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Christmas in Clinton Parade to be Held on Saturday



The second Saturday in December traditionally ushers in the beginning of Christmas for the City of Clinton, and for over 60 years now the Clinton Christmas Parade has led the march. The Clinton Christmas Parade is scheduled for Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 10am in downtown Clinton. So, bundle up the kids and join in on the fun!

According to Willa Roseboro of the Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce, "The Clinton Parade is the most coveted Christmas Tradition in the County, celebrating the official opening of the Christmas Season with the arrival of Santa."

Entries will depart from the Exposition Center on Warsaw Road. The parade starting point will be at the Clinton City Schools Administrative Offices (Old College Street School) and will go through downtown Clinton and around the court-

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SAMPSON COUNTY SELECTS NEW LIBRARY DIRECTOR



Sampson County has hired Johnnie Pippin of Smithfield, North Carolina as the new Director of the Sampson-Clinton Public Library System. Pippin is currently a Library Consultant and Data Specialist with the State Library of North Carolina in Raleigh, where he oversees facets of the NC Cardinal program, a consortium of North Carolina public libraries focused on resource sharing via an online catalog and integrated library system (ILS). Pippin has more than 20 years of library experience, including work within the public library systems in Wayne and New Hanover counties and with the North Carolina State and UNC-Wilmington university libraries. Pippin earned his Masters in Library Science (with a concentration in Special Libraries/Public Libraries) from North Carolina Central University and his Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from UNC-Wilmington.

"Mr. Pippin's knowledge of library administration - including collection development, circulation and reference, grants and budgeting - as well as his management experience will serve our library system well," stated County Manager Ed Causey. "However, we were most drawn to Mr. Pippin's collaborative relationships with the community of stakeholders in the NC Cardinal consortium and his experiences helping library systems and their local governments resolve critical issues and reach or exceed their goals. The ability to build and maintain effective relationships is an integral part of customer-service driven local government departments."

Pippin will assume the reins of the library system at the J. C. Holliday main branch on January 2, 2020.

WEATHER

Fri	Rain	100%
	Hi: 54°	Lo: 52°
Sat	AM Showers	70%
	Hi: 59°	Lo: 38°
Sun	Sunny	10%
	Hi: 59°	Lo: 37°
Mon	Partly Cloudy	10%
	Hi: 66°	Lo: 56°
Tues	Scattered Showers	70%
	Hi: 70°	Lo: 38°
Wed	Partly Cloudy	10%
	Hi: 45°	Lo: 27°

B&E Suspect Charged



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WEEKLY VERSE

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.
John 1:14

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LOCAL NEWS

From the Desk of Senator Brent Jackson



I hope you had a great week thus far. Earlier this week, I was recognized as a "Jobs Champion" by the N.C. Chamber based on my pro-growth and pro-jobs voting record. I earned this recognition thanks to a 97% voting record this legislative session.

I am proud to serve the people of this state and advocate for them here in Raleigh. This legislature has made great strides in the past decade to lift the burden of government off the backs of our job creators and I am proud to have been a part of that effort.

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

Legislative Recap- Senate Bill 487

In this legislative session, we introduced Senate Bill 487 as a response to our current meal debt situation in the state. Under state and federal law, our schools provide free and reduced-price lunches to the students who cannot afford them. However, we have learned that some students who are placed into the reduced-price category are unable to afford the cost of the meal and may receive an alternative meal instead.

The bill, which was eventually added to the state budget bill, seeks to supplement the cost of those reduced-price meals to make sure every child is fed at school. By providing our kids with proper nutrition and access to the same lunch experience as all other students, regardless of their means, we are fulfilling our obligation to provide for North Carolina's children while at school.

From the District



Sampson County- Clinton FD raises \$4K for MDA

The Clinton Fire Department held its annual "Fill the Boot" fundraising campaign. Members of the department were able to present the Muscular Dystrophy Association with a check for \$4,010.56.

The MDA boot drive lasted over the course of four days, with three being half days. The campaign was originally scheduled for Nov. 12-14, however, the circumstances changed due to rain. Clinton FD had backup dates in case of rain, which they had to use.

Many people in Sampson County are impacted by muscular dystrophy and the money raised by the department can help those residents. According to the department, they can help send more than 70 local children to MDA Summer Camp at Victory Junction. This weeklong summer program for the children will be no cost to their families.

The funds raised by the campaign go toward vital resources and support, including state-of-the-art support groups and Care Centers, including the MDA Care Center at UNC-Chapel Hill, Duke, and Wake Forest. The funds will also go toward Muscular Dystrophy research and treatment on a national level.

Firefighters from the department set up locations at the parking lot next to Arby's and Belk area along with the intersection of College and Northeast Boulevard.

Fire departments across the nation have spent 65 years contributing to the cause. Clinton FD has been contributing to MDA for over ten years according to the fire chief.

The foundation covers about 43 muscle-debilitating diseases, providing funds and services for those with diseases and their families. Fullwood explained that for every dollar that is raised, 73 cents goes toward research, services, and education.

District Spotlight - Sampson School District Honors Academic Achievements

The Sampson County Board of Education recently honored principals throughout the district for academic achievements for the 2018-2019 school year.

During a recent meeting, Dr. Linda Jewell Carr, assistant superintendent of Instructional Services, honored principals and staff members for academic progress. The administrators received certificates from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

This year, the State Board of Education released accountability data for the 2018-2019 academic period. Most schools exceeded or met state growth expectations, based on a state rating system involving tests.

Sixteen schools met or exceeded growth for 2018-19. Last school year, 17 of the 18 Sampson schools met or exceeded growth expectations. Sampson Early College High School was the only school in the district with an A rating. Schools with a B rating are Hargrove Elementary School, Hobbton High School, Midway Middle School, Midway High School, and Union Elementary School.

Lakewood High School moved up to a B from a C. Other schools with B ratings are Clement and Plain View Elementary Schools, both were previously A schools.

Schools with C status are Hobbton Elementary, Midway Elementary, Roseboro Elementary, Union Intermediate, Hobbton Middle, Roseboro-Salemburg Middle, Salemburg Elementary, Union Middle and Union High School.

The six schools that exceeded growth for 2018-19 are Sampson Early College, Midway Middle, Plain View Elementary, Salemburg Elementary, Union Elementary, and Union High School. The 10 schools that met growth are Roseboro Elementary, Clement Elementary, Hargrove Elementary, Hobbton Elementary, Hobbton High, Lakewood High, Midway Elementary, Midway High, Union Middle, and Roseboro Salemburg Middle School.

Sampson Early College High School was also honored for a graduation rate of 98.1 percent.

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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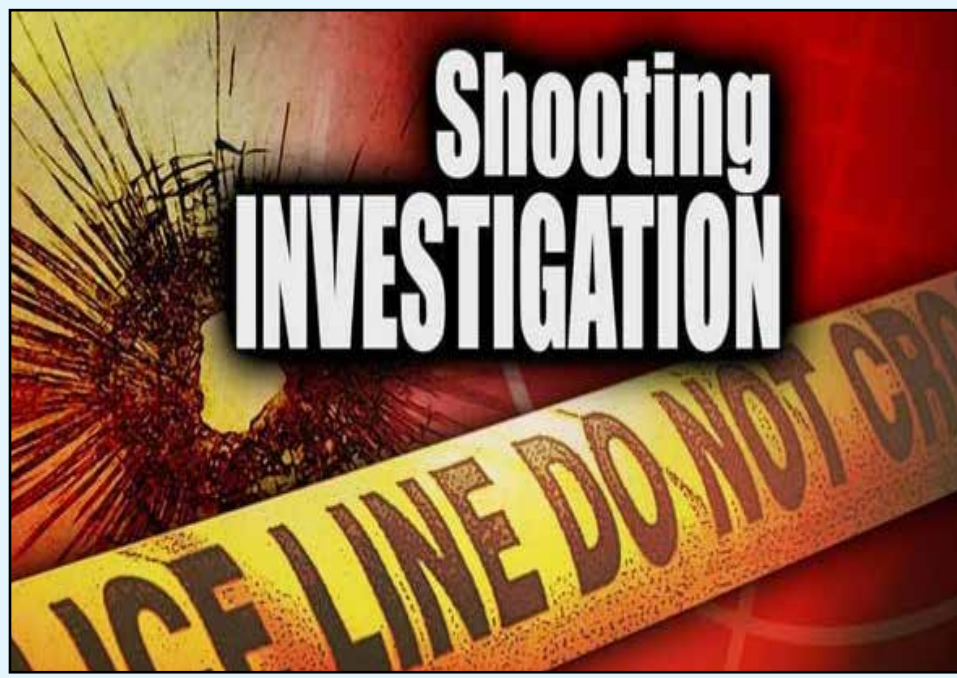
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Three Injured Including Four Year Old in Clinton Shooting



On December 9, 2019, around 8:30 PM Clinton Police Officers responded to 803 Sampson Street where a home had been shot. Officers arrived to find three people had been injured

during the shooting. There were seven people inside the home when the shooting occurred, including four adults, two four-year old children, and one eleven-year old child.

Kanisha Thomas who lives at the residence was injured falling to the floor when the shots were fired. She was checked by EMS but refused treatment. One of the children in the home, age four, was treated at Sampson Regional Medical Center for minor injuries to his back that occurred during the shooting. Shadiqua Morrissey of Dogwood circle in Clinton, was shot in the upper leg and transported to Cape Fear Valley Medical where she was being treated. None of the injuries appeared to be life threatening.

While not injured, other victims of the assault included Craig Murphy, who lives in the home and Kenny Parker of Rose Lane.

Investigators were called to the scene and are continuing to follow up on leads in this case. Early stages of the investigation indicate the suspects may have been on foot when they fired at the home with a rifle striking it several times. Information gathered so far, indicates the shooting was targeted at one of the individuals in the home at the time.

If anyone has information about this incident, they are encouraged to contact the Clinton Police Department at 910-592-3105. They may also provide anonymous information through our tip service by texting 847411, beginning their message with 'tipcpd.'

LEGOS on Display at Small House



Stop by and see our amazing LEGO train and holiday village display at the Victor R. Small House!.LEGO Design Contest entries are due tomorrow 2:00-6:00pm and Thursday Dec 12, 10am-2pm. Join us for a LEGO Party this Saturday Dec 14, 1:00-5:00pm. Visit www.sampsonarts.net or call 910-596-2533 for more info.



Photo Courtesy Sampson Arts Council



LEGO Train and Holiday Village Display is assembled at the Victor R. Small House in Clinton! Thank you to Richard Bryan and the NC LEGO Users Group! Show begins Monday, Dec 9 and runs through Dec 20! A must see for LEGO lovers of all ages! Visit www.sampsonarts.net for more info or call 910-596-2533.

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Johnston County, which aided investigators there in solving numerous reported break-ins that had occurred in Johnston County.

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December 11, 2019- Update

On December 10, 2019 deputies located Dexture Smith, 22, B/M of 10315 Wake Robin Lane, Charlotte, NC 28202 at a Hobbton High School basketball game and took him into custody on outstanding warrants from Johnston County. Deputies were aware of the outstanding warrants from Johnston County and of pending warrants in Sampson County related to the same incident which involved the previous arrest of Carlton DeWayne Bratten on December 5, 2019.

This investigation is on-going and no further information is available at this time.

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SAMPSON COUNTY TAXPAYERS

The 2019 property tax on real estate and personal property listed in January will be delinquent after January 6, 2020. After this date, by state statute, interest will be added.

Foreclosure, garnishment, bank attachment and levy procedures on real estate and personal property will begin on January 7, 2020. No exceptions or payment arrangements will be made.

If paying by mail, the US Postmark must be dated no later than January 6, 2020. The County Tax Department is located at 126 West Elizabeth Street, Clinton, NC 28328.

Sampson County Tax Collector
PO Box 207
Clinton, NC 28329
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LOCAL NEWS

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house on the Vance Street side. The parade will continue down Fayetteville Street turning left onto Chestnut Street and then left onto West Main Street. The parade will continue down Main Street making a right onto Lisbon Street. The official parade route ends at the Clinton City Market; however, floats and entries are not permitted to unload at this point. Marching units may exit at the Clinton City Market. ALL other entries must continue down Lisbon Street to return to the Exposition Center. DO NOT EXIT THE PARADE ROUTE UNTIL THE END OF THE UNLOAD POINT, WHICH IS AT THE SAMPSON COUNTY EXPOSITION CENTER.

"We have a lot of entries and we are very excited about some new entries this year," noted parade organizer Willa Roseboro, "and we are thrilled to have some of everyone's favorite classics still represented."

There are approximately 100 entries this year. There will be high school bands, area queens, "Special Entries" – Sudan Roasters, Dunn Clowns, Johnston County Animal Animation, Clinton Community Church, Cub Scout Pack 41, First Baptist Church, Sampson Regional, Easter Seals, Clinton City Schools, Sampson High School Alumni, Carolina Dance, Gateway Deliverance Ministries, Coharie Tribe, Sampson Co. 4-H, Daddies Girls, Inc., A Caring Heart Case Management, Inc., Clinton Police Club, and Chamber of Commerce SANTA FLOAT. And much more.

Organizers urge families to bundle up this year and join in on the fun. "Arrive early, bring your chairs, blankets, rain gear, umbrellas."

The Chamber's focus is to support local businesses and industries and to assist in the community. This parade is a way for the Chamber to give back to the community, all while supporting and promoting many of our local businesses. The Christmas parade is a true community effort, many volunteers dedicate their time year after year to ensure this event happens. Entering in the Christmas Parade not only allows businesses to give back individually to the community but helps spread true Christmas joy- something we all treasure and are grateful to be a part of.

"On behalf of the Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce, we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful holiday season!"

There will be plenty of parking available and downtown merchants will remain open after the parade to serve the community. Parking will be available behind Vance Street, City Market (behind Annadales "old Butler's Pharmacy", Art Piece Parking Lot, across from Sampson Partners, between Main & Elizabeth Street, area of train depot/Hwy. 55, & tax office.

There is a wealth of shops and eateries downtown so everyone should be able to purchase those Christmas gifts they need and have a meal before heading back home. Come out early to find a good spot, bring your friends and family, and simply enjoy the fellowship, goodwill and fun at the Christmas in Clinton Parade!

Two Separate Crashes Lead to Fatalities



Crash On US 701

On Sunday, 8 December 2019 at 0013 hours, Trooper A. T. Cox investigated a single vehicle, one fatality collision on US 701 just south of SR 1924 (Rowan Road). Trooper Cox found a blue Ford passenger vehicle, was traveling south on US 701 crossed the centerline, ran off the road to the left and struck a ditch where it came to rest. The driver was transported by EMS to Cape

Fear Hospital in Fayetteville. The passenger was pronounced dead at the scene. Speed or alcohol was NOT a factor. The collision is still currently under investigation, we will provide further information when the next of kin have been notified.

