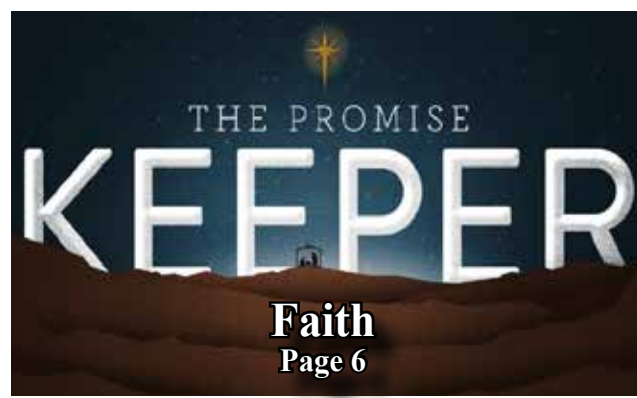




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Bradshaw Recognized for Service; Butler Takes the Helm

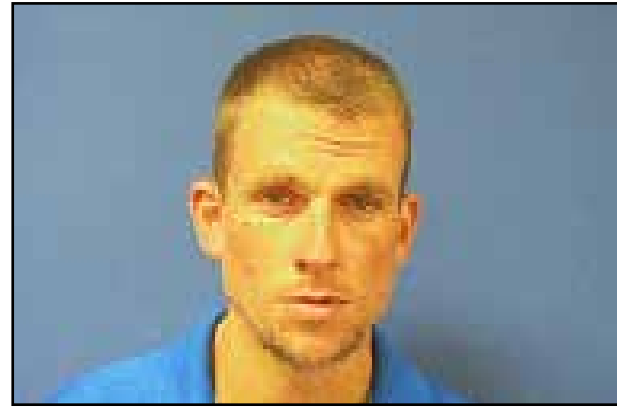


Eleanor Bradshaw gives the Oath of Office to newly appointed Register of Deeds Freddie Butler who was surrounded by family

At the August Sampson County Board of Commissioner's meeting, retiring Register of Deeds Eleanor Bradshaw was recognized for her 10 years of service as head of the Sampson County Register of Deeds Department.

Shortly after her recognition, the five county commissioners voted unanimously to fill the **BUTLER, see P. 3**

Traffic Stop Leads to Large Drug and Stolen Property Bust

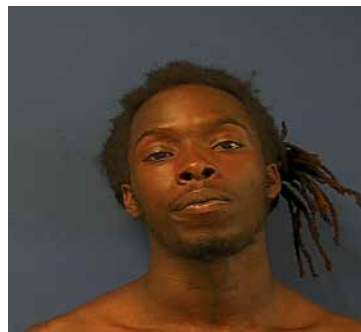


Officers with the Sampson County Special Investigations Division conducted a traffic stop on Old Warsaw Rd on August 6, 2019 for a traffic violation. During the stop, agents discovered a lawn mower being towed by the suspect had been reported stolen by the Clinton Police Department. A probable search was conducted of the vehicle and approximately 20 grams of methamphetamine, 31 dosage units of Oxycodone Hydrochloride, 80 dosage units of Alprazolam, approximately 21 grams of marijuana, and drug paraphernalia were located. As a result, Matthew Denton Pope (27 w/m) of 1880 Old Warsaw Road in Clinton was charged with possession with intent to sell and deliver methamphetamine, possession with intent to sell and deliver a Schedule IV controlled substance, possession with intent to sell and deliver a Schedule II controlled substance, possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of stolen property. Pope was issued a \$25,000.00 secured bond and placed into the Sampson County Detention Center.

Further investigation led investigators to Pope's residence where a search was conducted. During the search, 12 firearms (one stolen, one converted into a weapon of mass destruction, and one with the serial number removed), methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia, and numerous items determined to be stolen (boat, trailers, chain saws, motorcycle...) were located. Officers worked into the night and again the next morning due to the amount of stolen property spread throughout the property. Additionally, Animal Control responded to Pope's residence due to a canine acting aggressive and exhibiting strange behavior. Animal Control officers took custody of the canine and later determined the canine tested positive for methamphetamine. Pope received additional charges of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of a weapon of mass destruction by a convicted felon, alter/remove/destroy gun serial number, possession of a stolen firearm, and possession of a weapon of mass destruction. Pope received an additional \$100,000.00 secured bond with a district court date of August 9, 2019, in Clinton, NC. The investigation is on-going.

Roseboro Breaking & Enterings

Press Release from the Sampson County Sheriff's Department



Investigators with the Sampson County Sheriff's Office have worked diligently over the past several weeks regarding numerous reported vehicle break-ins and vehicle larcenies that have occurred in the city of Roseboro. Through their investigation, probable cause was established to obtain warrants and petitions on individuals connected to some of these cases.

Keyshawn Collins, 19, B/M of 217 Brantwood Court, Roseboro, NC was taken into custody on outstanding warrants for Felony Breaking and Entering into a Motor Vehicle, Misdemeanor Larceny and Misdemeanor Possession of Stolen Property by our Criminal Interdiction Team on August 7, 2019 in the area of Brantwood Court. Collins was transported to the Sampson County Detention Center where he was served and placed under a \$25,000 bond.

A fifteen years of age juvenile has also been charged by juvenile petition for, 2 counts of Felony Breaking and Entering of a Motor Vehicle, Felony Larceny of a Motor Vehicle and Attempted Felony Larceny of a Motor Vehicle.

Additionally, investigators have warrants on file for Avante James, 17, B/M of 1888 Old Mintz Hwy., Roseboro, NC. Avante James is wanted for 2 Counts of Felony Larceny of a Motor Vehicle. Anyone who has information pertaining to Avante James whereabouts are encouraged to contact investigators at the Sampson County Sheriff's Office at 910-592-4141.

According to the Lt. Marcus Smith, "I can't begin to calculate the man-hours investigators have put into these cases. I am proud of the investigators that have been diligently working these cases non-stop for the past several weeks. The staff of the Sampson County Sheriff's Office are 100 percent dedicated to serving the citizens of Sampson County. This investigation is on-going and should further information become available, an updated press release will be issued."



WEEKLY VERSE

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.
John 13:34

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LOCAL NEWS

From the Desk of Senator Brent Jackson



I hope you had a great week thus far. This week, I had the opportunity to meet with a former constituent of mine, Ms. Kendall Wolz. Ms. Wolz took the time to visit our office from New Orleans after growing up in Duplin County before leaving for LA during college. Since leaving NC, Kendall has worked on behalf of victims of abuse and human trafficking with a Christian Ministry. She met with our office to discuss issues concerning victims' rights after a judgement and how NC can improve our laws to assist victims in the judicial process. Thank you for taking the time to meet with me and discuss these important and personal issues. We look forward to continuing to work with her in the future.

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

Legislative Recap

Weekly Legislative Update

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

From the District

Sampson County

Freddie Butler Register of Deeds

The leadership transition for the Sampson County Register of Deeds became official, as Eleanor Bradshaw stepped down and, in quick succession, administered the oath for the appointee Freddie Butler.

Butler's appointment was approved unanimously by the Sampson Board of Commissioners, essentially a formality as required by law for unexpired terms, as in Bradshaw's case. She was serving her third term as register, a post she held since 2008. The unexpired term, now filled by Butler, does not expire until November 2020.

Eleanor Bradshaw thanked staff members, calling them out by name, saying they were the ones who made the register of deeds office what it is.

Bradshaw, who grew up in Clinton and went on to graduate from Clinton High School and Campbell University, worked in marketing and sales for more than three decades before becoming Register of Deeds in 2008. Bradshaw defeated Republican incumbent Paulette King that year, then narrowly beat out Sharon Carter in 2012 before running unopposed in 2016.

Thank you to Eleanor Bradshaw for her years of service and hard work on behalf of Sampson County. I am looking forward to working with Mr. Butler as he continues the work for our district.

District Spotlight

Sampson County Schools Receives Finance Honor

Leaders of Sampson County Schools are being honored for their work in financial reporting.

The district's finance department earned the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada.

It was awarded to the school system for its practices with the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and is considered the highest form of recognition in the area of government accounting and finance reporting. Officials also noted that it represents a major accomplishment in management.

The recognition is the second this year. In April, the Association of School Business Officials International awarded the district's Board of Education with the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting. It recognizes school systems for meeting the program's high standards for financial reporting and accountability.

Cyndi Mesimer, interim finance officer, attributed the award to the leadership of Stephen Britt, finance officer. He's currently away from the district on military leave. Mesimer also recognized the employees of the department and called it a "dedicated finance team."

Superintendent Dr. Eric Bracy added that the Board of Education and administrative leaders take seriously their financial responsibility to Sampson County Board of Commissioners and residents in the area.

Sampson County School's financial report was judged by an impartial panel to meet high standards of the program, which involves demonstrating a constructive "spirit of disclosure."

GFOA was founded in 1906 and represents public finance officials throughout the United States and Canada. The association's more than 20,000 members are federal, state/provincial, and local finance officials deeply involved in planning, financing, and implementing thousands of governmental operations in each of their jurisdictions.

The mission of the organization is to advance excellence in public finance. To meet the many needs of its members, the organization provides best practice guidance, consulting, networking opportunities, publications including books, e-books, and periodicals, recognition programs, research, and training opportunities for those in the profession.

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

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BUTLER, cont. from P. 1



Register of Deeds Eleanor Bradshaw was recognized on Monday night for her 10 years of service to the county. Bradshaw retired as of August 1st.

vacated seat with Mr. Freddie Butler, who was picked by the local Democratic party to be her replacement. His approval was needed by the board of commissioners.

Butler is the son of the late Sheriff Graham Ruffus Butler and the late Dorothy Aylene Tart Butler. He has been married to Melody Lynn Butler. He has one sister Marcia Jackson and one brother Scott Butler. Butler graduated from Clinton High School in 1976 and then attended Sampson Community College studying Criminal Justice. He has been a Mason at Hiram Lodge no 98 since 1998 and has been a Sudan Shriner since 2004. He joined the Sudan Roadsters in 2012. For the past 29 years he has been involved in the pork agriculture business. Butler and his wife attend First Baptist Church in Clinton.

Butler has served over 30 years in Law Enforcement, beginning his career in 1983 as a uniformed DMV process officer. In 2009, he was promoted to the position of Deputy Director over all personnel and field operations and in 2012 he retired. Butler has unsuccessfully run against Sheriff Jimmy Thornton in 2014 and 2018.

In an interview Interim Register of Deeds Freddie Butler stated, "It is both an honor and a privilege to serve as Register of Deeds for the citizens of Sampson County. I am very proud to be asked and to serve in this capacity!"

When asked if he was going to file in December to run for the office in the 2020 election Butler said, "I don't know of a reason not too! I'm very thankful to the Executive Committee and the Sampson County Board of Commissioners for giving me the opportunity to serve the citizens of Sampson County!"

Also asked if he would be making any major changes to the Register of Deeds office Butler replied, "This office was run by Mrs. Eleanor Bradshaw very efficiently and effectively so unless there are changes that would benefit our citizens or assist our staff in performing their duties, I see no need to change anything. As technology continues to advance, we

will make whatever changes necessary to maintain the high quality of service this office is currently providing!"

In closing out the interview, Butler noted, "I am very fortunate to have a staff of devoted and dedicated people! The Register of Deeds office belongs to the people of Sampson County. It is the goal of this office to ensure that the records and documents are accessible and user friendly for everyone. We are committed to providing the highest quality of service that every citizen deserves and expects! When you come into this office, everyone will be greeted with smile. When leaving this office, you will be satisfied with the attention detail and the service you receive!"

Mr. Butler already faces a formidable opponent who has already announced her decision in March to run for the office, Mrs. Anita Lane. Anita Lane, a life-long Republican, worked at the Register of Deeds office for 13 years, until recently accepting a position with Sampson County in the Inspections & Planning Department as Senior Planner. Lane, who is a native of Sampson County, is the daughter of Clyde and Linda Honeycutt and has been married to her husband Randy for 36 years. They have two sons, Jonathan and Justin, whom are both married (to Sarah and Rachel) and Anita and Randy have two grandchildren, Kenner and Wiley. Anita noted that one of her greatest passions is her family. Lane has been a member of Grove Park Baptist Church for the last 26 years where she has served in various roles.

In a follow-up interview, Mrs. Lane noted that she loves public service and working with the records at the Register of Deeds office. "At the end of the day I want to feel that I have served someone, helped someone, made someone's day a little better. I have a heart for Sampson County and its citizens."



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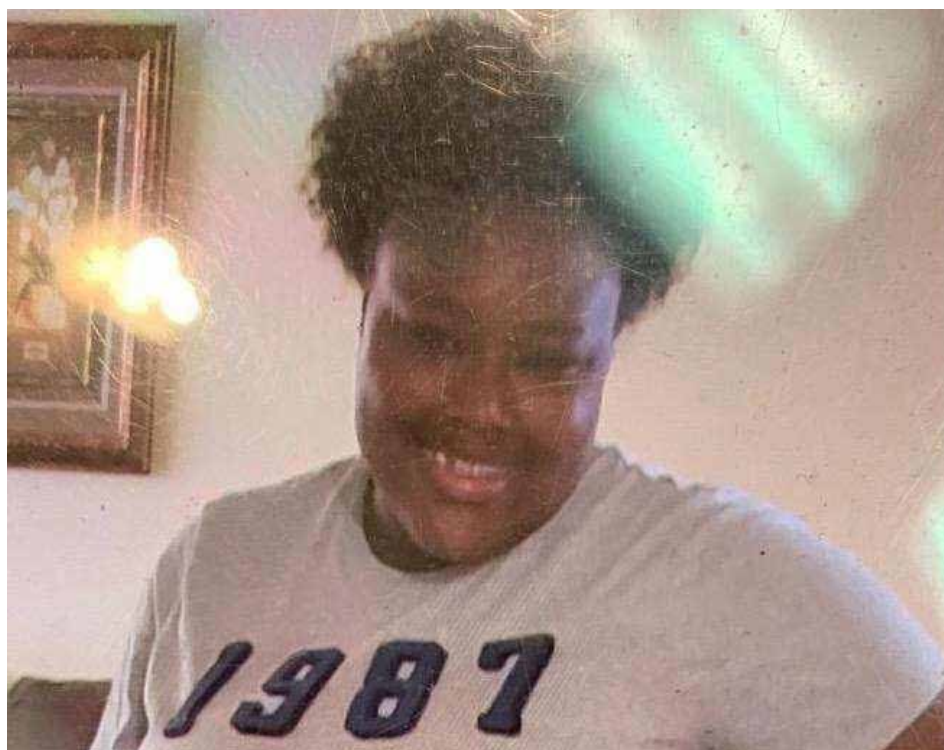
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LOCAL NEWS

Clinton Woman Still Missing



The N.C. Center for Missing Persons has issued a Silver Alert for a missing endangered woman, Jakaria LaJoyce Evans.

Citizens are asked to be on the lookout for Jakaria LaJoyce Evans, who is believed to be suffering from dementia or some other cognitive impairment.

