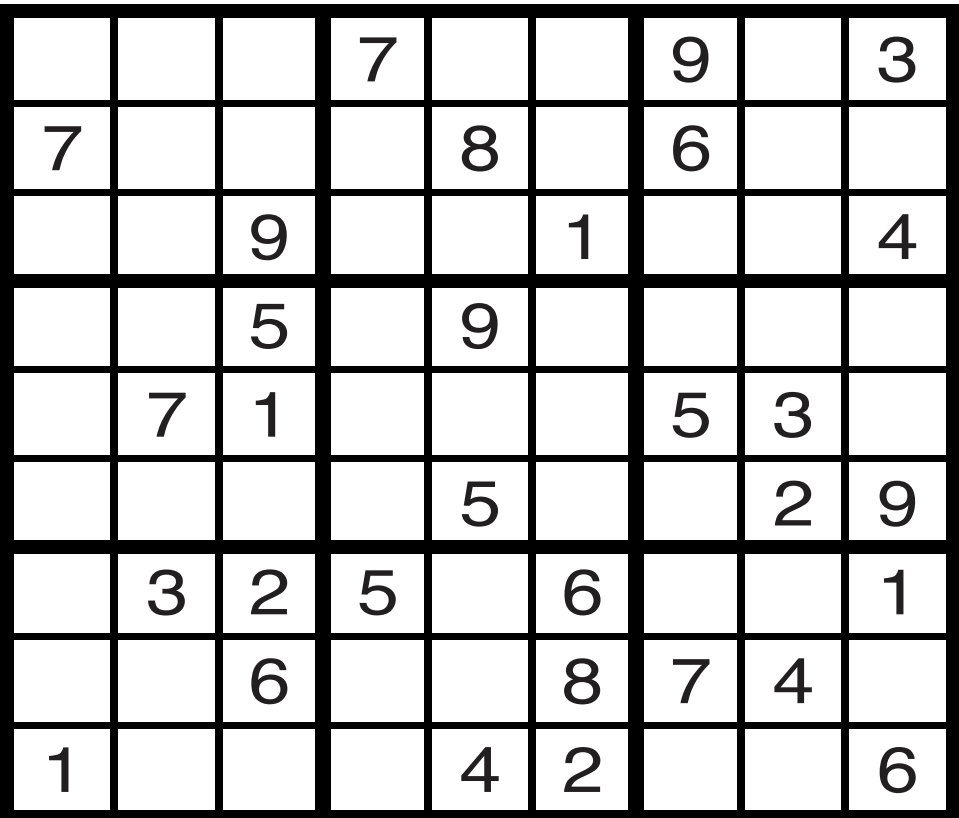


PUZZLE SOLUTION

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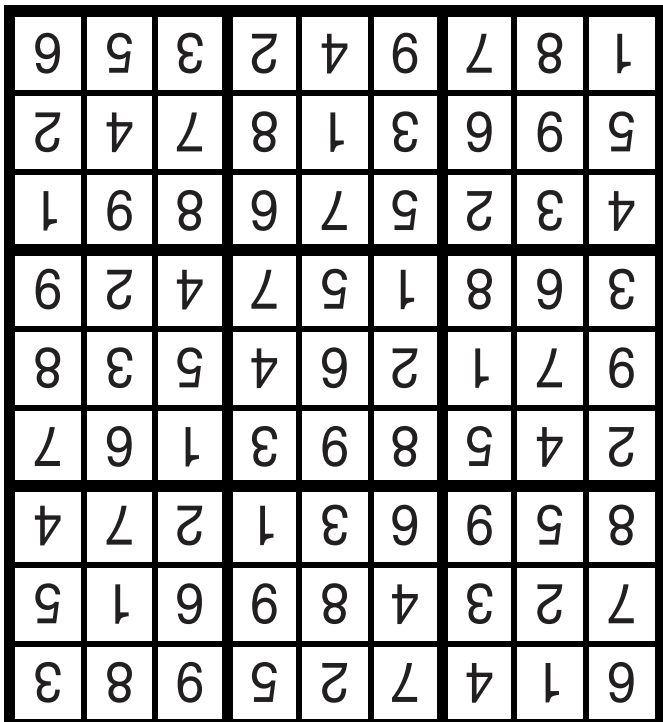
Fun By The Numbers

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



Here's How It Works:

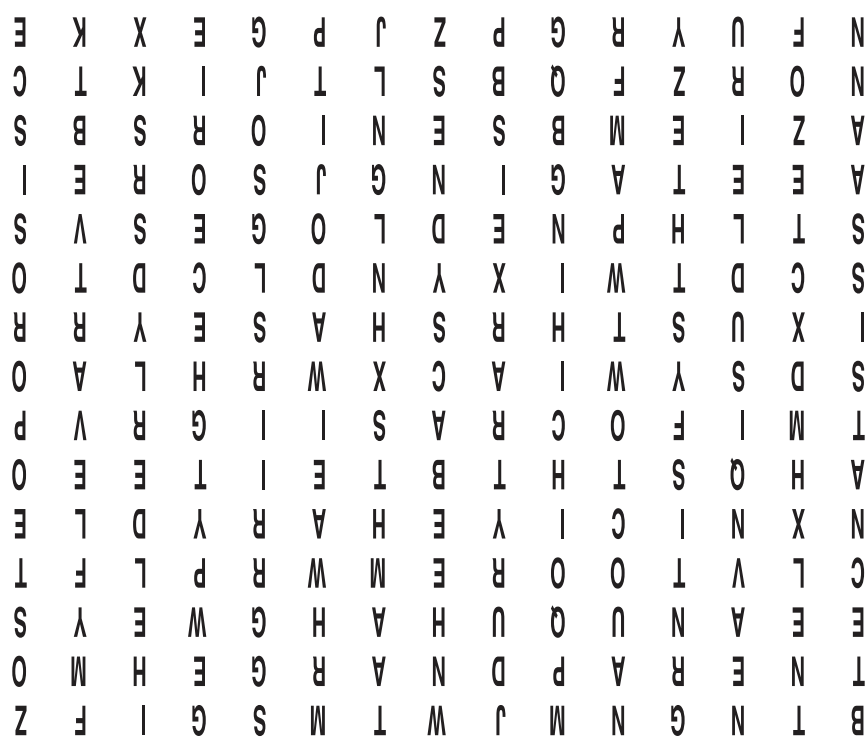
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric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



