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WEATHER

Fri	Mostly Cloudy 5%
Hi: 49° Lo: 27°	
Sat	Mostly Sunny 5%
Hi: 52° Lo: 33°	
Sun	Rain 60%
Hi: 53° Lo: 39°	
Mon	Mostly Sunny 10%
Hi: 58° Lo: 38°	
Tues	Sunny 0%
Hi: 58° Lo: 34°	
Wed	Sunny 10%
Hi: 59° Lo: 42°	

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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Clinton Police Department Looking Tips on Drive By Shooting Into Vehicle



According to the Clinton Police Dept around 12:30 PM on Saturday, Antrell Garner, 18, and Tremetrius Carr, 21, of Clinton were traveling on North Blvd coming in toward town. The initial investigation indicates the men were passengers in a vehicle and were reportedly shot by suspects in a grey passenger car.

Both men were driven to Sampson Regional. Garner had a gunshot near the back of his head. He was listed in critical condition and flown out to another facility for treatment. Carr had a gunshot to his leg and was being treated at Sampson Regional.

Officers responded and closed the road temporarily. At this time the reason for the assault is not known but we do believe the victims and suspects knew one another. Detectives were called to the scene and are investigating.

We ask that anyone with information to call Clinton Police at 910-592-3105 or text anonymously by texting 'tipcpd' and the tip to 847411.

With Key Metrics Increasing Rapidly, North Carolina to Begin Modified Stay at Home Order to Slow COVID-19 Spread



Order will require people to stay at home from 10 pm to 5 am with certain businesses required to be closed during those hours

More than 80 percent of NC counties now in the red or orange categories

RALEIGH: Governor Roy Cooper and North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Mandy Cohen announced that North Carolina will begin a Modified Stay at Home Order after a rapid increase in North Carolina's key COVID-19 trends. The Order requires people to stay at home between 10 pm and 5 am and takes effect Friday, December 11 and will be in place until at least January 8, 2021.

COVID, see P. 2

SAMPSON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS NOMINATES NEW ELECTIONS DIRECTOR



The Sampson County Board of Elections announced today their nomination of Niya T. Rayner as the new Director of Elections for Sampson County, pending the issuance of a letter of appointment by the Executive Director of the State Board of Elections (pursuant to GS 163-35). At their December 3, 2020 meeting, the Sampson County Board of Elections voted unanimously to recommend Ms. Rayner, who had been serving as the Interim Elections Director since the departure of the former Director Emily DeVane. The State Board of Elections is required by law to act within ten days of receiving the nomination. Upon State approval, Ms. Rayner's promotion would be effective at an annual salary of \$48,828.

Ms. Rayner holds a BA in Strategic Communication from High Point University, and is currently pursuing an Masters in Business Administration, with a concentration in Public Administration, via Southern New Hampshire University. In addition to serving as Interim Elections Director, Ms. Rayner has also worked at the Sampson County Agri Exposition Center and the Sampson County Emergency Services Office.

A County elections director is responsible for directing administrative work, planning, coordinating, directing and supervising federal, state, county, municipal and special election processes and staff under the direction of the Board of Elections. It requires a comprehensive knowledge of federal, state and local election and voting registration laws, regulations, procedures to ensure all election-related activities adhere to state and related laws.



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LOCAL NEWS

COVID, cont. from P. 1

“We already have strong safety protocols and capacity limitations in place – including a statewide mask requirement. With this additional action beginning Friday, we hope to get these numbers down,” Governor Cooper said. “Our new modified Stay At Home order aims to limit gatherings and get people home where they are safer, especially during the holidays. It’s also a reminder that we must be vigilant the rest of the day – wearing a face mask when we are with people we don’t live with, keeping a safe distance from others and washing our hands a lot.”

The Order requires restaurants, bars, entertainment venues, personal care businesses and more to close at 10 pm. Travel to and from work; to obtain food, medical care, fuel or social services; or to take care of a family member is exempted. Read more in the Frequently Asked Questions document.

In the past week, North Carolina’s case count has broken single-day records on three separate days, including crossing more than 6,000 cases per day on two of those days. Just a month ago, cases were under 3,000 per day. In recent days, the percent of tests returning positive has increased to more than 10%.

Governor Cooper was clear that further action would be taken to slow the spread of the virus if trends do not improve. This could require further limiting of restaurant dining, indoor entertainment or shopping and retail capacity restrictions, among other safety protocols.

Dr. Cohen also provided an update on North Carolina’s COVID-19 County Alert System map. The number of red counties (critical community spread) has more than doubled since November 23, up to 48 red counties from 20 red counties. There are now 34 orange counties (substantial community spread), as compared to 42 orange counties from the previous report. With today’s report, more than 80% of the state’s counties fall into the red or orange tier. Read the update to see where each county stands and how the system was designed.

“Your actions can keep people from getting sick, save lives, and make sure our hospitals can care for people whether it’s for a heart attack or a car accident or COVID-19. Protect yourself, your loved ones, and your community now,” said NCDHHS Secretary Mandy K. Cohen, M.D.

Dr. Cohen also provided an update on North Carolina’s data and trends.

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

-North Carolina’s syndromic surveillance trend for COVID-like illness is increasing.

Trajectory of Confirmed Cases Over 14 Days

-North Carolina’s trajectory of cases is increasing.

Trajectory in Percent of Tests Returning Positive Over 14 Days

-North Carolina’s trajectory in percent of tests returning positive is increasing.

Trajectory in Hospitalizations Over 14 Days

-North Carolina’s trajectory of hospitalizations is increasing.

In addition to these metrics, the state continues building capacity to adequately respond to an increase in virus spread in testing, tracing and prevention.

Testing

-Testing capacity is high, surpassing 50,000 tests per day for much of the past week.

Tracing Capability

-The state is continuing to hire contact tracers to bolster the efforts of local health departments.

There have been more than 500,000 downloads of the exposure notification app, Slow-COVIDNC.

Personal Protective Equipment

-North Carolina’s personal protective equipment (PPE) supplies are stable

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Newly Elected Officials Take Oath of Office



The Honorable Henry L. Stevens administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Sampson County Register of Deeds Anita H. Lane. Also pictured is Lane's family.

At the December 7th Sampson County Board of Commissioners meeting, the Honorable Henry L. Stevens administered the newly elected officials their Oaths of Office.

- Anita H. Lane- Register of Deeds
- R. Jerol Kivett- Sampson County Board of Commissioners
- Lethia R. Lee- Sampson County Board of Commissioners
- Curtis G. Barwick- Soil & Water Supervisor
- Thomas G. Hobbs Jr- Soil & Water Supervisor



The Honorable Henry L. Stevens administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Sampson County Board of Commissioners R. Jerol Kivett. Also pictured is wife Telia Kivett.



The Honorable Henry L. Stevens administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Sampson County Board of Commissioners Lethia R. Lee. Also pictured is Lee's family and friends.

ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX LISTING NOTICE 2021 SAMPSON COUNTY 2021

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 2021 from Monday, January 4, 2021 through Monday, February 1, 2021.

If you filed a listing form in 2020 with the county, you will automatically be mailed a new form at the owner's address on record as of January 1, 2021. Please review the information, make necessary additions/corrections, sign & return listing forms postmarked by USPS no later than February 1, 2021 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 February 1, 2021.

PLEASE CALL 910-592-8146 FOR LISTING ASSISTANCE.

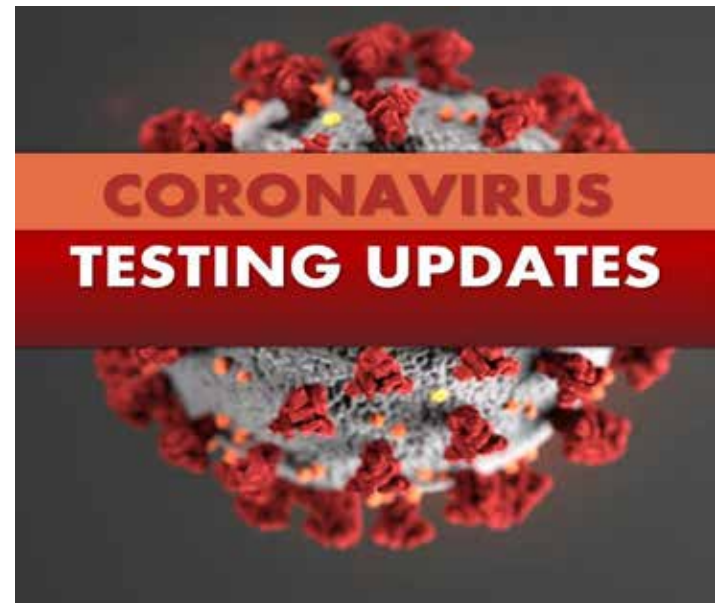
REAL ESTATE	BUSINESS, FARM/ AGRI-BUSINESS & OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY	PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAMS
Sampson County has a permanent listing system for real estate; property owners are responsible to annually list any improvements to real property only.	<u>ALL BUSINESSES</u> and/or persons owning or possessing 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. <u>ALL FARM/AGRI-BUSINESSES</u> 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. <u>ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY</u> 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. <u>ALL LICENSED</u> vehicles will be billed automatically by the NCDMV. SEE BELOW FOR FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS.	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: 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 five hundred (\$31,500). 3) Is a North Carolina resident. 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. 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. 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 \$47,250. 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 4, 2021 to June 1, 2021.

- ▶ ALL BUSINESSES requesting an "Extension to file" until April 15, 2021 must be on company letterhead, & must be received or *postmarked by U.S.P.S by January 1, 2021 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 February 1, 2021.
- ▶ Business Personal Property Listings may be filed electronically at eListings@southdata.com. If filing electronically an "extension to file" request until April 15, 2021 must be submitted online by February 1, 2021.
- ▶ 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 February 1, 2021.
- ▶ 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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Seven Additional Deaths Reported From COVID Over the Last Week

Thursday's report reflects 65 new active positive cases since our last report on December 14, 2020. Sadly, the reported COVID-related death total has increased by 1 to 55.

COVID-19 TESTING REPORT FOR DECEMBER 15, 2020
Total Number of Tests Reported to Date: 12,476
Positive Test Results: 4,427 (65 new cases)
Negative Test Results: 8,049
COVID Reported Deaths to Date: 55

North Carolina numbers for December 15th are:
Total Cases: 446,601
Completed Tests: 6,066,204
Currently Hospitalized: 2735

COVID Cases By Day:
Monday December 7th- 32 new cases (2 additional deaths)
Tuesday December 8th- 70 new cases
Wednesday December 9th- 64 new cases (3 additional deaths)
Thursday December 10th- 92 new cases
Friday December 11th- 72 new cases (1 additional death)
Monday December 14th- 81 new cases
Tuesday December 15th- 65 new cases (1 additional death)

The NC Department of Health and Human Services is asking people to remember these three things as we stay strong and continue to flatten the curve and slow the spread of COVID-19. If you leave home, practice your Ws: Wear, Wait, Wash
-Wear a cloth mask over your nose and mouth.
-Wait 6 feet apart. Avoid close contact.
-Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer.

These actions can protect our families and neighbors as the state works to ease restrictions while the virus is still circulating.

"Check My Symptoms" is an informational tool for you to check your symptoms online (<https://ncdhhs-covid19-dtra.powerappsportals.us/en-US/>) to determine if you would be recommended to be tested for COVID-19. Additionally, you can use "Find My Testing Place" at <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/.../testing/find-my-testing-place> to find a list of local testing events.