Anyone with information about Jakaria LaJoyce Evans should call J. Honeycutt at the Clinton Police Department at 910-590-6701.

Name: Evans Jakaria LaJoyce

Gender: Female DOB: 10/12/2001 Age: 17 Race: Black Height: 5' 8" Weight: 225 pounds

Hair Color: Black Hair Length: Medium Eye Color: Brown

Clothing Description: Black t-shirt, gray jogging pants, black and white nike shoes, and black rain jacket

Reporting Law Enforcement Agency: Clinton Police Department

Contact Information: J. Honeycutt at 910-590-6701

Location of Incident: 623 Eastover Terrace, Clinton NC 28328

Location Last Seen: 623 Eastover Terrace, Clinton NC 28328

Possible Destination: West Virginia



Sampson County Schools Earns Award for Financial Reporting



Sampson County Schools has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). The award is for the SCS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). It is considered the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

Earlier this year, the district won the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting presented by the Association of School Business Officials International. That award recognizes districts that have met high standards for financial reporting and accountability.

Dr. Eric Bracy, superintendent, said the Board of Education and administrative leaders of



the district "take very seriously our fiscal responsibility to the County Commissioners and to the citizens of Sampson County. We are committed to spending our resources in the most effective ways that have a positive impact on students. I congratulate our Finance Department on these awards."

The district's financial report, the CAFR, was judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which include demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR, according to the GFOA.

Stephen Britt is Finance Officer for SCS. Cynthia Mesimer is Interim Finance Officer while Britt is on full-time

military duty.

Shooting at Summer Tree Lane



On August 3, 2019, deputies with the Sampson County Sheriff's Office responded to a reported shooting victim just after midnight at 248 Summer Tree Lane. Upon arrival, deputies located a 23 years of age male victim inside the residence with an apparent gunshot wound.

The suspect, Julian Bradsher, 45, W/M of the same address was on the scene and detained by officers. Through investigation, probable cause was established to charge the suspect with Assault with a Deadly Weapon Inflicting Serious

Injury and placed under a \$25,000 secured bond.

The victim was transported by ambulance to Cape Fear Valley for treatment. The Sampson County Sheriff's Office is grateful for the assistance provided by Clinton Police Department, who responded and assisted our officers.

Pigskin Jamboree Set for August 16

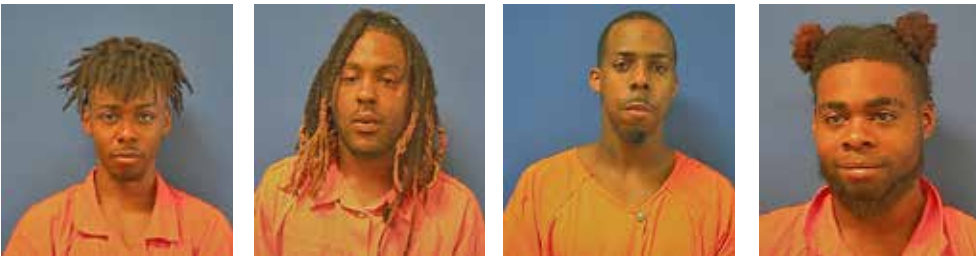


The Annual Pigskin Jamboree is set for August 16th at 7:30pm at Dark Horse Stadium. The jamboree will feature the Clinton Dark Horses, the Hobpton Wildcats, the Lakewood Leopards, the Midway Raiders and the Union Spartans.

The Robert Hill Luncheon, sponsored by OneMain Financial Services and Craig Faircloth, will also be held this year at 12:00 noon on August 16th. The location for this year's luncheon will be held at Railroad Steak House in Roseboro.

Coaches will introduce their staff and players and discuss their expectations for this year's season.

Update on Breaking & Entering in Turkey



Jahleek Joyner

Markel Tai-Chi Craddock

Robert Ivon Drake

Terrance Terrell Payton

On Friday, August 2, 2019, the Sampson County Sheriff's Office responded to a reported breaking and entering at 6005 Dave Bryant Rd., Turkey, NC. Upon arrival, a perimeter was set up in the area by responding officers and full-scale search was launched in an attempt to locate the suspects. Neighbors were able to provide a description of the suspects and evidence which greatly aided officers in identifying the suspects responsible.

During the perimeter search, deputies were able to locate three of the suspects in the vicinity of the break-in and a fourth suspect and the suspect vehicle were located by officers behind a residence on Curtis Ivey Road.

Terrance Peyton, 23, B/M of 803 McKoy St., Clinton, NC was charged with; Breaking and Entering, Larceny After Breaking and Entering, Possession of Stolen Property and Conspire to Commit Breaking and Entering. A Bond was set in the amount of \$75,000.

Jahleek Joyner, 18, B/M of 93 Waterhouse Circle, Clinton, NC was charged with; Breaking and Entering, Larceny After Breaking and Entering, Possession of Stolen Property and Conspire to Commit Breaking and Entering. A Bond was set in the amount of \$100,000.

Robert Drake, 26, B/M of 793 Curtis Ivey Rd., Clinton, NC was charged with; Breaking and Entering, Larceny After Breaking and Entering, Possession of Stolen Property and Conspire to Commit Breaking and Entering. A Bond was set in the

amount of \$100,000.

Markel Craddock, 24, B/M of 818A Springwood Apts., Clinton, NC was charged with; Breaking and Entering, Larceny After Breaking and Entering, Possession of Stolen Property and Conspire to Commit Breaking and Entering. A Bond was set in the amount of \$100,000.

Lt. Marcus Smith stated, "This investigation is still on going and more charges are possible. I am thankful for our officer's quick response and the publics great assistance in this case. This is more proof that citizen cooperation with law enforcement is key in the job we do."

After further investigation, probable cause has been established linking all four suspects to a previously reported breaking and entering on Pope Road, which was reported on July 29. The suspects were charged with: Breaking and Entering, Larceny After Breaking and Entering, Conspire to Commit Breaking and Entering, and Possession of Stolen Goods. Additionally, Markel Craddock was charged with Possession of Firearm by Felon.

Markel Craddock was also linked to a previously reported break-in on Needmore Road, which was reported on July 30th and surveillance photos were shared on the Sheriff's Office social media account.

These new charges have increased the suspects bond to the following amounts:

-Terrance Payton current bond is set at \$115,000

-Jahleek Joyner current bond is set at \$225,000

-Robert Drake current bond is set at \$175,000

-Markel Craddock current bond is set at \$180,000

We Should Know . . .



Kraig Westerbeek and Ryan Childress with JW Simmons Host of We Should Know

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

The topic of the discussion is renewable energy and the guests for this week's show are Kraig Westerbeek, senior director of Smithfield Renewables and Ryan Childress, manager of New Business Development at Dominion Energy.

JW Simmons begins the show explaining that Dominion Energy and Smithfield are partnering to make methane gas from hog waste into a renewable energy source to power homes and businesses. He asks Kraig Westerbeek to explain how this works.

Westerbeek begins, "I've been employed at Smithfield for over 26 years, primarily in the area of manure management and environmental affairs, and I want to brag on our industry. I think they do a fantastic job at what they do. We have a very good system in anaerobic lagoons and land application. And our farmers do a great job and its heavily regulated. But for years we've looked at how do you turn that manure into value beyond the fertilizer value that's its used for today."

"And the truth of the matter is it has energy value. We bring in energy in the form of grain whether its corn or soybean meal, in addition to the nutrients we bring in energy so those animals can grow and do well. But the fact is those animals don't use all that energy. So, some of it ends up in the manure. Obviously, we want to limit that as much as possible, but that's just the way it works."

Westerbeek continues, "So, for years there's been efforts to say how we capture that energy. How do we turn that energy into value? And so, 20 years ago Smithfield was looking into anaerobic digestion and capturing the gas submitted by that called biogas which is 65% methane or 65% natural gas and turning that into an energy source."

"So, the opportunity to do that has been there. What has changed in recent years has been the economics of it. As you know, people are much more interested in renewable sources of energy. This is clearly a renewable source of energy and the timing has come together so we can say this is something we can do now and incorporate everyone in the industry. Smithfield, our contract growers or anyone involved in that value chain can get value from that."

Next, Simmons says that energy in the form of biogas may be the missing piece in the food chain when it comes to sources of fuel. He asks Ryan Childress how Dominion Energy came to work with Smithfield.

"Well, at Dominion Energy we're always looking for ways to serve our customers and Kraig mentioned this, but folks are always looking for renewable energy now. That's something really important, lowering our carbon footprint, so we've been very involved in solar, wind, hydroelectric generation. And on the gas side of the business we're constantly looking for ways to deliver lower carbon energy to our customers."

Childress adds, "As we began looking for opportunities around renewable natural gas it led us to Smithfield. Kraig and I were able to connect based on some of the work they were doing. We had a lot of common geographic interest with where are assets are and so, it just made a whole lot of since."

"We're experts in the energy base," adds Childress, "and Smithfield is world-class when it comes to the agriculture industry. We're able to link up and combine forces and now we're really excited about these projects we have here in North Carolina."

Simmons next asks if this new project could scale up enough to have a greater impact on fossil fuels than other recent approaches.

Childress replies, "When you think about how energy is generated a huge part of how we produce electrons for people's use is by natural gas which is very low carbon environmentally friendly. Either that or nuclear, solar, wind, it's a portfolio approach, but what Kraig and I have found here and what the industry sees is rather than trying to put a small inefficient generator on a farm that's on a line somewhere that can't really serve customers, what we can do by creating renewable natural gas is direct that gas to a more efficient larger combine cycle plant. Runs more efficiently, creates more electricity and use that for customer use."

"So, really the difference here is taking the existing infrastructure and partnering with our growers at Smithfield to create these projects that allows that gas to become part of the overall natural gas footprint. And the beauty of it is it provides an economic resource for the grower. It provides an environmental benefit to our community members. And provides clean energy for our customers in North Carolina and along the east coast."

Kraig Westerbeek explains that although the technology is available and some farmers have implemented production of electricity to power their farms, the issue remains the efficiency of the process. Biogas produced by hog waste is only 65% methane and when used on the individual farm level, 50% of the energy is lost in the production.

The process Dominion and Smithfield hope to implement will clean the biogas and bring it closer to 100% methane. And convert that methane to electricity as efficiently as possible thereby reducing the loss of energy and retaining as much of the energy as available in the biogas.

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

To view the entire broadcast of We Should Know please visit their YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/user/StarVisionCable.

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

Sampson County VITAL STATS

Deaths

-James Anthony Brewington
-Blanche Rubenia Edwards
-Ruby Merritt
-Kathy Starling McAllister
-Eric Serrano-Sanchez
-Daniel Austin Wilson
-Dora Louise Wright

Marriage Certificates

-Roderick Javon Smith to Alleayah Samone Jones
-Fidel Lopez Figueroa to Constance Hunter Jennings
-Martin Douglas Baxley to Kaitlyn Elizabeth Jackson
-Rikin Nimeshkumar Patel to Himani Panka Jkumar Patel
-Adam Paul Koons to Hannah Sue Atkinson
-Gustavo Eufrazio Cruz to Julia Garcia Gonzalez
-CP Graham Davis to Kayla Gail Lockamy
-Jacob Matthew Avalos to Mackenzie Rae Bordeauz
-Jesse Roderick Pickerill to Elizabeth Madison Holland
-Timothy Steven King to Stacie Lyne Colbourne

Births

-Jovie Claire McDonald born on July 16, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Timothy Joe McDonald and Ashley Crystallyn McDonald
-Alizia Leilani Foye born on July 17, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Alyssa Lauren Foye
-McKenna Clay Strickland born on Sampson Regional Medical Center to Ethan Gray Strickland and Elizabeth Ann Strickland
-Allison Bautista Valderrabano born on July 18, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Ivan Bautista and Lisseth Valderrabano
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-Ezra Matias Salinas Mejia born on July 29, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Miguel Salinas Jr and Armandina Salinas

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-Almare Johnson McNeil to Monica T Johnson, Scott Johnson, Almare Johnson McNeil-Little Coharie
-Kenneth Wayne Bass, Teresa Sutton Bass, Donald Kent Sutton, Melinda Sutton Thompson, Robert Clay Thompson to Nancy Dyson Sheets, Steven Paul Sheets- Piney Grove 0.86 Acres
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-TWB Property Services Inc to Donnie Smith Construction LLC- 2.64 Acres Plain View
-Karen Jane Moore, Kenneth Albert Moore to Bryant M Burton- Franklin 25 Acres
-Deborah Miller Bass to Amanda Darden Herrington- Lots 24 through 28
-Kooba Properties LLC, Wilma Koopman/MGR to Casey Tyndall- 2.83 Acres Lot 3 in the Cleo H Butler Estate Division Herring
-Tiffany Kendal Koogler to Arthur E Smith Jr, Jeannie Smith- Lot 11 Mill Ridge Subdivision Phase 1 Dismal
-Jeffrey Earl Barbrey, Nancy Ann Blackburn Barbrey, Frank Perry Blackburn Jr, Sherry Jean Blackburn, Amanda Ann Blackburn Jones, Kenneth Neil Jones to Argentina Gutierrez Sandoval, Rodolfo Sandoval Jr- Lisbon
-James Edward Carr, Linda Jewell Carr to Juan Ramirez, Paulin A Salvador Ramirez- Lot 24 McDaniels
-Julie Carol B Autry, Michael Autry, Alphonzo Barber Jr, Barbara Barber, Charles Russell Barber, Cynthia B Barber, Dwight Tyndall Barber, Elizabeth Barber, Jimmy Barber, Loyce H Barber, Teresa Barber, Julie Carol B Lane/FKA, Douglas Lynn Pope/AIF, Linda Sue B Pope/By AIF to Jason Alan Barber- North Clinton 11.72 Acres
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-Bailey Newman Eames, Suchila Gregory Eames to Arunrat Knott, Arin Phonyiam- Lot 38 Williams Lake Acres 0.90 Acres Mingo
-Harold Quincy Edgerton Jr, Marcia S Edgerton to Catrina Edgerton, Jason W Edgerton- 2.0 Acres Mingo
-Pennymac Loan Services LLS to Secretary of Veterans Affairs- Lot 1 Section VI Boykin Lake Subdivision 0.61 Acres South Clinton
-Janice Best Lee to RP Wellons Land & Development LLC- Plainview 2 Tracts
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FAITH



Promise Keeper

Mark 16:6-7, "And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go; tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you."

Has anyone ever broken a promise to you? Your heart was broken by the man that said he would love you to the very end, yet abandoned you for another. Maybe you were promised that job promotion and it was given to another co-worker. Perhaps you let a friend borrow some money and they promised to repay you the following week, but you still haven't seen the money. We all have had promises made to us and broken.

Most of us can relate to promise breakers, but sadly we also are guilty of breaking promises. Of all the people in the world that we probably make promises to and so quickly break is to God. Maybe the promise sounds like this, "God, if you let me get this job, I'll give more to missions." Or even, "Lord if you heal my sickness, I will never miss church again." No matter the size of the promise we make to God, we have good intentions, but fail so many times in keeping our word. We should only make promises with care and self-examination so the promise does not turn into a sin.