Word Search — Golden Years



- Active Aging Assistance
- Brittle Discount Elderly
- Golden Grandparent Osteoporosis
- Prescription Relaxation Retired
- Seniors Travel Years



HOME HELP

TIP OF THE WEEK Change your fan direction

With the right settings, ceiling fans can help circulate cool air and cut energy costs during the summer. These instructions from Home Depot will teach you how to select the correct ceiling fan direction for the warmest summer months.

In the summer, ceiling fans should rotate counterclockwise so the blades push cool air down in a column, making the air feel cooler than it is. It allows you to turn your thermostat up a few degrees and save money.

Typically, you can set the counterclockwise rotation by pushing the direction switch on the side of the motor housing down, but be sure to check your fan's instruction manual to confirm. If you are unsure if your fan is turning the correct direction, stand directly under the fan and look up. If the fan is moving counterclockwise and you feel a rush of air, it's in the correct setting for summer.

DECORATING TIP Peel-and-stick wallpaper

With peel-and-stick wallpaper, decorating your home doesn't have to be a permanent commitment. The temporary, easy-to-apply and easy-to-remove wallpaper can transform a room or a piece of your furniture in an instant — without damaging the surfaces underneath. For renters or anyone who wants to refresh their home with a semi-permanent new look, this low-stakes interior design option is a perfect go-to. Peel-and-stick wallpaper can be applied to a variety of surfaces, so you can decorate more than just your walls. Check out some creative ideas from Home Depot to get you inspired.

Accent wall: A standout wall can make a cramped space feel larger and fill an otherwise empty area. Use peel-and-stick wallpaper to liven up unusual nooks and corners, such as underneath stair railing, on the walls of a built-in window seat or any other wall space that is difficult to decorate for an intriguing look and classic feel.

Ceiling: You can use this removable wallpaper to imitate a wood panel, tile or pattern on your ceiling. For cozier-feeling spaces, choose a wallpaper that is darker. For an airier, brighter space, choose lighter wallpaper.

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Gardening for LONGEVITY

By Carole McCray
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Choosing landscapes with quality features (patios, decks and fences) and plantings with ongoing interest and blooms makes complete sense for building long-lived gardens. Planting in mind with plants counted on to perform over a long time costs the owner and our planet less in the long run. Here are steps to achieve such a garden.

Step 1 Do a little planning. Whether you are tackling your garden from scratch or doing a garden refresh, take stock of where things could go. Make a basic plan on paper for your area. Then lay tracing paper over the top, and sketch ideas in pencil starting with the functional stuff like paths, patios, deck and driveways. Once finished, start on the garden beds. Looking out from your living areas or walking up to your front door, decide where the best views are of your garden.

Step 2 Get the hard stuff sorted. List any hard landscaping to be done — decking and fencing. Once hard landscaping is done, then bring in the living part of the landscape — the plants.

Step 3 Choose your favorites. Stick to proven performers so what you plant will keep providing joy year after year without being demanding. Use plants that flower for weeks and weeks on end. Then the garden will look lovely through spring, summer and into fall. To make it look good, there is the “white-to-make-it-right” trick: either plant all white flowering plants, or add white flowering plants in with whatever plants you put together.

Step 4 Take a look at these. For easy-to-grow and long-lived plants, roses are high on the list for many gardeners. Flower Carpet roses are a great choice because they are easy to maintain; they cover themselves in masses of blooms, and there are loads of color options. They work in zones 5-11. Salvia (Salvia spp. thrives in zones 5-11 and is a lovely companion plant with the Flower Carpets.) Salvias are easy to grow and throw off spires of flowers all summer



Flower Carpets blooming with Salvia. [TESSELAAR.COM]

long in a range of colors from soft pink and blues to deep purple. Warm-climate gardeners can add African daisies *Osteospermum* to borders and beds. They are a brilliant classic daisy accent and offer a blanket of different colored daisy flowers for weeks. Colder climate gardeners will appreciate Volcano Phlox for nonstop color in zones 4-10. Volcano Phlox is available in a range of colors, and as a bonus, are particularly attractive to butterflies.

Step 5 Vary texture in the garden. Adding texture to the garden is another way to keep the garden going. Plant strappy foliage into the mix with Storm Agapanthus, best in zones 8-11. The leaves are more refined than traditional agapanthus, and they will grow to sizable clumps with bucket-loads of flowers held high for many weeks over summer. Sedums are gorgeous additions with color and texture. They thrive in almost every climate condition.