CRIME REPORTS

11-19 Anthony Marquis Washington, 30, Kenansville. Possess Cocaine, Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 12-11-20

11-19 Ronel Mocombe, 62, Mount Olive. (OFA) Fail to Comply with Monies. Bond \$725. Trial Date 12-14-20

11-19 Whitney Fifi McDonald, 32, Clinton. DWLR. Bond \$500. Trial Date 12-08-20

11-20 Antionette Johnson, 57, Wallace. Shoplifting. Trial Date 01-11-21

11-20 Samantha Kay Hagan, 31, Clinton. WFA/Domestic Simple Assault. Trial Date 01-08-21

11-21 Luis Aguilar Juarez, 34, Clinton. DWI, NOL. Bond \$750. Trial Date 01-05-21

11-22 Matthew Sherill Bradshaw, 28, Clinton. Shoplifting. Trial Date 01-12-21

11-21 Lynn Lasseter Smith, 62, Clinton. Driving Under the Influence, Flee the Scene of Accident, Open Container After Sons Alcohol. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 01-05-21

11-22 Dalin Jesus Ruiz, 25, Clinton. DWI. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 01-05-21

11-22 Paul Cameron Lambert, 29, Clinton. Fail to Work After Paid, Obtain Property by False Pretense. Bond \$7000. Trial Date 01-05-21

11-23 Alexander William Bowman, 34, Clinton. Motor Vehicle Theft. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 12-11-20

11-23 Alexander William Bowman, 34, Clinton. Damage to Property. Bond \$500. Trial Date 01-14-21

11-23 Lamessia Antonia Turner, 33, Clinton. DWLR Not Impaired Rev, Expired Registration Card/Tag. Bond \$500. Trial Date 01-08-21

11-23 Andre Maurice Boone, 40, Clinton. PWISD Marijuana, Maint Dwelling or Vehicle for Drugs, Possess Marijuana Paraphernalia. Bond \$7500. Trial Date 12-11-20

11-23 Aaron Lemont McPhail, 38, Clinton. School Attendance Law Violation. Trial Date 01-20-21

11-23 Kevin Cornelius Whitted, 40, Garland. DWLR Not Impaired Rev. Bond \$500. Trial Date 12-15-20

11-23 Roderick Dewayne Smith, 45, Garland. Assault on a Female, Child Support. Trial Date 01-05-21

11-24 Spencer Todd Moore, 30, Clinton. Larceny of Motor Vehicle, Possession of Stolen Goods, Larceny of a Firearm, Stolen Property Offenses. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 12-11-20

11-24 Terry Lynn Smith, 46, Clinton. Possess Meth. Bond \$7500. Trial Date 12-11-20

11-24 Casey Marie Tooddle, 25, Roseboro. Located Wanted Person, Felony Probation Violation, Misd Probation Violation, Resisting Public Officer. Bond \$35500. Trial Date 12-17-20

11-24 Stevie Williams, 45, Clinton. Assault on a Female, Communicating Threats, Speeding. Trial Date 12-15-20

11-24 Felipe Gonzalez, 68, Newton Grove. Larceny. Bond \$500. Trial Date 12-11-20

11-24 Robert Earl Johnson, 40, Clinton. Possess of Firearm by Felon. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 12-11-20

11-24 Miguel Angel Carranza Arroyo, 21, Roseboro. Fail to Comply. Bond \$265. Trial Date 12-22-20

11-24 Daniel Foss, 40, Newton Grove. Cyberstalking. Trial Date 01-12-21

11-24 Dani Lynn Akers, 31, Newton Grove. Cyberstalking. Trial Date 01-12-21

11-24 Latoya Charlene Simmons, 25, Clinton. False Imprisonment. Bond \$500. Trial Date 12-14-21

11-24 Terrance Jarod Kerr, 27, Garland. Possess of Cocaine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 12-11-20

11-24 Jeremy Carl Bishop, 45, Turkey. Injury to Personal Property. Bond \$500. Trial Date 01-04-21

11-24 Johnny Edward Lucas, 29 Clinton. FTA- Simple Assault. Bond \$500. Trial Date 12-16-20

11-24 Erick Gerrod Bannerman, 32, Clinton. Obtaining Property by False Pretense, FTA- Habitual Impaired Driving, FTA-DWLR Impaired Revocation Notice, FTA No Liability Insurance. Bond \$252500. Trial Date 12-04-20

11-24 Latesha Michelle Coxum, 34, Clinton. Damage to Property. Bond \$500. Trial Date 12-07-20

11-25 Charles Tracy Blackwell, 42, Autryville. DV Protective Order Violation. Trial Date 11-25-20

11-25 Casey Marie Tooddle, 25, Roseboro. Order for Arrest-FTC-Child Support. Bond \$300. Trial Date 12-01-20

11-25 Dylan S Smithson, 23, Clinton. Order for Arrest. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 12-14-20

11-25 Jason VanStory Hodges, 43, Garland. Hunting Without a License, No Big Game License, Driving While License Re-

voked, Resisting Public Officer, Child Support. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 12-15-20

11-25 Qwandrick Wellon Rashod Oates, 29, Newton Grove. Order for Arrest, Order for Arrest/FTA, Simple Assault, Violation of Court Order, Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Assault by Pointing a Gun. Bond \$8500. Trial Date 01-04-21

11-25 Karen Yohana Olivers, 36, Clinton. Harassing Phone Calls, Communicating Threats, Trespass. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 01-06-21

11-25 Debra Jean Guy, 58, Myrtle Beach. Harassing Phone Calls, Cyberstalking. Bond \$500. Trial Date 12-17-20

11-26 Samantha Bailey Bradsher, 22, Clinton. Failure to Appear- Release Order, Failure to Appear- Criminal Summons. Bond \$6000. Trial Date 01-04-21

11-26 Melvin Emmanuel, 68, Clinton. Failure to Appear- Criminal Summons. Bond \$500. Trial Date 01-25-21

11-26 Joshua Ryan Autry, 24, Autryville. Failure to Appear- Release Order. Bond \$11000. Trial Date 12-07-20

11-27 Jorge Yobany Rivera, 37, Clinton. Assault With Deadly Weapon, Assault on Female, No Operator License. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 01-04-21

11-27 Johnny Edward Lucas, 50, Clinton. Simple Assault. Bond \$500. Trial Date 12-16-20

11-27 Erica Lynn Fay, 29, Clinton. Speeding, No Operators License, Cancel/Revok/Susp Certif/Tag, Operate Veh No Ins. Bond \$500. Trial Date 12-16-20

11-27 John William Royal, 37, Clinton. Possession Methamphetamine, Possession Drug Parahernalia, Possession Marijuana Paraphernalia.

11-27 Luis Misael Sanchez, 35, Clinton. Driving While Impaired, No Operators License, Possess Open Container. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 12-17-20

11-28 William Kenneth Sampson, 34, Charlotte. Simple Possession of Marijuana, Posses Stolen Firearm, Possession of Firearm by Felon, Driving Under the Influence. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 11-28-20

11-28 Brittany Jackson Gannon, 24, Clinton. Communicating Threats, Second Degree Trespass. Trial Date 12-17-20

11-28 Jamel Raquan Vann, 24, Clinton. Assault on a Female. Bond \$500. Trial Date 12-14-20

11-28 Roxanna Nmn Serrano, Clinton. Fail to Comply. Bond \$355. Trial Date 12-17-20

11-28 William Thomas Davis, 66, Clinton. Violation of Domestic Order. Trial Date 12-17-20

11-28 Sierra Jade Walton, 19, Roseboro. Fail To Wear Seat Belt-Driver, DWLR Not Impaired Rev. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 12-11-20

11-29 James Owens, 48, Clinton. Driving Under the Influence, Fleeing To Elude, Speeding, DWLR. Bond \$500. Trial Date 01-19-21

11-29 Ashley Byrd Hicks, 31, Dunn. OFA-FTA Second Degree Trespass, Resisting Public Officer. Bond \$8500. Trial Date 12-14-20

11-29 Everett Dashaun Newkirk, 28, Roseboro. Resisting Public Officer, Assault Govt Official/Empty. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 02-01-21

11-29 Genieva Tanae Smith, 29, Clinton. Speeding, DWLR Not Impaired, Expired Reg Card/Tag. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 12-17-20

11-29 Ethan Riley Mason, 19, Clinton. Possess Marijuana, Drug Paraphernalia. Trial Date 01-14-21

11-29 Alfred Earl Johnson, 37, Roseboro. Assault By Strangulation. Trial Date 12-01-20

11-29 Kayla Michelle Lockamy, 28, Clinton. Second Degree Trespass, Simple Assault, Misdemeanor Larceny. Trial Date 01-07-21

11-30 Demetrius Antoin Eason, 21, Roseboro. Simple Assault, Larceny, Resisting Public Officer, Felony Probation Violation. Bond \$28000. Trial Date 01-19-21

11-30 Terrance Lashaun Simmons, 28, Clinton. Domestic Criminal Trespass. Trial Date 12-14-20

11-30 Kelijah Rodrique McCain, 18, Roseboro. Failure To Appear- Release Order. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 01-05-21

12-01 Desiree Erica Brown, 35, Clinton. Burglary/Breaking & Entering, Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 01-12-21

12-01 Corey Bennett, 43, Clinton. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 01-04-21

12-01 Lillian Goff, 23, Autryville. Communicating Threats, Harassing Phone Call. Trial Date 12-15-20

12-02 Freddie Allen English, 35, Godwin. Assault in a Female, Assault With a Deadly Weapon. Trial Date 01-12-21

12-02 Megan Renee Osterhout, 33, Roseboro. Simple Assault. Trial Date 01-12-20

12-02 Jerry Terrell Williams, 31, Clinton. Larceny Of Firearm, First Degree Burglary, Breaking And Or Entering, Break Or Enter A Motor Vehicle, Break Or Enter A Motor Vehicle, Larceny Of Motor Vehicle, Possession Of Firearm By Felon, Felony Conspiracy, Larceny After Break/Enter, Misdemeanor Larceny, (FTA) DWLR Not Impaired Rev, (FTA) Possess Marijuana Paraphernalia. Bond \$250500. Trial Date 12-07-20

12-02 Samantha Ammons, 26, Roseboro. Simple Assault. Trial Date 01-12-21

12-02 Shawnette Nicole Arnold, 37, Clinton. Communicating Threats. Trial Date 01-04-21

12-02 Kevin Ronald Peterson, 56, Clinton. Fail To Return Hired MV>\$4000. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 01-11-21

12-02 Samantha Nicole Ammons, 26, Roseboro. Second Degree Trespass. Bond \$500. Trial Date 01-21-21

12-02 Nicholas Allen Cash, 33, Roseboro. Second Degree Trespass, Resisting Public Officer. Bond \$4000. Trial Date 01-12-21

12-02 Leona Michelle Fryar, 46, Turkey. Cyberstalking. Trial Date 12-15-20

12-02 Daniel Ramirez Santos, 26, Turkey. Fail to Comply. Bond \$290. Trial Date 12-22-20

12-02 Lee Massengill, 53, Clinton. Breaking and Entering, Communicating Threats. Bond \$500. Trial Date 01-12-21

12-02 Byron Scott Brewer, 25, Clinton. Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$500. Trial Date 01-06-21

12-02 Jennifer Lynn Johnson, 38, Clinton. School Attendance Law Violation. Trial Date 01-11-21

12-02 Alexander Scott, 31, Durham. DWI, License Restriction Violation. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 02-09-21

12-02 Jacob Garfield Spell, 60, Clinton. Assault on a Female. Trial Date 01-12-21

12-02 Prince Vidal Parker, 27, Clinton. Possess Marijuana. Trial Date 01-11-21

12-02 Timothy James Tyrek Parker, 21, Fayetteville. Possess Marijuana. Trial Date 01-08-21

12-03 Rashid Nathaniel Wilson, 30, Clinton. OFA/No Operators License, OFA/Failure to Reduce Speed, OFA/Failure to Wear Seatbelt. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 12-11-20

12-03 David Daquan Quinn, 26, Clinton. DWI, Carry Concealed Weapon. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 01-14-21

12-03 William Cody Faircloth, 30, Autryville. Sexual Exploitation of a Minor. Bond \$50000. Trial Date 12-11-20

12-03 Jerry Terrell Williams, 31, Clinton. Burglary/Breaking & Entering. Bond \$3000. Trial Date 12-11-20

12-03 Chelsea Michelle Harrell, 32, Clinton. Worthless Check. Trial Date 01-06-21

12-03 John Patrick Phillips, 32, Dunn. Felony Possess Sch 1 CS, Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$3000. Trial Date 12-11-20

12-03 Kristin Dale Kornegay, 28, Stedman. Possess Methamphetamine, Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 12-11-20

12-03 Leo Raseen Dixon, 37, Salemburg. OFA-FTA. Bond \$500. Trial Date 12-17-20

12-03 Mario Antione Oates, 30, Clinton. Breaking and or Entering, Larceny After Break/Enter, Fail to Comply. Bond \$10475. Trial Date 12-07-20

12-03 Sherik Renna McNeil, 35, Roseboro. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 01-20-21

12-04 Christopher Roshaud Thompson, 31, Clinton. DWI, DWLR Aft Impaired Rev Notice, Fail to Secure Child Under 16, OFA/Felony Possession Cocaine, OFA/Possess Marijuana Paraphernalia, OFA/DWI, OFA/Drive Left of Center, OFA/DWLR, OFA/Window Tint Violation. Bond \$67000. Trial Date 01-11-21

12-05 Joey Eugene Ginn, 47, Clinton. Assault on a Female. Trial Date 01-05-21

12-05 Curtis J Sherman, 35, Clinton. OFA/NOL, OFA/Fict/Alt Title/Reg Card/Tag. Bond \$500. Trial Date 12-07-20

12-05 Joanlie McNeil, 44, Clinton. WFA/Hit/Run Leave Scene Property Damage. Trial Date 01-11-21

12-06 Devante Lajuan Foster, 26, Clinton. Trafficking Opiates, DWLR. Bond \$200000. Trial Date 12-11-20

12-06 Thomas Jene Pegues, 42, Newton Grove. Harassing Phone Calls. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 01-04-21

12-06 Whitney Fifi McDonald, 32, Clinton. Obtain Property by False Pretense. Trial Date 12-11-20

12-07 Malique Travor Taylor, 26, Garland. Shoplifting. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 01-14-21

12-07 Rashanaye Dominique Franks, 28, Clinton. WFA/Larceny, WFA/Poss Stolen Goods/Property, WFA/Conspiracy. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 12-21-20

12-07 William Davis Henry, 66, Clinton. Larceny. Bond \$500. Trial Date 12-14-20

12-08 Darin Leon Blakenship, 50, Newton Grove. Displaying Fictitious/Altered Registration Placard.