UPDATE:

The driver of the vehicle was Esther Santibanez Sanchez (62 YOA) of Clinton. The passenger was Jose Delacruz Santibanez (61 YOA) of Clinton. This collision is still under investigation.

Crash on Alex Benton Road

On Saturday, 11/30/2019 at 4:23pm, Trooper S.K. Naylor investigated a three car, one fatality collision on US 13 near SR1701 (Alex Benton Road). Trooper Naylor found that a gold, Lexus passenger car (vehicle 1), operated by Shelby Gene Morrison of Rollingwood Drive, Dudley NC was traveling south on US 13 at a high rate of speed. A white, Toyota 4-Runner (vehicle 2) and a gray, GMC Acadia (vehicle 3) were both traveling north on US 13. The Lexus traveled off of the roadway to the right, the driver overcorrected, and the vehicle crossed the centerline, into the northbound lane. The Toyota 4-Runner struck the left side of the Lexus, in the northbound lane of US 13, causing it to separate into two parts. The GMC Acadia then struck the rear of the Toyota. The Toyota and GMC both came to rest partially in the northbound lane of US 13. The front portion of the Lexus came to rest in a ditch east of US 13. The rear portion of the Lexus came to rest in a wooded area west of US 13 and the driver was ejected and came to rest in the northbound lane of US 13, where he was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the Toyota was transported to Sampson Regional Medical Center with minor injuries. All occupants of the GMC reported no injuries and were released from the scene. Speed and alcohol were the contributors in this collision.

So far in 2019, Sampson County has had 16 deaths in 14 fatal crashes. Eight of the fatal crashes have been caused by a vehicle crossing the centerline, only one of those eight fatal crashed involved alcohol. In 2018 there were 17 people killed in 16 crashes.

Breaking and Enterings Solved



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ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX LISTING NOTICE 2020 SAMPSON COUNTY 2020

All persons who own or control business, farm/agri-business and/or any personal property subject to taxation in Sampson County, OR made improvements to real property, must list all such property and/or improvements to real property for year 2020 from Thursday, January 2, 2020 through Friday, January 31, 2020.

If you filed a listing form in 2019 with the county, you will automatically be mailed a new form at the owner's address on record as of January 1, 2020. Please review the information, make necessary additions/corrections, sign & return listing forms postmarked by USPS no later than January 31, 2020 to avoid 10% late listing penalty to: Tax Administration, PO Box 1082, Clinton, NC 28329 (Or bring to 126 W. Elizabeth St.) Unsigned forms will be considered late if received after January 31, 2020.

PLEASE CALL 910-592-8146 FOR LISTING ASSISTANCE.

REAL ESTATE	BUSINESS, FARM/AGRI-BUSINESS & OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY	PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAMS
<p>Sampson County has a permanent listing system for real estate; property owners are responsible to annually list any improvements to real property only.</p> <p>Failure to list those improvements to real property is subject to the penalties imposed by NCGS 105-308 and NCGS 105-312.</p> <p>Taxpayers owning only real property will not receive a listing form. If you need to list improvements to real property, please SEE BELOW FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS.</p>	<p>ALL BUSINESSES and/or persons owning or possessing personal property used or connected with a business or other income-producing purpose, must list such property with the tax administrator every year, <i>including but not limited to:</i> copiers, computer equipment, signs, supplies, leasehold improvements, furniture, fixtures, machinery, spare parts, etc. IRP (International Registration Plan) plated vehicles must be listed annually during the regular listing period. ALL FARM/AGRI-BUSINESSES must list annually all income-producing personal property, <i>including but not limited to:</i> tractors, combines, combine headers and platforms; motors; bailers; harvesters; tobacco equipment; plows; planters; sprayers, irrigation equipment; supplies; compressors; etc. ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY must be listed, <i>including but not limited to:</i> all unlicensed & permanently tagged motor vehicles; untagged trailers; aircraft; motorcycles; campers; RVs & truck bodies; mobile homes; all boats & all boat motors; jet skis; all household rental personal property; etc. ALL LICENSED vehicles will be billed automatically by the NCDMV. SEE BELOW FOR FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS.</p>	<p>Elderly or Totally and Permanently Disabled Exclusion: North Carolina excludes from property taxes the greater of twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) or fifty percent (50%) of the appraised value of a permanent residence owned and occupied by a qualifying owner. A qualifying owner is an owner who meets all of the following requirements as of January 1 preceding the taxable year for which the benefit is claimed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Is at least 65 years of age or totally and permanently disabled. 2) Has an income for the preceding calendar year of not more than Thirty one thousand (\$31000). 3) Is a North Carolina resident. <p>Income is defined as all moneys received from every source other than gifts or inheritances received from a spouse, lineal ancestor, or lineal descendant. For married applicants residing with their spouses, the income of both spouses must be included, whether or not the property is in both names.</p> <p>Disabled Veteran Exclusion: This program excludes the first forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) of the appraised value of a permanent residence owned and occupied by a North Carolina Resident, who is an Honorably Discharged Disabled Veteran, or the unmarried surviving spouse of an Honorably Discharged Disabled Veteran. A disabled veteran is defined as a veteran whose character of service at separation was honorable or under honorable conditions and who has a total and permanent service-connected disability or who received benefits for specially adapted housing under 38 U.S.C. 2101. Contact the Sampson County Tax Office for specific details and applications.</p> <p>Circuit Breaker Property Tax Deferment: This program allows taxes billed each year to be limited to a percentage of the qualifying owner's income. However, taxes in excess of the limitation are deferred and remain a lien on the property. The three most current years of deferred taxes prior to a disqualifying event will become due and payable, with interest, on the date of the disqualifying event. Age 65 or older, with an income not exceeding \$46,500. You must file a new application for this program each year. Contact the Sampson County Tax Office for specific details and application. Application time period for property tax relief programs is January 2, 2020 to June 1, 2020.</p>
<p>NEW RESIDENTS</p> <p>New residents and those listing for the first time should contact the Listing Department at the Sampson County Courthouse Annex at 126 W. Elizabeth St. or call (910) 592-8146. New residents are responsible for obtaining and submitting the necessary listing forms to the Tax Administrator by January 31, 2020 to avoid the late listing penalty of 10% to: 126 W. Elizabeth St., Clinton, NC 28328 or P.O. Box 1082, Clinton, NC 28329.</p>		

- ▶ **ALL BUSINESSES** requesting an "Extension to file" until April 15, 2020 must be on company letterhead, & must be received or *postmarked by U.S.P.S. by January 31, 2020 per G.S. 105-311(b), 360(d)*; The N.C. Statutes do not recognize private postage meter dates; mail early to avoid the 10% late list penalty on listings received/postmarked after January 31, 2020.
- ▶ Business Personal Property Listings may be filed electronically at eListings@southdata.com. If filing electronically an "extension to file" request until April 15, 2020 must be submitted online by January 31, 2020.
- ▶ **NEW AND/OR UPDATED APPLICATIONS** for all other property tax exclusions & deferments, such as religious, charitable, cultural and present use valuation (Agriculture, Horticulture, Forestry & Wildlife) *including updates for all changes in usage, ownership, income and qualifying parcel size* must be filed by January 31, 2020.
- ▶ **FOR LISTING FORMS & INSTRUCTIONS:** Contact the Sampson County Tax Office at 126 W. Elizabeth St., Clinton, NC MONDAY-FRIDAY 8am-5pm, Phone 910-592-8146.
- ▶ The Tax Collector administers & collects the Rental Vehicle Gross Receipts Tax. All returns & payments must be submitted monthly to the Tax Collector. For Information Please Call (910) 592-7081.



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We Should Know . . .



Becky Spell Vann with J.W. Simmons host of We Should Know

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

The week’s We Should Know is all about Christian Charity during the Christmas Season and the guest for the show is Becky Spell Vann from Tim’s Gift.

JW Simmons begins the show stating that Becky is involved in so many things during the year from Tim’s Gift to the Rise Up conference. And that she has become known as the go to person in Sampson County for people in need.

He asks Becky to discuss what’s going on in her life and a recent article she wrote focusing on time-ability in our lives. “Well JW,” starts Becky, “I think as a people living in a small town, we have so many gifts that we take for granted. And we become so involved in things that we forget to make memories and we forget to share kindness because we’re in such a hurry. And that has been a theme that’s been on-going at Tim’s Gift and The Learning Station for 31 years.”

“But the past few years we’ve had an emphasis on kindness,” Becky adds. “And this past year it really escalated when Riley Pope, a local girl and Junior at Harrells, her father is a farmer here Josen Pope. And they’ve done an amazing job raising Riley to show kindness. And she came to me and wanted to volunteer this summer and she came in with a 10-part syllabus on kindness. And it really started the wheels rolling in the teachers and the children’s minds. And we’ve really tried to put a lot of emphasis on it since then. And we try to do what we do at Tim’s Gift with a kinder spirit.”

Becky goes on to say, “We have tried to do it with the children sometimes when we get frustrated. We might do an act of kindness, but if we do it in the wrong spirit the Bible says He doesn’t recognize it.”

“So, through that and through Edye Carr, Wendy and Bob Carr’s daughter, she volunteered this summer at the Learning Station. She’s a freshman and she did a campaign called Be Nice. She started it at Clinton High School 3 years ago. She came and worked with the children 3 days a week and talked

about kindness and being nice instead of bullying.”

“So, today we just wanted to challenge everyone who’s listening, everyone who reads about this to pass it on and share kindness. And it’s the perfect season to talk about it.”

JW Simmons says that kindness is a word missing in today’s polarized world of social media and politics. So much so that it’s not even an expectation any longer.

“That’s right,” says Spell. “In fact, I was listening to the news this morning and someone said why our children are acting and reacting the ways they do is they don’t often see kindness. What is our leadership doing? And we know it’s not all of it, but it becomes contagious. And if we all stop and show more kindness and take time with people instead of just brushing people off or giving a hateful harsh word. Probably everybody watching this today has had a moment this past week that we’ve had traffic rage. Maybe it was at a stop light or somebody passed us, and we were angry. If we handle things in a different way and we engage with people that are showing kindness, then it will make us want to do it.”

“In fact. Our children at the Learning Station, today was a half day and they just got off the school bus before I came over here and they were so excited that we stopped and sat down outside the Learning Station to look at the window. And we have 3 messages in that window, Go Horses, Share Love and Happy Gobble.”

“And as we talked about what those things meant the children shared was that they’ve shared kindness today. And then Ms. Eleanor Bradshaw drives up. She comes up to the children and she’s talking with them and she’s had a little health problem with her foot, and she was limping, so the children asked, and they wanted to pray with her. So, they reached out and touched her ankle and four of the children said prayers with her. Not prayers for her, but they actually touched her ankle. And she was brought to tears and it was a powerful moment. And I was reminded that we should never say all our children are not thoughtful or kind. And neither should we say it about adults nor our leaders.”

“But we have a majority. If you look at our news it is bad. I think on the nightly news on an hour episode the last minute gets a good deed shown. 1 minute out of 60 minutes about good news. So, that’s why we’re here today. We want to challenge the people that live in our area, our city and county; because we’ve got a great place to live. We want to challenge people between now a Christmas to do holiday giving in a different way.”

Spell explains, “To do something tangible that will make a difference in somebody’s life. In fact, while we were sitting outside the Learning Station, 2 ladies walked by pushing a cart and they had their food in it. They come by every day pushing that cart. And Ms. Eleanor was able to share with the children that yesterday when she left the grocery store, she met a lady who was walking carrying her groceries. She stopped and asked the lady could she help her. She said I’ll be glad to take you home. She actually lived down 5 Bridge Road.”

“Eleanor said she was so blessed by that, and the children were touched because here was a lady who just stopped by to say hello, she was prayed for and in return shared a good deed she did yesterday. So, it is contagious!”

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.

-Kenneth Lee Davis to Bobbie Jo Leigh Taylor

Land Transfers

- LDTB development Company LLC, Linwood C Thornton II/MBR/MGR to Comfort Homes Inc- Tract 1 Lots 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 Phase 2 Hudson Farms and Tract 11 Lot 1 Hudson Farms Subdivision Phase 1
- Justine Pfund to Carol Sabo Miglionico- 3 Tracts Piney Grove
- Daniel Webster Carr Jr to Tiffany Monique Nicole Newton- 2.81 Acres Franklin
- James Franklin Bradshaw, Phyllis Perry Bradshaw to Thomas Hampton Bradshaw Sr- Lot 2 16.25 Acres Newton Grove
- Willkrys Investments LLC, Lynn Carroll Matthews Young to Jillian Gray McLamb, William E McLamb III- 61.63 Acres Turkey
- Marcello Resendiz Villeda to Ermila Resendiz Villeda- Lot 1 0.79 Acres Herring
- Agustin Alvarez to AJD LLC- Lot 18 Wade H Howard Subdivision
- James P Godwin Sr to Roy Shannon Norris- 3 Tracts Plainview
- Phyllis G Norris, Roy S Norris to Roy S Norris- 1.82 Acres Plainview
- Brian Keith Radford to Ellen R Ward, Henry E Ward- 1.52 Acres Tract 2 Newton Grove
- Brenda M Elmore, Michael Steven Elmore to Eric Russell, Jeanie Russell- 1.18 Acres
- Carrie Rose Herring Beasley to Orval Rose Beasley- 3 Tracts North Clinton
- Cynthia P Falatovich, Marshall G Falatovich to Juan Carlos Chacon Martinez, Carmen Jeanette Torres- Lot 3 0.23 Acres North Clinton
- Dalton H Gurganus to Melissa Dawn Cain- 2 Tracts Meadowbrook Subdivision
- Anne Bryan Faircloth to Christopher Conley Embler, Rachel CL Embler- 0.39 Acres w/ exceptions South Clinton
- Lina Patricia Howard Leonard, Ralph L Leonard Jr, David Brian Weeks- Tract 2 14.84 Acres Little Coharie
- James E Caison, Robert N Caison Jr, Houston L Crumpler Jr, Mariam Caison Crumpler to Jeffrey Peter Gray, Laura Owen Gray- Little Coharie
- Billy Dwayne Smith, Cindy H Smith to Jose Luis Abarca, Johanna Yamileth Flores- Tract 7 2.62 Acres South Clinton
- Mary S Lee to Jesus A Ceja Ponce, Daisy Y Macias Rodriguez- 2 Tracts
- MM Howard, Martha Marie Howard, SJ Howard, Samuel Johnson Howard to Mikayla Shavon Freeman, Rodney Taylor Freeman- 4.26 Acres Honeycutt
- Allison Scott Drive, Christopher D Driver to Natasha Peterson, Terence L Peterson- Lot 15 BW Carter Property Subdivision North Clinton
- Wilson E Blackmon/MGR/MBR, Blackmon Property Group LLC to Nikka Rafaelab Mendoza- Lot 15 Hoss’ Ridge Subdivision 0.58 Acres
- Mary J Jackson to Holly Nichole McLamb, Mark Anthony McLamb- Lot 3 1.69 Acres Mingo
- Maverine A Jernigan, PB Jernigan to Department of Transportation- Lot Sampson
- Luther David Williford, Norma Williford to DOT- Lot Sampson
- Robert Earl Lee, Willa Dean Lee to DOT- Lot Sampson
- Michael L Chestnut/MBR/MGR, JOHCHE Timber Farm LLC, Jeffrey T Johnson/MBR/MGR to Prestage Farms Inc- 28.01 Acres Lisbon
- Ashley Williams Bullard, Brandon E Bullard to Romeo Johnson, Jeenypher Santiago- 0.86 Acres Lot 25 w/exceptions
- Carolyn P Naylor, James Franklin Naylor to Keila Ivelisse Canales, Tito Enrique Santiago Torres, Tito Enrique Santiago Torres- 2 Tracts Honeycutts
- Mack Neal Ballard Jr, Mary Upchurch Ballard to DOT- Lot Sampson
- Howard Odell Baggett/By AIF, Wendy Baggett Williams/AIF to Deborah Cain Sutton, Michael Keith Sutton- Parcel A 78.28 Acres Dismal
- Donald K Schmidt, Willie W Schmidt, David E Warren, Joe Britt Warren Jr, Kenneth E Warren to James L Surlles- 11.95 Acres Newton Grove
- Laura Spence/FKA, Laura Leigh Spence Williams to Brian T Oates, Tata V Oates- 1.50 Acres
- Benjamin Boykin II, Casandra Boykin, Ernest Boykin to Ismail Awawdeh- 5.12 Acres w/ exceptions South Clinton
- Brenda G Edwards, Joe Allen Edwards to Dwight F Ingram- Tract 1 78 Acres w/exceptions Lisbon
- Lillie Marks Chappell/EXR, Junius Earl Maynard Estate to Lillie Marks Chappell- 6 Tracts
- Mike Castro, Sasha Marie Castro to Jesus Edgardo Mejia- Lot 8 Serenity Lake Section 1 Belvoir
- Betty Jean Gilmore Holder, Gregory Keith Holder to Debbie Jane Gilmore Brewer- 166 Acres Halls