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FAYETTEVILLE

Mr. Rex Evans Autry, 54 of Fayetteville passed away on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. A graveside service will be held at 2:00 PM on Friday, August 7 at the Maxwell Cemetery, officiating will be Rev. Scot McCosh. The family will receive friends from 12:30 - 1:30 PM Friday at Butler Funeral Home in Stedman prior to the service. He was a native of Cumberland County and was preceded in death by his father, Rufus Evans Autry and a grandchild, Peyton Autry. He was an electrician. He is survived by his daughter, Rachel Autry and husband, Ashley “Bubba” Autry of Fayetteville; two grandchildren, Aubrey Autry and Riley Autry; mother, Ida Autry and companion, Harace Reaves of Fayetteville; grandmother, Mittie Raedock Matthews of Wade; two sisters, Belinda Autry and husband Rick Sabiston of Wendell; and Glenda “Susie” Parrish and husband Connie Fred Parrish of Eastover; one niece, Heather Hodge of Garner; three nephews, Stephen Autry and wife, Ashley Lee of Raleigh; Joshua “Dusty” Lobbell of Wade; and Ryan Parrish and wife, Samantha of Hope Mills; and eight great nephews and nieces. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 6535 Clinton Road, Stedman, NC 28391.

CLINTON

Lois Mae Register Boney, age 92, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Wednesday, August 5, 2020. A Graveside Service to honor Mrs. Boney's life will be held Saturday, August 8, 2020 at 11am at the Clinton Cemetery with Rev. Jeffrey Barber officiating. The family will receive friends at the home. Born in Duplin County in 1927, she was the youngest child of George Richard and Mae Beach Register. She was a 1945 graduate of Magnolia High School and married William Howard Boney in February 1947. She was a dedicated wife and mother, working many long hours in the home and on the family farm. While most of her time was spent lovingly caring for her family, she was also a wonderful cook, seamstress, quilter, and doll-maker. A lifelong love of reading would keep her entertained for hours and, in her later years, she could always be found in her recliner with a good book in-hand. Lois loved her church, White Oak Baptist, where she was a member for over 70 years and served in Sunday School, Sunbeams, Vacation Bible School, WMU, and the church choir. She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard, and her eldest son, Durwood. She is



survived by her son, Richard Boney (Tricia) of Clinton; daughters Joan Georghiou (George) of Virginia Beach, VA, Linda Boney of Yorktown, VA, and Carol Johnson (Nelson) of Kinston; daughter-in-law Judy Boney of Clinton; grandchildren Brandon Boney (Belinda), Clint Boney (Melissa), Clay Boney, Garrett Boney (Tasha), April Harbaugh, Ashley Capps, Alex Georghiou Frankart (Billy), and Ava Johnson; seven great-grandchildren (with two more on the way); three nieces and one nephew. The family wishes to extend special thanks to caregivers Hilda Black, Jean Merritt, Carolyn Worley, Teresa Autrey, and Sheila McLamb, and to the staff of Liberty Hospice. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to White Oak Baptist Church, 310 White Oak Church Rd, Clinton NC 28328 or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis TN 38105. Royal-Hall Funeral Home is honored to serve the Boney Family.



POLLOCKVILLE

Lucy Grey Caruthers, 97, formerly of Clinton, passed away Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at Brook Stone Living Center in Pollockville, NC. A private graveside service was held at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church Cemetery. Lucy, born in 1923 in Sampson County, was the daughter of the late Oscar Peterson and Fannie Merritt Peterson. She was a surgical technician and a member of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by: husband, Rankin Caruthers; daughter, Phyllis Reynolds; siblings, A. Elmo Peterson, Obed O. Peterson and Ellen Rachel Peterson. Survivors include: brother, Glenn Peterson and wife Carmen; son-in-law, Warren Wilson; granddaughter, Amber Reynolds; and great-granddaughter, Jennifer Reynolds. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com.

NEWTON GROVE

Mr. Juan Jose Castro, Sr., age 72 of Newton Grove, passed away at his residence on Sunday, August 2, 2020. His Memorial Service will be held Saturday, August 8, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Clinton beginning at 11:00 a.m. The family will receive family and friends at West & Dunn Funeral Home, Newton Grove on Friday, August 7 from 6 till 9 p.m. **** Mask will be mandated for the visitation **** Keeping in compliance with the State's Social Distancing Rule we asked that the number of people be limited to no more than 20 at one time



and adhere to the 6' rule ***Left to cherish his memories are his wife; Lidia Castro of the home, children: San Juana & Miguel Favela of Faison, Juan Jose & Melinda Castro of Georgia, Lydia & Jose Guadalupe Gallegas of Faison, Rudy & Tina Castro of Faison, Veronica & Jose Rodriguez of Warsaw, Carlos & Brenda Castro of Calypso, Jesus & Gabriela Castro of Newton Grove, Matilda & Deigo Bustamante of Faison, Maria & Atenogens Aguirre of Newton Grove, Jose Isac Castro of Newton Grove, Inocente Castro of Newton Grove, thirty three grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren. Due to the current health concerns the family understands if you are not able to join them for the memorial service. Your thoughts and prayers are appreciated. Online condolences may be made at: www.westanddunn.com. Services have been entrusted to West & Dunn Funeral Homes, Inc., Newton Grove, North Carolina.