12-08 Christopher Ray Johnson, 41, Autryville. Disorderly Conduct, Damage to City Property. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 01-14-21

12-09 Shawn Patrick Archie, 62, Clinton. OFA/Speeding, OFA/Reckless Driving to Endanger, OFA/Misd Probation Violation out of County. Bond \$10100. Trial Date 12-11-20

12-09 Elasha Jarcoreya Rich, 20, Clinton. OFA/DWLR Not Impaired Rev, OFA/Brake/Stop Light Equip Violation.

12-09 Jaleil Steven Herring, 27, Clinton. CS Damage to Property. Trial Date 01-19-21

12-10 Armando Narvaez, 39, Clinton. OFA/Light Bar Lighting Device, OFA/DWLR Not Impaired Rev, OFA/Speeding, OFA/No Liability insurance. Bond \$3000. Trial Date 01-05-21

12-11 Danrique Alexander Mathis, 19, Clinton. Possess Marijuana. Trial Date 03-25-21

12-12 Ivan Barrabona, 40, Clinton. DWI, NOL. Bond \$750. Trial Date 03-25-21

12-12 Willie Albert Oates Jr, 68, Clinton. Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Trial Date 03-25-21

12-13 Marion Kareen Patterson, 37, Elizabethtown. Possess Stolen Reg Plate, Possess Drug Paraphernalia, Simple Possess of Promethazine, Fict/Alt Title/Reg Card/Tag, Revoked Registration Tag, No Liability insurance, Expired Inspection Sticker. Bond \$5500. Trial Date 02-09-21

12-14 Leah Susan Butler, 40, Clinton. OFA Fail to Comply. Bond \$490. Trial Date 01-05-21

INCIDENT REPORTS

11-16 Linda Chavious of Clinton reported Arson- Chev Captiva \$10000, 2014 Ram Truck damage \$1000.

11-16 Jean Regis of Clinton reported Damage to Property- 2017 Jeep Cherokee \$100.

11-16 James House of Clinton reported Theft Form Motor Vehicle- cds \$10.

11-16 Walmart of Clinton reported Shoplifting- household goods \$120, Alcohol \$16.98, clothing \$70.

11-16 Sharita Boone of Clinton reported Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property- damage to automobile \$1000.

11-16 Kenneth Hamrick of Clinton reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering-bottle jack \$50.

11-16 Andy Darden of Clinton reported Larceny of a Tractor- \$20000.

11-16 Carol Armstrong of Clinton reported Larceny- 2 laptops \$1250, E Book \$250.

11-17 Lloyd Thompson of Clinton reported Theft from Motor Vehicle- radio \$50, parts/accessories \$50.

11-17 David Buchanan of Clinton reported Larceny of Firearm, Breaking & Entering a Motor Vehicle- firearm \$500.

11-17 Jean Regis of Clinton reported Injury to Personal Property- automobile \$200.

11-17 Rahneisha Durrett of Clinton reported Damage to Property- rear glass of automobile \$200, vinyl siding of house \$100.

11-18 State of North Carolina reported Damage to City Property- storm drain cover \$100.

11-18 Kenneth White of Clinton reported Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property- vehicle back glass \$500.

11-19 Eastern Regional Housing of Clinton reported a Breaking and Entering Residence- stolen building material \$200.

11-19 Walgreens of Clinton reported Shoplifting- perfume and cologne \$200.

11-20 Malik Killett of Clinton reported a Theft from Motor Vehicle- stolen cell phone \$200.

11-20 Walmart of Clinton reported Shoplifting- clothing, wall plate cover \$77.32

11-21 Walmart of Clinton reported Shoplifting- food items \$26

11-22 Kristopher McLamb of Clinton reported Theft from Motor Vehicle- Hellcat Micro-Compac \$559.

11-23 Janie Faircloth of Clinton reported Motor Vehicle Theft- automobile \$20000.

11-23 Joshua Watkins Jr of Clinton reported Damage to Property- door frame \$250.

11-30 Whitney McDonald of Clinton reported Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories- automobile \$8000.

11-30 Donnie Butler of Clinton reported Damage to Property- automobile \$500.

12-02 Mandi Davis of Clinton reported Breaking and Entering Residence- stolen television \$300.

12-02 Tropicana Supermarket of Clinton reported Obtaining Property by False Pretense- money \$1000.

12-03 Walmart of Clinton reported Obtaining Property by False Pretenses- inflatable mattress \$59.98.

12-07 Walmart of Clinton reported Shoplifting- asst merchandise \$121.46.

12-08 Wilheminia Williams of Clinton reported larceny of consumable goods \$15, perfume \$25.

12-08 Vanessa McDuffie of Clinton reported Motor Vehicle Theft- stolen automobile \$3000, jewelry \$2400, stereo equipment \$3200.

12-10 Happy Mart Tobacco shop reported Obtaining Property by False Pretenses- money \$2328.56.

12-10 Rhonda Chavis of Clionton reported Larceny of Naruto book \$9.99.

12-11 Hertz Vehicles LLC reported Damage to Property- Malibu \$200.

12-12 Walmart of Clinton reported Shoplifting- wrench set \$80, impact wrench \$119, pencil sharpener \$14.97.

12-12 ABC Store of Clinton reported Shoplifting- alcohol \$40.

“The MAN and the BIRDS”

A Christmas Story



A Modern Parable as read on the radio by Paul Harvey:
Unable to trace its proper parentage, I have designated this as my Christmas story of “The Man and the Birds.” You know the Christmas story, God born a man in a manger, and all escapes some moderns – mostly, I think, because they seek complex answers to their questions, and this one’s so utterly simple. So, for the cynics and the skeptics and the unconvinced, I submit a modern parable:

Now, the man to whom I’m going to introduce you was not a Scrooge; he was a kind, decent, mostly good man, generous to his family, upright in his dealings with other men. But he just didn’t believe all that incarnation stuff which the churches proclaim at Christmastime. It just didn’t make sense, and he was too honest to pretend otherwise. He just could not swallow the Jesus story about God coming to earth as a man.

“I’m truly sorry to distress you,” he told his wife, “but I’m not going with you to church this Christmas Eve.” He said he’d feel like a hypocrite, that he’d much rather just stay at home, but that he would wait up for them. And so he stayed, and they went to the midnight service.

Shortly after the family drove away in the car, snow began to fall. He went to the window to watch the flurries getting heavier and heavier, and then went back to his fireside chair and began to read his newspaper. Minutes later he was startled by a thudding sound, then another,

and then another, sort of a thump or a thud. At first, he thought someone must be throwing snowballs against his living room window; but when he went to the front door to investigate, he found a flock of birds huddled miserably in the snow. They’d been caught in the storm, and in a desperate search for shelter had tried to fly through his large landscape window.

Well, he couldn’t let the poor creatures lie there and freeze, so he remembered the barn where his children stabled their pony. That would provide a warm shelter if he could direct the birds to it. Quickly he put on a coat, galoshes, trampled through the deepening snow to the barn. He opened the doors wide and turned on a light, but the birds did not come in. He figured food would entice them in, so he hurried back to the house, fetched breadcrumbs, sprinkled them on the snow making a trail to the yellow-lighted, wide-opened doorway of the stable.

But to his dismay, the birds ignored the breadcrumbs and continued to flop around helplessly in the snow. He tried catching them; he tried shooing them into the barn by walking around them waving his arms. Instead, they scattered in every direction, except into the warm, lighted barn.

It was then that he realized that they were afraid of him. To them, he reasoned, I am a strange and terrifying creature. If only I could think of some way to let them know that they can trust me, that I’m not trying to hurt them, but to help them. But how? Because any move he made tended to frighten them, confuse them. They just would not follow; they would not be led or shooed, because they feared him. If only I could be a bird, he thought to himself, and mingle with them and speak their language! Then I could tell them not to be afraid. Then I could show them the way to the safe, warmth and security of the barn……. I would have to be one of them, so they could see and hear and understand.

At that moment, the church bells began to ring. The sound reached his ears above the sound of the wind, and he stood there listening to the bells pealing the glad tidings of Christmas…… and he bowed on his knees in the snow!

Now he understood what Christmas was all about. He prayed, “Thank you, Jesus, for coming in human form to get me out of the storm!”



Martha Pierce

Trust Christ While Facing Tragedy



Romans 8:28, “And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.”

The 1994 Palm Sunday tornado outbreak was the third notable US tornado outbreak to occur on Palm Sunday and the second to take place in the Southeastern United States. The outbreak produced 29 tornadoes from Texas to North Carolina, killing 40 people and injuring 491, and causing \$140 million in damage. The deadliest storm of the outbreak, as well as in the US in 1994, was an F4 tornado that devastated Piedmont, Alabama. It struck the Goshen United Methodist Church right in the middle of the Palm Sunday service, collapsing the roof on the congregation and killing 20 people inside, including the Rev. Kelly Clem’s 4-year-old daughter, Hannah. Two other houses of worship were also destroyed mid-service. The supercell that formed this tornado tracked for 200 miles to South Carolina.

We live in a fallen world and shouldn’t be surprised when disaster knocks on our door. However, you might wonder why innocent children, gathered in a church building in Alabama, died just a few days before the church would celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Could God stop the storm and divert the disaster for this community of faith? We know that God can do all things, but it still leaves us wondering why

He didn’t act. We will never know the mind of God, yet we know God’s love is unchanging. Lamentations 3:22-23, “The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”

Christa Neyman, a member of Goshen United Methodist Church said, “It’s definitely given us an opportunity to talk about safety during storms, and also our faith in God and how that has played a role in our lives before, during and after the tornado experience.” Could this horrible experience from 1994 allowed the members of the church to draw closer together? The members of the church had to trust God in their tragedy. They looked for and saw God at work in the world and expressed their gratefulness for God’s protection and provision.

The apostle Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 4:16-18, “So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.” If everything on this side of eternity was always perfect and peaceful why would we even have a desire for Heaven? What pain we might experience here can be compared to one grain of sand on the beach.

“My hope does not rest in the affairs of this world,” Billy Graham once said. “It rests in Christ who is coming again.” I encourage you to not give up hope in Christ when all seems hopeless. Remember, that regardless of the darkness you might find yourself in, that Jesus is the light of the world. Christians are not exempt from suffering, but we do have a savior that will never abandon us.



By Ken Smith

• NOTICE •

SAMPSON COUNTY TAXPAYERS

The 2020 property tax on real estate and personal property listed in January will be delinquent after January 5, 2021. 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 6, 2021. No exceptions or payment arrangements will be made.

If paying by mail, the US Postmark must be dated no later than January 5, 2021. The County Tax Department is located at 126 West Elizabeth Street, Clinton, NC 28328.



Sampson County Tax Collector
PO Box 207
Clinton, NC 28329
Phone: 910-592-7081

FAITH

Who is Your Child's Medical Home?



By Patricia Canady, RN

The Medical Home model is designed around patient needs and aims to improve access to care (e.g. through stretched office hours and improved communication between providers and patients via email and telephone), increase care coordination and enhance overall quality, while simultaneously reducing costs.

The medical home relies on a team of providers—such as physicians, nurses, nutritionists, pharmacists, and social workers—to meet a patient's health care needs. Studies have revealed that the medical home model's attention to the whole-person and integration of all aspects of health care offer can help improve physical health, behavioral health, access to community-based social services and management of chronic conditions.