Sampson County VITAL STATS

- Deaths**
- Donnie Ree Hall
 - Oscar Melvin Autry
 - Lucille Carr
 - Ernest Badger Collins
 - Macy Rene Fennell
 - Betty Frances Royals
 - Charles Lane Robinson
 - James Thomas Smith
 - Raymond Ray Turner

- Births**
- Zha’Ki Damir Bratten born on October 15, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Carlton Dewayne Bratten Jr and Lanise Michelle Haggans
 - Liam Reyneri Puerto Avilez born on October 16, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Celio Reinery Puerto Meza and Flor Mayela Avilez Montaivan
 - Roman Lino Pereira born on October 18, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Melanie Pereira Boykin
 - Mariah Ava Robinson born on October 18, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Montane Jermaine Robinson and Amanda Ann Robinson
 - Ryleah Nevaeh Foye born on November 8, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to GQ Sherrod Foye and Tiffany Iesha Pitts
 - Karson D’Shawn Moore born on November 9, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Jamaill Dante Moore and Franeshia Nashae Brown
 - Jaylen Isaish Beatty born on November 18, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Mykia Dena Bryant
 - E/Mari Nyzir Scott born on November 18, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Tyanna Melena Scott
 - Cadence Le’Near Johnson born on November 22, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Jonah Lakieth Johnson and Jannie Denise Johnson
 - Quentin Dashawn Murphy Jr born on November 22, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Cynthia Shuree Joyner
 - Claire Harper Blanchard born on November 25, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Aaron Jackson Blanchard and Brittany Renea Blanchard
 - Camilla Evette Carreon-Banos born on November 25, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Jose Pablo Carreon Jr and Dulce Ivette Banos
 - Gabriel Jordan Vasquez born on November 25, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Miguel Angel Vasquez and Erica Ann Guerrero
 - Treyka Ashley Jean Gilles born on November 26, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Frito Jean Giles and Marie Denise Jean Gilles
 - Jarlou Abdul Psalms Kinlock born on November 26, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Darlon Dillion Anthony Kinlock and Sarah Eloise Robinson
 - Emmeline Morales Castro born on November 26, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Samuel Ely Morales Velasquez and Gloria Angelica Castro Vasquez
 - Alisson Michel Vasquez Cartagena born on November 30, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Evelyn Michelle Cartagena Rodriguez
 - Grayson Elijah Jimenez born on December 1, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Eli Jimenez and Madai Tamayo
 - Anthony Armando Sanchez Garcia born on December 1, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Armando Sanchez Florez and Gladys Oneyda Garcia Chaver
 - Artsyn Craft born on December 2, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Lonnie Craft IV and Lashanda Denise Phillips
 - Nayeli Dalisa Vail Ramirez born on December 2, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Edgar Isais Vail Vasquez and Maria Floridalma Ramirez Mendez

Marriage Certificates

- Eduardo Antonio Molina Rodriguez to Betty Doria Anda
- Austin Tyler Lewis to Sabrina Marie Carter
- Terry Wayne Knowles to Rebecca Hayes Shaw
- Santos Daniel Lopez to Cathy Lynn Rodriguez
- Seth Lovell Thomas to Victoria Paige Montgomery
- Mario Roldan Rivera to Julissa Gomez

FAITH

The True Spirit of Christmas

Oh, how I love to recite and share this beautiful poem which genuinely reflects the true spirit of Christmas! What JOY would be spread if each of us would simply live the daily of our lives realizing that just as Jesus said in Matthew 25:40 "Inasmuch as you did it unto the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me." Thank you for allowing me to challenge you to model this same unselfishness during Christmas.

THE STORY OF THE CHRISTMAS GUEST

It happened one day at the year's white end,
Two neighbors called on an old-time friend
And they found his shop so meager and lean,
Made bright with a thousand boughs of green.
And Conrad, the cobbler, was sitting with face a-shine
When he suddenly stopped as he stitched a twine,
And said, "Old friends, at dawn today,
When the cock was crowing the night away,
The Lord appeared in a dream to me
And said: Today I am coming your guest to be."
So I've been busy with feet astir,
Strewing my shop with branches of fir.
The table is spread and the kettle is shined
And over the rafters the holly is twined.
And now I will wait for my Lord to appear
And listen closely so I will hear
His step as He nears my humble place
And I open the door and look on His face."

So his friends went home and left Conrad alone,
For this was the happiest day he had known,
For long since his family had passed away
And Conrad had spent many a sad Christmas Day.
But he knew with the Lord as his Christmas guest
This Christmas would be the dearest and best,
And he listened with only JOY in his heart,
And with every sound he would rise with a start
And look for the Lord to be standing there
In answer to his earnest prayer.
So he ran to the window after hearing a sound,
But all that he saw on the snow-covered ground
Was a shabby beggar whose shoes were torn,
And all of his clothes were ragged and worn.
So Conrad was touched and went to the door
And he said, "Your feet must be frozen and sore,
I have some shoes in my shop for you
And a coat that will keep you warmer, too.."

So with a grateful heart, the man went away,
But Conrad noticed the time of day.
He wondered what made the dear Lord so late
And how much longer he'd have to wait.
When he heard a knock he ran to the door,

But, alas, it was only a stranger once more,
A bent old lady with a shawl of black
With a bundle of kindling piled on her back.
She asked only for a place to rest,
But that was reserved for Conrad's great Guest.
Her voice seemed to plead "Don't send me away;
Let me rest for awhile on Christmas Day."
So Conrad brewed her a steaming cup
And told her to sit at the table and sup.
But after she left he was filled with dismay
For he saw that the hours were slipping away.
And the Lord hadn't come as He said He would,
And Conrad felt sure he had misunderstood.

When out of the stillness he heard a cry,
"Please help me, and tell me where am I?"
So once again he opened his friendly door
And stood disappointed as twice before,
It was only a child who had wandered away
And was lost from her family on Christmas Day.
Again Conrad's heart was heavy and sad,
But he knew he should make the little girl glad.
So he called her in and wiped her tears,
And quieted all of her childish fears.
Then he led her back to her home once more,
But as he entered his own now darkened door
He knew that the Lord was not coming today,
For the hours of Christmas had passed away.

So he went to his room and knelt down to pray,
And he said: "Dear Lord, why did You delay?
What kept You from coming to call on me?
For I wanted so much your face to see."
When soft in the silence, a voice he heard;
"Lift up your head, for I kept My word.
Three times My shadow crossed your floor.
Three times I came to your lowly door.
For I was the beggar with the bruised, cold feet,
I was the woman you gave food to eat,
And I was the child on the homeless street.
Three times I knocked, three times I came in,
Three times you responded with love from within.
And Conrad, of all the gifts Love is the best,
And I was honored to be your

CHRISTMAS GUEST!"
~*Edwin Markham*

Take time this Christmas Day
To go a little way apart,
And with the hands of Love
Prepare the house that is your heart.

Brush out the dusty fears,
Brush out the cobwebs of your care,
'Til in the house that is your heart
It's Christmas everywhere.

Light every window up with Love,
And let that Love shine through,
That they who walk outside may share
The Blessed Light with you.

Then will the rooms with JOY be bright,
With peace the hearth be blessed,
And Christ Himself will enter in to be

YOUR CHRISTMAS GUEST!
~*Author unknown*



Martha M. Pierce

He says it has a yellow tint to it and he prefers the taste of it to his neighbor's real green collards.

Ever what kind you grow or buy, they have to be cooked. Most all serious Southern collard cooks (male and female), have their own way of cooking up their pot of collards. Some say, "Collards have been cooked this way in my family for generations. It's a tradition!"

Seasoning meat is a vital part of collard cookin'. Country ham hocks and trimmings are one of the most popular meats. Slab or smoked bacon ends and fatback are popular too. Some people use hog jowls. I heard one man say his favorite seasoning meat was corned pig tails chopped up. (Think I'll pass on that one!) My husband's grandmother used uncut link sausage rolled up on top of the collards as they cooked. Some folks boiled a picnic ham (shoulder) in a pot of water, took the ham up and placed the collards in the ham broth with some trimmings from the ham. These collards taste mighty good, but we know now that's not the healthiest way to cook 'em. I like to use the picnic ham bone with ham trimmings to season with. One person told me they like to use neck bone for seasoning meat. Some people also put in various kinds of peppers with their collards as they cook, although my family never has. As I said, collard cookin' is serious business in the South and most families have their own way of doin' it!

Once they're cooked and coming steaming hot to the eatin' table, it's time to dig in. Salt and pepper for most. A lot of folks like homemade hot pepper vinegar on their collards. My husband does; I do not. It's a matter of personal taste.

Our favorite collard meal is served with baked whole sweet potatoes, flat baked cornbread and country ham and sometimes black-eyed peas along with it. Yep, that's a pure Southern country meal if there ever was one!

Most everyone speaks fondly of collards except for one contrary man who declares he would rather eat dog fennel tops than collards. I won't mention his name lest he should find himself harassed by collard lovers! I heard of a feller who loved collards so good he made collard sandwiches. I'll admit, I never thought of doing that, but it just might be worth trying!

I believe collards are the green gold of the South. And to all the collard lovers I say, "eat more collards!" Maybe we can have collards declared the official state vegetable.

"IN MEMORY OF OUR DEAR FRIEND AND WONDERFUL WRITER"

COLLARDS, COLLARDS, COOKIN' IN THE POT



By: *Carolyn Horrell Mintz*

Collard greens, yum yum, set my mouth to watering. I love collards, always have. Most of my family does too. Except for one or two (and you know who you are), that make the rest of us wonder exactly what branch of the family tree they fell off of! I think it's the same way in most families, you either love collards or you don't, there's not much middle ground when it comes to collards.

It has been said, and I think it bears repeating, that the smell of cooking collards separates a true Southerner from the "wanna-be's." The aroma of a simmering pot of collards in a Southern kitchen has been known to send visiting Yankees outside in a sprint!

Collards have been grown and been a popular food in the South for over 200 years. They came here originally from Africa and can be grown year-round in the mild Southern climate. Summer collards are good, but I like the winter collards the best, especially after they've had at least one good frost on 'em. For some reason the frost makes them tender and sweet, and it doesn't take as long to cook them either. I'm not alone in this; most of the "old people" liked their collards the best after a good frost too.

Collards are a hearty vegetable that's fairly cheap to grow. They contain calcium, iron and zinc. In short, they're "good for ya'." And they taste a whole lot better than spinach, at least in my opinion!

Collards are so popular in the South that it's common to see patches sprouting up all over the place. Yes, in country vegetable gardens to be sure, but also you spy little collard patches in backyards and sometimes beside the house itself.

Out here in the Newton's Crossroads, Harrells, and Wells Chapel communities, if you mention a collard patch with collards for sale most folks would fondly recall the collard patch of Mr. Hybert Moore. For so many years he grew his collards for sale, so much by the head. And you talk about big, pretty, tasty collards, he could grow 'em. Mr. Hybert has passed on now, and with him went his bountiful collard patch. Both are sorely missed.

Collard popularity has reached new heights. I heard a lady over in Scotland Neck by the name of Colleen Bunting has written a book titled "Collard Poems." I'm trying to track down a copy! And over in Ayden they have a collard festival every year. They proudly proclaim themselves the collard capital of the world!

They have a collard eating contest and a collard-cooking contest held during the festival. Let me tell you, those folks over there are serious about their collard growin' and cookin'. Some of the grow their collards from collard seeds that have been in their families "forever," and have been handed down from generation to generation. The seeds are saved from year to year with great care. One man declares his family collard is the cabbage collard.

What's Happening

By Angela Martin

at **SCT**

The 2020 Sampson Community Theatre is on it's way and we are thrilled to reveal our full season. This upcoming year we will be producing four musicals and two plays.



Our first show of the season is Disney's The Little Mermaid. The musical is produced by Disney Theatrical and is based on the 1989 Disney film of the same name and the classic story of the same name written by Hans Christian Andersen about a mermaid who dreams of the world above the sea and gives up her voice to find love. It is filled with the magic of Disney with fun-filled songs and great dances. The musical is being directed by Angela Martin.



Our second production of the year will be Memphis the Musical. The production is written by Joe DiPietro with music by David Bryan and lyrics by DiPietro and Bryan. The show is loosely based on the story of Memphis disc jockey, Dewey Phillips, one of the first white DJ's to play black music in the 1950's. This musical is filled with upbeat songs and wonderful dances. The production is being directed by Ursula Herring.

Our third production of the year is Disney's Aladdin, Jr. This musical is being directed by Angela Martin. Disney's Aladdin, Jr. is a part of the Broadway Junior series by Music Theatre International. Our production will be filled with young people and will be a great way for your child to spend their summer.