MOUNT OLIVE

On July 31, 2020, Albert Milton Edwards passed from this life into the loving arms of his Lord and Savior in his birthplace home surrounded by his family at the age of 88. Albert was born on October 1, 1931, in Wayne County. He was an avid farmer until 1978 and then began a career as a Federal Crop Insurance adjuster. He retired in 2012 at the age of 80. He was a lifetime member of Friendly Holiness PFWB Church where he served as superintendent, Sunday School teacher, deacon and trustee. Additionally, Albert served as a fireman for over 20 years and was on the Board of Directors of Jordan's Chapel VFD. Albert was known for his gentle spirit, inspiring work ethic, and devotion to his family and church. He possessed an encyclopedic knowledge of all things agricultural and biblical. He appreciated a sharp fedora and peaceful afternoon drives to Newton Grove and Goldsboro. Throughout his lifetime, he quietly sowed the seeds of service and love in his community. And although Albert now enjoys the eternal fruits of his righteousness, his legacy—as one who puts his hand on the plow and never looked back—challenges all who knew him to remember that planting season is never over. He is survived by his sweetheart of 70 years, Audie Thornton Edwards, as well as his children: Rosemary Moore (Carlton), Mark Edwards (Melissa) and Yvonne Hartley (Ronnie). He is also survived by his eight grandchildren: Christopher Moore, Jennifer Sawyer, Elizabeth King, Matthew Edwards, Michael Moore, Ashley Stroud, Lauren Edwards and Jonathan Hartley. He leaves behind nine great grandchildren and a sister, Ruth Thornton. He was preceded in death by his parents William B. Edwards and Louida Tew as well as an infant son, Albert Dale,



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and siblings: Frank, Thomas, Fred, Herbert, George and Mae. The family would like to express our gratitude and deep appreciation to our caregivers Barbara Millard, Shirley Cooksey, Ire Darden and the entire Hospice team. A private graveside service for the immediate family will be held at Hillcrest Cemetery in Newton Grove. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Friendly Holiness PFWB Church building fund, c/o Rosemary Moore, 1298 S. Jordan's Chapel Rd., Mt. Olive or 3HC, 2402 Wayne Memorial Drive, Goldsboro, NC 27534 c/o April Brantham. Online condolences may be made at www.westanddunn.com. A Service of West & Dunn Funeral Home of Newton Grove, North Carolina.

FAYETTEVILLE

Mrs. Carolyn Sue (Grice) Faircloth, 60 passed away Monday, August 3, 2020 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. Funeral service will be held at 3:00pm Saturday, August 8, 2020 at Butler Funeral Home Chapel in Stedman, officiating will be Rev. Jerry Groves. Burial will follow at Suggs Grove Baptist Church Cemetery in White Oak. The family will receive friends from 1:00pm to 2:50pm Saturday at the funeral home before the service. She is preceded in death by her parents, Sidney Glenn Grice and Mary Ward Grice; brothers, Allen and Rodney Grice; and a son-in-law, Christopher Fout. She leaves to cherish her memory her husband, Jose T. Marquez; daughters, Mary Faircloth & husband, Patricio Martinez, and Linda Faircloth; grandchildren, Patricio Faircloth, Christopher Faircloth, Amber Fout, Armando Martinez and Selena Martinez; great granddaughter, Lana Hunt; brother, Kenneth Grice & wife, Lois; and sisters, Sandra Peace & husband, Ronnie, Mary Watts & husband, Michael, Marie Grice, and Vivian Aguirre & husband, Domingo. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 6535 Clinton Road, Stedman, NC 28391.



HOPE MILLS, NC

Fletcher Jefferson "Jeff" Hales 71, of Hope Mills, passed away on Wednesday, August 5, 2020. He was preceded in death by his parents, Fletcher and Louise Bullard Hales; and a sister, Linda Madgar. Jeff leaves behind his wife, Cynthia Hales of Hope Mills; two sons, Brian (Michelle) Hales of Hampstead, Wade (Melissa) Hall of Lumberton; daughter, Lois (Michael) Walker of Fayetteville; two brothers, Lawrence (Diane) Hales of Roseboro, Marson Hales of Roseboro; three sisters, Annette (Jim) Cobb of Melbourne, FL, Cathy (Jeff) Carlisle of Roseboro, Loreen (Randy) Hudson of Turkey; four grandchildren, Tyler Hales, Brandon (Kimberly) Faircloth, Whitney Hall, Emily-Grace Hall; four great-grandchildren, Cameron Faircloth, MaKayla Faircloth, MaKenzie Faircloth, MaKinley Faircloth; a special friend, Phillip "Phil" (Teresa) Edwards of Wade; and several nieces and nephews. Jeff was well known as a Licensed Electrician who retired from PWC of Fayetteville. He loved fishing, tinkering around in the country with his tractors, spending time with his family and friends, as well as working side by side with his best friend, Phillip "Phil" Edwards. The funeral service will be held at 3:00pm on Sunday, August 9, 2020 at Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, with Reverend Wesley Pritchard officiating. Burial will follow at the Roseboro Cemetery. The family will receive friends beginning at 2:00pm prior to the funeral service, and other times at 3883 Beaver Dam Church Road, Roseboro, NC. Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro is serving the family.



AUTRYVILLE

Mrs. Opal Mae Spell Honeycutt, 78 of Autryville passed away on Monday, August 3, 2020 at her home. The funeral service was held at 2:00 PM Thursday, August 6 at Clement Baptist Church with Rev. Alan Roberts officiating. Burial followed in the Piney Green Baptist Church Cemetery. The family received friends from 1:00 - 1:50 PM at the church prior to the service. At other times the family will receive friends at the home. Mrs. Honeycutt was a native of Sampson County, the daughter of Sandy and Annie Mae Royal Spell. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Fred Honeycutt; brother, Henry Spell and a sister-in-law, Faye Honeycutt. She was a member of Clement Baptist Church, where she taught the Pre-K Sunday School Class for 45 years and she was a farmer. She is survived by two sons, Carlton Honeycutt and wife, Linda and Jamie Honeycutt and wife, Jenneth all of Autryville; four grandchildren, Ross Honeycutt, Grace Honeycutt, Regan Honeycutt and Faith Honeycutt all of Autryville; brother, Mark Spell and wife, Jeannie of Durham; nephew, Charles Wayne Jackson and niece, Donna Faye Scott. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in memory of Opal Honeycutt to Clement Baptist Church, 6020 Maxwell Road, Autryville, NC 28318. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.