The Sampson County Health Department has joined efforts to improve the relationships with Medical Homes and their patients through the Care Coordination for Children Program (CC4C). This program that provides these services through the Local Health Department known as Care Coordination for Children (CC4C), has been replaced with a new name and is now referred to as Care Management for At Risk Children (CMARC). This case management program functions with the goal to improve the care of children in the county by linking families with Medical Homes that will meet their specific needs, arming families with education and resources, and safeguarding to ensure needs are met with timely follow-up and evaluation.

The Care Coordination for Children (CC4C)/Care Management for At Risk Children (CMARC) Program is comprised of nurses and social workers that work as case managers under the direction of Community Care of North Carolina and NC Division of Medical Assistance. It is offered at no charge for children birth to 5 years of age who: have long term medical conditions; are dealing with challenges within their environment that may increase their stress levels; and/or referred by a medical provider or other community agencies.

The Sampson County Health Department is working in collaboration with Department of Social Services in the development of Plan of Safe Care (POSC) Referrals. This initiative is a state-wide plan involving multiple agencies and community partners. This POSC will ensure the safety and well-being of infants born with and identified as being affected by substance abuse withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal substance exposure. The POSC will address the health and substance use disorder treatment needs of both the infant and the affected family member or caregiver.

The Care Coordination for Children (CC4C)/Care Management for At Risk Children

(CMARC) Program utilizes screening tools to identify risk concerns on children from birth to 5 years of age. The CC4C/CMARC Program assess the basic skills needed to live and parent well through completion of the Life Skills Progression Checklist with parents of children identified at risk. The CC4C/CMARC Program utilizes the Survey of Well-Being in Young Children (SWYC) that focuses on the importance of early identification by screening infants and children up to 5 years of age at risk for developmental-behavioral disorders along with family and social concerns.

Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) are the conditions in which people are born in to, how they grow, work, live, and age along with the wider set of forces and systems shaping the conditions of daily life. Statistics show that 70% of health outcomes are tied to non-medical social determinants of health. CC4C/CMARC focuses on relationships with family and friends (social support), education and employment, access to health and medical care, knowledge of supportive community resources, housing, and transportation to help address and provide assistance for families with children from birth to 5 years of age with identified needs.

Once a referral is received, a CC4C/CMARC Care Manager is assigned to the family to assess the needs of child and family. A plan of care and goals are developed by the family with the assistance of CC4C/CMARC staff. CC4C/CMARC staff work with families through home visits, phone calls, provider visits, and other types of contact to assist them with meeting their needs.

The Sampson County Health Department works tirelessly to be an active participant in caring for the county's youth by implementing best practice recommended services to meet the needs of our youth. Other services provided by the Sampson County Health Department are Well Child Check through our Child Health Clinic.

The Child Health Clinic Well Child Check involves performing assessments on children 0-20 years old as recommended by Medicaid in partnership with the child's Medical Home. Through this program, the Sampson County Health Department is skilled to assist children to comply with the Department of North Carolina Public Instruction's requirements for entry into North Carolina Schools. Sampson County and Clinton City Schools require specific paperwork to be completed to show that physical examination/immunizations requirements have been met by no later than 30 days after entering school. If exams and immunizations are not updated by the 30th day of enrollment, the child is usually required to stay at home until the requirements are met.

Well Child Checks provided through the Health Department meet the requirements for children entering into Daycare, Preschool, Head Start, More at Four and school grades Kindergarten through 12th grade. This assists with achieving our community goal of ensuring the health and well-being of the children of Sampson County. Bright Futures, a best practice program, is used by the Sampson County Health Department. The Bright Futures principles acknowledge the value of each child, the importance of family, the connection to community, and that children and youth with special health care needs are children first. These principles are used with each Well Child Check visit to assist in delivering and supporting the highest quality health care for children and their families.

For Child Health Clinic Well Child Checks, you can call to schedule an appointment at the Sampson County Health Department at 910-592-1131, EXT. 4001.

For more information on the Care Coordination for Children (CC4C)/Care Management for At Risk Children (CMARC) – Program or to make a referral, you can call 910-592-1131, EXT. 4230. Referrals may also be faxed to 910-592-4724, ATTN: Patricia Canady.

The Facts About School, Shots, and Your Child



*By: Kristy Cashwell, BSN, RN
Child Health/Immunization Coordinator*

Whether your child is starting kindergarten, entering middle school, or a rising 12th grader, local healthcare officials are urging parents to make sure their child is protected from certain vaccine-preventable disease.

All children, whether moving to North Carolina or entering a school system in the state, are required to be up to date on all vaccinations. Students that are entering seventh grade or turning 12 years old must receive their booster dose of the Tdap vaccine and a dose of the Meningococcal vaccine. New immunization laws now require 17 year olds and rising 12th graders to receive a second dose of Meningococcal vaccine. According to the North Carolina Immunization Branch, a booster dose of the Meningococcal vaccine is required for students entering the 12th grade or by 17 years of age, whichever comes first.

While most parents remember to keep their babies and young children vaccinated, they often forget about keeping preteens and teens up to date on their immunizations. While some of the vaccinations are required, others are not required but recommended by healthcare officials.

Required vaccinations

Prior to a child entering Kindergarten, it is required for the child to have received a number of vaccines. The state of North Carolina requires children entering Kindergarten to have received 5 doses of Dtap (Diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis), 4 doses of Polio, 2 doses of the measles and mumps vaccines, 1 dose of rubella, 4 doses of the Hib (Haemophilus Influenzae type B), 3 doses of the Hep B (Hepatitis B) vaccine, 2 doses of the varicella (chickenpox) vaccine, and 4 doses of the pneumococcal conjugate vaccine. Many of these vaccines can be combined when the child is younger to avoid a large number of injections being administered at one time. If a child is behind schedule for immunizations, the state Immunization Branch also details a schedule to catch children up to the appropriate schedule.

The Tdap vaccine is a required vaccine that protects against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis. The Tdap vaccine is required for children entering 7th grade or by 12 years of age, whichever comes first, if the child has not previously received a booster dose.

Meningococcal disease is a bacterial infection spread by respiratory secretions from coughing and sneezing. It can be spread by living in close quarters and by kissing. The meningococcal vaccine is required for preteens and teens. One dose is required for a child starting 7th grade or by 12 years

of age, whichever comes first. A second dose is required for children starting the 12th grade or by 17 years of age, whichever comes first.

It is very important for your child to be up to date on immunizations. According to the North Carolina Law, every child is required to receive immunizations. Typically, a child is required to present proof of immunizations within 30 days of entering school. North Carolina Executive Order 156 was passed on August 12, 2020 and provides an extension for this requirement for the 2020-2021 school year. North Carolina immunization requirements apply to all North Carolina school settings, including students who are attending by remote access. If you have specific questions about immunizations and your child, please speak with your child's doctor or your child's school.

Recommended vaccines

Influenza, or flu, is a very contagious viral infection that affects the nose, throat, and lungs. The virus is spread when an infected person coughs or sneezes. The flu vaccine should be given every year at the beginning of flu season.

Human papillomavirus (HPV) is a virus that is passed through sexual contact. It commonly affects people in their teens and early 20's. Most people never know they have HPV and the virus can sometimes clear on its own, although if it does not, it can cause certain cancers and other problems. The HPV vaccine should be given to boys and girls beginning at age 11 and the series is sometimes started as early as 9 years old. The HPV vaccine is a two or three dose series, depending on the age of the child when the series is started.

Whether a vaccine is recommended or required, all children should receive all age appropriate immunizations. Most insurance companies pay for immunizations. If a child is not covered by insurance or is underinsured, there is a program called Vaccines for Children (VFC) that is federally funded that pays for children's vaccines.

During this time of year, many parents are concerned about physicals that are needed to enroll their child in school, whether it be Kindergarten or the child is transferring into the school system, or to play sports. The Sampson County Health Department offers child health physicals for children in need. These physicals are covered by most insurance companies. For those uninsured, the Sampson County Health Department follows state guidelines for services and payments.

More information about required vaccines can be found at www.immunize.nc.gov. The 2020 Childhood Immunization Schedule can be found at www.cdc.gov. You can contact Kristy Cashwell, BSN, RN, Child Health/Immunization Coordinator at the Sampson County Health Department at (910) 592-1131, extension 4247 for more information about vaccines and child health physicals.

HOME HELP

TIP OF THE WEEK
How to keep squirrels away from bird feeders

Do your bird feeders attract squirrels that steal the seed and make a mess around your yard? Here are some quick tips from BobVila.com to keep these uninvited guests away from your feeders:

- **Fill your feeder with food squirrels don't like.** While squirrels love birdseed, nuts, sunflower seeds, fruit and corn, they dislike safflower seed, nyjer seed and white proso millet.
- **Place feeders away from trees.** Squirrels can jump up to 7 feet horizontally from a tree or branch. Set up your bird feeder away from trees to prevent them from leaping onto it from a nearby limb.

- **Attach a slinky to your feeder pole.** A slinky can be inexpensive DIY alternative to a squirrel foil. Fasten the slinky to the top of your feeder pole to prevent squirrels from scaling it.

GARDENING
These winter veggies don't require a lot of room to grow

Growing your own food has spiked in popularity due to the pandemic. It might be getting cold, but that doesn't mean you have to go back to store-bought veggies yet. These healthy veggies can survive a colder climate and don't require too much space to grow according to Well+Good:

- **Greens.** Kale, collard greens and lettuce can thrive during winter. Be sure to remove any dead vegetation when preparing your gardening beds for your winter veggie planting. This could have a fungus that prevents new plants from growing. Then add a layer of compost to protect the soil.

- **Carrots.** Growing mostly below ground, carrots can survive a wide range of climates, including a cold winter.

- **Garlic.** Because garlic doesn't need much room, you can use a container or a bucket. Add your soil and mulch until it's about three inches from the top. Drop your garlic cloves in, spacing them about three inches apart. Cover the cloves with a couple inches of soil and pace the container where it can get six hours of sun a day. Be sure to water it enough to keep the soil moist.

CLEANING
Clean a scorched pan with vinegar and baking soda

If you scorched a pan while cooking and don't have any store-bought cleaners on hand, vinegar and baking soda can be used in pinch. Here's a quick guide from HGTV:

1. Pour a small layer of equal parts water and white vinegar on the bottom of the pan.
2. Heat the diluted vinegar on the stovetop and allow it to come to a boil.
3. After it boils for a minute, remove it from the heat and drain the vinegar down the sink.
4. Add a tablespoon of baking soda to the empty pan (the point is not to create a fizzy volcano, you want the two cleaning agents to operate independently). Use a scouring pad to massage the baking soda to combat any remaining burn marks on the bottom of the pan.
5. Rinse it clean.

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Christmas stars

Poinsettias dominate the holiday season

By Betty Montgomery
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As Christmas approaches, one plant seems to dominate the season: poinsettias. Red poinsettias with green leaves have become symbolic of the season. Poinsettias are as much a part of Christmas as Christmas trees, colorful lights, eggnog and Bing Crosby singing "White Christmas." More than 34 million plants will make their appearance at just the right time. Florists, grocery stores, even hardware stores are all promoting these beautiful plants at this time of year.

While red is the most popular color, accounting for roughly three-quarters of all sales nationwide, there are many other colors available. Pink, neon pink, salmon, white, cream apricot and orange are colors that are grown today. There are also ones with speckled and marbled leaves and ones with sprayed on flecks.

Poinsettias (*Euphorbia pulcherrima* cvs.) are native of southern Mexico, and bloom in December. The Aztecs used poinsettias in the 14th, 15th and 16th centuries for practical purposes. They made a dye they used for dying clothing and they used the sap for medicinal purposes like controlling fevers. In more recent years, Mexicans have used poinsettias to decorate churches at Christmas.

For close to 200 years, Americans have also embraced poinsettias as a popular holiday plant. Dr. Joel Roberts Poinsett, an amateur botanist and first United States ambassador to Mexico, introduced the plant that became known as the poinsettia to this country. He discovered this shrub with brilliantly colored red leaves growing by the side of the road in Taxco, Mexico, in December 1828 and sent cuttings home to his plantation in Greenville, South Carolina. Dr. Poinsett propagated them and sent them to friends and family at Christmas.

Dr. John Dole, a professor at North Carolina State University, has worked with poinsettia for 37 years, doing his doctoral work with this lovely plant. He has been evaluating them at NCSU, where they have a program to help commercial growers evaluate different varieties. They assess over 100 different poinsettias each year and invite growers to come visit their greenhouses to see the different



Above: Traditional red poinsettias grown as trees with white poinsettias below. Left: Vibrant orange poinsettias. [BETTY MONTGOMERY PHOTOS]

varieties and observe which ones grew best in the trials. Poinsettias have grown in popularity and new varieties are introduced each year.