Did you know that two thousand years ago the disciples of Jesus thought He had broken a promise to them? Jesus was murdered on a wooden cross and placed in buried in someone else's grave. Even though Jesus promised His disciples He would come back to life after three days, they forgot. After Christ's gruesome death, His followers were filled with fear and grief. Jesus told them the truth of His resurrection, but their emotions caused them to somehow forget.

We like the disciples of Jesus struggle at times with spiritual amnesia. We often forget all the promise that Christ has made toward us in the Bible. We allow this world to distract us and steal our joy. Have you considered that is exactly what the enemy wants? However, our Savior always does what He says He will do. Jesus brings back to life what was dead for His good purpose. Charles Spurgeon stated, "Grow in the root of all grace, which is faith. Believe God's promises more firmly than ever. Allow your faith to increase in its fullness, firmness, and simplicity." When doubt tiptoes into our lives remember that Jesus keeps His promise.

When you trust in the promises of the resurrected Jesus, not everyone will understand or support your decision. Others will fail you, leave you behind and break your heart, but Jesus is not like anyone else in your life. C.S. Lewis wrote, "Always prefer the plain direct word to the long, vague one. Don't implement promises, but keep them." As a follower of Jesus, keep your promises to others and when you fail to do so ask them to forgive you. Never forget even when others won't forgive, Jesus always will if we seek Him.

This week I encourage you to take each day to memorize the follow seven Bible verses about God's promises, 1 John 1:9, James 4:7, Isaiah 40:29, Exodus 14:14, Psalm 23:4, Psalm 86:5 and Romans 10:9.

Rev. Ken Smith
Atkinson Baptist Church



What Is Your Priority?

Alright, let's just admit it, we all have our priorities in this journey called 'life'. If we are perfectly honest, our priorities are often more about self than others, and certainly more about self than about God's perfect will for our lives. Not to make us feel guilty....it is just simply the fact that we are human beings. And since sin (did you notice that the very center of sin is i) first entered the world through Adam and Eve, it has tainted what would have been our perfect fellowship with our Creator, our Lord, and our Master.

However, the absolutely overwhelming news is that Jesus Christ came into this world to take our sin upon Himself and provide for us complete redemption and eternal life in heaven with Him. A most beloved scripture is John 10:10 in which Jesus said, "I am come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

Many years ago, I was led to develop a Bible Study for large groups, small groups, or for individuals on The Fruit of The Spirit according to Galatians 5:22-23. "The Fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." What a blessing it has been to delve into such an extensive subject realizing that the more I learned, how very much more there is to try to comprehend! One such startling realization for me recently was that truly it is The Fruit of The HOLY Spirit, and that we are to live in that Spirit and walk in that Spirit.

Imagine my Joy upon finding an excerpt from Dr. Charles Stanley's book, The Wonderful Spirit-Filled Life, and it is my privilege to share with you: "The mark of Spirit-filled men and women is the Fruit they bear. Fruit is the standard by which our walk with God can be measured. The Bible is crystal clear at this point. Yet it never ceases to amaze me how prone believers are to substitute other measuring devices or standards...."

The two most popular substitutes for Fruit are (1) spiritual gifts and (2) natural talent... It's not hard to figure out why gifts and talents are so readily substituted for Fruit. It's easier to exercise a gift than to walk in the Spirit. Not only that, certain gifts and talents have a high entertainment value. When exploited in the right way, gifts and talents can be real crowd pleasers. But none of these things are indications that a man or woman is under the control of the Holy Spirit.

Giftedness does not determine greatness in God's book. Jesus said, "You will know them by their Fruits." Not by how anointed they may appear to be. Not by the miracles they perform. Not by the revelation knowledge they claim to have. You will recognize God's hand of blessing on men and women by the Fruit of the Holy Spirit they bear. APPLICATION: What is your priority: becoming like Christ or getting a chance to use your gifts? Your gifts, talents, and abilities should build up other Believers and bring unity in the body of Christ. If they're not quite doing that, check your attitudes." Dr. Charles Stanley

After soaking that in for a while, I trust you feel as I do: humbled, grateful, motivated, inspired and genuinely encouraged to examine our original question: What Is Your Priority? At this stage in life I have embraced a rather modest approach to life. Before arising each morning, I pray a simple prayer asking God---not what He wants me to DO today---but rather who He wants me to BE this day? You can count on His presence and His guiding every step of your way, that is the sweet assurance we have as Christians. He will direct your every step and fine-tune your priorities and you will shine forth the Fruit of the HOLY Spirit.

To God be all Praise and Glory, Amen!



Martha M. Pierce

Psalms For The Soul

By Linda Herring



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

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

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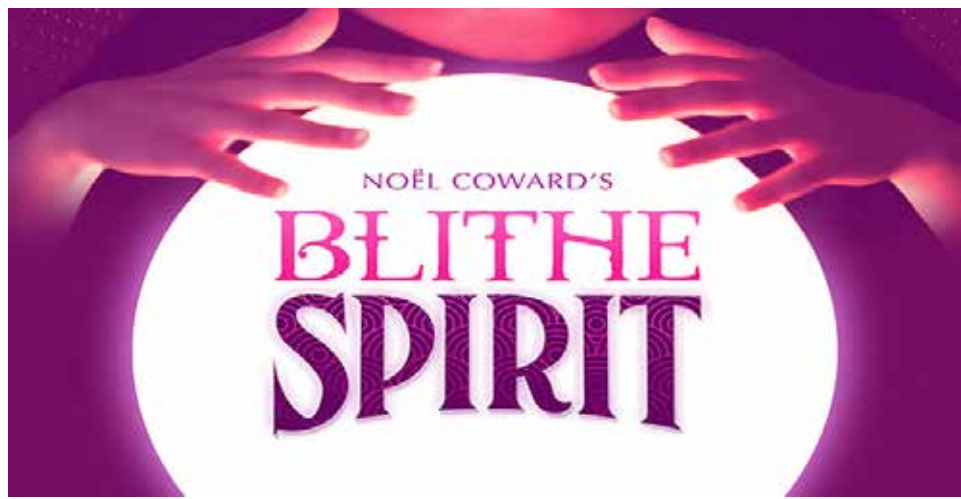


ENTERTAINMENT

What's Happening

By Angela Martin

at **SCT**



Shrek Wraps and Blithe Spirit Begins

Shrek ended on a high note this weekend as we had hundreds of people come in to see our second weekend of Shrek. The production was highly successful, and we were thrilled with the audience response and community support. We would especially like to thank Sampson Surgical Services for sponsoring our production.

Our next production is Blithe Spirit. Blithe Spirit was originally supposed to be performed last year but due to Hurricane Florence we were unable to bring the show to the stage. Mostly all the cast is back, along with our director - Tom Wilbur and our Stage Manager, Jessica Watts. The play is written by Noel Coward. Michael Lindsay will be portraying the role of Charles Bradman - a married man who decides to bring a psychic into his home for some fun and inadvertently makes contact with his deceased wife. He is the only person who can talk to her, which brings a lot of turmoil to his new wife. Lots of witty banter, lots of humor and lots of comedy ensues. Michael has appeared in several productions at SCT including, The Odd Couple and Butterflies are Free. The production will take place Friday - Sunday, September 20 - 29. The Friday and Saturday shows will be held at 7:30 pm and the Sunday production will be at 2:30 pm.

One of our final spotlights of the summer goes to someone who just portrayed a lead role in the production of Shrek. Shondarius Rudolph is a recent graduate of Clinton High School and the son of Kizzie Oates. He said his favorite role that he has had at SCT was Seaweed in Hairspray last summer. He said that it was a phenomenal show and fun to do and told a great story. Shondarius plans on attending Sampson Community College and then transferring to the NC School of the Arts.



Shondarius Rudolph

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Our friendly neighborhood Super Hero decides to join his best friends Ned, MJ, and the rest of the gang on a European vacation. However, Peter's plan to leave super heroics behind for a few weeks are quickly scrapped when he begrudgingly agrees to help Nick Fury uncover the mystery of several elemental creature attacks, creating havoc across the continent!

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



LION KING NOW SHOWING

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

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

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



DORA AND THE LOST CITY NOW SHOWING

Rated PG for action and some impolite humor

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

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



FAST & FURIOUS NOW SHOWING

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

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

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



SCARY STORIES TO TELL IN THE DARK NOW SHOWING

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

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

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FAMILY FEATURES

Morning routines, homework, practices and more are all part of back-to-school season, and even when time is short, flavorful meals can be, too.

Whether it's breakfast and dinner together as a family or sending your little learner out the door with a nutritious lunch, making tasty recipes in your own kitchen doesn't have to be a drain on an already busy schedule. With dishes like a new take on French toast to a quickly packed lunchbox and bolder burgers, you can keep your loved ones fueled for everything the school year brings your way.

For more back-to-school recipes, visit Culinary.net.

Freshen Up Family Breakfasts

A truly beneficial start to the day is usually centered around breakfast. Start your family on the right foot with a meal that delivers sweet flavor along with nutritious fruits.

This Honey Leches French Toast recipe swaps out syrup for hot honey combined with the crisp taste of raspberries, blueberries and strawberries.

Visit honey.com for more family-friendly recipes.

Honey Leches French Toast

Recipe courtesy of chef Rob Corliss on behalf of the National Honey Board
Servings: 4

Honey Leches:

- 2 tablespoons blueberry honey
- 1/4 cup evaporated milk
- 1/4 cup light coconut milk
- 3 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Berry Garnish:

- 1/2 cup fresh raspberries
- 1/2 cup fresh blueberries
- 1/2 cup fresh strawberries, sliced

Hot Honey:

- 1/2 cup blueberry honey

1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper

Pound Cake:

- 8 small slices premade pound cake
- nonstick cooking spray

To make Honey Leches: In mixing bowl, whisk blueberry honey, evaporated milk, coconut milk, eggs, vanilla extract and cinnamon to evenly combine. Keep chilled.

To make Berry Garnish: In mixing bowl, lightly toss raspberries, blueberries and strawberries to evenly combine. Keep chilled.

To make Hot Honey: In small mixing bowl, whisk blueberry honey and cayenne pepper to evenly combine. Keep warm so hot honey is pourable.

Heat electric griddle to 375 F.

Arrange pound cake slices, side by side, flat, in casserole dish or pan with sides. Pour Honey Leches over and around pound cake slices; soak 1 minute.

Lightly coat griddle with nonstick cooking spray. Remove pound cake slices from Honey Leches, allowing liquid to drain off, then place each slice on hot griddle.

On griddle, cook pound cake slices approximately 2 minutes on each side until golden crispy and hot throughout.

To serve, place two overlapping pound cake slices on plate (four plates total). Top each with approximately 1/4 cup mixed berries then drizzle each with approximately 2 tablespoons hot honey.

A Healthy, Happy Midday Meal

Back to school means back to packing daily lunches, and for parents aspiring to send healthier options with their children, look no further than a bento box loaded with the nutritional values of fruits, dairy and protein.

Surprise your little one with this Happy Lunchbox, a sweet treat to help keep him or her hydrated throughout the school day. Start with watermelon, a portable, versatile and easy-to-serve staple composed of 92% water for a hydrating snack. Add in a favorite yogurt flavor, mixed berries, cheddar cheese cubes and smoked turkey breast for a well-rounded lunch to maintain energy all day.

By assembling this nutritious meal using a divided bento box, you can add a little fun to an already flavorful lunch. Find more refreshing recipes for back-to-school season at watermelon.org.

Happy Lunchbox

Recipe courtesy of the National Watermelon Promotion Board

Watermelon, cut into sticks
yogurt, for dipping
berries

Watermelon Kebabs:

- 18 cubes (1 inch each)
seedless watermelon
- 6 cubes smoked turkey breast
- 6 cubes cheddar cheese
- 6 coffee stirrers or
beverage straws

In small plate with dividers, assemble watermelon sticks with yogurt in one section and berries in separate section.

To make Watermelon Kebabs: Skewer watermelon, turkey and cheese cubes on stirrers or straws. Assemble in third section of plate.



A Bigger, Bolder Burger

Making a meal everyone loves can sometimes be a challenge when tastes differ and each member of the family craves something different. However, turning to a nearly universally enjoyed staple – a burger – may be just the solution.

Next time your group debates the night's dinner menu, turn to a customizable creation like the Brooklyn Bacon Bonanza Burger created by celebrity chef and author George Duran for Jarlsberg's Global Burger Campaign. Topped with melted cheese and optional garnishes like fried eggs and tomato slices, this burger can be personalized to appease the taste buds of everyone under your roof.

Find more back-to-school meal solutions at jarlsberg.com.

Brooklyn Bacon Bonanza Burger

Recipe courtesy of chef George Duran on behalf of Jarlsberg

Servings: 4

- 4 thick chunks Jarlsberg cheese
- 1 tablespoon hot sauce
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1 pound ground beef
- 1/2 pound ground pork
- 1 onion, finely chopped (about 1 cup)
- 1 cup chopped cooked bacon
- 3 tablespoons sundried tomato paste
- 3 tablespoons breadcrumbs
- kosher salt
- freshly ground black pepper
- nonstick cooking spray
- 4 eggs for frying (optional)
- 4 hamburger buns
- 8 thin slices tomato

Place cheese in freezer about 1 hour ahead of time.

Heat grill to medium-high heat. In small bowl, mix hot sauce and mayonnaise; set aside.

In large bowl, season beef, pork, onion, bacon, tomato paste and breadcrumbs with salt and pepper. Using hands, mix until well combined.

Using hands, form meat mixture into four balls. With thumb, make indentation in centers of balls and place one chunk cheese in center of each. Begin shaping burgers around cheese until patties form. Spray grill grates with nonstick spray. Grill burgers, turning frequently, until cooked through and cheese begins to ooze out, about 8-10 minutes.

In nonstick skillet, fry eggs, if desired; set aside. Serve burgers on hamburger buns with chipotle-mayo, tomato slices and fried eggs.

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CHS Grad Cameron Lawson Headed to Brunswick

Photo by Mike Carter



Dark Horse standout set to start freshman year of college

It's been an exciting summer for recent Clinton High School graduate Cameron Lawson.

The 18-year-old basketball standout has been working hard preparing for his freshman year in college.

"Well, it is a little nerve wracking, but it is really exciting," he said. "But, it's time. I am going to miss high school, but I am ready to take the next step."

In late June, Lawson decided to continue his educational, as well as his basketball, career at Brunswick Community College. Although he had plenty of good looks from other colleges, Lawson said he chose Brunswick for many reasons, the main one being that he felt right when he stepped on campus.

"I really liked the coaches and the atmosphere there," he explained. "Right away I had a good feeling about it ... it was a good vibe."

He added, "It just felt right to me."

Another reason Lawson, who plans on majoring in Business Management, decided to attend Brunswick Community College is because of its high rate of student/athletes who advance to Division I schools after two years.

Lawson also knows that playing college basketball is a lot different than playing at the high school level.