The next production on the agenda is Boeing-Boeing. This comedic play will be directed by Clay Boney. Boeing-Boeing is a farce written by the French playwright Marc Camoletti. The play, in 1991 was listed as the most performed French play throughout the world by the "Guinness Book of Records." The play is set in the 1960s and centers on bachelor Bernard, who has a flat in Paris and three stewardesses all engaged to him without knowing each other. Bernard's life gets a little bumpy when the new speedier Boeing jet disrupts his careful planning. This play is filled with witty banter and great comedic scenes.

Our fifth production of the year is also a play, The Cemetery Club. The Cemetery Club is a play directed by Tom Wilbur. It is written by Ivan Menchell and it is a comedy-drama that centers around three friends who are in their mid-to-late 50s and have become widows within the past few years. Once a week, they gather to visit their husbands' graves and meet at a deli afterward to talk about their lives.

Our final production for our 2020 season is A Christmas Carol. This musical is adapted from an English novella written by Charles Dickens, first published in 1843. It has been produced all over the world and this holiday classic will be directed by Dan Holland.

Catch our six productions and our fantastic season beginning next year. We hope to see you at the Sampson Community Theatre in the upcoming year.



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Fri 6:15p 8:30p
Sat-Sun 2:00p 5:00p 8:00p
Mon-Wed 6:30p



BLACK CHRISTMAS

NOW SHOWING

Rated PG-13 for violence, terror, thematic content involving sexual assault, language, sexual material and drinking

Hawthorne College is quieting down for the holidays. One by one, sorority girls on campus are being killed by an unknown stalker. But the killer is about to discover that this generation's young women aren't willing to become hapless victims as they mount a fight to the finish.

Fri 6:30p 9:00p
Sat-Sun 2:00p 5:00p 8:00p
Mon-Wed 6:30p



KNIVES OUT

NOW SHOWING

Rated PG-13 for thematic elements including brief violence, some strong language, sexual references, and drug material

From Harlan's dysfunctional family to his devoted staff, Blanc sifts through a web of red herrings and self-serving lies to uncover the truth behind Harlan's untimely death.

Fri 7:00p
Sat-Sun 1:30p 4:30p 7:30p
Mon-Wed 6:30p



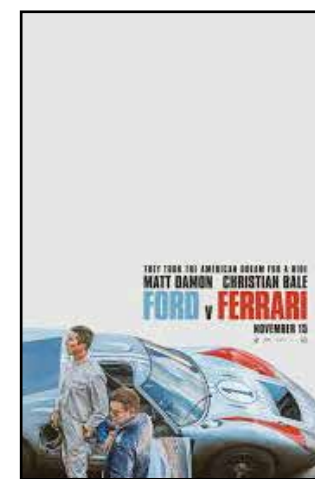
JUMANJI THE NEXT LEVEL

NOW SHOWING

Rated PG-13 for adventure action, suggestive content and some language

In Jumanji: The Next Level, the gang is back but the game has changed. As they return to Jumanji to rescue one of their own, they discover that nothing is as they expect. The players will have to brave parts unknown and unexplored, from the arid deserts to the snowy mountains, in order to escape the world's most dangerous game.

Fri 6:15p 9:00p
Sat-Sun 1:30p 4:30p 7:30p
Mon-Wed 6:30p



FORD Vs FERRARI

NOW SHOWING

Rated PG13 for some material may be inappropriate for children under 13

The true story of the visionary American car designer Carroll Shelby and the fearless British driver Ken Miles, who together battled corporate interference, the laws of physics, and their own personal demons to build a revolutionary race car for Ford Motor Company and take on the dominating race cars of Enzo Ferrari at the 24 Hours of Le Mans in France in 1966.

Fri 7:00p
Sat-Sun 1:30p 4:30p 7:30p
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GREAT FOOD

FAMILY FEATURES

The rush of the holiday season – shopping for gifts, decorating the house, hosting loved ones and other added obligations – can be challenging. Restore balance and holiday cheer by treating yourself and others who are home for the holidays to a no-fuss, relaxing dinner that feels celebratory.

Supported by a menu that can be prepared entirely using a skillet, you can easily add to the joyful holiday spirit while also lowering stress levels typically associated with this time of year. Start with a main course like Seared Salmon with Pine Nut, Capers and Fennel Topping, which can go a long way toward building a tasty holiday meal. Paired with Long-Cooked Green Beans with Tomatoes and Garlic, the savory salmon and complementary side can be on the family table in less than an hour then capped off by a seasonal Stovetop Apple Pie.

These dishes and more can be created for holiday festivities with the help of kitchen equipment like Anolon Advanced Home skillets, part of a collection designed for everyday cooking with heavy-gauge hard anodized aluminum construction for durability and even heating. With a triple-layer, sapphire-reinforced interior that resists chipping, the cookware offers durability and easy cleaning along with features like nonstick exteriors, convenient volume markings for saucepans and stockpots, and comfortable SureGrip handles.

Find more inspiration and the right kitchen equipment to make the holiday season special at Anolon.com.

Seared Salmon with Pine Nut, Capers and Fennel Topping

Recipe courtesy of Anolon Gourmet Cookware
Yield: 4 servings

- Anolon Advanced Home 12-inch nonstick skillet
- 1/2 cup pine nuts
- 2 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 1 shallot, finely chopped (about 3 tablespoons)
- 1/2 medium fennel bulb, cored and finely chopped
- 3 tablespoons drained capers
- 1 1/2 teaspoons fresh orange zest
- 2 tablespoons thinly sliced fresh basil
- 1/2 teaspoon, plus 1/8 teaspoon, salt, divided
- 4 skin-on salmon fillets (6-7 ounces each)
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

Heat nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add pine nuts and cook, shaking pan often, about 4-5 minutes until lightly browned. Transfer pine nuts to medium bowl.

In same skillet over medium heat, heat 1 tablespoon oil. Add shallot and fennel; cook, stirring occasionally, 3-4 minutes until slightly softened. Add capers and cook 1 minute. Transfer to bowl with pine nuts. Stir in remaining oil and orange zest. Let cool 5 minutes before adding basil and 1/8 teaspoon salt; reserve.

Season salmon with remaining salt and pepper. Heat skillet over medium heat until hot. Add salmon, flesh-side down, and cook 5 minutes until nicely browned.

Flip salmon and continue cooking 4-5 minutes until skin is crisp and salmon is cooked through but still slightly translucent in center. Place one salmon fillet on each of four serving plates; top each with pine nut mixture.



Seared Salmon with Pine Nut, Capers and Fennel Topping

Elevate *Holiday Cooking* with Seasonal Skillet Dishes



Long-Cooked Green Beans with Tomatoes and Garlic

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Recipe courtesy of Anolon Gourmet Cookware
Yield: 4 servings

- Anolon Advanced Home 12-inch nonstick skillet
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/4 cup yellow onions, minced
- 3 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
- 1 1/2 pounds green beans, ends trimmed

- 3 large ripe tomatoes, peeled, seeded and chopped
- salt, to taste
- freshly ground black pepper, to taste

In nonstick skillet over medium heat, warm olive oil. Add onions and cook until soft, stirring occasionally, 7-10 minutes. Add garlic and continue stirring 1 minute. Add green beans and tomatoes; cover and cook over low heat until green beans are soft, 25 minutes.

Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Cook, uncovered, until liquid is almost gone, 2-3 minutes.



Stovetop Apple Pie

Stovetop Apple Pie

Recipe courtesy of Anolon Gourmet Cookware
Yield: 1 10-inch pie

- Anolon Advanced Home 10-inch nonstick skillet
- 6 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 cup, plus 2 teaspoons, sugar, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon or apple pie spice
- 6 medium Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored and cut into eight wedges each
- 1 refrigerated pie crust
- 2 teaspoons cream

In nonstick skillet over low heat, melt butter; remove from heat. Stir in 1/2 cup sugar and cinnamon. Arrange apple wedges evenly in skillet, overlapping as needed.

Heat oven to 350 F.

In skillet over medium heat, cook sugar mixture until it is light amber in color and bubbly, 8-10 minutes.

Carefully place pie crust on top of apples; cut few slits in pastry to allow air to escape. Brush pastry with cream and remaining sugar. Bake 25-30 minutes, or until crust is golden brown and apples are tender. Serve warm or at room temperature.

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Clinton Dark Horse 2019 Varsity Football Schedule



DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE	RECORD
Aug 30th	East Bladen Eagles	HOME	7:30	W 43 - 16	1-0
Oct 4th	Northside Monarchs	Away	7:00	W 28 - 14	4-1
Sept 13th	JF Webb Warriors	Away	7:00	W 41 - 12	2-0
Sept 20th	Pamlico County Hurricanes	HOME	7:00	W 70 - 14	3-0
Sept 27th	Central Cabarrus Vikings	Away	7:30	L 08 - 19	4-1
Oct 11th	East Duplin Panthers	HOME	7:00	W 34 - 09	5-1
Oct 18th	Goldsboro Cougars**	HOME	7:00	W 58 - 24	6-1
Oct 25th	Wallace-Rose Hill Bulldogs	Away	7:00	W 14 - 07	7-1
Nov 1st	James Kenan Tigers	Away	7:00	W 35 - 13	8-1
Nov 8th	Midway Raiders	HOME	7:00	W 49 - 03	9-1
Nov 15th	Fairmont Tornadoes	HOME	7:30	W 35 - 06	10-1
Nov 22nd	Beddingfield	HOME	7:30	W 38 - 22	11-1
Nov 29th	West Craven Eagles	HOME	7:30	W 47 - 14	12-1
Dec 6th	Northeastern	HOME	7:30	L 08 - 23	13-2



Harrells Crusaders 2019 Varsity Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE	RECORD
Aug 23rd	Sandhills Titans	HOME	7:00	W 52 - 06	1-0
Aug 30th	Rocky Mount Prep	Away	7:00	W 46 - 12	2-0
Sept 6th	SouthLake Christian Academy	HOME	7:00	W 49 - 12	3-0
Sept 13th	Trinity Christian Academy	HOME	7:00	L 00 - 56	3-1
Sept 20th	Ravenscroft School	Away	7:00	L 31 - 35	3-2
Sept 27th	North Raleigh Christian	Away	7:00	W 13 - 07	4-2
Oct 4th	Carolina Bearcats	Away	7:00	W 38 - 27	5-2
Oct 11th	North Wake Saints	Away	7:00	W 48 - 14	6-2
Oct 18th	Northside Christian Academy	HOME	7:00	W 44 - 12	7-2
Oct 25th	Wake Christian Academy	HOME	7:00	W 54 - 34	8-2
Nov 1st	SouthLake Christian Academy	HOME	7:00	L 34 - 42	8-3

Home Games in Bold

** Homecoming

Hobbton Wildcats 2019 Varsity Football Schedule



DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE	RECORD
Aug 22nd	East Chapel Hill	HOME	7:00	W 51 - 46	1-0
Aug 29th	Louisburg	Away	7:00	W 45 - 42	2-0
Sept 6th	East Columbus	HOME	7:00	W 34 - 06	3-0
Sept 13th	Spring Creek	Away	7:00	W 56 - 27	4-0
Sept 20th	Midway Raiders	HOME	7:00	L 26 - 53	4-1
Sept 27th	North Stokes	HOME	7:00	L 28 - 32	4-2
Oct 11th	Rosewood	Away	7:00	L 07 - 55	4-3
Oct 18th	Princeton	HOME	7:00	L 20 - 63	4-4
Oct 25th	Lakewood Leopards	HOME	7:00	W 45 - 13	5-4
Nov 1st	Union Spartans	Away	7:00	W 45 - 28	6-4
Nov 8th	North Duplin	Away	7:00	W 36 - 34	7-4
Nov 15th	South Stokes	HOME	7:30	W 41 - 20	8-4
Nov 22nd	Tarboro	HOME	7:30	L 00 - 64	8-5

Home Games in Bold

** Homecoming



Midway Raiders 2019 Varsity Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE	RECORD
Aug 23th	Union Spartans	HOME	7:00	W 27 - 00	1-0
Aug 30th	South Brunswick	HOME	7:00	W 28 - 24	2-0
Oct 4th	Harnett Central	HOME	7:00	W 31 - 14	6-0
Sept 13th	Lakewood Leopards	HOME	7:00	W 42 - 22	3-0
Sept 20th	Hobbton Wildcats	Away	7:00	W 53 - 26	4-0
Sept 27th	Spring Creek High	Away	7:00	W 52 - 00	5-0
Oct 11th	James Kenan High	Away	7:00	W 50 - 20	7-0
Oct 18th	Wallace-Rose Hill Bulldogs	HOME	7:00	L 14 - 56	4-4
Oct 25th	East Duplin High	HOME	7:00	W 28 - 24	8-1
Nov 1st	Goldsboro High	HOME	7:00	L 00 - 15	8-2
Nov 8th	Clinton Dark Horses	Away	7:00	L 03 - 49	8-3
Nov 15th	Red Springs	Away	7:30	L 14 - 27	8-4

Home Games in Bold

** Homecoming



Union Spartans 2019 Varsity Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE	RECORD
Aug 23rd	Midway Raiders	Away	7:00	L 00 - 27	0-1
Aug 30th	Heid Trask	Away	7:00	W 20 - 00	1-1
Sept 6th	Pender Patriots	HOME	7:00	W 34 - 22	2-1
Sept 13th	Jones Senior	Away	7:00	W 58 - 06	3-1
Sept 20th	James Kenan	HOME	7:00	L 12 - 49	3-2
Sept 27th	Swansboro	HOME	7:00	L 22 - 47	3-3
Oct 11th	Princeton Bulldogs	Away	7:00	L 06 - 57	3-4
Oct 18th	North Duplin	HOME	7:00	L 20 - 48	3-5
Oct 25th	Rosewood	Away	7:00	L 00 - 55	3-6
Nov 1st	Hobbton Wildcats	HOME	7:00	L 28 - 45	3-7
Nov 7th	Lakewood Leopards	HOME	7:00	W 32 - 14	4-7
Nov 15th	Alleghany	Away	7:30	L 08 - 60	4-8

Home Games in Bold

** Homecoming



Lakewood Leopards 2019 Varsity Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE	RECORD
Aug 23th	Wake Christian Academy	Away	7:00	L 12 - 28	0-1
Aug 30th	KIPP Pride	HOME	7:00	W 21 - 20	1-1
Sept 6th	Camp Lejeune	HOME	7:00	W 51 - 00	2-1
Sept 13th	Midway Raiders	Away	7:00	L 22 - 42	2-2
Sept 20th	South Brunswick	HOME	7:00	L 00 - 34	2-3
Sept 27th	James Kenan	HOME	7:00	L 13 - 32	2-4
Oct 11th	North Duplin	Away	7:00	W 21 - 13	3-4
Oct 18th	Rosewood Eagles	HOME	7:00	L 07 - 40	3-5
Oct 25th	Hobbton Wildcats	Away	7:00	L 13 - 45	3-6
Nov 1st	Princeton Bulldogs	HOME	7:00	L 00 - 42	3-7
Nov 8th	Union Spartans	Away	7:00	L 14 - 32	3-8

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Giants Win 2019 Championship Games



"It sure is a great day to be a Giant"

On December 2nd on the Royal Lane football field, the Union Spartans went "head to head" against the Giants. The Giants remained undefeated for the season 8-0 when they came out on top as the 2019 Champions (7-9 year old) with the City of Clinton Parks and Recreation league.