Poinsettias are the second-highest selling potted flowering plant grown today behind orchids. California is the top producer with over 6 million plants grown. North Carolina grows about 4 million with Michigan, New York and Pennsylvania each growing large numbers of plants, too.

Over the years, people have believed that poinsettias were poisonous. This is not true. According to the National Poison Center and the American Medical Association, the plant can cause stomach irritation if ingested but is not poisonous.

The success with poinsettias begins with selection. You need to look for a plant with dark-green foliage, completely colored bracts, and no sign of wilting or yellowing. The

bracts, which are actually leaves, should be blemish-free and there should be fresh yellow flowers in the center which is actually the poinsettia flower. When you purchase a plant, make sure you do not expose the plant to freezing temperatures by leaving the plant in the car in cold weather. Poinsettias are tropical plants and do not like the cold.

One question that is often asked is "Can I get the poinsettia to rebloom next year?" The answer to this is yes. However, it requires some work and regularity.

If you want to try, keep in mind that flowering in this plant responds to long, dark night hours. They need daylight for no more than 10 hours daily, beginning around Oct. 1. So, you'll need to place your plant in a darkened room that does not have any light from about 5 p.m. to 7 a.m. I have been successful by having it in a room that we do not use at night. Others, put them in a closet each night and bring it out each day. It is also important that poinsettias get trace minerals, so be sure to use a well-balanced fertilizer that contains different minerals.

DEAR MONTY

One tip often overlooked in a real estate negotiation



Richard Montgomery

Reader question: We are considering making an offer on a home. We are both employed in jobs that require some negotiating skills, but this is our first foray into real estate. We have built a small list of potential points to use in the negotiation if we move forward. What is the one tip you would share that most homebuyers do not consider in a home negotiation?

Monty's answer: The most challenging part of the negotiation is often

more emotional and fraught with myths and misinformation that can override data and logic. With this caveat, here is one tip, based on personal experience. Most home sellers and buyers may have a general sense of the market. They likely do not know the neighborhood's hyper-local market conditions when they make, counter or accept an offer.

Hyper-local markets

All homes are in hyper-local markets. Rural property is likely a substantial hyper-local sized area. Suppose a house is a unit in an extensive condominium development. In that case, the building or buildings themselves could be the hyper-local market. A municipality

with seven or 8,000 homes would have many hyper-local markets.

Homes in hyper-local markets are generally in a close age range. They are also likely to be in the same price range, and the neighborhood desirability level is similar. While comparable sales from across town may possess similar amenities, the desirability levels may not be the same.

How to calculate

This data can be helpful information to consider when making an offer when placing a home on the market or changing a home's price on the market. Below is an exercise to determine where a hyper-local market stands on a particular date.

- The number of similar homes that have sold (A) in the neighborhood in the past six months.
- The number of similar homes that are currently for sale (B) in the neighborhood.
- **A** - divided by six months equals the average number of homes sold per month (C).
- **B** - divided by C equals (D), the statistical length of time a home will be on the market.

Disclaimer

This analysis is not science. It is pertinent information. This data is not to make decisions but to provide information that may be helpful when combined with other considerations in your particular situation.



Reindeer Pecan Brownies

Festive and Flavorful *Holiday Snacks*



Gingerbread Pecans

Gingerbread Pecans

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 40 minutes
Yield: 2 cups (6 servings)

- 1 large egg white, beaten
- 2 cups raw pecan halves
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons light brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons gingerbread spice blend
- 1 pinch salt

Preheat oven to 300 F. Line baking sheet with parchment paper; set aside.
In large bowl, use fork to whisk beaten egg until frothy. Add pecans and stir until coated. Sprinkle pecans with granulated sugar, brown sugar, gingerbread spice and salt. Stir to coat evenly. Spread pecans in even layer on prepared baking sheet.
Bake pecans 40 minutes, stirring halfway through. Allow pecans to cool completely.
Note: Pecans can be stored in airtight container for up to four days.

No-Bake Pumpkin Pecan Pie Bites

Prep time: 15 minutes
Chill time: 1 hour
Yield: 12 bites (6 servings)

- Crust:**
- 1 1/2 cups raw pecan pieces
 - 3/4 cup pitted medjool dates (about 7 dates), soaked in hot water 10 minutes
 - 1 pinch pink salt
- Filling:**
- 1/3 cup pumpkin puree
 - 1/3 cup full fat coconut milk
 - 1 teaspoon pumpkin spice
 - 1/4 cup maple syrup

- 1 pinch pink salt
- 1 scoop collagen peptides (optional)
- 12 raw pecan halves, for topping

To make crust: In food processor, process pecan pieces, drained dates and salt until combined and “dough” starts to form into ball.
To make filling: In bowl, combine pumpkin puree, coconut milk, pumpkin spice, maple syrup, pink salt and collagen peptides, if desired. Whisk until smooth.
Line cupcake tin and evenly distribute crust mixture, about 1 1/2 tablespoons in each cupcake opening. Use fingers to press crust into even layer.
Evenly disperse pumpkin pie filling among openings until tins are about half full.
Top each with one pecan half and place in freezer at least one hour.

FAMILY FEATURES

The holidays are filled with delicious food – from indulgent breakfasts to decadent desserts – but snacks can get overlooked. Spice up this holiday season with festive snacks that are perfect for a quick on-the-go bite or a taste of your favorite holiday dessert.

Although beloved in pie, pecans are a versatile nut that can be used beyond the pie shell – add them to a snack mix, incorporate them into granola or munch on them straight from the bag. Delicious and nutritious, 1 ounce of pecans offers 3 grams of plant-based protein and 3 grams of fiber, plus 12 grams of “good” monounsaturated fats and only 2 grams of saturated fat – perfect to power you through long days of holiday shopping.

This holiday season, nosh on a handful of these spiced Gingerbread Pecans for a sweet and savory snack while decorating the house or wrapping presents late at night, or set out a bowl for the family to enjoy.

You can also make snack-sized versions of your favorite holiday desserts to have on-hand when you’re craving a quick and tasty treat. Chopped pecans add a flavorful and nutrient-dense crunch to these paleo-friendly No-Bake Pumpkin Pecan Pie Bites, while pecan halves provide a festive touch to these Reindeer Pecan Brownies.

Discover more nutritious, delicious and festive recipes at AmericanPecan.com.

Reindeer Pecan Brownies

Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes
Yield: 20 brownies

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 1 stick (1/2 cup) unsalted butter, melted
- 1 tablespoon pecan or canola oil
- 1 cup, plus 2 tablespoons, granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon espresso powder (optional)
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 20 raw pecan halves, cut in half
- 40 candy eyeballs
- 20 red chocolate candies
- 1/4 cup chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350 F. Spray mini muffin tin with nonstick cooking spray.

In large bowl, whisk melted butter, oil and sugar until well combined. Add eggs and vanilla extract; beat until mixture is thick and pale in color, about 1 minute.

Sift in flour and cocoa powder. Add espresso powder, if desired, and salt. Using rubber spatula, fold dry ingredients into butter mixture until just combined. Batter should be thick.

Using 1-tablespoon cookie scoop, transfer batter to prepared mini muffin tin. Bake 13-15 minutes until toothpick inserted in center comes out mostly clean, with some lingering crumbs.

Add chocolate chips to heat-proof bowl; microwave until smooth and melted. Pour melted chocolate into sandwich bag and cut off small portion of one corner to use as tip. Use melted chocolate to “glue” on pecan antlers, candy eyeballs and red candy noses to brownies.

Allow chocolate to set before transferring brownies to airtight container.

Note: Brownies will stay fresh for up to three days.



No-Bake Pumpkin Pecan Pie Bites

GAME OF THE WEEK NORTH CAROLINA AT MIAMI

When: 3:30 p.m. Saturday **Where:** Hard Rock Stadium, Miami Gardens, Fla. **TV:** ABC



Miami's Elijah Roberts (99), Nesta Jade Silvera (1) and Gilbert Frierson (3) celebrate after a fumble recovery against the Duke Blue Devils in Durham last Saturday. Miami's defense will be tested by the high-powered offense of North Carolina in today's game. NELL REDMOND/USA TODAY SPORTS

UNC, Miami eye signature victory

Keys for North Carolina

Show up on both sides: Sam Howell threw for school records of 550 yards and six touchdowns as North Carolina wiped out a 21-point deficit in the second half to rally past Wake Forest 59-53, a shootout during which the team's offense rescued its defense. Then, the defense delivered its best showing against Notre Dame, a game that was tied 17-17 midway through the third quarter. But Howell and Co. were suffocated on offense, registering season lows in rushing yards, passing yards and total offense while failing to score during the second half of the what became a 31-17 loss.

Capitalize on the moment: Mack Brown, in his second season, has revitalized the energy around the program and its perception na-

tionally, while also putting together a turbo-charged run in recruiting. But North Carolina has yet to secure a signature victory on the field, like the opportunity Saturday's game offers, during his second stint in charge.

Keys for Miami

Get to Howell: Notre Dame displayed a blueprint the Miami defense can follow for slowing down the Tar Heels' high-powered offense, and it hinged on swarming Howell.

The Fighting Irish dropped him for six sacks and limited him to 211 passing yards. He's averaging 312.9 passing yards per game on the season, ninth-best in the bowl subdivision and No. 1 in the ACC.

Eyes on the (orange) prize: With star quarterback D'Eriq King

shining, Miami could play on its home field in the Orange Bowl this postseason. The Hurricanes must defeat North Carolina and Georgia Tech (on Dec. 19) to have a chance at making that a reality.

Prediction

Miami 37, North Carolina 31: Whether Florida State's Jordan Travis or Virginia's Brennan Armstrong or Notre Dame's Ian Book, elusive quarterbacks have posed big problems for the Tar Heels defense and ultimately proven to be major factors in their three losses this season. Now here's King, perhaps the ACC's ultimate dual threat. Look for an entertaining battle between Howell and King in this spotlighted matchup, with the Hurricanes coming up with enough to emerge on top.

BEST OF THE REST

Wake Forest at Louisville

When: Noon
Where: Cardinal Stadium, Louisville, Ky.
TV: ESPN
Notes: Wake Forest returns to the field for its first game since a Nov. 14. The Cardinals haven't played since Nov. 28. If Wake can capitalize on the Cards' tendency for turnovers — they lead the nation with 24 — then the Deacons should hit five wins.

Virginia at Virginia Tech

When: 8 p.m.
Where: Lane Stadium, Blacksburg, Va.
TV: ACC Network
Notes: The Commonwealth Clash, rescheduled three times this season, will see the first December matchup in its 102-game history. The Hokies lead the series 58-38-5, but the Cavaliers won last season's matchup to snap a 15-game losing streak.

Duke at Florida State

When: 4 p.m.
Where: Doak Campbell Stadium, Tallahassee, Fla.
TV: ACC Network
Notes: Duke has never beaten Florida State. Saturday's game might give the Blue Devils their best shot in 21 attempts as the Seminoles will return from a 28-day layoff without leading rusher La'Damian Webb and starting cornerback Asante Samuel.

ACC LEADERS



Passing yards
Player Yds.
S. Howell, UNC3,129
P. Jurkovec, BC2,558
T. Lawrence, CLEM ..2,431
M. Cunningham, LOU ...2,422
Ian Book, ND2,382



Passing TDs
Player TDs
S. Howell, UNC26
D. King, MIAMI20
T. Lawrence, CLEM20
M. Cunningham, LOU18
P. Jurkovec, BC17



Rushing yards
Player Yds.
K. Herbert, VT1,020
K. Williams, ND1,011
M. Carter, UNC937
J. Williams, UNC904
J. Hawkins, LOU822



Receiving yards
Player Yds.
D. Brown, UNC932
Z. Flowers, BC892
A. Rodgers, CLEM845
D. Fitzpatrick, LOU756
T. Harris, SYR733



Scoring
Player Pts.
J. Williams, UNC114
BT Potter, CLEM101
J. Doerer, ND88
A. Kessman, PITT86
J. Borregales, MIAMI85

POWER RANKINGS



1. Notre Dame (10-0, 9-0 ACC): The Fighting Irish capped off a perfect regular season in their first-ever foray into league play; now they'll attempt to claim a first conference championship two weeks hence.



2. Clemson (9-1, 8-1): Clemson polished off Virginia Tech last week to set up another showdown against Notre Dame in the ACC Championship Game. The Tigers have been looking forward to a rematch since losing in double-overtime at Notre Dame on Nov. 7.