"I know in high school there are people who really want it [to play college sports]," he said, "and those people are the ones who put in the work; At the college level - even if you do make it - there are people who are waiting for you to fail so you have to keep working hard to maintain your place because everybody is trying to get to the same

place (going pro)." Which is why he has been putting in the extra work this summer.

"I've been running a lot more trying to get faster," he admitted. "I can feel that I am ... My goal is to go in, work hard and keep going forward. Hopefully after two years I can move on to a DI school."

Lawson continued, "I have set goals for myself and I want to achieve those goals. I feel like I am going in trying to prove a point."

As his next chapter in his life is beginning, Lawson leaves behind an incredible career at Clinton High School.

At point guard, the 6-foot 1 inch, 175-pound Lawson finished his high school basketball career with 447 points; 77 assists and 158 rebounds.

"I feel like I didn't let anyone down," he said. "I am proud of being able to play with my brothers and being embraced by them."

This week, the Clinton native has been named the Performance Auto/Sampson Weekly Star Athlete of the Week.

"I really enjoyed high school," Lawson admits. "It has sunk in that it is all over, but I still think about it every day. I mean, these are the same people that I have seen every single day for the past 13 years. They are like family to me ..."

"High school just flew by," he added.

Born and raised in Clinton, Lawson's first foray into sports came at the recreation level.

"When I started, I played rec, it was football," he remembers. "Only football. That's all I played."

It wasn't until his first year in middle school that Lawson began officially playing basketball.

"Well, all my friends were playing basketball," he explains, "When football season came around, all of my friends were playing football and when basketball season came around, I was the one not playing. So, when I was in sixth grade, I started playing."

He continually worked at his game, putting in the time and effort, doing what it took to become a solid player.

"I really just worked hard at it - that part was all me," Lawson said of developing his style of play. "I listened to my coaches and I did my best ..."

That work ethic was crucial in Lawson's development in

basketball. Once it all clicked for him, the rest was history.

The turning point in his basketball career came in the eighth grade when he was nursing a football injury.

"I had hurt my knee," Lawson said. "By that time, I had already been thinking about playing basketball. When I went into high school, I realized that I just wasn't feeling it (for football). From then on my focus was solely on basketball."

However, Lawson admits that as the end of his high school career got closer, he did get that nostalgic feeling about getting back on the gridiron.

"I really felt it in my senior year," he said. "I really felt like I wanted to be out there (playing football). I knew that at that point, I didn't want to risk an injury ... but I still thought about going out there and playing."

As he continues to prepare for college - he will live in an apartment near the BCC campus - Lawson says he wants to continue to work to bring his dream to fruition.

"My goal has always been to play professionally," he said. "That has been the one goal that I want to achieve, it's been my dream."

If he had a choice who would he play for? "Anyone who wants me," he said with a laugh. "But if I had my choice, I would choose the Chicago Bulls, a team I have always been a fan of."

For right now though, Lawson just wants to get started on his freshman year.

"You know I have been very lucky to have the support that I have been given over the years," he says with sincerity. "My family (Cynthia, mother; Darryl, father; and little sister, Yadara), my teammates, friends, teachers and coaches, have always been there for me and have really supported me. I wouldn't be where I am without them."

Lawson also gives a special shout-out to the church he has been going to his entire life - New Life Outreach Ministry.

"God - first and foremost, is the biggest part of my life," he said. "I have two families, my family and my church family and I just love them."

Now that he is done with high school, does Lawson have a piece of advice for a young student/athlete making the transition from middle to high school.

"I would tell them not to take anything for granted," he said. "Don't just do something because you can - find something you really want to do and put in the work. It just doesn't happen; you have to really put in the time and effort to make it happen. Also, enjoy every minute of it - because it really flies by."

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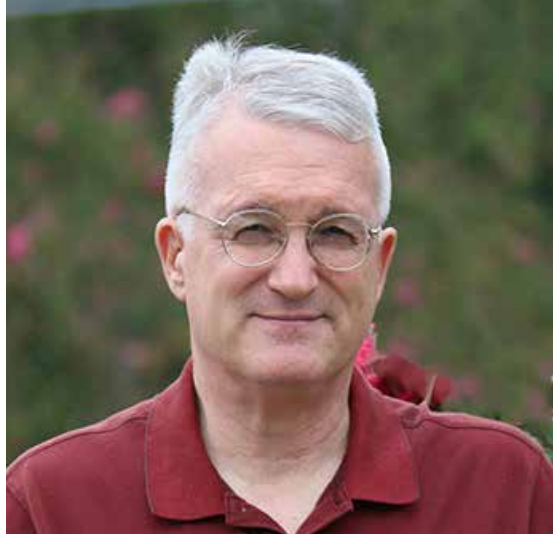
EDUCATION

Hunter Named SCS Principal of the Year



Congratulations to our 2019-20 Sampson County School Principal of the Year, Kevin Hunter. Mr. Hunter is the principal at Midway Middle School.

UMO Summer Graduation Set for August 17



The University of Mount Olive (UMO) will hold its spring commencement ceremony on Saturday, August 17, at 10:30 AM in the Kornegay Arena. The commencement speaker will be UMO Chair of the Department of Religion and History Dr. Alan Lamm.

This fall marks the 22nd year that Lamm has taught at the University. He also serves as the Assistant Director of the Honors Program. Lamm, a native of Wilson County, first came to UMO as a

student because of his involvement with the Original Free Will Baptist church. He received his associate's degree from UMO, his bachelor's degree from UNC Greensboro, his M.Div. and Th.M. from Duke University, and his Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina.

Lamm is a former U.S. Army captain who served as a Chaplain and Army Historian. He began his career in education serving as a history instructor at Trident Community College in Charleston, South Carolina. In 1997, he joined the faculty at Mount Olive College.

Lamm's time in the military and the ministry helped to shape him into the professor that he is today: teaching him discipline and efficiency and helping prepare him to be an effective lecturer. His greatest strengths as a professor are his love for his subject and his success with research. For his teaching efforts, Lamm has earned numerous awards including the Dr. Thomas R. Morris Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2011, The Dean's Merit Award for Outstanding Contribution in Teaching in the School of Arts & Sciences for the 2007-2008 academic year, and the North Carolina Society's Archie K. Davis Research Fellowship in 2002. In addition to these awards, Lamm also received a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) for a six-part film entitled "Post War Years, Cold War Fears: 1945-1960" for the Wayne County Public Library in 2006 as well as an NEH grant to lead a six-part film series entitled "The Sixties" for the Wayne County Public Library in 2007.

Lamm is married to Laura and has one son who serves in the U.S. Navy.

A baccalaureate service will be held Sunday, August 11, at 3 PM in Rodgers Chapel. The Reverend Phillip D. Boykin will be the speaker.

Boykin is the pastor of Black Jack Original Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville, North Carolina. Boykin grew up in Wilson, North Carolina and was a member of the Marsh Swamp Original Free Will Baptist Church. After graduating from Fike High School in Wilson, he continued his education at Mount Olive College (A.S.), Campbell University (B.A.), and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Ordained to the Gospel ministry in 1981, Boykin has served as pastor to several Original Free Will Baptist churches in addition to Black Jack including Trinity (Pantego, NC), Davis, Selma, and Lee's Chapel (Dunn, NC). He has served the Boards of Directors for the Original Free Will Baptist Children's Home and the Foreign Missions Ministry. Boykin has also served as Moderator of the Central Conference of OFWB's and in several other conference positions. Married to Joy Cole Boykin, they are the parents of three children: Amanda Boykin Batts, Dr. Cole Boykin, and Hannah Boykin. Two of the great joys of their lives are their grandchildren, Paisley and Sadie Batts.

C3 Acceptance -- Part of the Pack



Earlier this year, SCC and NCSU leaders made the agreement official.

Students have wasted no time following the advice of Sampson Community College's slogan, Begin Here, Go Anywhere! Thanks to the partnership signed by the college and NC State University, these students will soon be members of the Wolfpack family.

The C3 agreement is designed to allow students who want to go to NC State for their four-year degree to be pre-approved when they enroll at Sampson Community College for their first two years of college. This allows students to save money and remain closer to home for the first two years of their schooling.

"Many of our college transfer students aspire to attend NC State, so this a wonderful opportunity for them," says Blair Hairr, Dean of Student Services at SCC. "In addition to the faculty and staff support available at SCC, C3 students will have an NC State advisor, gain direct access to NC State's online advising and course planning tools, and receive invitations to attend specialized C3 activities and programs."

C3 is one of four recent transfer agreements the college has signed. SCC also has similar agreements with Fayetteville State University, East Carolina University and UNC-Wilmington. To be eligible for the programs, students must meet certain criteria. The first three students accepted in the C3 program are Lorin Hawks, Hannah Taylor and Jadell Holmes.

Hairr says it is worthwhile for students interested in pursuing a four-year degree to consider these options. "After completion of the A.A. or A.S. degree with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better here at SCC, C3 participants are guaranteed admission to NC State," she says. "We have staff and faculty working closely with NCSU's team to ensure a seamless process for students. We are excited about the students who are part of C3 this coming year and look forward to seeing more in the years to come."

Nearly 1,700 students transfer to NC State each year to complete their bachelor's degree and NC State is committed to providing affordable pathways while providing access to quality education that produces career-ready graduates. For more information about C3 or any of the transfer agreements SCC has signed, contact Sharon Leggett at sleggett@sampsoncc.edu.