INGOLD

Mrs. Mary Frances Faircloth King, 96, passed away peacefully at her son's home on July 28, 2020. Born in Sampson County on February 1, 1924, Mary Frances was the daughter of the late David A. Faircloth and Katie Wiley Faircloth, and her stepmother, Fannie Whaley Faircloth. She was a retired employee of Hamilton Beach and a member of Ingold Baptist Church. She enjoyed working in her yard and shopping with her late daughter, Sandra. She was a loving and dedicated mother and grandmother and will be deeply missed. May her legacy of faith and love live on through her family. She is survived by her son, David Franklin King and wife, Jeannie; son-in-law, Roger Allman; three grandchildren: Bryan King and wife, Tammy; Reid Wells and wife, Heather and Alton Knowles. She was also blessed with seven great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents and stepmother, Mary Frances was preceded in death by her husband, Lascar Franklin King; a son, Jimmy Alan King; daughter, Sandra King Allman; Sisters: Elizabeth Hobbs, Louise Sutton, Edna Hill and brothers: James O. Faircloth and David A. Faircloth, Jr. A Graveside Service was held Thursday morning, July 30th at 11 am at the Ingold Community Cemetery, Johnson Rd., Garland, with Rev. Chris Butler officiating. The family received friends at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, David and Jeannie King, 2315 Lisbon Bridge Road, Garland. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Ingold Baptist Church c/o Betsy Carter, 1500 Lisbon Bridge Rd., Garland, NC 28441. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the King family.

Clinton

Todd Ashley Kinlaw passed away at his home in Clinton on August 6 after a long and brave cancer battle. Todd was born June 14, 1970 in New Bern, North Carolina. The son of James RC Kinlaw and the late Janice Rideout Kinlaw, Todd grew up in eastern North Carolina and southern Virginia, graduating from Greensville County High School in Warrenton, Virginia in 1988. He earned an Associate's Degree in Science from James Sprunt Community College and a bachelor degree in Computer Information from Mount Olive College in 1993. Todd worked for

Sampson County Schools since 1995, first as a computer lab technician at Midway Elementary School and then as a member of the Technology Department from 1999 to the present. As a technician and then later as network engineer for the Technology Department of Sampson County Schools, Todd had been known as a hard worker, always putting in extra time to get a job done and always willing to help teachers and staff. A longtime lover of golf, Todd could frequently be found playing rounds on any day he had away from work. Most recently a member at Timberlake where he was club champion in 2019, Todd enjoyed traveling to play around the Southeast. His favorite times of the year were his birthday, when he, his brother Riley, sister Evelyn, and her husband Dave Walters played the Kinlaw Cup and the week he traveled to play in the Spock Cup with friends Frank Potochney, George Potochney, and Doug Schoenberger. He will be missed by all of his friends who knew him as a gentleman and fair competitor on and off the course but especially by CJ Mercer, Daren Wheelless, and Bill Lynch. Todd was recently celebrated at Timberlake by Sticking It to Sarcoma, a fundraising golf tournament organized by family and friends. Todd leaves behind wife, Karen, and daughter Riley Kinlaw of Raleigh, father RC Kinlaw of Fuquay-Varina, sister Evelyn (Dave) Walters of Fuquay-Varina, brother Riley (Julie) Kinlaw of Greenville and their daughters Audrey and Melissa. Todd will be missed by his in-laws, all in Pennsylvania, Glen and Fran Dukes, Jennifer (Fritz) Bleich, Glen (Lisa) Dukes and their daughters Delaney and Teagan (Todd's Godchild). Todd was preceded in death by his mother Janice Kinlaw. A memorial service for family and friends will be held at 8 am on Sunday (08/09/2020) at Timberlake Golf Club. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to some of the organizations that helped Todd and his family during his cancer battle such as Kellie's Krew (111 South Railroad Ave, Dunn, 28334) and the Mack D. Foundation (P.O. Box 56, Falcon, 28342). Royal-Hall if honored to serve the Kinlaw family.



CLINTON

Henrietta Kirby 78 passed away on Thursday, July 29, 2020 at UNC Rex Healthcare in Raleigh. Preceded in death by: Mother: Rena T. Bradshaw Father: Henry Bradshaw, Husband: Gene T Kirby Sr., Son: Dallas B. Kirby. Celebration of life for Henrietta B Kirby and her son Mr. Dallas B Kirby will be held on Aug. 15th at 1:00 pm at Piney Grove Baptist Church, 1818 McCullen Rd. Faison NC. Survived By: Daughter: Denise K Warren and her husband Lyle Truett Warren Jr. Salemburg, NC, Son: Nathen G Kirby and his wife Meredith W Kirby Sara Sota, Florida. Son: Gene T Kirby Jr. and his wife Tammy B Kirby Beaver Dam, NC, 6 Grandchildren, 8 Great Grandchildren. We would love for any friends or family to speak in remembrance of them during this Celebration.



CLINTON

Evelyn Flynn Price, 75, of Clinton, passed away Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at UNC Hospice in Pittsboro, NC. A graveside service was held at 2 PM, Friday, August 7th at the Price Family Cemetery with Mr. Randy Ward officiating. Evelyn, born in 1944 in Mecklenburg County, was the daughter of the late Ralph Edward Flynn and Dixie Williams Flynn. She was a member of Serenity Baptist Church and was a caregiver in the home health field. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her son, Tim Tucker, and siblings Harry Flynn and Maxie Harris. Survivors include; husband, Gerald Franklin Price; son, James Tucker and wife Martha of Kitty Hawk; grandchildren, Margaret Tucker, Ben Tucker and Tim Carroll; great-grandchildren, Michael Tucker and Tyler Mossburg; siblings, Ruben Flynn, Ike Flynn, Nora Mae Holmes, Shirley Pope and Betty Jo Teasley; sisters-in-law, Abigail Price Alford and Eunice Faye Price Pope; and brother-in-law, Kenneth Maynard Price. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com.