3. Miami (8-1, 7-1): After going 6-7 in their first year under Manny Diaz, the Hurricanes have a chance to post a 10-1 record with games remaining against North Carolina and Georgia Tech.



4. N.C. State (8-3, 7-3): The Wolfpack completed its reversal from a 4-8 season by winning its last four games and going 8-3. Not bad for a team picked for an 11th-place finish in the preseason poll.



5. North Carolina (7-3, 6-3): The Tar Heels will follow up a breather against Western Carolina by playing at Miami, which should present a considerably stiffer challenge.



6. Virginia (5-4, 4-4): The Cavaliers are upwardly mobile following their victory vs. Boston College. Virginia snapped a 15-game losing streak against in-state rival Virginia Tech last season; can the Cavs do it again?



7. Boston College (6-5, 5-5): The Eagles were on the cusp of winning seven games for the first time since 2009, but not even a 520-yard passing day by backup QB Dennis Grosel could save them last week vs. Virginia.



8. Wake Forest (4-3, 3-3): Going a month between games isn't ideal, but the Deacons will take what they can get. Wake is seeking its record fifth straight bowl bid.



9. Pitt (5-5, 4-5): Coach Pat Narduzzi has quietly guided the Panthers to 28 ACC victories since 2015; that ranks third-best in the conference, trailing only Clemson (46) and Miami (32).



10. Virginia Tech (4-6, 4-6): The Hokies have lost four in a row following a 4-2 start. The best way to salve the season? A win against arch-rival Virginia.



11. Georgia Tech (3-6, 3-5): Tech has lost four of the last five in the series against Pitt and will be an underdog once again this week.



12. Louisville (3-7, 2-7): The ACC's biggest disappointment? The vote goes to the Cardinals, who were tabbed for a fourth-place finish in the preseason poll.



13. Florida State (2-6, 1-6): The Seminoles may snap a three-game losing streak this week, with Duke coming to town. Florida State leads the series 20-0, which ranks as the most wins in the nation without a loss against a conference opponent.

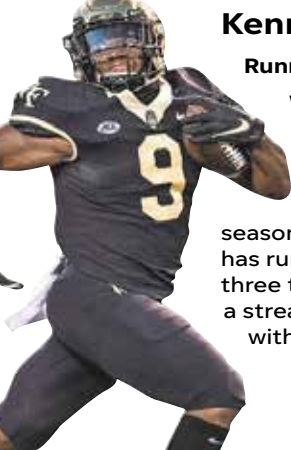


14. Duke (2-7, 1-7): The Blue Devils' season will come to a merciful end Saturday.



15. Syracuse (1-10, 1-9): Somehow the Syracuse offense put up 21 points last week vs. Notre Dame. Unfortunately for the Orange, their defense surrendered 45.

PLAYER TO WATCH



Kenneth Walker III

Running back, Wake Forest

Walker, a sophomore, is just two touchdowns shy of tying the Demon Deacons' program record for rushing touchdowns in a season. He's sitting at 13. Walker has run for three TDs in a game three times this season and is on a streak of six straight games with a rushing touchdown.

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ACROSS THE NATION

Friday, Dec. 11
UTEP at North Texas
Charlotte at Marshall
Arizona State at Arizona
Utah at Colorado
San Jose State at Nevada
Saturday, Dec. 12
Alabama at Arkansas
Miami (Ohio) at Bowling Green
Wake Forest at Louisville
Oklahoma at West Virginia, canceled
Houston at Memphis
Western Michigan at Ball State
Ohio at Kent State
NIU at Eastern Michigan
Rutgers at Maryland
Georgia at Missouri
Minnesota at Nebraska
Michigan at Ohio State, canceled
Illinois at Northwestern
UAB at Rice
Akron at Buffalo
Navy at Army

Coastal Carolina at Troy
Incarnate Word at Arkansas State
Central Michigan at Toledo
Texas at Kansas
North Carolina at Miami (FL)
Michigan State at Penn State
Purdue at Indiana, canceled
Wisconsin at Iowa
Tennessee at Vanderbilt
Cincinnati at Tulsa
Washington at Oregon
Duke at Florida State
Appalachian State at Georgia Southern
Boise State at Wyoming
Louisiana Tech at TCU
Oklahoma State at Baylor
LSU at Florida
Auburn at Mississippi State
USC at UCLA
Virginia at Virginia Tech
Ole Miss at Texas A&M, ppd.
Utah State at Colorado State
San Diego State at BYU

Stanford at Oregon State
Fresno State at New Mexico
Thursday, Dec. 17
ULM at Troy
Saturday, Dec. 19
Clemson vs. Notre Dame
Oklahoma vs. Iowa State
Louisiana at Coastal Carolina
Cincinnati vs. Tulsa
Alabama vs. Florida
Air Force at Army
Georgia Tech vs. Miami (Fla.)
Missouri at Mississippi State
Ole Miss at LSU
Vanderbilt at Georgia
Texas A&M at Tennessee
Florida State at Wake Forest
Bowl Schedule
Dec. 19
Frisco Bowl: Frisco, Texas, ESPN, 7 p.m.
Dec. 21
Myrtle Beach Bowl: Conway, S.C., ESPN, 2:30 p.m.

Dec. 22
Idaho Potato Bowl: Boise, Idaho, ESPN, 3:30 p.m.
Boca Raton Bowl: Boca Raton, Fla., ESPN, 7 p.m.
Dec. 23
New Orleans Bowl: New Orleans, ESPN, 3:30 p.m.
Montgomery Bowl: Montgomery, Ala., ESPN or ESPN2, 7 p.m.
Dec. 24
New Mexico Bowl: Albuquerque, N.M., SPN, 3:30 p.m.
Dec. 25
Camellia Bowl: Montgomery, Ala., ESPN, 2:30 p.m.
Dec. 26
Gasparilla Bowl: Tampa, Fla., ABC, noon
Cure Bowl: Orlando, Fla., ESPN, noon
First Responder Bowl: Dallas, ABC, 3:30 p.m.
LendingTree Bowl: Mobile, Ala., ESPN, 3:30 p.m.

Independence Bowl: Shreveport, La., ESPN, 7 p.m.
Army vs. tba.
Guaranteed Rate Bowl: Phoenix, ESPN, 10:15 p.m.
Dec. 28
Military Bowl: Annapolis, Md., ESPN, 2:30 p.m.
Dec. 29
Pinstripe Bowl: New York, ESPN, 2 p.m.
Cheez-It Bowl: Orlando, Fla., ESPN, 5:30 p.m.
Alamo Bowl: San Antonio, ESPN, 9 p.m.
Dec. 30
Duke's Mayo Bowl: Charlotte, N.C., ESPN, noon
Music City Bowl: Nashville, Tenn., ESPN, 3:30 p.m.
Cotton Bowl: Arlington, Texas, ESPN, 7:15 p.m.
LA Bowl: Inglewood, Calif., ESPN, 10:45 p.m.
Dec. 31
Armed Forces Bowl: Fort Worth, Texas, ESPN, noon

Liberty Bowl: Memphis, Tenn., ESPN, 4 p.m.
Arizona Bowl: Tucson, Ariz., CBSSN, 4 p.m.
Texas Bowl: Houston, ESPN, 8 p.m.
Jan. 1
Birmingham Bowl: Birmingham, Ala., ESPN2, noon
Peach Bowl: Atlanta, ESPN, 12:30 p.m.
Citrus Bowl: Orlando, Fla., ABC, 1 p.m.
Rose Bowl: Pasadena, Calif., 5 p.m.
College Football Playoff semifinal.
Sugar Bowl: New Orleans, ESPN, 8:45 p.m.
College Football Playoff semifinal.
Jan. 2
Gator Bowl: Jacksonville, Fla., ESPN, noon
Outback Bowl: Tampa, Fla., ABC, 12:30 p.m.
Fiesta Bowl: Glendale, Ariz., ESPN, 4 p.m.
Orange Bowl: Miami Gardens, Fla., ESPN, 8 p.m.
Jan. 11
College Football Playoff championship game: Miami Gardens, Fla., ESPN, 8 p.m.

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Harrells Christian Academy Terrific Kids Recognized



Harrells Christian Academy recognized eight Terrific Kids on Thursday, November 12th. During the first 9 weeks of school, these students stood out to their teachers for being especially thoughtful, friendly, and inclusive. Terrific Kids were Andrew Thornton of Clinton (2nd grade), Emmie Marlow of White Oak (3rd grade), Bella Cavanaugh of Beaulaville (Kindergarten), Fisher Blanton of Teachey (4th grade), Hattie Farrior of Wallace (Kindergarten), Breeelyn Peed of Elizabethtown (4th grade), Claire Barnhill of Ivanhoe (1st grade), and Blakely Herron of Elizabethtown (5th grade). The Terrific Kids program is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Clinton.

University of Mount Olive Donates School Supplies



Pictured L-R: Associate Professor of Education Dr. Ruby Bell, UMO Prospective Teachers Association President Jamelle Ingram, Hobbton Elementary School Principal Dawn Wilkes, and UMO Prospective Teachers Association Vice President Daylan Wiggs.

The University of Mount Olive Prospective Teachers Association, Future Teachers Association, and Pi Lambda Theta organizations recently collected and distributed school supplies to Hobbton Elementary School. As part of the service learning project, the students gathered paper, pencils, markers, erasers, hand-sanitizer, crayons, colored pencils, books, etc. so teachers could distribute the supplies to students in need. “Being able to provide supplies to children in need was a rewarding experience,” said UMO Prospective Teachers Association President Jamelle Ingram.