According to Derek Brewington, head coach of the Giants, "It sure is a great day to be a Giant" is a motivational quote that is spoken every day to the team and to the parents as well. The coaching staff of the Giants feel like "useful daily encouragement" is crucial for the spirit of the team.

The Giants started work back in mid-September with the first game being played on September 30th against Hobbton and the final Championship Game was played on December 2nd against the Unions Spartans.

Coach Brewington praised the hard work and effort put in by his team. "The success of this team, hard work forever pays. I always attached a motivational quote to the Giant's Family Text on Game Day. Dedication, Unity, these young men never gave up and they never backed down. They did what we asked of them...majority of the time. We are not only teaching these kids the game of football; we are developing our future. In a world filled with so much wrong, these young men represent what is right. As coaches we take that serious."

Assistant Coach Trent Mitchell stated, "In this tech age a lot of our youth depend more on a screen to communicate with their peers rather than being out there face to face developing social skills. We think the rec department helps negate that aspect somewhat. It puts kids in a social environment. These kids are developing, and the rec offers an avenue for them to interact, make friends, build bonds with kids outside of their own neighborhood, school. Kids who participate in rec sports learn values, sportsmanship, and what it means to be a part of a team. It helps them learn to rely on others and have others rely on them. It's far more valuable than learning how to just throw and kick a ball."

Coach Brewington said that he would love for more young kids to get involved in recreation football and he noted that it was a very easy process. The Coach explains the process, "First you need to register with the Clinton NC Parks and Rec or the County Parks and Rec. This gets your child on the list and an invitation to the combine. All kids are put through a series of physical exams and ranked by all the coaches. Gentleman's agreements are handled first respectfully between coaches, then we begin the recruiting process."

One of the most important parts of the team's success are the supportive parents. Coach Ricky Warren stated, "Parent participation is crucial. These kids can't drive, so the parent has to be just as dedicated as the players and the coaches. We are all a family. When the kids see so many people coming out to watch them play, when they look up at the stands they are inspired, and you know these boys are about to put in work. The success of this season could not have been possible without the support of our parents and our fans."

According to Coach Brewington, "Each player received two metals after the Championship game. 1 for conference champs. 1 for tournament champs. The players will also be awarded with personalized trophies at our appreciation day which is scheduled for Sunday. The 15th players, parents,

coaches, everyone will gather for a cookout and we will be having our trophy ceremony at that time. Good day of fun."

The season has been a great one. Coach Hunter Balltzglier, "Highlights of our season besides going undefeated and winning the Championship, the comradery with the kids. We have group text where parents have shared letters teammates wrote to each other. These boys are 7-9 and they are writing letters to their brothers telling them how great of a player they are, how much they value one another as friends. As coaches it feels great to know your kids have such a tight bond. It's a great feeling to know these kids are thinking about the success of our team, their hearts are pure."

Additional highlights from the season according to Coach Balltzglier was "watching the new recruits gain self-confidence, watching our seasoned players interact and unite this team. Kids that were shy and timid are no longer scared, they really stepped up and accepted the challenge, this helped the success of the team."

"The players played above and beyond expectations for me," said Coach Trent Mitchell. "These are 7-9 year old kids, some have never played organized sports prior to this season. We as coaches demand a lot from these young men at an early age and with our approach, these kids exceeded every expectation we had for them. They listened and learned as a team; they were disciplined as a team. A group of young kids that became family, a band of brothers over the course of this season. They played and acted like boys and were a bit wild at times as you would expect, but they came together when it was time for us to buckle down. For me as a defensive coach you walk in knowing that every one of these boys wants to run the football, and most will not understand just how crucial the defense is. I wanted them to learn that we can't be beat if the other team doesn't score. We wanted to hunt goose eggs every game, if we keep off or at least minimize the points on the board, it makes the offenses job a little less stressful. Our defense "The Hit Squad" as we called them, did just that!"

Players include: #22 Semaj Glenn (RT, LT), #7 Harrison Lewis (RG, NG), #26 Gavin Miller (FB, LB), #20 Hayes Griffin (LG, RT), #9 Milo Brewington (QB, DE), #28 Ny'Sir Brewington (WB, OLB), #4 Jackson Lassiter (LT, RT), #23 Brycen Balltzglier (C, DE), #21 Tanner Serafini (Injured Reserved- broken collar bone), #12 Alessandro Ruiz (TE, RT), #71 Mason Sessoms (TE, ILB), #2 Ricky Warren (RB, ML), #1 Kole Mitchell (WR, Rover), #5 Jayden Hill (WB, Strong Safety), #33 Andrew Tatum (RB, DE).

Coaches include: Derek Brewington (Head Coach), Trent Mitchell (Assistant Coach), Hunter Balltzglier (Coaching Staff), Ricky Warren (Coaching Staff)

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SCC Foundation Awards Grants



Alisha Carwise and Jacqueline Ammons are recipients from the Nursing Faculty. (Photo by Ruthie Brock)

Congratulations to the following staff who were awarded Sampson Community College Foundation mini-grants for the fall semester. Jacqueline Ammons and Alisha Carwise of the Nursing Faculty received mini-grants for continuing education required for accreditation. Marleen Powell, Director of Financial Aid, received the mini-grant for financial aid awareness efforts and Betsy Lloyd for purchase of graduation regalia to help students in need. The purpose of the SCC Mini-Grant program is to provide funds to faculty, staff and student organizations that will enhance the educational mission of Sampson Community College.

“The Foundation is pleased to be able to support faculty and staff who creatively work to serve students,” says Lisa Turlington, Executive Director of the Foundation and Dean of Advancement. “The Financial Aid event will encourage more people to take advantage of resources, and the regalia project will allow more students to celebrate success by participating in the graduation ceremony. Nursing faculty must complete continuing education to better serve students, so we are happy to help defray some of the tuition costs.”

The Sampson Community College Foundation, established 1987, works to cultivate a broad base of community support for the college and to seek external funds through the private sector to support the college mission. Gifts to the Foundation go to fund student scholarships and to support staff and student programs. Donations can be made at sampsoncc.edu/donate or mailed to PO Box 318, Clinton, NC 28329, Attention: Lisa Turlington.

Butler Avenue School Students of the Month



1st grade

Front Row L-R: Sierra Graham, Kain Vail, Joanie Faith Storey, Kendrick Mesinord, Mason Sessoms, Back Row L-R: Temple Thomas, Jose Meza Sorto, Ashley Osorto, Bryanna Boone, Rodrigo Ramos, Dallis McNeil, Valery Herrera, Adele Arellano



2nd grade

Front Row L-R: Ayla Nichols, Abigail Davis, Jeremiah Cook, Nijash Landaverde, Jordan Bryant, Tony Salazar, Jason Reyes, Back Row L-R: Emma Kate Horne, Braylan Claros Molina, Collin White, Dan’Ron Boykin, Charlie McKoy, Nancy Reyes, Killian Naranjo, Absent: Amayah Raynor, Janelle Alba, Ivanna Nunez

Viking Spotlight: Cody Brandon



Cody Brandon is on track to finish an associate degree before high school graduation. (Photo by Michael Blankenship)

recommends that juniors and seniors try at least one CCP course in order to be exposed to the difficult level of rigorous college classes. Cody thanks Mr. Perry Gillespie, Director of CCP for the college, for his constant motivation to strive for success at SCC.

At Clinton High School, Cody is involved in numerous clubs including National Honors Society, Spanish Honors Society, CTE Honors Society, Key Club, and many more. He is also the co-founder of Project Earth at CHS, a club that works toward bettering the environment locally.

Other than clubs, Cody represents CHS as the homecoming king and is a member of the CHS color guard where he performs weekly during football games and band competitions.

After graduation, Cody plans to further his education at a four-year university such as NC State or UNCW to study sociology or public health. He hopes to pursue a career in the field of medicine.

For more information about Career and College Promise opportunities, contact pgillespie@sampsoncc.edu.

Midway Elementary Student of the Month for November Responsibility



Kayla Toledo Rosales, Isaac Castro- Resendiz, Aylin Ruiz, Jonathan Ramirez Palacios, Rose Garcia-Alvarado, Amira Ramirez Panuco, Nathan Trevino, Abagayle Heath, Ashley Pina, Mason Bullard, Koleden Isenhour, Alexandra Hernandez, Keila Zavala-Martinez, Lilly Hudson, Sterlyn Tyndall, Steven Pawlowski III, Javier Alvarado- Abonza, Kaleb Burgess, Xaylon Sparrow, Mia Williams, Maleia McNeil, Savannah Boggs, Amy Rios, Taylor Fulghum, Pablo Flores- Leal, Alex Fernandez- Andres

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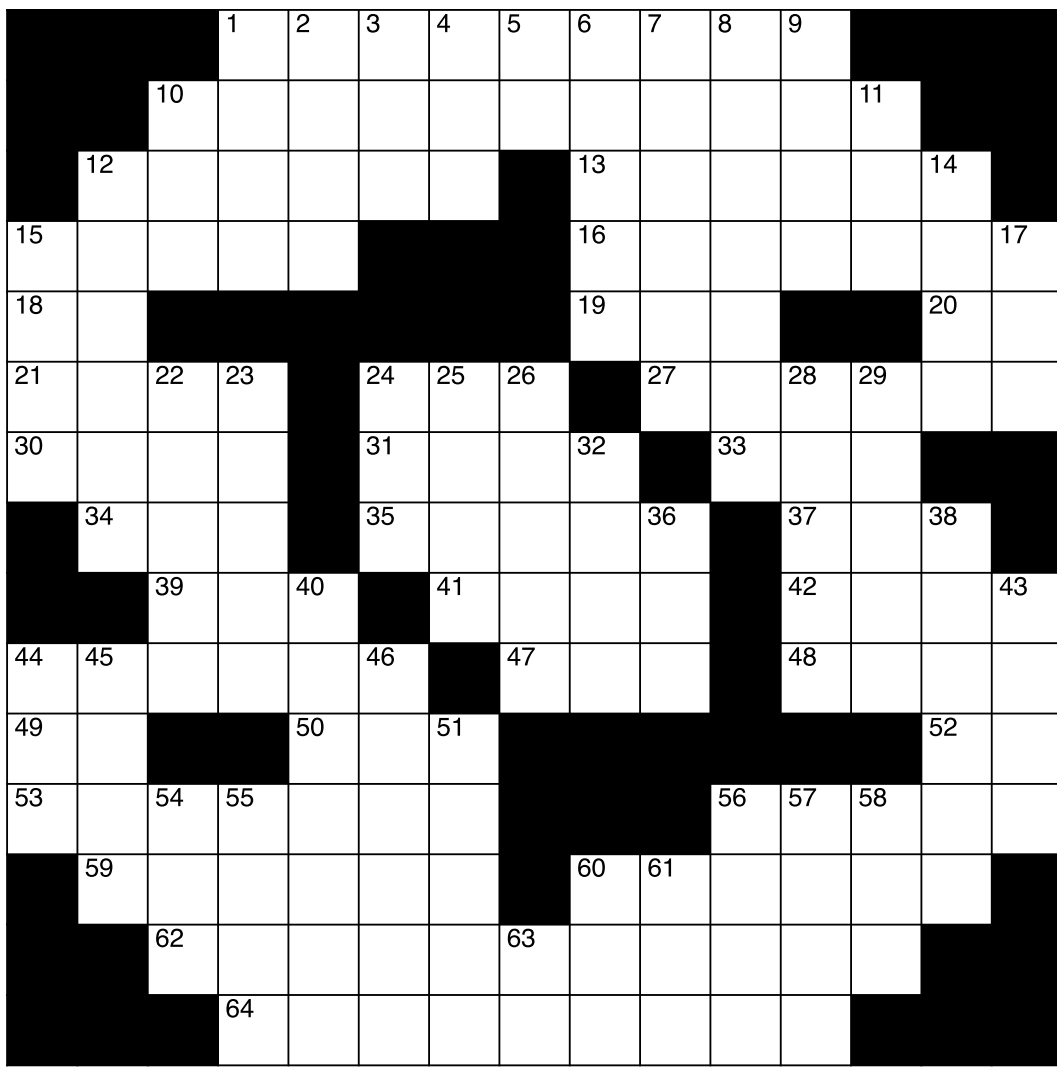
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Cody Brandon is a senior at Clinton High School. He decided to take classes at Sampson Community College as soon as he found out about the Career and College Promise (CCP) courses his junior year. After talking to his guidance counselor, he wanted to potentially graduate from high school with an associate degree. He is now only eight credits away from obtaining an associate degree as a senior in high school.