CLINTON

Mr. Robert S. Lee, Sr., 66 of 623 Isaac Weeks Road, passed away on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at Kitty Askins Hospice Center, Goldsboro, NC. The graveside service will be held at 12pm, Saturday, August 8, 2020 at Sandhill Cemetery, Clinton, NC with Elder Kenneth Atkinson officiating. Mr. Lee is survived by DAUGHTER-Shuntoya Lee of Durham, NC; SONS- Robert Lee, Jr. of Winston-Salem, NC and Quentin Lee of Clinton, NC; SISTERS- Joyce Butler of Clinton, NC and Bobby Hinson of Kingsland, GA; BROTHERS-Jerry Lee of Goldsboro, NC, Thomas Lee of Lillington, NC, Ronnie Lee of Charlotte, NC, Douglas Lee of Wilmington, NC and Danny Peacock of Newton Grove, NC; six grandchildren; and his loving dog, Chase "Chasey Wasey" Lee of Clinton, NC. Viewing at Worley Funeral Home Friday, August 7, 2020 from 2pm - 5pm.

ROSEBORO

Miss Caroline Marie Robinson, 21 of Roseboro passed away on Tuesday, August 4, 2020. The funeral service will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, August 8 at Roseboro Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church, 600 S. East Street, Roseboro with Rev. Steve Reeves officiating. Burial will follow in the Lucas Family Cemetery in Roseboro. The family will receive friends from 10:00 - 10:50 AM on Saturday prior to the service. She was a native of Cumberland County and was a preschool teacher. She is survived by her mother, Angela Robinson of the home; father, Chris Robinson of Stedman; two brothers, Cody Hall of Atlanta, GA and Christopher Robinson of Sharpsburg, GA; Sister, Cassie Robinson of Stedman; grandparents, Sarah and Dale Schwerk of Roseboro, Larry and Elgie Lucas of Roseboro, Roy and Cindy Robinson of Stedman and Marlene Mashburn of Star, NC. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.



Dunn

Mrs. Joyce Faircloth Sills, 73, of Dunn passed away Saturday morning August 1, 2020 at her home. Joyce was born October 17, 1946 in Harnett County daughter of the late Talbert and Dora Everette Faircloth. She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Willie and Otis Faircloth. Joyce attended Erwin High School and was a graduate of Central Carolina Community College. She had worked at Erwin Mills for thirty-five years and had retired from Betsy Johnson Hospital. A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Earl Swinson, Rev. Austin Swinson, Rev. Lee Faircloth and Rev

Sherrill Pope officiating. Burial followed at Erwin Memorial Park Cemetery. She is survived by her husband Kenneth M. Sills; daughters, Wanda Wade and husband Alan of Erwin, Kim Tew and husband Bryan of Spivey's Corner; grandchildren, Misty Wade and fiancé Joey Johnson of Erwin, Kyle Tew and fiancé Sydney Lee of Spivey's Corner, Owen Tew of Spivey's Corner, great grandchildren, Raegan Johnson, Jax and Eli Tew; brother, Talbert "Buddy" Faircloth and wife Faye of Dunn; sister, Mozelle Martinez and husband Albert of Erwin and a special dog "Rascal". The family received friends 4 -6 p.m. Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at the funeral home and at other times at the home.



GARNER

Leigh Anne Massey Snead, 47, passed away on August 4, 2020 at Transitions Hospice in Raleigh, after a courageous battle with her illness. Born on February 18, 1973 to Freeman Massey and Ida Faulkner Cowan, she was a delightful child who was full of energy and a smile that would light up any room. She was the apple of her daddy's eye, and her mom's best friend throughout her life. After high school, she graduated from UNC-Wilmington and pursued a career with the Department of Revenue as an Enforcement Officer. She also enjoyed marveling at old homes, decorating for family and friends, and even dabbled in real estate. In recent years, Leigh Anne found joy in cooking dinner for her loved ones and friends. Leigh Anne loved to travel and always had her bag packed at a moment's notice. She absolutely loved the beach and used it as her "get-away" any chance she could. Leigh Anne left all of us way too soon, but her impact on all of us will remain for years to come and her memory and zest for life will never be forgotten. She was the type of woman that, once you met her, you were drawn to her spirit and contagious personality, and you instantly loved her. Leigh Anne is survived by her father, Freeman Massey of Raleigh; Mother Ida Cowan and stepfather, Tony of Raleigh; brother, Ashley Cowan and wife, Sara; nephew, Ethan; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins, and close friends who all loved her dearly. A Memorial Service to celebrate Leigh Anne's life was held Friday, August 7, 2020 at 1:00 pm at Midway Baptist Church, 6910 Fayetteville Road, Raleigh with Kevin Hinton officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association at www.aarda@aarda.org, or by mailing to AARDA, 22100 Gratiot Ave., Eastpointe, MI 48021. Royal-Hall is honored to serve Leigh Anne's family.



GREENVILLE, S.C.