Butler Avenue’s November Student of the Month Recipients

Andy Hardy

Eric Gainey

Tim Chisolm

James Seabolt

Wilson Holder

Aaron Jackson

Dana Tew

Dana Green

Maria Ramos

Tim Peede

Christal Wood

Keith Bowden

Shellie Dunn

Jimmy Fisher

Milagros Santiago

Kathryn Turlington

L-R: Tim Parker, Ryan Barber, Steve Holmes, Maverick Smith

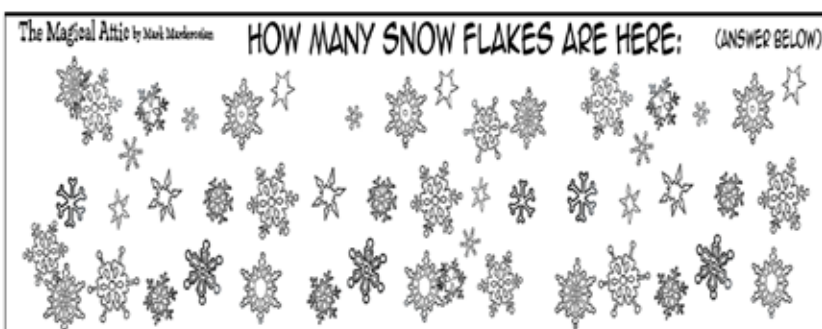
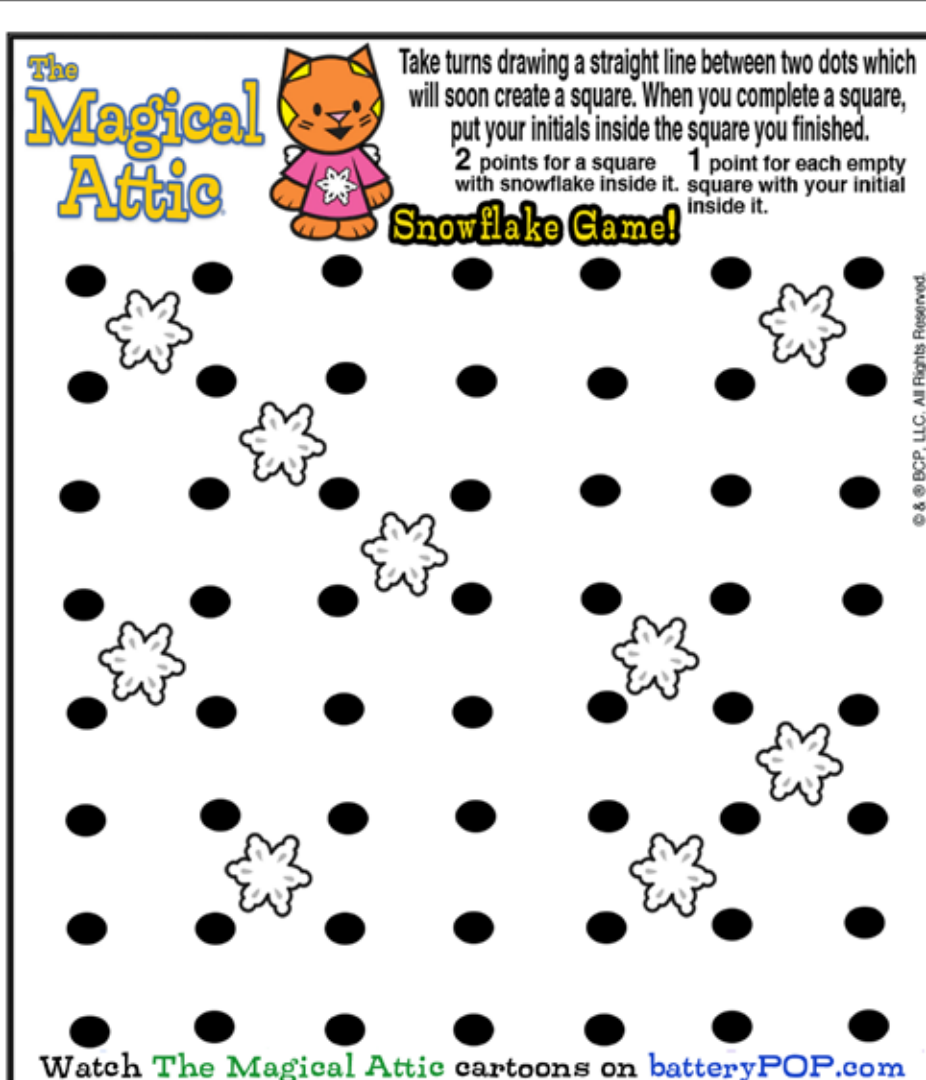
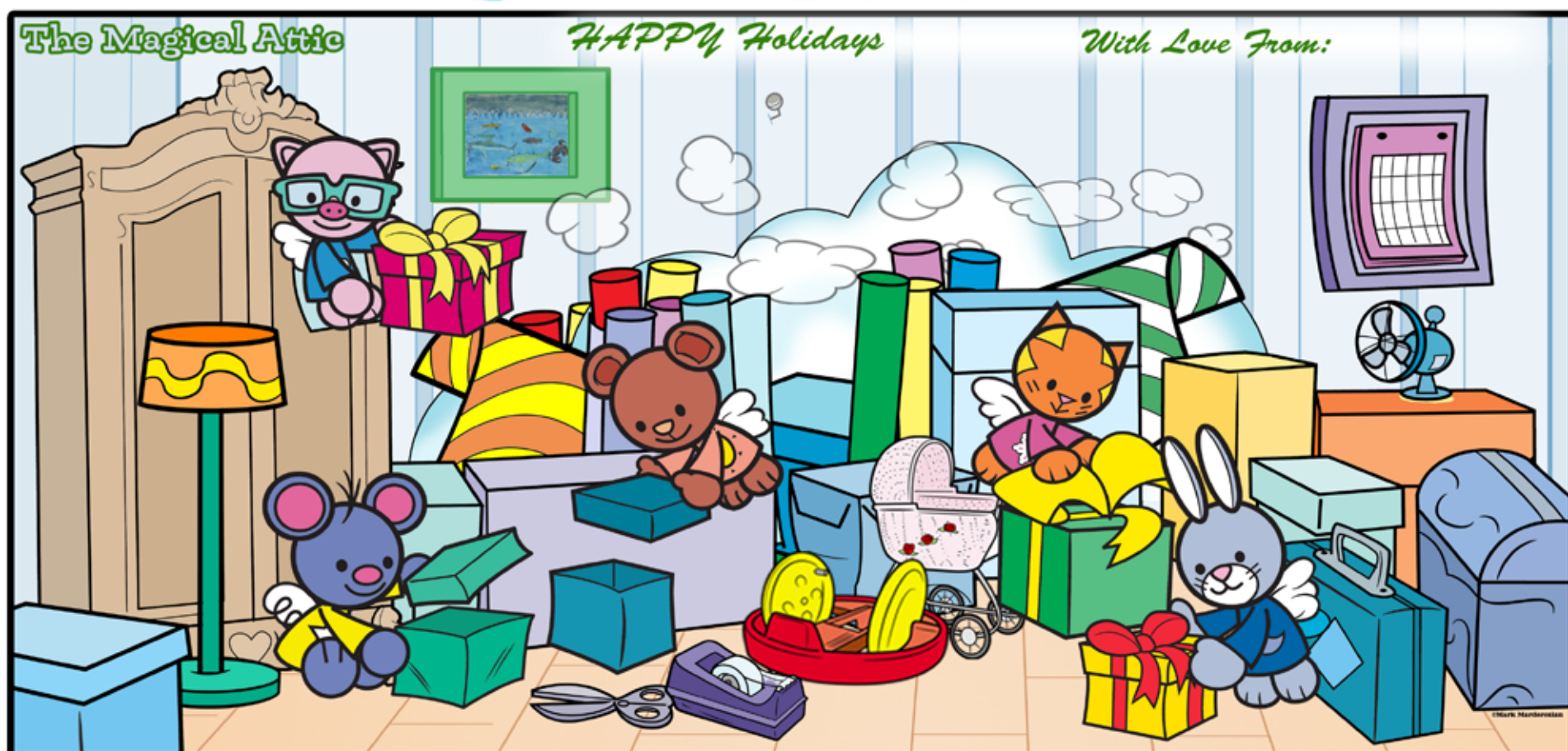
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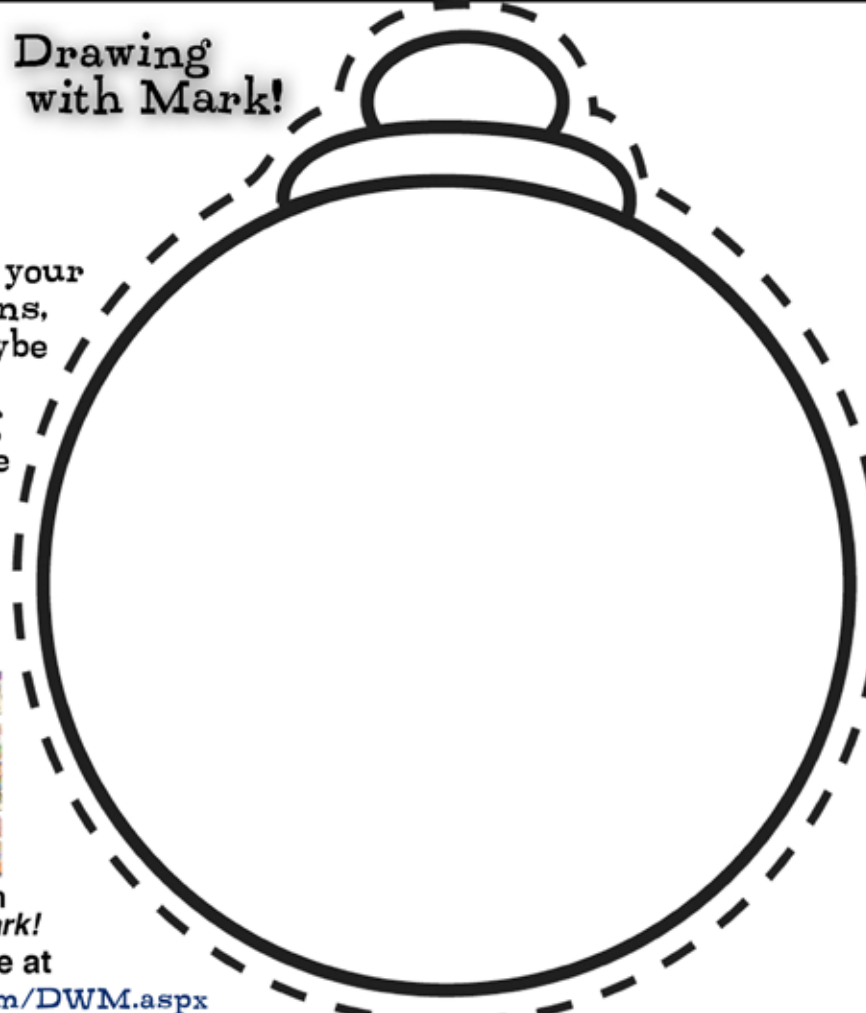
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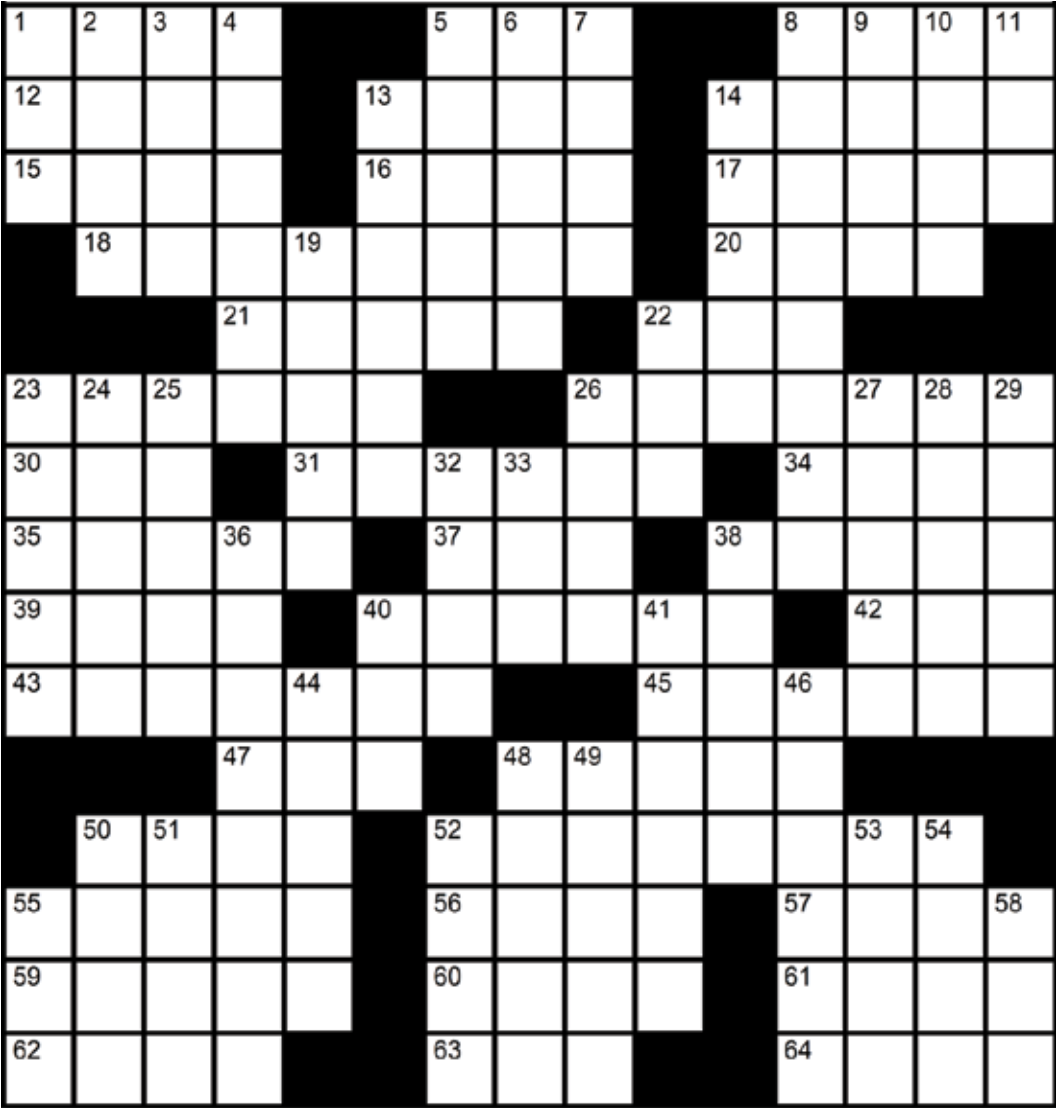
HOLIDAY SONGS