Cody says, “Taking college classes while still in high school is an amazing way for an individual to earn great time management skills and take challenging courses that will prepare them for their future.” Therefore, he highly

PUZZLES

Crossword Puzzle

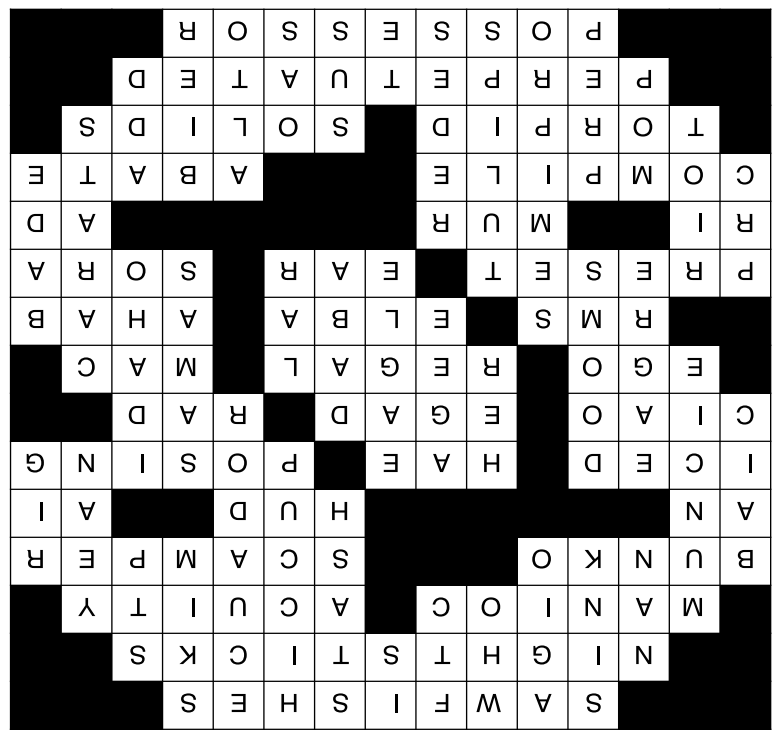


CLUES ACROSS

1. Carpenter sharks
10. Billy clubs
12. Cassava
13. Keeness of vision
15. Confidence game
16. Run playfully
18. Article
19. Dept. of Housing and Urban Dev.
20. 2001 Spielberg film
21. Covered with frosting
24. Own (Scottish)
27. Model stance
30. Italian greeting
31. Oh, God!
33. Radioactivity unit
34. Feeling of personal worth
35. Befitting a ruler
37. Waterproof raincoat
39. Root mean square (abbr.)
41. Napoleonic island
42. Whale ship captain
44. Put in advance
47. Sensory receptor
48. Porzana carolina
49. 13th state
50. Graz city river
52. Promotional material
53. Gather into a book
56. Reduce in amount
59. Slow and apathetic
60. Not liquids or gasses
62. Caused to continue
64. Owner

CLUES DOWN

1. Kitchen basin
2. Currency exchange fee
3. BBC Doctor
4. Supervises interstate commerce
5. Iceland (abbr.)
6. Cache
7. Diaphragm spasm
8. So. Am. country
9. Low fat milk
10. Not-a-Number
11. Engine additive
12. Home of Ball State
14. To bear young (sheep or goats)
15. Beijing Automotive Group
17. Oil drilling apparatus
22. Tidal bore
23. Condemns to ruin
24. Of she
25. ÒThe African QueenÓ screenwriter James
26. Former US gold coin worth 10 dollars
28. So. African Music Awards
29. Potato state
32. Aba ____ Honeymoon
36. Household god (Roman)
38. Gemstone weight units
40. Half pro
43. Past tense of bid
44. Communist China
45. Public mob violence
46. Dutch bulbs
51. Networks (Spanish)
54. Floor cleaner
55. Train for something (informal)
56. Low female voice
57. Coffin stand
58. Sum
60. Pig genus
61. W. hemisphere assoc.
63. Atomic #52

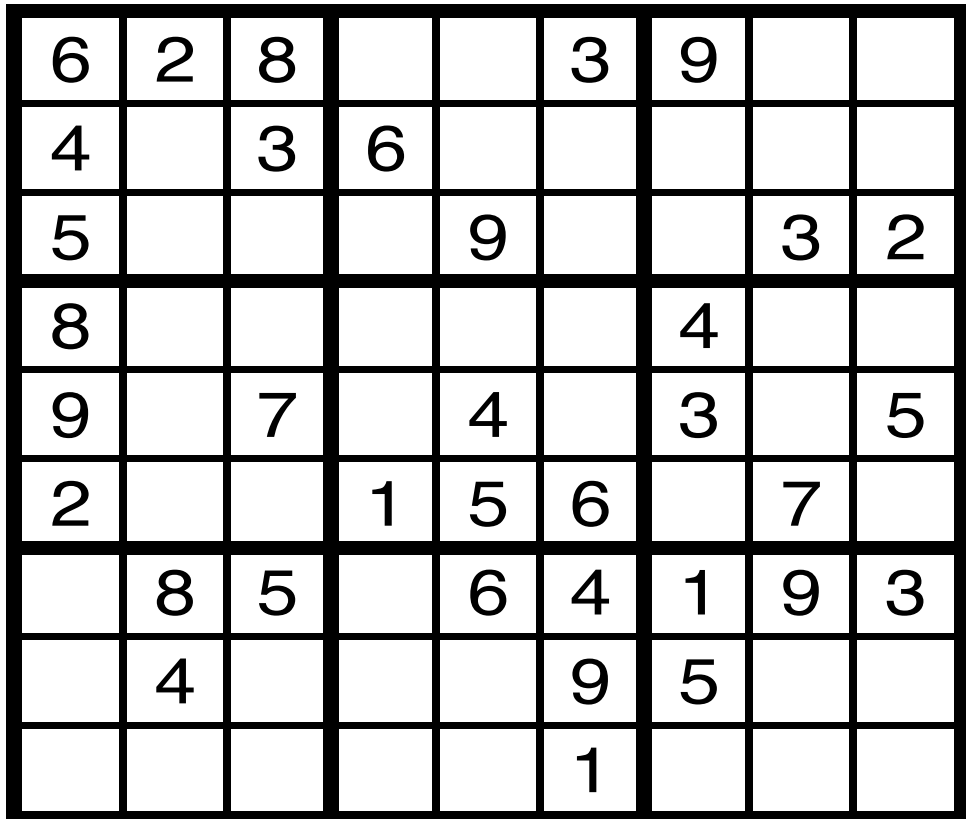


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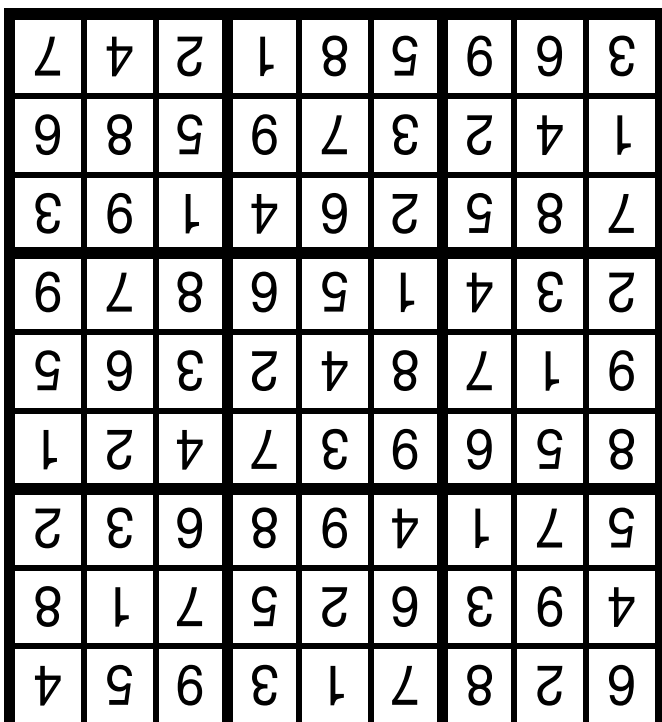
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Gabriel Announces Christ's Birth (Luke 1:26-33)



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|-------------|------------|-----------|
| AFRAID | ANGEL | APPEARED |
| BIRTH | CONCEIVE | CONFUSED |
| DAVID | DESCENDANT | DISTURBED |
| ELIZABETH'S | ENGAGED | FAVOR |
| FOUND | GABRIEL | GALILEE |
| GIVE | GREETINGS | JOSEPH |
| KING | LORD | MARRIED |
| MARY | MEAN | MONTH |
| NAME | NAZARETH | PREGNANCY |
| SAID | SENT | SIXTH |
| THINK | TOLD | TRIED |
| VILLAGE | VIRGIN | WOMAN |

CRIME

Crime Reports

12-02 Jeh-Dayuh Shay-Lum Jacob, 27, of Clinton. Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Injury to personal Property, Hit and Run. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 01-10-20
 12-03 Pedro Modesto Billarreal, 42, Clinton. Intoxiated and Disruptive. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 12-11-19
 12-04 Isaac Lamar Parker, 25, Clinton. Motor Vehicle Theft, Driving Under the Influence. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 12-13-19
 12-04 Devon Jarell Miller, 30, Fayetteville. Counterfeiting/Forgery of Instrument, Obtaining Property by False Pretenses. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 12-19-19
 12-04 Eddie Smooth Eason Jr, 53, Clinton. Habitual DWI, DWLR Impaired Rev, Fail to Stop at Stop Sign. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 01-06-20
 12-04 Stephanie Phillips, 41, Clinton. Assault and Battery. Trial Date 01-06-20
 12-05 Almer Guzman, 20, Clinton. Possess Marijuana, Possess Marijuana Paraphernalia. Trial Date 01-07-20
 12-05 Martha Keene, 38, Salemburg. Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 01-07-20
 12-05 Patrick Wayne Moore, 45, Garland. Fail to Wear Seat Belt-Driver, Reckless Driving to Endanger. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 12-30-19
 12-05 Dennis Warren Tew, 64, Clinton. Assault On A Female. Trial Date 12-17-19
 12-05 Richard Thomas Lee, 35, Clinton. Communicating Threats. Trial Date 01-06-20
 12-05 Carlton Dewayne Bratten, 25, Clinton. Poss Stolen Goods/Prop, Larceny After Breaking & Entering, 3 counts Burglary/Breaking & Entering. Bond \$75000. Trial Date 12-13-19
 12-05 Curtis Sidbury, 45, Fayetteville. Expired Tags. Trial Date 01-21-20
 12-05 Ryan Garrett King, 34, Kinston. Expired Limited Tags. Trial Date 01-21-20
 12-05 Deshawn Clemons, 24, Roanoke Rapids. Identity Theft. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 01-06-20
 12-05 Anthony Ray McCoy, 19, Dunn. Misdemeanor Larceny, Breaking or Enter a Motor Vehicle, Felony Larceny, Attempt Break/Enter a Motor Vehicle, Breaking or Enter a Motor Vehicle. Bond \$25000. Trial Date 12-19-19
 12-05 William Bentley Jones, 32, Faison. Child Support Order for Arrest. Bond \$300. Trial Date 12-17-19
 12-05 Rodney Dalton Lewis, 59, Clinton. Fail to Comply with Monies. Bond \$265 Trial Date 12-17-19
 12-05 Todd Rugles, 52, Clinton. Simple Assault. Trial Date 12-18-19
 12-06 Carlton Dewayne Bratten, 25, Roseboro. Possession Of Firearm By Felon, Felony Conspiracy, Larceny After Break/Enter Offense, Breaking And Or Entering (F), Larceny Of A Firearm. Bond \$100000. Trial Date 01-16-20
 12-06 Shinka Bronson, 20, Clinton. Expired/No Inspection, Expired Registration Card/Tag. Trial Date 02-13-20
 12-06 Shinka Bronson, 20, Clinton. Expired/No Inspection, Expired Registration Card/Tag. Trial Date 02-13-20
 12-06 Yvette Nicole Spinks. FTA- Child Support. Bond \$700. Trial Date 12-17-19
 12-06 James Starling, 54, Dunn. PWIMSD Methamphetamine, Deliver Methamphetamine, Sell Methamphetamine. Bond \$30000. Trial Date 12-13-19
 12-06 Elizabeth Ann Hodges Mosher, 23, Dunn. Order for Arrest-FTA-Release Order, Order for Arrest-Probation Violation, Order for Arrest-FTA-Release Order. Bond \$21000. Trial Date 12-16-19
 12-06 Isidro Lee Calisterio, 33, Beau-

fort. DWI, DWLR, Fict Registration. Bond \$20000. Trial Date 12-19-19
 12-06 Tremetrius Carr, 20, Clinton. Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 01-06-20
 12-07 Corey Alexander Parker, 25, Salemburg. Secreting Lien Property. Bond \$500. Trial Date 01-13-20
 12-07 Jonathan Ray Harris, 25, Benson. Order for Arrest. Bond \$250. Trial Date 01-07-20
 12-07 Johnny Brandon Pope, 37, Roseboro. Fail to Comply Child Support. Bond \$800. Trial Date 12-17-19
 12-08 Brandon Jamal Brunson, 23, Clinton. Simple Assault, Resist Public Officer. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 01-08-19
 12-08 Emili Doan Miller, 32, Autryville. Misd Child Abuse. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 12-16-19
 12-08 Brenda Joe Robinson, 46, Clinton. Trespass enter or remain. Trial Date 01-08-20
 12-08 Thomas Kent Thornton, 23, Clinton. Injury to Personal Property, Possess Drug Paraphernalia, Possess Controlled, Substances on Jail Premises. Bond \$12500. Trial Date 12-13-19
 12-08 Celena Leeann Dowless, Hallsboro. Assault with Deadly Weapon, Injury to Real Property. Trial Date 01-14-20
 12-06 David Jorge Krch, 40, Turkey. 24 Hour Hold.
 12-06 Jodeci Markel Martin, 26, Harrells. FTA/DWLR, DWLR, Fail Notify Address Change. Bond \$500. Trial Date 01-17-20
 12-06 Jacqueline Williams, 34, Clinton. No Operators License, Expired Registration Card/Tag. Bond \$500. Trial Date 01-03-20
 12-06 Derrick Bernard McLymore, 26, Fayetteville. Indecent Exposure. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 01-22-20
 12-06 Samuel Torres, 40, Clinton. No Operators License. Bond \$500. Trial Date 01-08-20
 12-07 Ashley Gene Fye, 26, Autryville. Posses with Intent Manufacture Sell, Felony Possession Sch II CS, Conspire Traffic Methamphetamine, Felony Possess Sch I CS, Possession Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$45000. Trial Date
 12-07 Domingo Santis Lopez, 34, Clinton. Speeding, No Operators License. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 01-14-20
 12-07 Amari Smith, 18, Rose Hill. Domestic Assault. Trial Date 02-13-20
 12-08 Jodie Blair Carr, 40, Clinton. DWLR Not Impaired Rev, Canc/Revoke/Susp Certificate/Tag. Bond \$500. Trial Date 12-12-19
 12-08 Molly Harriet, 36, Clinton. Misdemeanor Child Abuse. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 01-24-20
 12-09 William Davis Boone, 65, Clinton. Shoplifting. Trial Date 01-07-20
 12-09 George Luis Aulestia, 32, Clinton. Assault on a Female. Trial Date 01-08-20
 12-09 Dartz Omar Faulk, 27, Rose Hill. DV Protection Order Violation, Assault Inflicting Serious Bodily Injury. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 01-07-20 and 01-14-20
 12-09 April Denise Jones, 40, Roseboro. Expired/No Inspection - FTA, Expired Registration Card/Tag - FTA, Fail To Stop at Stop sign/Flsh Red Light -FTA, DWLR Not Impaired Rev -FTA Bond \$500. Trial Date 12-16-19
 12-09 Stephanie Diane Williams, 25, Dunn. FTA- Pos/Con FWN/LQ/MXBV Unath PR, Misdemeanor Probation Viol, FTA- Unsealed Wine/Liq In Pass Area. Bond \$21000. Trial Date 01-23-20
 12-09 June Christina Gibson, 49, Autryville. Failure To Comply. Bond \$465. Trial Date 01-08-20
 12-09 Stefon Brown, 24, Warsaw. DWLR Not Impaired Rev -FTA. Bond \$500. Trial Date 01-27-20
 12-09 Anthony Ray McCoy, 19, Dunn. Financial Card Theft, Obtain Property False Pretense, Break or Enter Motor Vehicle. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 01-14-20