Mrs. Della Mystra "Mickie" Melvin Tyndall, 81 (formerly of Clinton) died at Saint Francis Downtown Hospital in Greenville, S. C. Monday July 27, 2020. Funeral services will be held Saturday August 1, 2020 at 2:00 PM at Tyndall Grove Pentecostal Holiness Church with Rev. Chris Thompson officiating. A private burial will be at Harmony Baptist Church Cemetery following the service. Born in 1938 in Cumberland County, Mrs. Tyndall was the daughter of the late Harvey Lester and Bessie Christian McDonald Melvin. She was a member of the Tyndall Grove Pentecostal Holiness Church and also attended St Matthews Methodist Church on Andrews Chapel Road, Roseboro, NC as a child. She loved animals, especially stray dogs and cats and also loved spending time with children. She was a devoted member of her church in South Carolina and helped wherever and whenever they needed her. She had a heart of gold and will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her, especially her sweetheart, Troy. She is survived by her husband, Rev. Troy Newton Tyndall of Greenville, SC; sisters: Lenora Mullins (Mack), Agnes Eloise Melvin, Mary Melvin Miller (Dalton) all of Fayetteville; sisters-in-law: Carolyn Tyndall Faircloth and Mae Tyndall, both of Clinton; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by brothers: Neal, Aaron, Daniel, Bud, Winford and Jeff Melvin; sister Barbara Ann Garzon and baby sister Melvin; nephews: Michael Mullins and Kenny Miller. There will be a walk-through viewing from 1-1:45 pm at the Church on Saturday, prior to the service. Condolences may be sent by visiting www.royalhallfuneralhome.com. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Tyndall family.

CLINTON

Ms. Alice Lee Moore, 79, of 213 Forest Trail, Clinton, formerly of Delway Community, died Thursday, July 30, 2020 at Magnolia Assisted Living, Clinton. Ms. Moore was born December 01, 1940 in Sampson County to the late John and Mary (Peterson) Robinson. Ms. Moore is preceded in death by her daughter; Melanie Robinson Quinn, one sister; Dorothy Robinson Brown, four brothers; Jimmy Robinson, Henry Robinson, James Robinson and William Robinson. A Graveside Service was held at 10:00 AM Wednesday, August 05, 2020 at Hayes Chapel Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery in Rose Hill, NC. Left to cherish her memories are one brother, Luther W. Robinson (Ola) of Jacksonville, NC, two nieces, Linda Monroe (Charles) of Delway, NC and Irma Robinson of Jacksonville, NC, three nephews, Luther Robinson Jr. (Vanessa) of Charlotte, NC, Terry Robinson (Wanda) of Salemburg, NC and Lyndell Robinson (Maxie) of Clinton, NC and a special niece, Queen Robinson of Delway, NC. Services provided by Carter Funeral Home, Garland. www.carterfh.com

ROSEBORO

Bertha McNeil Buie, Age-92 of 638 E. Pinewood St., Roseboro, NC departed from this life on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at Sampson Regional Medical Center, Clinton, NC. Private Graveside Service will be held Saturday, August 8, 2020 at 11:00 am at Hillcrest Cemetery in Clinton, NC. Services will be live-streamed through Butler & Son Funeral Home Facebook Page. Masks are required. Butler & Son Funeral Home, Inc. Roseboro, NC.

CLINTON

Bonnie Kay Duff Gunter, 67, of Clinton and formerly of Wallace left this earthly life for her eternal rest on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 from Mary Gran Nursing Home in Clinton. She was born on December 22, 1952 in Duplin County; the daughter of the late Robert E and Maggie Davis Duff. She was also predeceased by her brother, Robert Duff and her special canine companion, Stormy. Bonnie was a member of Poston Baptist Church. Surviving to cherish her memory are her daughter, Tabitha Weis of Beulaville; grandchildren, Maranda Heath and husband, Canyon, Maggie Pickett and husband, Brooks and Maddox Weis; great grandchildren, Collin Heath and Selah Pickett; sister, Betty Bradshaw and husband, David of Wallace; brothers, Jimmy Duff and wife, Connie, Terry Duff and wife, Delean all of Wallace and Tommy Brown and wife, Grace of Wilmington; sister-in-law, Marie Duff of Whiteville and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family and friends. Bonnie was a special lady who loved her family dearly. She enjoyed the simplest things in life but her great joy was spending time with family and friends. With a witty personality, Bonnie could always make you laugh. Bonnie will surely be missed but never forgotten by those who and loved her. Graveside service will be held at 10:00am on Friday, August 14 at Little Creek Cemetery, Wallace, NC. The family will receive friends from 7pm to 9pm pm Thursday, August 13, 2020 at Quinn-McGowen Funeral Home and at other times at the home of Terry and Delean Duff. The guidelines for Covid-19 will be enforced at the services. Memorial gifts may be given in Bonnie's memory to Mary Gran Nursing Center, 120 Southwood Dr, Clinton, NC 28329. Quinn-McGowen Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Wallace.



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A few questions we had to ask ourselves

If Harvick, Hamlin and Keselowski are the current Big 3, who will eventually round out the foursome?

GODSPEAK: Behind door four is the No. 12 Ford of Ryan Blaney. He has been fast all year and just needs to get his finishes in order.

KEN'S CALL: Don't look now, but Joey Logano is slowly starting to get back up to speed.

Next February at Daytona, which car does Bubba Wallace climb into?

GODSPEAK: Bubba will give Richard Petty's equity offer a hard look, then he will be behind the wheel of the No. 48 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet in 2021.

KEN'S CALL: The Hunch Department here at Speed Freaks Inc. has seen wild fluctuations in its 2020 accuracy, but let's go with the original rumor and say the No. 42.

GODWIN'S PICKS MICHIGAN

RACE 1

WINNER: Kevin Harvick

REST OF TOP 5: Martin Truex Jr., Aric Almirola, Austin Dillon, Brad Keselowski

FIRST ONE OUT: Michael McDowell

DARK HORSE: Tyler Reddick

DON'T BE SURPRISED IF: If Harvick finds the winning feel in the first race at Michigan.