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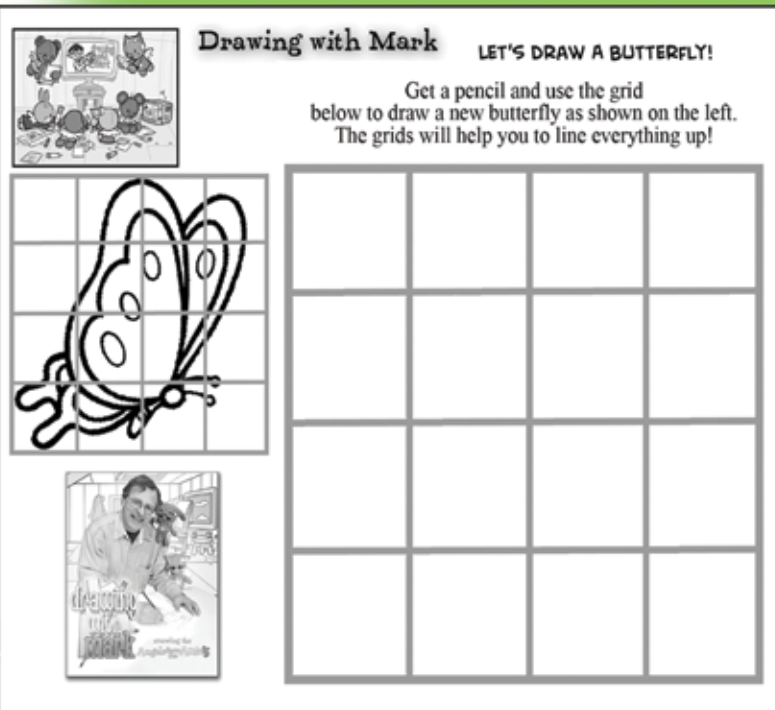
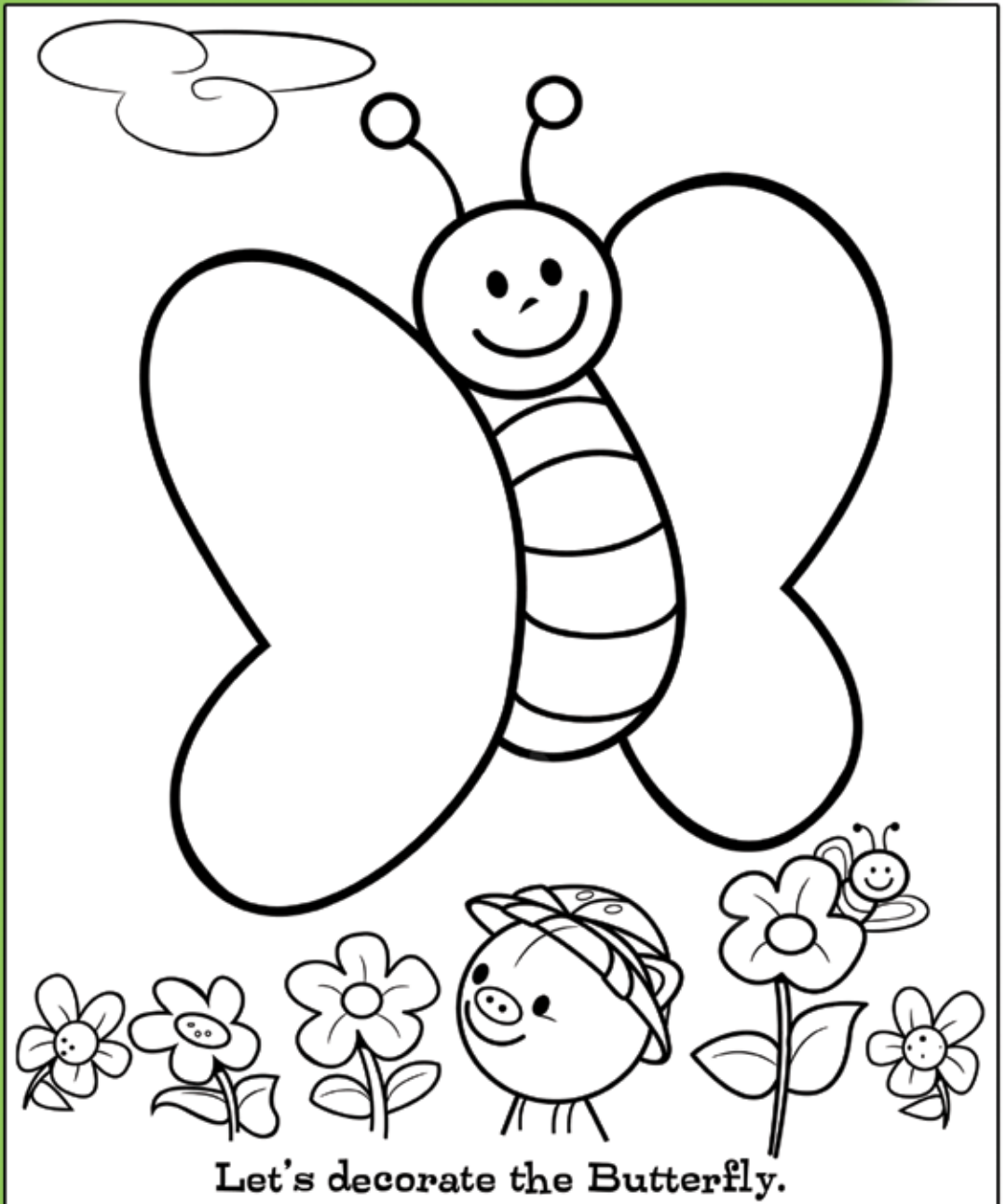
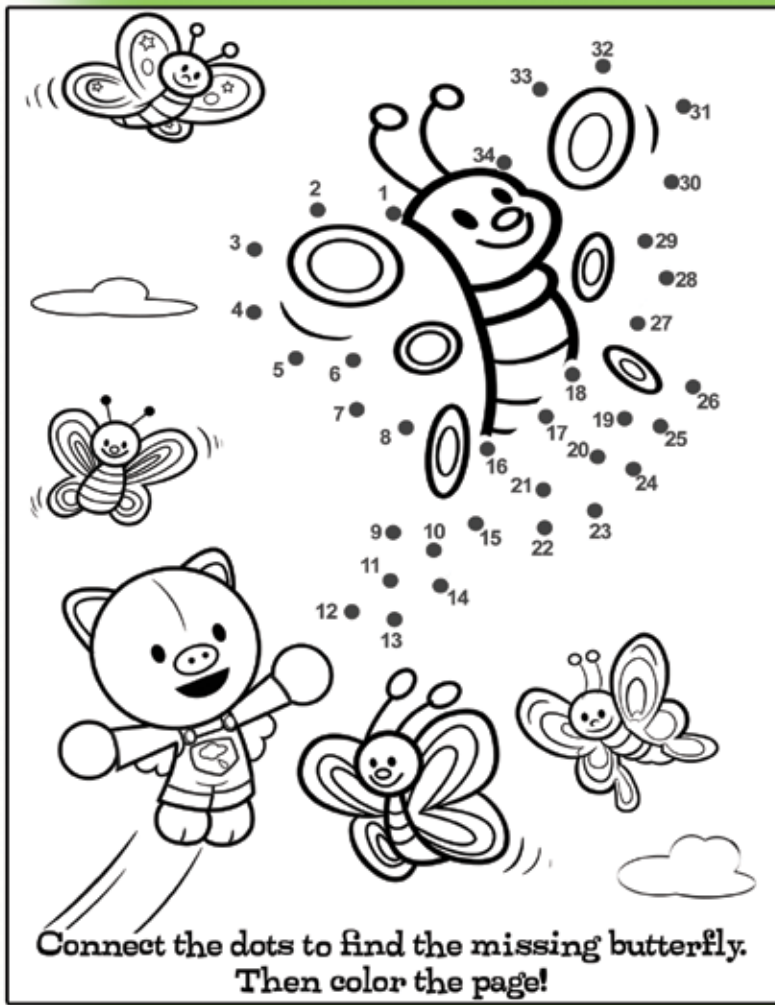
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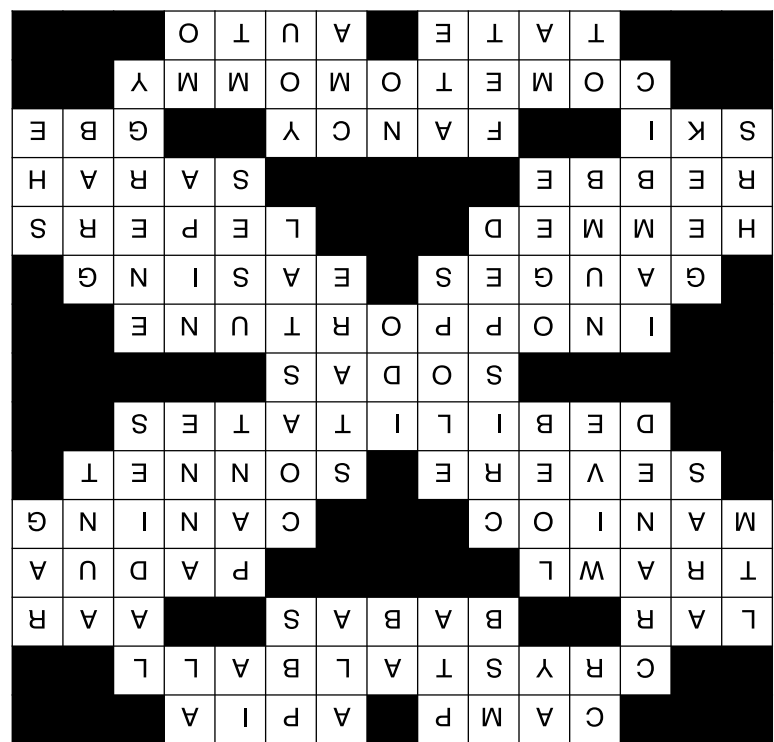
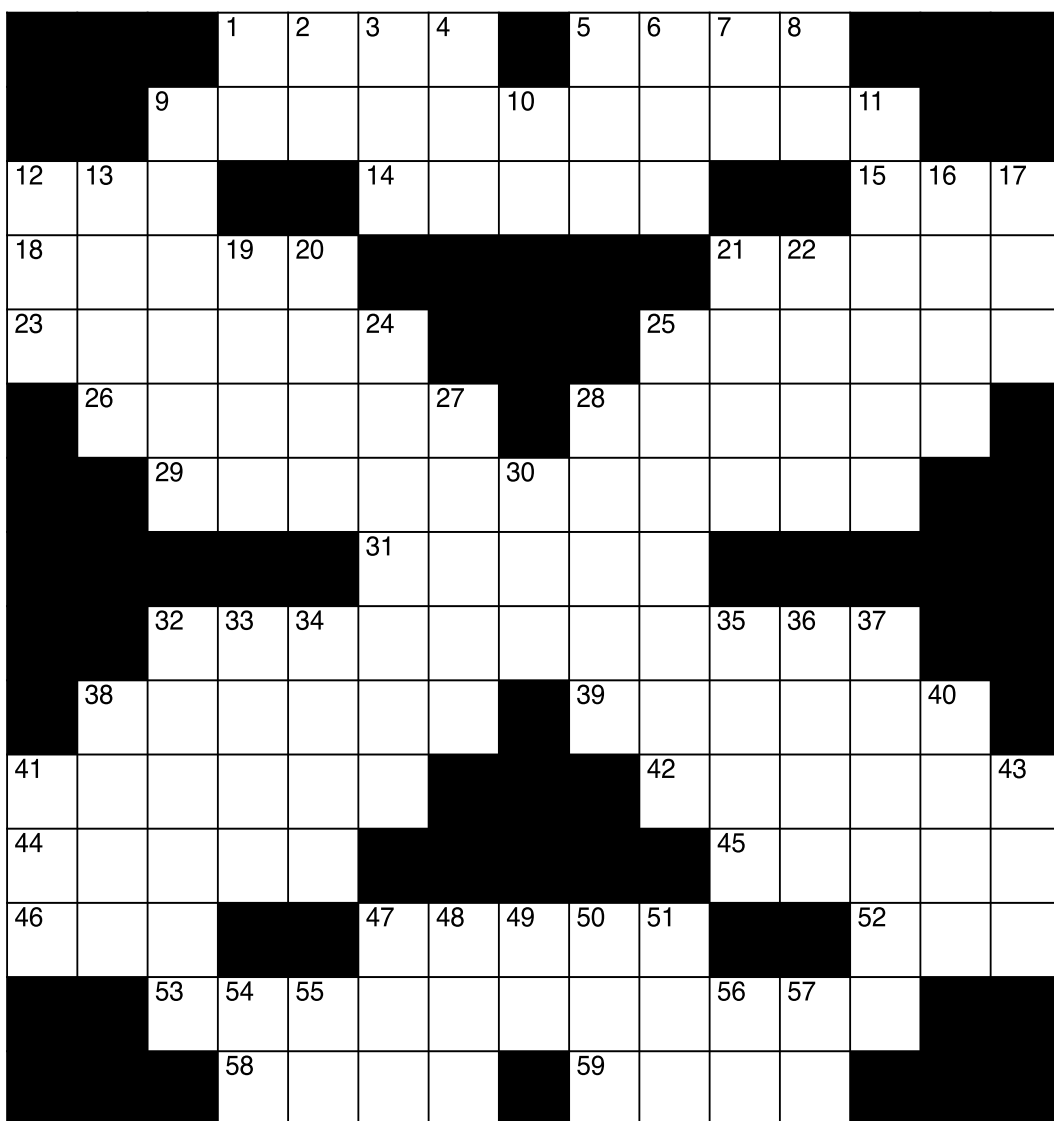
Crossword Puzzle

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- 5. Capital of W. Samoa
- 9. Seer's prop
- 12. Household God (Roman)
- 14. Leavened rum cakes
- 15. Swiss river
- 18. Deepsea fishing line
- 21. "Taming of the Shrew" city
- 23. Tapioca source
- 25. Stems used for wickerwork
- 26. Very bad in degree or extent
- 28. 14 lines with a fixed rhyme scheme
- 29. Enfeebles
- 31. Pops
- 32. Not a convenient time
- 38. Estimates
- 39. Making easier
- 41. Finished a skirt edge
- 42. Leprosy sufferers
- 44. Hasidic spiritual leader
- 45. Wife of Abraham
- 46. Runner used for gliding over snow
- 47. Not plain
- 52. Airport code for Gaborone
- 53. A mother's summoning words
- 58. London Modern Art Museum
- 59. Motorcar

CLUES DOWN

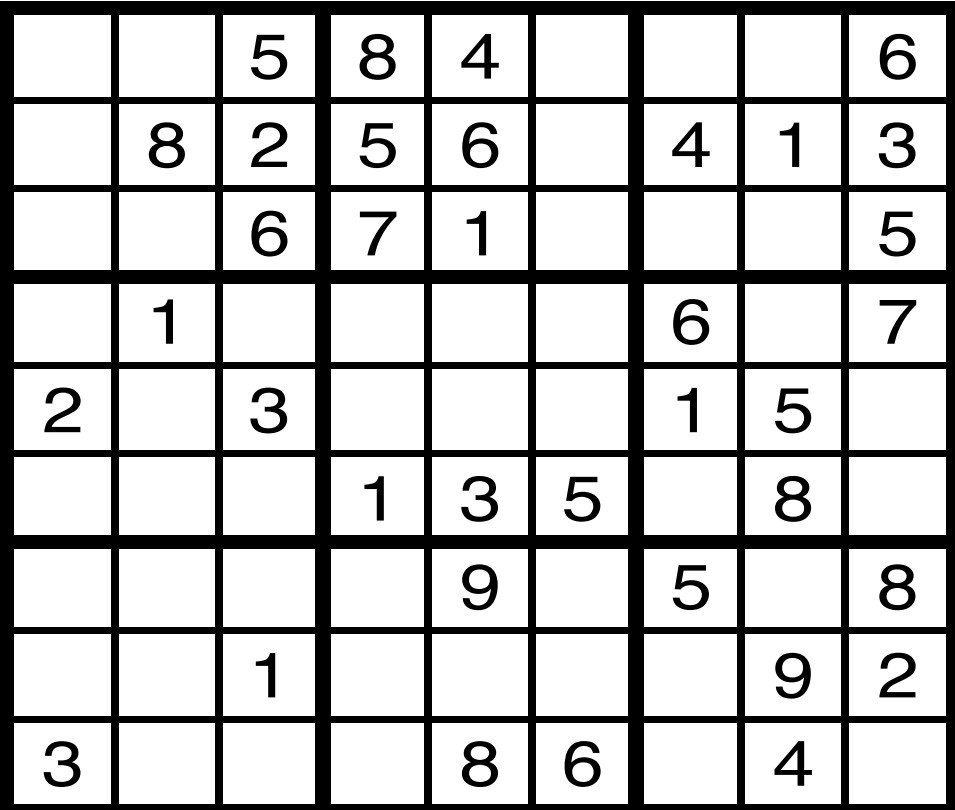
- 1. Atomic #24
- 2. Pharaoh 1323-1319 BC
- 3. Mutual savings bank
- 4. Community school assoc.
- 5. Winglike part
- 6. NPR TV equivalent
- 7. Farm state
- 8. Atomic #13
- 9. Extended neck for a better view
- 10. Blood group
- 11. And gentlemen
- 12. Your store of remembered information (abbr.)
- 13. Father of Aethyrea
- 16. Your father's sister
- 17. A scrap of cloth
- 19. Take as a wife
- 20. Killers Leopold & ___
- 21. Breathe rapidly
- 22. ___ Frank's diary
- 24. Made dry and brittle
- 25. Not inland
- 27. Ladyfish genus
- 28. Look at with fixed eyes
- 30. Wedding vow
- 32. Shakespeare's pentameter
- 33. Deprived of feeling
- 34. Double curve
- 35. Employees
- 36. Type of palm or grass
- 37. Forceful exertion
- 38. Oddball computer expert
- 40. Grasp suddenly
- 41. Time units (abbr.)
- 43. Refers to a female
- 47. Federal excise tax
- 48. Ingested
- 49. Not yes
- 50. Awards org. for country music
- 51. Not me
- 54. Overtime
- 55. 1/1000 of an ampere
- 56. Montana
- 57. Atomic #42



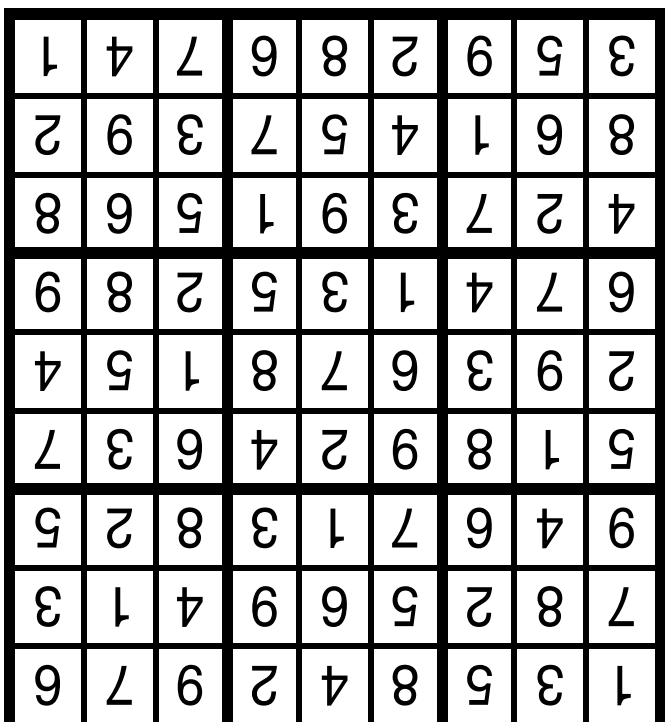
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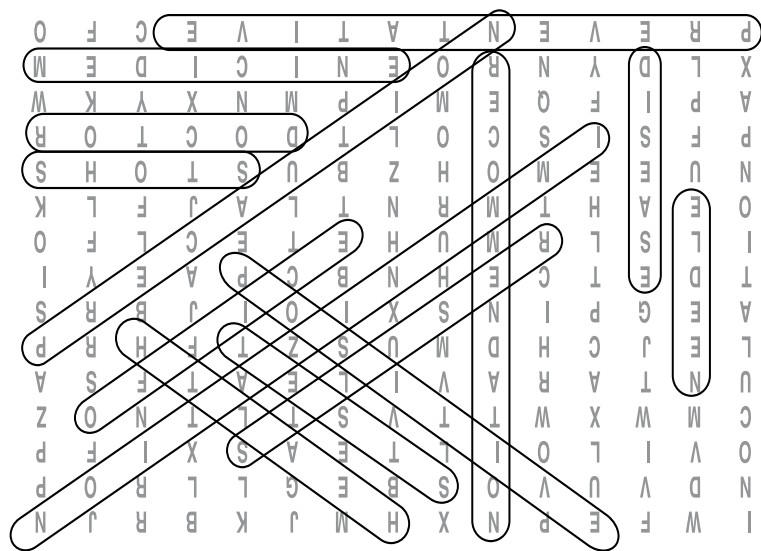
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Health	Medicine	Positive	Recommendation	Tests