12-09 Marva Anders, 49, Dunn. Second Degree Trespass. Trial Date 12-16-19
 12-09 Shyann Nicole Smith, 20, Dunn. Fail To Comply. Bond \$388. Trial date 12-10-19
 12-09 Bryan Nardi Brown, 37, Lillington. Left of Center, Fail To Stop For Flashing Blue Lights. Trial date 01-07-20
 12-10 Justin Douglas Kersey, 30, Garland. Littering Not >15lbs. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 12-11-19
 12-10 Bradley Clark Hefner, 25, Dunn. Uttering Forged Instrument, Identity Theft, Obtain Property False Pretense. Bond \$15000. Trial Date 12-12-19
 12-10 Justin Lin Tew, 28, Clinton. Unauthorized use of Motor Vehicle, Misdemeanor Larceny, Injury to Real Property. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 12-30-19
 12-10 Earl Lee Terry, 47, Dunn. Expired/No Inspection, Expired Registration Card/Tag, DWLR. Trial Date 02-13-20
 12-10 Latasha Blue, 36, Godwin. Failure To Return Rental Property. Trial Date 01-15-19
 12-10 Dexture Shyheme Smith, 22, Charlotte. Larceny After Break/Enter, Felony Conspiracy, Breaking and or Entering. Bond \$85000. Trial Date 01-16-20
 12-11 Carl Earl Wiggins, 47, Roseboro. DWLR not impaired Rev, Speeding. Bond \$500. Trial Date 12-17-19
 12-11 Sharon Johnson, 53, Clinton. Threatening phone call. Trial date 01-06-20
 12-11 Dexture Shyheme Smith, 22, Clinton. Breaking and or Entering, Larceny after Break/Enter, Poss Stolen Goods/Prop. Bond \$75000. Trial Date 12-13-19
 12-11 Jeffrey Barron, 29, Indianapolis, IN. OFA/FTA. Bond \$500. Trial Date 12-16-19
 12-11 Audrey Lane Register, 53, Dunn. Assault on a Female, Communicating Threats. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 01-21-20
 12-11 Donald Eric Wettig, 54, Garland. Assault and Battery. Trial Date 01-14-20

Incident Reports

12-03 Linda Carroll Bolton of Clinton reported a Motor Vehicle Theft- valued at \$2000.00.
 12-04 Jhonatan Hernandez Garcia of Clinton reported Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property- Jeep damage \$1500.00.
 12-04 Nikita Smith of Clinton reported Motor Vehicle Theft- \$10000.00.
 12-04 Christopher Saenz of Clinton reported Larceny of Computer Hardware/Software valued at \$3500.00.
 12-04 Dominos Pizza of Clinton reported Counterfeiting Money- Two \$20 bills.
 12-05 James William Richardson of Clinton reported a Robbery. Stolen \$120.00.
 12-05 Patrick Darrell Keene reported Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle.
 12-05 Chimere Latoya Singleton of Clinton reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering. Stolen headphones and miscellaneous items valued at \$90.00.
 12-05 LaToya Nicole Martin of Turkey reported Theft From Motor Vehicle. Stolen purse, assorted cards, money and identification valued at \$30.00.
 12-05 Ginger Hairr Conoway of Salemburg reported Wire Fraud in the amount of \$560.00.
 12-05 Jessica Michelle Vega of Clinton reported Larceny of a Firearm valued at \$390.00.
 12-05 Lisa Malonos of Clinton reported a Larceny of a K9.
 12-05 Nieto Reymund of Clinton reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering, Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property. Stolen coins (\$200), watches (\$250) and damage to door \$400.00.
 12-06 Marcus Edward Royal of Clinton reported Burglary/Breaking & Entering, Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property. Damage \$500.00.
 12-06 Rose Reeves of Autryville reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering and Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property. Stolen Router (\$450) and damage to door (\$200).

12-06 William Joseph Usher of Clinton reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering and Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property. Stolen guns (\$2200), television (\$1000) loose change (\$60). Damage to door \$100.00
 12-06 Maria Christina Aguirre of Clinton reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering. Stolen 2 televisions (\$2100), laptop (\$900), jewelry and box (\$50) and cell phone (\$200).
 12-06 William Ray Carr of Clinton reported Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property. Damage \$200.00
 12-06 Tiffany Faison of Clinton reported Larceny of sneakers valued at \$50.00.
 12-07 Carlie C's of Clinton reported Counterfeit \$20 bill.
 12-07 Walmart of Clinton reported Shoplifting of miscellaneous items valued at \$400.00.
 12-08 Randy Oneill Wood of Dunn reported Larceny From Motor Vehicle. Stolen Gift Cards \$140.00.
 12-08 Hayes Chapel Church of Rose Hill reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering, Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property. Damage to door \$100.00.
 12-08 Menva Byrd Patterson of Dunn reported Larceny From Motor Vehicle and Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property. Damage to glove compartment \$250. Stolen cds, chairs, jumper cables, GPS, sunglasses valued at \$180.00.
 12-08 David Allan Farmer of Dunn reported Theft From Motor Vehicle. Stolen umbrella, window scraper, USB cord and misc items valued at \$142.00.
 12-09 McKinley Montes Richardson of Clinton reported a Larceny of Firearm valued at \$520.00.
 12-09 Max Gerald McCullen of Newton Grove reported a Breaking & Entering and Theft From Building. Stolen tools (\$950.00).
 12-09 Stanley Bernard Marable of Dunn reported a Breaking & Entering. Stolen television (\$200), wedding rings (\$1000), iPad (\$300), Coins (\$250), Bag (\$800), Ring (\$200), Necklace (\$250), Purses (\$470).
 12-09 Tyiger Smith of Clinton reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering. Damage to door \$500.00.
 12-09 Dumercio Souffrant of Clinton reported a Motor Vehicle Theft- vehicle valued at \$4000.00.
 12-09 Carlie C's of Clinton reported Shoplifting of consumable goods valued at \$22.19.
 12-09 Royce W Sargent of Dunn reported a Burglary, Assault With Deadly Weapon with intent to kill.
 12-10 Rosemary James Simpson of Roseboro reported a Breaking & Entering, Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property. Damage to residence \$3000.00.
 12-10 Joyce Ann Armwood of Turkey reported Burglary/Breaking & Entering, Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property. Damage to window \$200.00.
 12-10 Brittany McDoe of Clinton reported a Breaking & Entering. Stolen televisions (\$700),
 12-11 Tameka Marable King of Dunn reported a Motor Vehicle Theft valued at \$10000.00.
 12-11 William Marshall Bagley of Salemburg reported a Breaking & Entering and Damage to Personal Property. Damage to glass \$75.00.
 12-11 Custom Ecology Inc. of Roseboro reported Larceny of tools.

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

OBITUARIES

AUTRYVILLE
Ms. Elizabeth Vonnrau (Faircloth) Arechiga, 81 passed away Monday, December 9, 2019 at Harnett Woods Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Dunn. Funeral service will be held at 3:00pm Friday, December 13, 2019 at Butler Funeral Home Chapel, officiating will be Rev. Michael Bartlett and Bishop Lacy Autry. Burial will follow at Brock-Johnson Family Cemetery in Autryville. The family will receive friends from 1:30pm to 3:00pm Friday at the funeral home prior to the service. She was born in Sampson County to the late Irvin Hales Faircloth and Lena Bell Fann Autry. She is also preceded in death by her brother, Esco Faircloth; and sisters, Joyce Faircloth Autry, Swannie Faircloth Jones and Audrey Faircloth Walker. She retired with over 30 years of service as a Civil Service Employee with the Social Security Administration in California. She is survived by her brother, Plato Faircloth of Autryville; and 9 nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lottie Moons Organization (Foreign Missions) of your local church. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home of Stedman.



Clinton, passed away Monday, December 9 at Duke Regional Hospital, Durham. The funeral service will be held at 1pm, Saturday, December 14, 2019 at Union Star Original Freewill Baptist Church, Clinton, NC with Bishop James Leftdridge officiating. Burial in Springvale Cemetery, Clinton. Mrs. Caldwell is survived by husband, Rev. Sylvester Caldwell of the home; daughter, Tanisha Crowder of Charlotte, NC; sister, Rene Hill of Newark, NJ; brothers, Tyrone Hulin and Jerome Hulin both of Montclair, NJ; 2 grandchildren. Visitation at Worley Funeral Home Friday, December 13 from 1pm - 6pm, the family present from 5pm - 6pm. Online condolences may be sent to worleyfuneralhomeinc.com

HARRELLS
Mrs. Lucille Cromartie Carr, 97, of 4210 Scronce Rd., died Wednesday, December 04, 2019 at Southwood Nursing Center in Clinton, NC. Funeral service was held at 11:00 A.M. Friday, December 13, 2019 at Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Repast will take place at



Pilgrim Rest Fellowship Hall. Lucille Cromartie Carr was born August 11, 1922 in Kerr, North Carolina to Ivery and Helen Cromartie. She attended Sampson County Public School. Lucille joined Pilgrim Rest at an early age and was a faithful member. She taught Sunday School, was a member of the Daughters of Zion, Ushers, BTU, Mission Circle and Mother Board. Lucille enjoyed going to church. She loved her church family but most of all she loved Jesus Christ her Savior and didn't mind telling others of God's goodness. Lucille lived in New York for a number of years until her father's health declined. She returned to North Carolina to take care of her father. She met and married James Carr and raised six children. She was preceded in death by her husband James Carr, three brothers, three children John Otis, James Earl and Lottie Mae. She leaves to cherish precious memories one daughter Shirley Carter (John) Camden, New Jersey, NJ., two sons Bennie Carr (Retha), Harrells, NC, and Ray Carr, Camden, NJ, one brother James Clifton (Frances), Mt. Vernon, NY, three sisters Idelia Cohen, Mt. Vernon, NY, Darletha Cromartie-Dabbs, Mt. Vernon, NY, Annie Pearl Torian (Edward), Danbury, CT, nine grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren, special cousin and caregiver Reverend Laura Corbett, foster daughter Roberto Northern, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other family members and friends. The public was received on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at Carter Funeral Home from 1:00P.M.-6:00 P.M. Service by Carter Funeral Home in Garland.

CLINTON
Mrs. Doreen H. Caldwell, 65, of 106 Browns Church Road,

OBITUARIES

CLINTON

Mrs. Edna Earle Gilchrist Dixon, 76, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, December 5, 2019, while surrounded by her loving family. Funeral Services was held at White Oak Baptist Church on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 2:00 pm with Rev.



Jeffery Barber and Rev. Joey Cantrell officiating. Burial followed in the Clinton Cemetery. Edna was born on November 17, 1943 in Sampson County, to the late Robert Pratt Gilchrist and Bonnie McLemore Gilchrist. She was raised in Roseboro (Concord Community) with her sister, Maxine. She was a dedicated member of White Oak Baptist Church where she served as the Financial Secretary and sang in the choir. She was a retired Deputy Clerk of the Sampson County Clerk of Court, where she worked for Charlie T. McCullen, Jr. and Norman Wayne Naylor. She loved to travel and spend time with her family, especially at Topsail Island. Edna was a loving, dedicated and selfless wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and special friend to many. She was a beautiful soul inside and out, and loved by all who had the pleasure of knowing her. She is survived by her dedicated husband of 56 years, Jackie Bennett Dixon; her two daughters: Jacquelyn Butler and husband, Keith of Roseboro; Lisa Naylor and husband, Shannon of Clinton; sister, Maxine Jackson of Roseboro; one grandson, Adam Butler and three granddaughters: McKenzie Naylor, Madison Butler and Edye Naylor. A visitation was held prior to the service on Saturday, from 12:00 pm until 1:45 pm at White Oak Baptist Church; and other times at her home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to White Oak Baptist Church Memorial Fund: PO Box 537, Clinton, NC 28329. Royal-Hall Funeral Home is honored to serve the Dixon Family.



CLINTON

Jerry Glenn Howard Sr., Age-64 of 212 Lonnie Parker Lane, Clinton, NC died Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center, Fayetteville, NC. Funeral service was held Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 1 pm at Butler &

Son Funeral Home, Roseboro, NC. Interment: Roseboro Cemetery, Roseboro, NC. Public Visitation: Tuesday, December 10, 2019 1 to 6 pm at Butler & Son Funeral Home, Roseboro, NC. Mr. Howard leaves to cherish his memories his wife: Soisette H. Howard; a son: Jerry Glenn Howard Jr.; three daughters: Chinawawa, Brittany, and Whitney Howard; a special daughter: Jalasha Howard; one brother: James Allen Howard; and two sisters: Carolyn Chestnutt and Mildred Cummings. Butler & Son Funeral Home, Inc. Roseboro, NC.



FAISON

Charlie McCarty, of 1067 Grimes Road, passed away Thursday, December 5, 2019 at his home. Charlie was born in Tulia, Texas, on March 6, 1960 to Ramona Box McCarty and the late Paul McCarty Jr. A memorial service will be held

on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 11:00 AM at Faison Methodist Church located at 404 SW Center Street, Faison, NC 28341. Charlie leaves behind his wife: Sharon (Caddell) McCarty of the home, mother: Ramona (Box) McCarty of Plainview, TX, three children: Jerry "Bucky" and Chase McCarty both of Faison, and Jessica McCarty of Magnolia, NC, two brothers: Stanley McCarty of Plainview, TX, and Robert McCarty of Faison, NC, one sister: Stacy Wade of Plainview, TX, four grandchildren.

SALEMBURG

Mr. Donald Ray McPhail, 85 of Salemburg passed away on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at his home. The funeral service was held at 2:00 PM Monday, December 9 at Union Grove Baptist Church with Rev. Paul Honeycutt officiating. Burial followed in the church



cemetery. The family received friends from 12:30 PM until 1:45 PM at the church. Mr. McPhail was a native of Sampson County, the son of James Thomas and Lessie Jane Honeycutt McPhail. He was preceded in death by his parents and step-daughter, Erica Graham. He was a farmer. He is survived by his wife, Effie McPhail of the home; three daughters, Sharon Hall of Salemburg, Karen Williams and husband, Terrell of Autryville and Donna Lockamy and husband, James of Dunn; one son, Thomas Ray McPhail and wife, Nena of Salemburg; one step-daughter, Tammy Smoak and husband, Gary of Newport News, Virginia; one sister, Oloby Mae Sessoms of Roseboro; twelve grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. The family would like to thank the Liberty Hospice team for their love and care shown to their loved one during this most difficult time. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.

HARRELLS

Mr. Willie Pridgen 72 of 3110 Wilbur Pridgen Rd. Harrells, (Kerr Station) died Sunday, December 08, 2019 at UNC Rex Hospital in Raleigh, NC. Mr. Pridgen was born January 28, 1947 in Sampson Co. the son of the late Wilbert Pridgen & Nancy Herring Pridgen. He was preceded in death by his daughter Carmen P. Parker. Mr. Pridgen grew up at Kerr Station, he had a love for the community and Harmony Presbyterian Church. He moved to Raleigh and worked with Stahl Ridder Heating & Air. He moved back to Kerr Station, where he loved



gardening, dancing and hunting deer & bear with his special grandson, Hunter. He was always there to help you when you needed a helping hand and was good at everything he did in life. A graveside service was held at 3:00 P.M. Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at Harmony Presbyterian Church Cemetery. Mr. Pridgen is survived by one son, Jason Pridgen of Clayton, two sisters, Ann P. Batts of Raleigh, Linda P. Adams and husband William of Selma, one brother, Charles H. Pridgen and wife Diane of Roanoke Rapids, NC, his girlfriend Betty Rackley-Pridgen of Clinton, one son-in-law Paul Parker of Clayton, 4 grandchildren, Leah Parker of Asheville, Karsen R. Kimball and husband Edward of Clayton, Kaden Mae Parker of Clayton, 1 special grandson, Hunter Wiley of Clinton, 1 great-grandson, Keeghan G. Kimball, of Clayton. Family receive friends after the service.