RACE 2

WINNER: Joey Logano

REST OF TOP 5: Ryan Blaney, Erik Jones, Alex Bowman, Brad Keselowski

FIRST ONE OUT: Daniel Suarez

DARK HORSE: Aric Almirola

DON'T BE SURPRISED IF: If Ford sweeps both races thanks to Roush Yates Racing engines.

BY THE NUMBERS

2

Cup Series races on back-to-back days at Michigan

4

Consecutive Cup wins by Ford at Michigan

5

Total victories by Toyota drivers at Michigan

101

Number of Michigan Cup Series races since 1969

800

Miles that will be raced by Cup Series teams this weekend

DAYTONA MOTOR MOUTHS

Two motorsports media vets who haven't exactly seen it all, but know people who have.



Brad Keselowski grabbed a win and giant lobster at New Hampshire and tossed his name into the NASCAR championship contenders hat. [NASCAR GETTY IMAGES/JARED C. TILTON]

Keselowski claws way to statement win

By Godwin Kelly
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After a relatively quiet week, the stock cars go full throttle from here to season's end.

This is a particularly crazy stretch with Cup Series double-headers scheduled at Michigan and Dover sandwiched around a hastily scheduled road-course race at Daytona.

It's going to be a bumpy ride, so here goes . . .

FIRST GEAR: NASCAR fans have watched Denny Hamlin and Kevin Harvick combine for nine wins and listened to constant chatter of a two-driver race to the Cup Series championship.

Then along comes Brad Keselowski.

The 36-year-old driver beat those two other guys for a statement win at New Hampshire.

This was no gas mileage or rain shortened situation, but a straight-up man-to-man (and machines) battle for the right to hold a giant lobster in Victory Lane.

"We've had a lot of great races this year with the No. 2 car, but we just haven't really went out and kind of dominated a race," Keselowski said. "Talking to (crew chief) Jeremy Bulins and like, 'Man, what do we need to get to that next level? We're right there. We need to go out and just dominate a race.' And that's what we did."

SECOND GEAR: The hottest driver in the Cup Series?

That would be Bubba Wallace, who is in a contract year

and listening to several proposals, including part ownership of Richard Petty Motorsports.

The whisper numbers swirling around Wallace are the No. 42 and No. 48 Chevy rides. Both need a new wheelman in 2021.

On the other end of the spectrum is 2019 Cup champion Kyle Busch, who finished last at New Hampshire. He has yet to win a race in 2020 and fell to 13th in the playoff qualifiers chart.

Still, Busch is 94 points to the good in points with six regular-season races left to contest.

THIRD GEAR: With double-header races the next three weeks, we may be just getting a glimpse at what's to come in the near future of NASCAR Cup Series scheduling.

The back-to-back model worked at Pocono, which produced two entirely different results. Also, NASCAR has been able to test-drive the mid-week race concept.

NASCAR lost seven weeks of racing because the coronavirus outbreak and has been in a scramble to sync up to its original schedule come the Aug. 29 Coke Zero Sugar 400 at Daytona, which is the regular season finale.

FOURTH GEAR: NASCAR announced a Cup road course race at Daytona on Aug. 16. Last week the sanctioning body revealed some of the particulars.

Daytona International Speedway's sports-car road course will be modified and officially called the Daytona Road Course, which measures in at 3.57 miles.

QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers

What's up with Kyle Busch?

Those prone to conjecture say he's been hurt more than others by the elimination of pre-race practice sessions — suggesting he uses those shakedown laps better than most. Maybe that's it. However, with the same rules, he's won four of his nine combined starts in the Xfinity and Trucks Series. Oh, wait, here's another however: That 4-for-9 stat is actually down from last year, when he won nine of his 12 combined starts. Whatever, he's off the pace, and maybe New Hampshire was his bottoming-out point.

Can the No. 43 team keep Bubba?

By offering him an ownership stake in Richard Petty Motorsports, the team is throwing everything at the situation. Bubba's unconventional star-turn has attracted corporate sponsorship interest, and that's a huge part of the game, of course. RPM co-owner Andrew Murstein knows his team's best chance at advancing in on-track stature is keeping Bubba with the accompanying sponsor increases.

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

CUP STANDINGS

1. Kevin Harvick	803
2. Brad Keselowski	722
3. Denny Hamlin	688
4. Ryan Blaney	685
5. Chase Elliott	660
6. Joey Logano	653
7. Martin Truex Jr.	648
8. Aric Almirola	614
9. Kurt Busch	581
10. Kyle Busch	563
11. Alex Bowman	561
12. Clint Bowyer	512
13. Matt DiBenedetto	509
14. William Byron	484
15. Tyler Reddick	469
16. Austin Dillon	466
17. Jimmie Johnson	459
18. Erik Jones	453
19. Cole Custer	381
20. Michael McDowell	359

WHAT'S ON TAP

(All times Eastern)

CUP SERIES: Firekeepers Casino 400 (Saturday), Consumers Energy 400 (Sunday)

SITE: Michigan International Speedway (2-mile oval)

TV SCHEDULE: Saturday, race (NBC Sports Network, 4 p.m.); Sunday, race (NBCSN, 4:30 p.m.)

XFINITY: Henry 180

SITE: Road America (4.048-mile road course)

TV SCHEDULE: Saturday, race (NBCSN, noon)

GANDER RV & OUTDOORS TRUCK SERIES: Truck Series 200

SITE: Michigan International Speedway

TV SCHEDULE: Friday, race (Fox Sports 1, 6 p.m.)



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