CRIME

Crime
 08-02 Henry Anthony Royal, 49, of Clinton. Driving While Impaired. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 08-20-19.
 08-02 Cleondra Denise Raines, 31, of Clinton. DWLR- Impaired Rev, Expired Tag. No Bond. Trial Date 09-19-19.
 08-02 Henry Anthony Royal, 49, of Clinton. Reckless Driving to Endanger. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 08/20/19.
 08-02 Teresa Rattley, 46, of Clinton. Fail to Comply. Bond \$255. Trial Date 09-04-19.
 08-02 Tyler Britt Strickland, 24, of Faison. Resisting Public Officer. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 08-21-19.
 08-02 Zion Malik Autry, 20, of Clinton. Order for Arrest/FTA. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 08-21-19.
 08-02 Anthony Antonio Hargrove, 49, of Clinton. Trespass. No Bond listed. Trial Date 09-05-19.
 08-03 Theresa Monique Sinclair, 27, of Roseboro. Trespass. Trial Date 08-30-19.
 08-03 Brandon Lee Crumpler, 25, of Salemburg. Misdemeanor Larceny. Trial Date 09-05-19.
 08-03 Julian Wilson Bradsher, 44, of Clinton. Aggravated Assault. No Bond. Trial Date 08-09-19.
 08-03 Jerry Dexter Barrett, 47, of Harrells. Second Degree Trespass. No Bond or Trial Date listed.
 08-03 Joseph Larry Miller, 66, of Durham. Expired registration, Nuisances. Trial Date 09-19-19.
 08-03 Matthew Denton Pope, 27, Clinton. Misdemeanor Larceny, Simple Possess Sch IV CS, Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 09-05-19.
 08-03 Mildred Michelle Suggs, 37, Clinton. Trespass. Trial Date 08-19-19.
 08-04 Ramel Isaiah Franklin, 19, of Clinton. Speeding, Reckless Driving to Endanger. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 08-30-19.
 08-04 Brian Ramon Johnson, 48, of Garland. Simple Assault. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 08-04-19.
 08-04 Johnny Brandon Pope, 37, Roseboro. DWLR Not impaired rev, Failure to wear seat belt- front seat, A&A DWLR not impaired rev, Expired/no inspection, Operate vehicle with no insurance, Fict/Alt title/Reg card/Tag, Improper Use of Traffic Lane, DWLR not impaired rev, Expired Registration card/tag. Bond \$3000. Trial Date 08-26-19.

08-04 Derrick Leon McLeod, 32, of Beulaville. Driving While Impaired. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 09-19-19.
 08-04 Fidel Angel Robles, 40, of Clinton. DWLR. Bond \$500. Trial Date 09-04-19.
 08-05 James Brian Apple, 32, of Newton Grove. Damage to Property, Assault on a Female, Larceny. Bond \$750.00 Trial Date 09-03-19.
 08-05 William Field Burch, 34, of Newton Grove. Indecent Exposure. Trial Date 08-19-19.
 08-05 Jacqueline Nicole Bailey, 26, of Clinton. Fail to Comply with Monies, Expired Registrations Card/Tag- FTA, Exceeding Sate Speed-FTA, DWLR Not Impaired Rev- FTA. Bond \$1895. Trial Date 08-19-19.
 08-05 Joshua Bruce Blackman, 28, of Newton Grove. DWLR. Trial Date 09-16-19.
 08-05 Robbie Clifton Owens, 55, of Roseboro. Flee/Elude Arrest, Resisting Public Officer. Bond \$5500. Trial Date 09-05-19.
 08-05 Keyshawn Collins, 19, of Roseboro. Order for Arrest, Drug/Narcotics Violations. No Bond or Trial Date Listed.
 08-05 Victoria Ann Smith, 29, of Newton Grove. Larceny. Trial Date 09-03-19.
 08-05 Vadieyer Labristol Graham, 42, of Bladenboro. Trespass- Second Degree. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 09-16-19.
 08-05 Raquel Ikea Venable, 23, Clinton. Larceny. Trial Date 09-26-19.
 08-06 Rebecca Ann Barefoot, 38, of Fayetteville. Trafficking Opium or Heroin, Maintain Vehicle CS, PDISD Schedule III, PWISD Cocaine, Possession Of Marijuana, Possess Marijuana Paraphernalia. Bond \$150,000. Trial Date 08-09-19.
 08-06 Joseph Cameron Smith, 24, of Salemburg. Injury to Personal Property. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 09-17-19.
 08-06 Destiny Lee, 25, of Clinton. DWLR. No Bond listed. Trial Date 09-26-19.
 08-07 Anthony Devin Lacass, of Roseboro. Possess Heroin, Possess Methamphetamine, Possess Drug Paraphernalia, Simple Possess Sch 3 CS, Shoplifting Concealment Goods, Larceny from the Person, RDO. Bond \$25000. Trial Date 08-07-19.
 08-07 James Raheem Jones, 28, of Lumberton. PWISD Cocaine DWLR Not Impaired Rev-FTA, Second Degree Trespass, Communicating Threats, Misdemeanor Probation Violation, Sell Cocaine, Deliver Cocaine. Bond \$12000. Trial Date 08-19-19.
 08-07 Keyshawn Collins, 19 of Roseboro. Theft from Motor Vehicle. Bond \$25000. Trial

Date 08-23-19.
 08-07 Luis Adrain Sanchez, 30, of Warsaw. Order for Arrest-FTA- Release Order. Bond \$30,000. Trail Date 08-19-19.
 08-07 Shondora Monique Lee, 24, of Clinton. Assault by Pointing a Gun. Bond \$500. Trial Date 09-03-19.
Incidents
 07-31 Andrew Dylan Moore of Clinton reported Motor Vehicle Theft of Moped valued t \$500.00.
 07-31 Judy Hall of Clinton reported Larceny of Gray and White Schnauzer Dog.
 08-01 Christian Simmons of Clinton reported Larceny of Automobile and Ladders.
 08-01 Rudolph Valentina West of Clinton reported Larceny of Red Huffy Bicycle valued at \$150.00.
 08-02 Emma Hayes of Roseboro reported Larceny of Mountain Bike valued at \$130.00.
 08-02 Kaylan Moore of Clinton reported Larceny of Credit Cards.
 08-02 Guy Boney of Rose Hill reported Motor Vehicle Theft. Value of \$3000.00.
 08-02 Patrick Wood of Faison reported Burglary/Breaking & Entering. Stolen Asst. Jewelry, Rife, Knife, Hatchet, Ammunition, Pillow Case, Rifle, Candlesticks valued at \$800.00.
 08-02 Robie Faircloth of Salemburg reported Larceny of Motor Vehicle- Water Tank, Farm Chemicals, Farm Truck, Water Pump valued at \$8500.00.
 08-02 Donna Coats of Dunn reported Burglary/Breaking & Entering. Stolen Televisions, and Prescription Medication valued at \$930.00.
 08-02 Bryce McNeese of Turkey reported Burglary/Breaking & Entering. Stolen Shotguns.
 08-02 Rovin Coleman Antunez of Clinton reported Robbery of Wallet, Shells, I-Phone and Damage to automobile glass valued at \$1500.00.
 08-03 Ralph Dumpson of Clinton reported Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle valued at \$6320.00.
 08-03 Miriam Hines of Faison reported Burglary/Breaking & Entering. Damage to Cabinet doors, Exterior Door, Walls and Window in the amount of \$850.00.
 08-04 Jamail Dante Moore of Clinton reported Assault with a Deadly Weapon. Damage to rear bumper of Chevrolet Impala \$500.00.
 08-04 Walmart of Clinton reported Shoplifting and Trespass. Stolen Beer valued at \$30.00.
 08-04 Laqusia Faison of Clinton reported Damage to Property tires valued at \$150.00.
 08-04 Bruce Futrell of Clinton reported Larceny of Nascar Collectables, Grill, Tool Box, Fans, Lawn Mower, Assorted Tools, Pressure Washer,

Motor, Week Eater, Ladder, Air Compressor valued at \$6100.00.
 08-04 William Maness of Roseboro reported a Breaking & Entering of Motor Vehicle. Stolen GPS valued at \$200.00.
 08-04 Aryn Frick of Roseboro reported Breaking & Entering/Larceny of Money \$10.00.
 08-04 Campbell Oil Company reported Embezzlement of money \$445.50.
 08-05 Lindsay Autry of Roseboro reported Theft from Motor Vehicle. Stolen Ear Buds, Prescription, GPS, Actuator valued at \$230.00.
 08-05 Nadia McKinzie of Roseboro reported Larceny of Firearm. Valued at \$450.00.
 08-05 Jonathan Griffin of Roseboro reported Motor Vehicle Theft. Stolen Credit Cards, White Mitsubishi Outlander PC, Wallet, Cash, Soc Sec Card, Driver's License valued at \$20072.00.
 08-05 Sharon Smith of Newton Grove reported Larceny of Television, Mobile Phone valued at \$400.00.
 08-05 Kenneth Coleman of Roseboro reported Theft from Motor Vehicle. GOS valued at \$150.00
 08-05 Henery Grizzard of Harrells reported Larceny of Rims/Tires valued at \$1200.00.
 08-05 Jacolyn Clark of Roseboro reported Motor Vehicle Theft valued at \$22,000.00.
 08-06 Braman Hamilton of Clinton reported Burglary/Breaking & Entering. Damage to Door Frame \$300.00.
 08-05 John Santiago of Roseboro reported Theft from Motor Vehicle. Money \$250.00 and Shoes valued at \$500.00.
 08-05 Walmart of Clinton reported Larceny of Frozen Goods valued at \$50.00.
 08-05 Angelita Dixon of Clinton reported Larceny of Cell Phone valued at \$129.00.
 08-06 Josephine Hester of Salemburg reported Injury to Personal Property of automobile valued at \$200.00.
 08-06 Javier Perez of Faison reported Burglary/Breaking & Entering. Damage to Window \$300.00 and Money \$400.00.
 08-07 Takila Alford of Rose Hill reported a Robbery of Money and Cell Phone valued at \$1080.00.

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

OBITUARIES

GARLAND
Mr. Charles "Buck" Edgar Carter, 76, of 11435 Old Mintz Hwy., Garland, NC died Sunday, August 04, 2019 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in Fayetteville, NC. Mr. Carter was born December 10, 1942 in Pender County, the son of the late Clarence Carter and Margaret Bradshaw Carter. Mr. Carter was a charter member of the Garland Rescue Squad for over 40 years and 16 years of which he served as Captain. He also was a founding member of Tom Kerr Hunting Club. He was preceded in death by a brother Mr. Dewey Carter. Funeral service was held on Wednesday at 2:00 PM, August 07, 2019 at Garland Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church, by Reverend Jeff Hayes. Burial followed in the Carter Cemetery. Mr. Carter is survived by his wife Lula P. Carter, two sons Eddie Carter and wife Jessica Carter of Garland, David Carter and wife Nancy Carter of Garland, one sister Stella "Sister" Hairr of Wilmington, four grandchildren Allen Carter, Lucas Keel, Dustin Carter, and Andrew Carter. The family received friends on Tuesday August 06, 2019 from 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m. at Carter Funeral Home in Garland, and other times at the home of Eddie Carter 11454 Old Mintz Hwy., Garland, NC 28441. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Garland Rescue Squad P.O. Box 24, Garland, NC 28441.



CLINTON
Mr. Harvey "Seaburn" Cashwell, 75, passed away August 6th, 2019 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in Fayetteville with his family by his side. Born on July 21, 1944 in Sampson County, Harvey was the son of the late Calvin and Bessie Cashwell. He was a retired mechanic and farmer. Anyone that knew him, knew he loved his coffee and enjoyed fishing and being outdoors. He had a great sense of humor and loved his family dearly. He is survived by his daughters, Brenda Blakely and Jackie Cashwell of the home; three grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; two brothers: Truman Cashwell of Clinton and Buttons Cashwell of Florida; He is also survived by two stepdaughters: Elaine Hayes and Dianne Hicks; a stepson, Andy Lee Hicks and their families. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 38 years, Brenda Blue Cashwell; and a stepson, Danny Lee Hicks. Visitation for family and friends will be held on Friday evening, August 9th from 6-8 pm at Royal-Hall Funeral Home, and other times at his home, 470 Bucktown Road, Clinton. A Graveside Service will be held on Saturday afternoon, August 10, 2019 at 2:00 pm at Cashwell Family Cemetery, 470 Bucktown Rd., Clinton with Rev. Dwight Dunning and Pastor Wilda Faircloth officiating. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Cashwell Family.



BURGAW
Louise Rich English, 94, of Burgaw and formerly of Wallace, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and God's faithful servant was called to her heavenly home on Wednesday, August 7, 2019. She was born on October 27, 1924 in Pender County; the daughter of the late Jim and Nancy Ellen Mills Rich. She

was also predeceased by her husband of 74 years, William English; her sons, James C. English and Donald R. English; her sisters, Mildred Merritt and Ethel Blanton and brothers, Lonnie Rich, Wilson Rich, Murphy Rich, Pat Rich. Mrs. English was a life-long dedicated member of Peniel Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church. Surviving to cherish her memory is her daughter, Peggy E. Batts-Wells and husband, Earl of Clinton; grandchildren, Kimberly English Williams and husband, Joey of Wallace, Jennifer E. Matthews and husband, Daniel of Rocky Point, Joseph Grant Batts, Jr. and wife, Kelly of Hillsborough, Dana Batts Strickland and husband, John of Clinton, Heather English of Wilmington and Brooke English of Wilmington; great grandchildren, Blake Darden, Kyle Darden, Elizabeth Darden, Chase Matthews, Cole Matthews, Cooper Batts, Kenley Batts, Trey Batts, Janalee Strickland, Holt Strickland, Jaylen Idol, Destiny Idol, Nate Hardin and Jordan Buscher; great-great granddaughter, Lawsyn Louise Strickland; sister, Elizabeth Foley of High Point; loving niece and caregiver, Barbara Sholar of Wallace; step grandchildren, Joey A. Williams II and Sarah Williams and numerous extended family and friends that loved Mrs. Louise dearly. Louise was a woman of uncommon character, beauty and grace, "an instrument of God's love on this earth." Being a friend to all, she was a strong yet gentle and loving presence to all who were blessed to know her. She looked for and encouraged the best in everyone she knew; and was a shoulder upon whom many found comfort and solace. Louise was a great cook and diligent homemaker. She enjoyed flowers, going to church, fishing with her husband, William and spending time with her family. Most of all, Louise loved the Lord and she was a woman of great faith. Her family and friends miss her but are comforted knowing that she has moved on from this life to a much fuller one with her Lord and Savior for eternity. A celebration of life service will be held at 11:00am on Saturday, August 10, 2019 at Quinn-McGowen Funeral Home Wallace Chapel with the Reverend Robert Hunter officiating. The family will receive friends from 10:00am to 11:00am on Saturday, one hour prior to the funeral service at the funeral home. Burial will follow the funeral service at Riverview Memorial Park in Watha. Casketbearers will be Blake Darden, Kyle Darden, Chase Matthews, Cole Matthews, Holt Strickland and Grant Batts. The family would like to thank the staff of Pender Memorial Hospital Skilled Nursing Care for the love and compassionate care they gave to Mrs. Louise. Quinn-McGowen Funeral Home of Wallace, NC.