STEDMAN

David Rice died at age 64 after fighting his long battle called life. Stubborn, patriotic, and funny David told his last inappropriate joke on Monday, December 9, 2019, that which cannot be printed here. Anyone else fighting



what he was fighting would have gone quietly into the night, but David was drinking a robust Crown Royal in a house with his family while listening to Stevie Ray Vaughan on the speakers. Although David lived a less than average life span, he did not live an average life. He wrote his own rules, fought authority, laughed inappropriately at every chance, and paved his own way. And if you told him not to do something, he would make sure he did it. He was a rare combination of someone who had a love for a good glass of whiskey and a firm understanding of what was important-the simplicity of living a life with the ones he loved. His canny awareness of the importance of a life lived with the ones you love over material possessions was only compromised by his passion for golfing, motorcycles, and the military. Of all the people he touched, both willingly and unwillingly, his most proud triumph in life was marrying his wife, Barbara Jean Rice. She supported him in his heydays and encouraged him physically during their last days together. Along with his proudest accomplishment are daughter Barbara (Laurie) Rice and three sons Christopher Rice, Daniel Rice, and David Powell. David would have wanted it known that he passed away being stubborn, refusing to follow doctors' orders and raising hell for decades. Arrangements are incomplete at this time. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home of Stedman.



CLINTON

Mrs. Nola Brewington Schaeffer, 90 of Clinton, passed away on Monday, December 9, 2019 at her home surrounded by her loving family. A graveside service was held at 3:00 PM on Thursday, December 12, at Grandview Memorial Park in

Clinton. The family received friends from 6:00-8:00 PM Wednesday evening at Butler Funeral Home in Roseboro. Mrs. Schaeffer was a native of Sampson County, the daughter of Raeford and Carrie Locklear Brewington. She was preceded in death by her parents; a grandson, Adam David Brewington; two sisters, Margaret Brewington and Madeline Parris; three brothers, Edwin Brewington, Samuel Brewington and Raeford Brewington. She was an accounting clerk. She is survived by her husband, David E. Schaeffer of the home; son, Robert Brewington and wife, Jennifer of Columbia, Maryland; daughter, Teresa Simmons and husband, Wade of Roseboro; brother, Kyle Brewington and wife, Doris of Clinton; three grandchildren, Lisa Simmons Smith and husband, Jeffrey, Lindsay Brewington and Austin Simmons and wife, Taylor; seven great grandchildren, Logan Smith, Channing Smith, Jacob Simmons, Cody Simmons, Kaylee Simmons, Taytin Simmons, Saydee Simmons, and numerous nieces and nephews. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.

Clinton

Mark Lane Smith, 71, of Clinton, NC passed away Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at his home. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM, Saturday, December 14, 2019 at First United Methodist Church, 208 Sampson St., Clinton, NC, with the Reverend T. R. Miller officiating. The family will



receive friends one hour prior to the service at First United Methodist Church. Mark was born on January 30, 1948 in Harnett County, NC to the late Hubert Carlyle Smith, Jr. and Willie Holt Warren Smith. He graduated from Clinton High School and UNC-Chapel Hill. He was a member of First United Methodist Church. Before enjoying his retirement, the majority of his career was spent as a stockbroker for Dean Witter in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Dan Smith. Survivors include his son, Jeff Smith and wife, Trina and grandsons, Clark and Colton Smith, all of Charlotte. He is also survived by his sister, Nancy Cowand and husband, Wes, of Clinton and his sister-in-law, Bobbie Smith of Clinton and several nieces and nephews. Mark had a passion for animals, both from his work at the Humane Society in South Florida and from his fondness for his son's dogs, Wonka and Marin. The family asks you to consider a donation to your local Humane Society on behalf of Mark. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumplerhoneycutt.com. Arrangements are by Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville St., Clinton, NC 28328

CLINTON

Woodrow Sidney Taylor 36 of Calcasiey Drive died Tuesday December 3, 2019 Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in Fayetteville. Funeral Service was held 1:00 pm Monday December 9, 2019 at Hope



Valley Hawkins Funeral Chapel 1246 Hobbton Hwy Clinton NC by Pastor Tim Baugus officiating. Burial will at Piney Green Baptist Church at later date. Family received friend from 12:00 PM until 1:00 pm Monday December 9, 2019 at Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Service & Cremation Clinton NC.

STEDMAN

James Clifford "Yankee" Tew departed this life on Monday, July 1, 2019 being 56 years of age. He was born on February 22, 1963 in Brooklyn, New York to the late Jim and Hilda Marty Tew. He was also preceded in death by his sister Rosenna Tew Starling. Uncle Yankee



was a huge cut up who had an infectious personality. He was described as having that type of personality that you just wanted to get to know him. He was a member of the graduating class of 1981 of Dunn High School and a member of Dunn Rescue Squad. His sister has fond memories of him coming home late in the night and telling her stories of his adventures that evening with the Rescue Squad. He was a member of Divine Street United Methodist Church and he loved his cars, particularly Pontiac Firebirds. Many around Dunn may remember him cruising up to the T-Mart in his Firebird with his seven foot pet python. He had a great sense of adventure and was very spontaneous. That could be demonstrated by the time the kids wanted a horse for Christmas and Yankee buys the horse and rides him all the way home. He had mad cooking skills, probably even better than Alton Brown. Cliff was the cool dad, all his kids friends loved to come over and hang out, and right before bed they would get out a couple of bowls and spoons and have a big bowl of ice cream with Hershey's syrup and sprinkles. The dog always got to lick the bowl. James leaves behind his wife of 19 years, Wanda Parker Tew; two sons: James "Mac" Tew of Stedman and Michael Logan Tew of Fayetteville; daughter: Erin Drummond and husband Aaron of Fayetteville; two grandchildren: Aliyah Drummond and Langston Drummond; sister: Martha Saieed and husband Robert of Greenville, North Carolina and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends were invited to a visitation with the family from three o'clock until five o'clock in the afternoon on Saturday, the 6th of July 2019 in the chapel of Cromartie-Miller Funeral Home where a celebration of his life commenced at five o'clock with Rev. Tim Ameen and Mr. Lee Creighton officiating. In lieu of customary remembrances, memorial contributions may be made in James memory to American Heart Association, 7272 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, TX 75231.

DUNN



Polly Fowler Lucas, age 69 of Dunn, died Friday, Dec. 6, 2019 at her home. Polly was born February 1, 1950 in Harnett County the daughter of the late Addison D. Fowler, Sr. and Eunice Holland Fowler and is preceded in death by her husband, Luther W. "Bud"

Lucas. She is also preceded in death by brothers, Martin Joel and Addison D. Fowler, Jr. and a sister Becky Fowler McLeod. Polly was raised to work hard, she farmed and enjoyed working outside in her flowers. She went back to school in 1990 and got her GED 20 plus years after she had quit school. Polly enjoyed life, she never met a stranger and loved people, she was a "Prayer Warrior" for those in need. She gave her heart to the Lord in 1985 and taught the Teenager's Sunday School Class for 7 years. She started preaching in 1993, and started Trinity Holiness Chapel Church in 1999. She soon became a member at Taylor's Chapel Church of God of Prophecy in Sampson County. She is survived by her son: Jack Andrew Lucas & (wife) Irene of Newton Grove, NC; daughter: Carolyn Ann Tate & (husband) Daniel of Texas; grandchildren: Pamela Irene Lucas, Tonya Ann Lucas, Amber Dawn McLamb & Brian Andrew Lucas, many Nieces and Nephews that she loved dearly and many special Friends and her extended family: Ashley & Danny Wagoner, Hannah & Hailey Wagoner. A Funeral Service was held Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 11:00 am at Cromartie Miller Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Doug Howard, Rev. Jerome Pope & Rev. Rayford McLeod officiating. Burial followed in Pineland Cemetery. The family received friends Monday Evening from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm at Cromartie Miller Funeral Home in Dunn.

ROSEBORO

Flora Brown, Age-82 of 416 N. Highland St. Gastonia, NC formerly of Roseboro, NC died Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at Accordus Health Care in Gastonia, NC. Funeral arrangements are incomplete. Butler & Son Funeral Home, Inc. Roseboro, NC.

STEDMAN

Walter Edward Darden, 78 passed away Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. Arrangements are incomplete at this time. Services by Butler Funeral Home of Stedman.

CLINTON

Ms. Zelma Lane, 89 of Clinton, NC passed on Monday, December 9, 2019 at Southwood Nursing Center, Clinton, NC. The funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time. Worley Funeral Home Inc.

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Digging into the NASCAR stats pile



NASCAR Cup Series champion Kyle Busch poses for a photo with the Championship Trophy at the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville.
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By Godwin Kelly
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The 2019 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series is officially over after competitors honored Kyle Busch as their champion in Nashville last week.

Now that the season is properly bottled and capped, it is a good time to dig around in the stats for interesting facts and figures.

The name kicked around the most in the stacks of numbers is Joe Gibbs Racing, which had a stranglehold on the series from Race 1 to the finale. The car owner's four teams won 19 of 36 races, which is a modern-era record.

It's no surprise that Busch and JGR teammates Martin Truex Jr. and Denny Hamlin held three of the top five positions in postseason driver ratings.

Busch led all drivers with a rating of 108.4, but Ford drivers Kevin Harvick, who was second at 105.2, and fourth-place Joey Logano, at 98.4, were in the mix. Logano didn't make the Championship Round but still finished just ahead of Hamlin at 98.0.

Another good indicator of JGR's dominance was in the laps-led category. Busch topped this chart by leading 1,582 laps for the season, followed by Truex at 1,371. Hamlin was

fifth at 921.

Truex was second to Busch in a number of statistical categories, including the final points standings. Truex won the title in 2017 and finished second in 2018 to Joey Logano.

"Man, second again," said Truex at the awards ceremony in Nashville. "I think I hate second more than Kyle; I think that's possible."

The surprise name here would be Team Penske Ford driver Brad Keselowski, who was third in laps led by pacing the field for 1,085 circuits during the season.

Not surprisingly, Gibbs Racing drivers topped the Stage wins and points stat pile.

Busch ended the season with 12 Stage wins and 46 playoff points, which helped him navigate the rough knockout playoff waters. He was the only final-four driver who made it through on points.

Busch credited his No. 18 Toyota team and crew chief Adam Stevens for his performance numbers.

"No matter what was thrown at them, they never gave up," Busch said at Nashville. "They were able to finish off that final race at Homestead with their best performance."

Truex, who led the Cup Series with a season-high seven wins, had nine Stage wins and 42 playoff points. Hamlin had six Stage triumphs and

finished with 37 playoff points.

Logano (30) and Harvick (28) rounded out the top five in playoff points.

Busch posted the most laps while running around the top-15 competitors during the season. He was in the front pack for 8,691 laps or for 84.7 percent of the time. Harvick was hot on his bumper in this category, boasting 8,466 laps, followed by Truex at 8,112.

And that category feeds straight into another called "average running position." Busch had the best number at 9.019 followed by Harvick (9.144), Truex (10.291), Logano (10.433) and Hamlin (10.818).

As maybe a sign of things to come, Ryan Blaney was a surprising sixth in this category. He posted an average running position of 10.932.

Blaney shows up second in another category, tagged "quality passes," just behind Busch. Busch led the field with 2,344 quality passes, followed by Blaney with 2,191.

Busch was followed in season-ending points by Truex, Harvick and Hamlin, who had a rebound season following a 2018 downer.

"The fact is that, every week, we were a factor, and that's all you can ask for as a driver," said Hamlin, who opened the season by winning the Daytona 500.

QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers



NASCAR's new logo for its big-league series. [NASCAR/GETTY IMAGES]

Should I care about NASCAR's new "premier sponsorship" arrangement?

Directly? No, unless your portfolio is affected by the business dealings of Coke, Busch, Geico or Xfinity. However, not selling the naming rights to its biggest series should give NASCAR more credence in the overall sporting world. After the long-running Winston branding went away 15 years ago, we've seen the logo sold to Nextel, which became Sprint, which gave way to Monster Energy. That's a business model we're happy to lose. Everyone always just called it the Cup Series, anyway.

How about indirect effects?

Those will be long-term, assuming everything goes according to NASCAR's plan. By slipping under the fiscal sheets with four major companies and brands, NASCAR not only takes in whatever financial rewards the contracts include, but gains four major partners who will help with the heavy promotional lifting. If that leads to regaining some of the momentum from previous decades, everybody wins.

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WHAT'S ON TAP

Jan. 13-18: Chili Bowl Nationals in Tulsa, Okla.

Jan. 25-26: Rolex 24 at Daytona

Feb. 8-16: Speedweeks at Daytona

Feb. 8: ARCA 200

Feb. 9: Daytona 500 pole qualifying; Clash at Daytona

Feb. 13: Duel at Daytona qualifying races for Daytona 500

Feb. 14: Truck Series Next Era Energy Resources 250

Feb. 15: Xfinity Series NASCAR Racing Experience 300

Feb. 16: Daytona 500

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SPEED FREAKS — A few questions we had to ask ourselves

Who will eventually replace Chase Elliott as "Most Popular Driver"?

GODSPEAK: You know this is like the start of 15-year run, don't you? If there's anybody who can yank that honor from Chase, it would be Ryan Blaney.

KEN'S CALL: In my house, the honor belongs to Clint Bowyer. For the official NASCAR status, I'll go out on a limb and say, in about five years, it'll be Hailie Deegan.

Where will Jimmie Johnson be sitting at next year's banquet?

GODSPEAK: Let's say J.J. wins a race

and makes the playoffs. When the Cup Series has its awards ceremony, he will be milling about the audience.

KEN'S CALL: He'll have a good seat, but only out of ceremonial purposes. Don't hang a "reserved" sign on the head table for Jimmie.

Is 2020 Kyle Larson's last season with Ganassi Racing?

GODSPEAK: If I was William Byron, I'd be looking over my shoulder in that No. 24 Hendrick Motorsports Chevy. Rick Hendrick likes to see his cars win races.

KEN'S CALL: Yes. Actually, somewhere



Hailie Deegan, shown here with dad Brian, is a rising star in racing. [AP FILE]

between Yes and Maybe. How about Probably? We need to see what he can do in the very highest rungs of equipment.

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