CLINTON
Sandra Arlene Simmons Faircloth, 79, of 1210 Indian Town Road entered into her eternal home, Monday, August 5, 2019. Funeral was held at 3 PM, Thursday, August 8, 2019 at Holly Grove Holiness Church with Rev. Ken Simmons, Rev. Dr. Randy Simmons and Rev. Ricky Jacobs officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. The family received friends from 2 PM - 3 PM Thursday, just prior to the funeral at the church.



Arlene born December 2, 1939, in the Holly Grove Community, was preceded in death by her parents, James Simmons and Josephine Ammons Simmons. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by; brothers, Lacy, Milford, Curly, Ralph, and Kelly; and sisters, Virginia, Chlois, Bernetha, and Gail. She is survived by; husband of forty-eight years, Johnny Faircloth; sons, Duran Faircloth (Candace) and Patrick Faircloth (Erica); five grandchildren, Kamryn, Tyler, Brookelynn, Avery and Patrick, Jr.; brother, Keith Simmons (Debra); several numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She retired from her many careers; Lori Lee, Golden Corral, Clinton City Schools, Department of Aging, and Coharie Intra-tribal. She served with Prayer Connection. She was best known as a mother (server) to the community and surrounding communities. She loved to travel, to cook and to garden. She enjoyed the wonderful friends in her community, and she appreciated the gifts that God had given her to share with others. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com.



FAYETTEVILLE
Mr. Robert "Bob" Baldwin Gregory, 74 passed away on Monday, August 5, 2019 at Woodlands Assisted Living and Nursing Center. A celebration of life service will be held at 2:00pm Saturday, August 10, 2019 at Butler Funeral Home Chapel, officiating will be Rev. Bryan Strickland. Burial with military honors will follow at Wiley Autry Cemetery in Autryville. The family will receive friends from 12:30pm to 2:00pm Saturday at the funeral home prior to the service. He is preceded in death by his parents, Lewis Gregory and Elnora Claire Kaiser Gregory; father-in-law, Odell Faircloth; brother-in-law, Jeffery Faircloth; and a sister-in-law, Melody Ruth. Bob was a Vietnam Veteran in the United States Army. He also retired from Sprint Telephone Company, after that he worked with Sessoms Construction Company and Wayne McDonald's Southview Sanitation Company. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Brenda Joyce Gregory of the home; children, Alecia Gregory Williamson & husband, Mark of Burgaw and Ryan Brett Gregory of Wrightsville Beach; grandchildren, John Foster Williamson and Sophie Joelle Williamson both of Burgaw; brothers, Daniel Gregory of California and David Gregory of Montana; mother-in-law, Honesta Faircloth of Autryville; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Susie Bullard & husband, William of Roseboro; brother-in-law, David Ruth of Hope Mills; and several nieces and nephews. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 6535 Clinton Road, Stedman.

CLINTON
Mr. Hardy Grice, Jr., 83, of 105 Alston Street, Clinton, NC, passed away Wednesday at Rex Healthcare Center, Raleigh, NC. The funeral was held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at First Baptist Church, Clinton with Rev. Leonard C. Henry officiating. The burial in Sandhill Cemetery. Mr. Grice, Jr. is survived by his SISTER-Savannah



OBITUARIES

Gaines of New York, NY; BROTHER-Lenzie Grice of Clinton, NC. Visitation at the Church Tuesday, August 6, 2019 Public/Family 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.



CLINTON

Ed Hendrikson, 68, of Clinton passed away on Friday, August 2, 2019 surrounded by his family. Mr. Hendrikson's funeral service was held on Wednesday, August 7, 2019, at 2:00 pm. The service was held at Randalls Chapel PFWB Church in Newton Grove. The Rev. Horace Johnson and Rev. Chubby Reiber officiated the service.

The family received friends at the funeral home on Tuesday, August 6 from 6 to 8 pm. Mr. Hendrikson was laid to rest in the Unity Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Newton Grove. Mr. Hendrikson's survivors include his wife, Wilma W. Hendrikson; children, Kim Pierce Testerman and husband Jeff of Clinton and Curtis Pierce and wife Angie of Newton Grove; brothers, Allen Hendrikson of Ga. and Bill Hendrikson of Ill.; sisters, Adel Christ of Ms., Marion Ferguson of Ill., Dee Yacklich of Ky., Alet Kern of Az. and Lila Dudley of Az.; four grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Online Condolences may be made at westanddunn.com. Services have been entrusted to West & Dunn Funeral Home of Newton Grove, North Carolina.

CLINTON

Eunice Jean Edge Johnson, 80, formerly of rural Roseboro died at 1:52 pm Wednesday July 31, 2019 from complications of dementia at The Magnolia Memory Care unit in Clinton. She was born in the home on the family farm in Beaver Dam (southeastern Cumberland County) on August 8, 1938 to Shelton Britt Edge and Ella Bunnell Edge. Both parents preceded her in death. She completed high school at Stedman High School in 1956 and married Billy Lee, originally of Johnson county in 1959. He gave her two sons. They survive. Billy preceded her in death. In 1977, she married the love of her life, Gene Allen Johnson. Originally of Bolivia, NC, Gene preceded her in death and took a piece of her heart with him in 1980. Known as "Ms. Eunice" or "Ms. Jean" to her friends, she was a homemaker for most of her adult life before working at Roseboro Manufacturing ("the shirt factory") and other jobs in the Roseboro area during the 70s and 80s. She enjoyed working outside the home. She loved being around people with whom she could share a gentle smile or a conversation. Good Lord knows Ms. Jean loved to talk! In 1982, she enrolled at Sampson Technical College and became a Certified Nursing Assistant working for Sampson County and then independently as an in-home caretaker. This is where she really bloomed. She enjoyed helping the elderly and disabled and never left someone's home until every need had been fulfilled and every speck of dust had been obliterated! She established many friendships and earned the respect and loyalty of all she worked with and for during her career as a CNA. In later life, she made the ultimate sacrifice and chose to stay home with her mother who was bedridden and suffering from Alzheimers disease. After the passing of her mother, she lived alone and until her final days at home, kept a beautiful and immaculate home and yard of which she was very proud. She was a member of the Roseboro Church of God. Survivors include her son Tim, his wife Misa and their children, LouVeda, Misaki, Shelton and Ezra of Tacoma, Wa.; son Terry, and his daughter Victoria (Tori) of Rochester, In; sister Linda Edge Barber (Ronald) of Wilmington; brothers Jerry (Ully) of Tennessee, Joe (Janice) of Roseboro, Danny (Deborah) of Washington, NC, and David (Kathy) of Lumberton, NC; 15 nieces and nephews and their children. She was preceded in death by a sister, Joyce Edge Blackwell. At her request, there will be no service. There was a visitation at Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro on Sunday August 4, 2019 from 1:00-3:00pm. Burial will follow the visitation at Sunrise Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Salemburg. She requested no flowers for her visitation instead requesting donations be made in her name to the Roseboro Church of God, PO Box 6, Roseboro, NC 28382. Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro is serving the family.



CLINTON

Christine Merritt Kivett, 97, of 801 Walking Stick Trail, entered into Heaven's Pearly Gates to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Thursday, August 1, 2019. Her homegoing service was at 2 PM, Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at Full Gospel Chapel, 1010 McKoy Street, Clinton, NC with Reverend James Easter officiating. Interment followed in the Rowan Baptist Church Cemetery. The family received friends from 5 PM - 7 PM, Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home. Mrs. Kivett was born in Sampson County, to the late Alston Caraway Merritt and Armelia Tew Merritt on December 19, 1921. She married the love of her life, the late Robert L. Kivett on September 9, 1941. She and Rev. Kivett pastored Full Gospel Chapel Church for over 60 years. They enjoyed sharing Jesus with others, often with music. They were the "first" Inductees into the Sampson County Gospel Music Hall of Fame. Together they served in the prison ministry for over 47 years. Mrs. Kivett believed in working hard. In her earlier years, she worked in sewing factories in Sampson County and always made production. When she and Mr. Kivett founded Kivett's Church Furniture in 1958, she continued working days at the sewing factory and worked at night upholstering furniture. She eventually joined her husband full time in the business, where she continued to work until the age of 92. Although homebound her last 5 years, she continued to share God's goodness with friends and family. In addition to her parents and her husband, she was preceded in death by two children, Bobby Lee Kivett and Carolyn Kivett; step-grandson, Shannon Huggard; sisters, Pauline M. Boswell and Sentell M. Burgess; brothers, Robert, Walter and Everette Merritt. Survivors include a son, Robert Jerol Kivett and wife Telle of Salemburg; two grandsons, Jason Chesnutt Kivett of Salemburg and Joshua Anderson Kivett of Charleston, SC; a step-grandson, Brennon Huggard of Roseboro.



GODWIN

Kathy Starling McAllister, 71, of Godwin died Sunday morning at her residence. She was born on October 21, 1947 to the late Lloyd and Evelyn Tart Starling. She was preceded in death by her former husband, Jim McAllister and a brother in law, Carl Bagley. Kathy was a member of Antioch Baptist Church in Falcon, and taught Sunday school for many years. She graduated from Baptist Hospital School of Nursing and was a R.N. at Betsy Johnson Hospital for over 20 years. Kathy enjoyed watching her grandchildren play ball. She also played basketball in the Senior Games of NC and won a championship in her age division. She was well loved and a Godly woman, who was admired and loved by many. A graveside service was held at 4 pm Tuesday at Starling Family Cemetery by Rev. Sammy McLamb. She is survived by a son, Jamie McAllister and wife Bobbi of Lillington, a daughter, Shasta McAllister Culbreth and husband Russell of Godwin, two brothers, Tommy Starling

and wife Sherry of Newton Grove, Jimmy Starling and wife Nan of Godwin, three sisters, Louella Bagley of Richmond Va., Joyce McLamb and husband Jarvis of Dunn, Linda McLamb and husband Larry Mack of Roseboro, four grandchildren, Austin McAllister, Eli, Casey and Leah Culbreth and many nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to WyCliffe Bible Translators, P.O. Box 628200 Orlando, FL 32862, please include a separate note stating: Preference for the Wycliffe ministry of Brant and Mary Lane. Account # 229273 or to The Gideons International by going to www.gideons.org/donateitems. Arrangements are by Skinner & Smith Funeral Home of Dunn.

CLINTON

Ruby Faircloth Merritt, 87, of 180 Southwood Drive, passed away Friday, August 2, 2019 at Southwood Nursing Center. Funeral was held at 6 PM, Sunday, August 4, 2019 at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home with the Rev. Stan Matthews officiating. The family received friends immediately after the service at the funeral home. Interment was at 11 AM, Monday, August 5, 2019 at the Merritt Family Cemetery at 159 Delbrook Lane, Magnolia. Ruby, born in 1932 in Sampson County, was the daughter of the late Robert Faircloth and Bessie Faircloth. She was a homemaker and attended Red Hill Universalist Church. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Leslie Waddell Merritt, Sr. in 1909 and siblings, Robert Owen Faircloth, RB Faircloth, Mary Catherine Faircloth, Lilly Davis, Martha Carberry and Nancy Stanley. Survivors include: daughter, Mary Kimball (Scott Shemwell) of Houston, Texas; son, Leslie Waddell Merritt, Jr. (Cheryl) of Zebulon; grandchildren, Dale Merritt (Katie) and Dr. Brooke Chalk (Kyle); great grandchildren, Kilah, Kaylyn, Merritt, Draper (Doc); siblings, Robert Jeff Faircloth, Jack Faircloth (Betty) and Doris Smith (J.D.). Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com. The family would like to send a special thanks to the staff at Southwood Nursing Center for their loving care and compassion for Mrs. Merritt.



CLINTON

Mrs. Alice D. "Tony" Monroe, 76, of 306 W. Butler Ave., passed away Saturday, August 3, 2019 at Duke University Hospital, Durham, NC. The funeral was held at 1 p.m., Thursday, August 8, at Lisbon Street Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Thaddeus Godwin officiating. The burial followed in Hillcrest Memorial Park. The visitation was held Wednesday, August 7, from 1-6 p.m. at Worley Funeral Home with the family present 5-6 p.m. Mrs. Monroe is survived by her daughters, Apostle Regina Lucious of Clinton, NC and Dr. Alicia L. Monroe of Chapel Hill, NC; sons, Marshall Williams of Salemburg, NC and William H. Monroe, Jr. of Clinton, NC; 7 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Online condolences may be sent to worleyfuneralhomeinc.com.

TURKEY

Mr. Sonnie Boy Stevens, 84, of 181 J.S. Stevens Lane, Turkey, NC, passed away Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at Rex Healthcare Center, Raleigh, NC. A Memorial service was held at 11 a.m., Saturday, August 3, 2019 at the Greater Six Runs Missionary Baptist Church, Turkey, NC with Rev. Leslie Morrissey officiating. Mr. Stevens is survived by a DAUGHTER-Jean Joyner of Faison, NC; SONS-Sonnie Lee Stevens of Goldsboro, NC and Randolph Stevens of Kempner, TX; SISTERS-Aretha Mae Tripp of Turkey, NC, Thelma M. Herring of Baltimore, MD, Isabella McCalop of New York and Susan Christine McPhail of Clinton, NC; BROTHERS-Henry Earl Stevens of Faison, NC and Joseph Lee Stevens of Goldsboro, NC; 4 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Visitation at Worley Funeral Home Friday, August 2, 2019 Public: 1pm -7pm Family: 6pm -7pm. In Lieu of Flowers please make donations to the American Cancer Society in memory of Sonnie Boy Stevens. 1. 1-800-227-2340 Option 2, then option 1; 2. PO Box 42040 Oklahoma City, OK 13123-1718 Write: in Memory of Sonnie Boy Stevens and request a card of Receipt; 3. www.cancer.org.



FAYETTEVILLE

Sean Pope Thomas, 34 passed away Saturday, August 3, 2019 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. A celebration of life service will be held at 2:00pm Friday, August 9, 2019 at Butler Funeral Home Chapel, officiating will be Pastor Mike Baker. Burial will follow at Grandview Memorial Park, Clinton. The family will receive friends from 6:00pm to 8:00pm Thursday, August 8, 2019 at the funeral home. He is preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Helen and Gerard Frey and his paternal grandparents, Carolyn and Paul Thomas. Sean was a loving son, brother, uncle and friend, and will be truly missed by all who knew him. He is survived by his mother and step-father, Diane & James Rederburg; father, Jonathan Thomas; brothers, Thomas Vick, Patrick and Nicholas Thomas; nephews, Patrick, Stephen, Paul, Bentley and Nicholas Thomas; and a niece, Elena Vick. Arrangements entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 6535 Clinton Road, Stedman.



NEWTON GROVE

Jerry Lincoln Thornton, 80 of Newton Grove passed away on Friday, August 2, 2019 surrounded by his family. Mr. Thornton's funeral service was held on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at 2:00 pm. The service will be held at the West & Dunn Funeral Home Chapel in Newton Grove. The Rev. Walter Gaskins officiated the service. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Tuesday, August 6 from 1 to 2 pm. Mr. Thornton was laid to rest in the Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church Cemetery in Newton Grove. Mr. Thornton survivors include his wife, Joan G. Thornton; his son, Jerry Wayne Thornton and wife Sandra of Garner; grandchildren, Barrett and Skylar Thornton; sisters, Arlene Strickland of Dunn, Nellie Westbrook of Four Oaks, Cathy Lee of Salsburg, Barbara Jones of Newton Grove and Linda Sessoms of Salsburg; brothers, Dennis Thornton of Four Oaks and Everette Thornton of Four Oaks. Mr. Thornton was preceded in death by his parents, Facie and Blanche Thornton; his son, Michael Todd Thornton; and his brothers, Dale, Blake and Tom Thornton; and his sister, Bonnie Thornton. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Online Condolences may be made at westanddunn.com. Services have been entrusted to West & Dunn Funeral Home of Newton Grove, North Carolina.



FAISON

Mr. Daniel Austin Wilson, 89, of 4671 Faison Hwy, died early Friday morning, August 2, 2019 at his home, surrounded by his loving family. Funeral Services for Mr. Wilson was held

Sunday, August 4th at 3:00 pm at Royal-Hall Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Bill West and Rev. Earl Smith officiating. Burial followed in the Clinton Cemetery. Born on October 6, 1929 in Sampson County, Daniel was the son of the late Houston Wilson and Olita McCullen Wilson. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of over 57 years, Janice Jackson Wilson and a sister, Beatrice Lamb. He was a prominent member of Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church serving as a deacon, member of the choir and Sunday School teacher. Daniel was known to be a very intelligent, hard-working man, and always "told it like it was". He was a retired farmer and enjoyed sharing the produce he harvested with his church family and friends. Daniel will definitely be missed by all who knew him. He leaves behind his daughter, Leah W. Heath and husband, Lamar of Clinton; two sons: Wayne Wilson and wife Joan and Tony Wilson and wife, Camille, also of Clinton; one sister, Katie Haynes of Raleigh and a brother, Douglas Wilson of Clinton. He also leaves behind eight grandchildren: Jami, Aaron, Nicole, April, Heather, Austin, Chasity and Raven; and nine-great grandchildren: Dylan, Kaitlyn, Lexie, Petyon, Karson, Alex, Lacey, Maggie and Lanie. The family will receive friends prior to the funeral, beginning at 1:30 pm at the funeral home; and other times at his home. The family would like to extend their appreciation to Patricia Ortiz and Kay Hobbs; and the entire staff of 3HC for their kindness, compassion and loving care shown to Mr. Wilson during his illness. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to 3HC Hospice, 1023 Beaman St., Clinton, NC 28328. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Wilson Family.



ST PAULS

Mr. George Hamilton Blackburn, 52, of 148 Tolar Rd. St. Pauls, NC, died Wednesday, August 07, 2019 at Southeastern Hospice House in Lumberton, NC. Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Carter Funeral Home in Garland.

SALEMBURG

Rev. Charles Alan Gore, 69 of Salemburg, passed away Sunday, August 4, 2019 at his home. The funeral service was held at 12:00pm (noon) on Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at Corinth Baptist Church, 991 Corinth Church Road, Salemburg, with Reverend W.A. Creech officiating. Burial followed in the Church Cemetery. The family received friends from 11:00-11:50am prior to the service. Alan was born on December 13, 1949 in New Hanover County, North Carolina. He received an Associate's Degree from Fruitland Baptist Bible College of Hendersontonville. He was a Southern Baptist Minister for over 30 years having served at Piney Green Baptist Church of Salemburg, Wadeville Baptist Church of Mt. Gilead, East Albemarle Baptist Church of Albemarle, and Mary's Chapel Baptist Church of Clinton. He also served as a Hospice Chaplain in Albemarle. He is preceded in death by his parents, Charles William and Maxine Hayes Gore; and his sister-in-law, Sharon Suggs Gore. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Carol P. Gore; two sons, Christopher Alan and wife Brandelyn Marie Gore of Concord, and Andrew Franklin Gore of Myrtle Beach, SC; three grandchildren, Sarah Madelyn Gore, Christopher Caleb Gore, and Jonathan Jacob Gore; one brother, Rev. Sam Gore of Salemburg; one sister, Wanda G. and husband Donnie Bledson of Wilmington; four nephews and one niece. Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro is serving the family.

CLINTON

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

FAYETTEVILLE

Mr. Aaron Scott McLamb, 29, formerly of Clinton, passed away Friday, August 2, 2019 at Dayton, OH. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, August 10, at Andrews Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Clinton with Rev. Gerald Underwood officiating. The visitation will be held Friday, August 9 from 2-6 p.m. at Worley Funeral Home, Clinton. Mr. McLamb is survived by his wife, Shanean McLamb of the home; mother, Rhonda McLamb of Fayetteville, NC; father, Scott Highsmith of White Lake, NC; sons, Sha'Ron McLamb and Abrion McLamb both of the home; sisters, Tiara Highsmith and Scarlina Highsmith both of White Lake, NC; maternal grandparents, James and Edna Kerr both of Garland, NC. Online condolences may be sent to worleyfuneralhomeinc.com.

ROSEBORO

Lellon Holden McLemore, 91, of Roseboro, passed away peacefully on August 8, 2019 at Transitions Life Care in Raleigh, NC. Funeral services will be held Sunday, August 11, 2019, at 3 pm at Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. John Hobbs and Rev. Paul Honeycutt officiating. Burial will follow in the Church Cemetery. Lellon was born on October 4, 1927, daughter of the late Ephraim and Jennie Holden. One of seven children, she grew up in the Salemburg area of Sampson County and graduated valedictorian from Salemburg High School in 1944. While a student at Campbell College, she met and married the late Ernest A. McLemore and moved to Roseboro to become a vital part of his community and church. At the age of 19, Lellon became Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church's pianist and organist. For nearly 70 years, she gave of her musical talent at Sunday worship and Wednesday night services as well as innumerable weddings and funerals. When she wasn't helping Ernest on the farm, Lellon was successful in her career at Hamilton Beach, which spanned almost 30 years until her retirement. After Ernest's death in 1992, Lellon and her best friend, Minnie Ruth Moore, spent their retirement years as active church members, supportive community volunteers and doting grandparents to their grandkids and Lellon's great-grandchild. After Minnie Ruth's passing in late 2018, Lellon relocated to her son, Keith's, house in Wake Forest, NC, where she remained a cherished presence in their home. She is preceded in death by her husband, Ernest, her parents and her siblings; Jack Kermit, Curtis Weldon, Croston, Ruby and Ephraim Lyndon. She is survived by her son, Keith McLemore (Lisa), her grandson, Holden McLemore, her granddaughter, Liana Sauls (Tyler), her great-granddaughter, Layla Sauls, her sister, Obie Chestnut, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Visitation for family and friends will be held on Saturday evening, August 10, 2019, from 6-8 pm at Royal-Hall Funeral Home. Flowers are welcomed or memorials may be made to Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church, 1481 Fleet Cooper Road, Roseboro, NC 28382. Royal-Hall Funeral Home is honored to serve the McLemore Family.



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SPEED FREAKS

A few questions we had to ask ourselves

Is it simply between Ryan Newman and Jimmie Johnson for the final playoff spot?

GODSPEAK: It sure looks like two guys are entering the Octagon and only one will emerge with a playoff position. **KEN'S CALL:** The only potential "fluke" winner from deeper than 17th place would come via a fuel-mileage run at Indy next month. Possible, but doubtful.

Fourth at Sonoma, sixth at Glen — is Matty D a road-course ringer?

GODSPEAK: Four top-10s in his past seven Cup Series starts means DiBenedetto is on a certified hot streak.

KEN'S CALL: DiBenedetto was also eighth at Daytona and fifth at New Hampshire during that time. He's racing like his job is on the line. Um, it might be.

FEUD OF THE WEEK

JIMMIE JOHNSON VS. RYAN BLANEY:

Blaney got into the back of Johnson's No. 48 Chevrolet, which went off course and into a tire barrier. Blaney said the contact was not intentional.

GODWIN KELLY'S TAKE: This incident has some hot sauce and hair on it. Johnson promised retaliation. "He claims it was just racing," Johnson said. "So I can hardly wait to go racing. Everybody stay tuned."

GODWIN'S PICKS FOR MICHIGAN

WINNER: Clint Bowyer

REST OF TOP 5: Kurt Busch, Joey Logano, Erik Jones, Chase Elliott

FIRST ONE OUT: Jimmie Johnson

DARK HORSE: Daniel Suarez

DON'T BE SURPRISED IF: Bowyer lifts himself out of the weekly bubble scrum and gets his playoff ticket.

MOTOR MOUTHS PODCAST

That's it, no more right turns until late September! Is that good or bad?

Tune in online at www.news-journalonline.com/daytonamotormouths



MICHIGAN

THREE THINGS TO WATCH



Jimmie Johnson (48) heads into Turn 1 during a practice session at Watkins Glen last weekend. Johnson is fighting to make the NASCAR playoffs. [AP/JOHN MUNSON]

1. Thin oxygen

With only four regular-season races left on the schedule, the air is getting thin around those drivers on the dreaded playoff bubble. Clint Bowyer is 15th in points but only 12 above 16th place, where Jimmie Johnson and Ryan Newman are locked in a tie. Daniel Suarez is 23 points behind Johnson and Newman. Emotions are on the rise among drivers trying to get into the postseason.

2. Ford country

Michigan International Speedway has become an intramural slugfest between two Ford teams — Team Penske and Stewart-Haas Racing. Their drivers have combined to win the past three Michigan races, including an SHR sweep by Clint

Bowyer and Kevin Harvick in 2018. Penske fired the last salvo by winning the first Cup race at Michigan in June. Ford drivers who need a win are licking their chops heading to the Irish Hills.

3. Young-gun game?

Has NASCAR racing finally fallen in step with other top professional sports as far as age of the top athletes? Most of the races won this season have gone to drivers 40 and under. Jimmie Johnson is currently reading the tea leaves as he ponders his future. Johnson turns 44 next month and has one year left on his contract. "If you feel like you're not competitive, it's time to walk away," he said.

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WATKINS GLEN

THREE THINGS WE LEARNED

1. Good company

Chase Elliott became only the fifth driver to win back-to-back races at Watkins Glen, joining the ranks of NASCAR Hall of Fame drivers Mark Martin, Jeff Gordon and Tony Stewart, plus Marcos Ambrose. Martin and Gordon actually won three straight. That's pretty good company.



Chase Elliott joined elite company as a back-to-back Watkins Glen winner. [AP/JOHN MUNSON]

a good one brewing. It seems Matt DiBenedetto could be the odd man out if Joe Gibbs decides to call up Christopher Bell to the Cup Series. "I'm fighting for my life," DiBenedetto said Sunday. "I hope I can stay with this team. I hope it's for a long time."

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2. Emotions building

There was poking and elbowing throughout the field at Watkins Glen. The most flagrant foul was thrown by Bubba Wallace, who used his No. 43 Chevy to turn Kyle Busch's No. 18 Toyota. Jimmie Johnson and Ryan Blaney had a dust-up, too. Johnson vowed vengeance.

3. Rumor mill

Oh, boy. NASCAR Silly Season has

QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers

Whew! All is well with Chase, right?

Not so fast. Sure, you don't get much more dominant than that: Winning the pole and then, for the second straight year, winning at Watkins Glen, where drivers are tested beyond what their equipment provides. But man, it's hard to overlook the seven-race slump that preceded Chase's win on Sunday. The variety of tracks over the next four weeks should give us an idea of his championship viability.

What, Jimmie hinting at retirement?

For the first time, he suggested last week that he'll have a decision to make after next season, "when my contract runs out." Well, not exactly. Given the nature of auto racing, he'll have to make his decision long before the end of 2020. We'll know by mid-summer next year if he's still aiming at championship No. 8. It'll help if he finishes strong this year and dashes out of the gate next season. Seems unlikely, frankly, at this point.

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NASCAR CUP STANDINGS

1. Kyle Busch	851
2. Joey Logano	838
3. Kevin Harvick	777
4. Denny Hamlin	771
5. Martin Truex Jr.	753
6. Brad Keselowski	728
7. Kurt Busch	679
8. Chase Elliott	676
9. Aric Almirola	640
10. Ryan Blaney	633
11. Alex Bowman	623
12. William Byron	604
13. Erik Jones	598
14. Kyle Larson	590
15. Clint Bowyer	556
16. Jimmie Johnson	544
16. Ryan Newman	544
18. Daniel Suarez	521
19. Paul Menard	483
20. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	466

WHAT'S ON TAP

(All times Eastern)

CUP SERIES: Consumers Energy 400

SITE: Michigan International Speedway (2-mile oval)

SCHEDULE: Friday, practice (NBC Sports Network, 12:30 p.m.), qualifying (NBCSN, 5 p.m.). Saturday, practice (NBC Sports Network, 8:30 a.m.). Sunday, race (NBCSN, coverage begins at 2:30 p.m., green flag, 3 p.m.)

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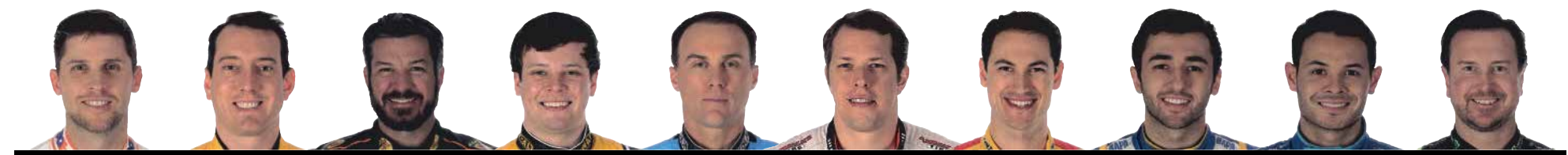
SITE: Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course (2.4-mile road course)

SCHEDULE: Saturday, race (NBC Sports Network, 3 p.m.)

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SITE: Michigan International Speedway

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



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