ACROSS

- 1. Rare bills
- 5. Clairvoyant's gift
- 8. Snoopy
- 12. Time distortion
- 13. Show worry
- 14. Wyoming's official sport
- 15. *John Lennon's "Happy Xmas (War is ____)"
- 16. And elsewhere
- 17. Opposite of bonjour
- 18. **Have ____ a Merry Little Christmas
- 20. MTV's "____ 'd"
- 21. Incessantly
- 22. A cool ____, as in money
- 23. **Should auld acquaintance be ____
- 26. **Run ____ Run" sung by Chuck Berry
- 30. *Co-writer of #15 Across
- 31. Used tabulator key
- 34. Your majesty
- 35. 1965 Watts events
- 37. **Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree," sung by Brenda ____
- 38. Mozart and Einstein, e.g.
- 39. Golly!
- 40. Dry ravine, in Asia
- 42. Not don'ts
- 43. Diplomatic alliance
- 45. Like empty hotel room
- 47. "Fat chance!"
- 48. Shenzi of "The Lion King"
- 50. Eastern European
- 52. *Vince ____ Trio of "Linus and Lucy" fame
- 55. Between violin and cello
- 56. Rainbows and such
- 57. Rumpelstiltskin's weaver
- 59. Coral reef island
- 60. Facebook's "psst"
- 61. ____ Mann of "The Simpsons"
- 62. Decades
- 63. Lt.'s inferior, in the Navy
- 64. **Last Christmas" duo

DOWN

- 1. *____ Turtle Doves
- 2. Not straight
- 3. Post-meal sandwich
- 4. Spring action, past tense
- 5. Like yesterday's meal
- 6. Coffee burn, e.g.
- 7. Bread or cabbage
- 8. Having small nodules
- 9. Scandinavian war god
- 10. Radio button
- 11. **All I want for Christmas is ____
- 13. Bygone Spanish money
- 14. R in R.E.M.
- 19. Alex Haley saga
- 22. ____ pie in a sand box
- 23. Blacksmith's hearth
- 24. Gibson garnish
- 25. Fowl perch
- 26. Film roll
- 27. Ronstadt, e.g.
- 28. Infectious protein particle
- 29. Bank job
- 32. *Like Elvis' Christmas?
- 33. 10 decibels
- 36. *Deck'em
- 38. Ivory Coast neighbor
- 40. Utmost degree
- 41. Not sympathetic
- 44. Maryland Academy
- 46. Young and inexperienced
- 48. Second-largest Great Lake
- 49. Talks and talks and talks
- 50. It houses web content
- 51. "On Golden Pond" bird
- 52. Open-mouthed astonishment
- 53. Shakespearean "does"
- 54. Tiny bit
- 55. Port vessel
- 58. Mrs. Goldberg, e.g.

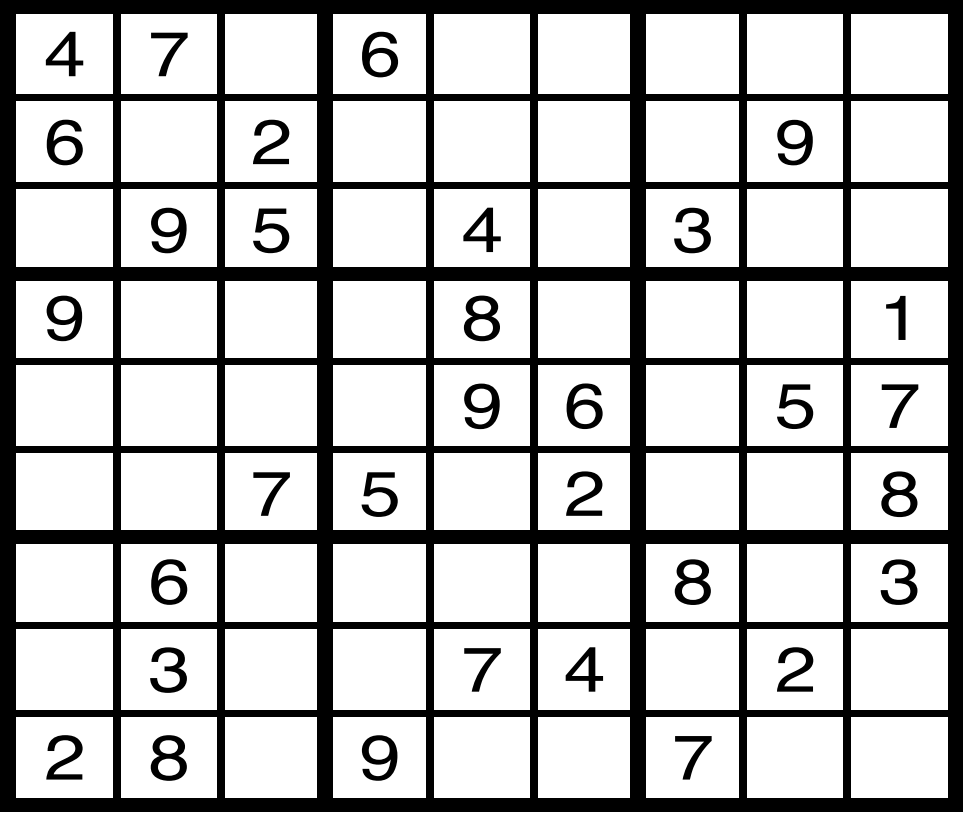


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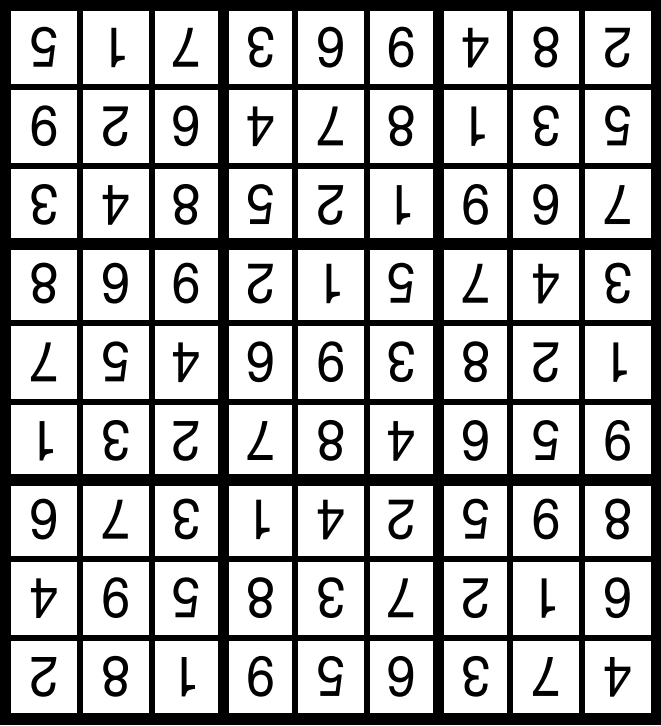
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The Descendants of Boaz (Ruth 4:13-22)

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BIRTH	BOAZ	CARE
CHILD	DAVID	ENABLED
FAMILY	FAMOUS	FATHER
GAVE	HEZRON	HOME
ISRAEL	JESSE	LORD
NAHSHON	NAOMI	OBED
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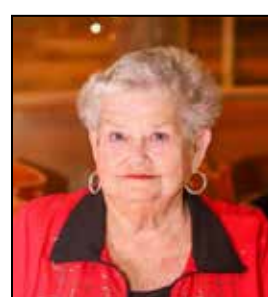
OBITUARIES



AUTRYVILLE

Agnes Basse Spell, 95 of Autryville entered the gates of Heaven on December 12, 2020. She spent her final days at home surrounded by her loving family and friends. Born to the late Charlie and Lula Basse on October 1st, 1925, she was the youngest of 8 children. She adopted the nickname of "Tootsie" that was given to her by her father. She graduated from Clement High

School in 1944 and married her sweetheart, Odell Spell within the next few years. Together they were blessed with three sons, Dwight, Timothy and Michael. Her boys were her world. She later returned to Clement School as a teacher's assistant where she would touch many lives and forge lifelong friendships. She found great joy in many of God's creations including growing and nurturing flowers, notably her prized orchids; watching birds especially hummingbirds and watching Marilyn's squirrels. Her greatest passion was caring for and loving her family. She relished every moment spent with her boys, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and her special nieces: Ellen, Paulette, Julie, Frankie and their late sister, Shirley. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Odell, her beloved son Timothy as well as her seven siblings. Surviving to cherish her memory and to carry on her legacy of love are: sons Dwight (Marilyn), Michael (Barbara), daughter-in-law, Becky Spell, grandchildren Kandi Small (Tommy), Gina Robinson (Jim), Cameron Spell (Angel), Keith Spell (Gina), Clint Spell (Jamie), Christopher Spell (Kristen) and great grandchildren Zoie Warren, Nate Small, Mackenzie Small, Connor Spell and Corie Barefoot (Johnathon). The family would like to thank the staff of Community Hospice for the loving care that they provided. She truly loved Carly, Tommie and Mikki. A graveside service will be officiated by Reverend Christi Christianson at Hall's Cemetery (4621 Minnie Hall Road) on Tuesday, December 15th, 2020 at 1:00 pm. Friends and family are welcome to attend. Face covering and social distancing will be required. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Tim's Gift of Clinton, NC. Donations may be mailed to Tim's Gift, 108 Northeast Boulevard, Clinton, NC 28328. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC 28382.



NEWTON GROVE

Ms. Alma Jean Hobbs King, 79 of Newton Grove, passed away on Tuesday, November 24, 2020. Ms. King's Graveside Service was held on Saturday, November 28, 2020 at 2:00 pm at Hillcrest Cemetery. Rev. Freddy Pierce did the officiating. Ms. King is survived by her daughter, Shelia Sutton and husband Tony of Newton Grove, granddaughters,

Ashley Sutton and Victoria Sutton Spell and grandson Matthew Spell. Ms. King is preceded in death by her parents, William Lloyd Hobbs and Casteen Hobbs, husband, Bennie Ralph King and brother Luke Hobbs. Memorials may be made to St. Paul's Church of Newton Grove. Services have been entrusted to West and Dunn Funeral Home, Newton Grove, N.C. Condolences can be made to www.westanddunn.com.

HARRELLS



Mrs. Evelyn R. Autry, 88, of 125 Percy Lane, Harrells passed away on Sunday, November 29, 2020 at her residence. Mrs. Autry was born January 07, 1932 in Sampson County to the late Percy Herring and Pearl E. Williams Herring. She is preceded in death by her husband; Preston Autry, sister; Mary Pridgen, brothers; Rudolph Herring and Allie Lee Herring. Evelyn Autry was under the leadership of the late Rev. Leroy James of Wilmington, NC and the leadership of Pastor Wilbur Mitchell of Wilmington, NC. Evelyn Autry joined Trinity AME Zion Church at an early age and in her later years she joined Tomahawk First Baptist Church, Harrells, NC. A graveside service was held at 1:00 PM Saturday, December 05, 2020 at Tomahawk First Baptist Church Cemetery in Harrells, NC. Mrs. Autry leaves to cherish her memory one son; Randall Autry, seven daughters; Shellia Scott, Antionette Beatty (David), Glynda Robinson (Julius), Linda Hall (Dwight), Beatrice Autry, Sharon Thomas (Andrew), Teresa Autry (Warren), 2 foster daughters; Linda Newman (William), Loretta Crumpler, 3 brothers; Billy C. Herring (Anne), Gerald Herring (Margaret), William "Bill" Herring (Lisa), 1 sister; Lydia Kerr, 1 brother-in-law; Oscar Autry (Delma), 1 sister-in-law; Barbara Autry, 19 grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren and 7 great-great grandchildren. A viewing was held on Friday, December 04, 2020 from 1:00 – 6:00 PM with the family present from 5:00 – 6:00 PM at Carter Funeral Home, Garland, NC.



DUNN

Mr. William "Nick" Nicholas Barefoot, 76 of Dunn, passed away at Wake Med on Monday, November 23, 2020. Mr. Barefoot's Graveside Service was held on Friday, November 27, 2020 at Unity Presbyterian Church Cemetery beginning at 11:00 am. Rev. Cathy Mooney will be officiating the service. Mr. Barefoot is survived

by his wife, Ann J. Barefoot, children, Carmie Heritage and husband Tommy of Newton Grove, Gayle Hobbs and husband Josh of Newton Grove, Andy Barefoot and wife Lisa of Kinston, grandchildren, Ryan, Reid and Drew Barefoot, Caroline, Charlotte and Nicholas Heritage, Gaines Hobbs, great granddaughter, Scarlett Barefoot, sister, Betty B. Eldridge of Newton Grove, Nephew, Robert Eldridge of Newton Grove, great nephews, Timothy and Frankie Eldridge. Mr. Barefoot is preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Bessie Barefoot. Memorials may be made to Unity Presbyterian Church 1151 NC Hwy 50 South, Newton Grove, NC 28366. Due to the current health concerns, the family understands if you are not able to join them for the funeral service. Your thoughts and prayers are appreciated. We ask that you adhere to social distancing and wear a mask at all times. Online condolences may be made to www.westanddunn.com. Services have been entrusted to West and Dunn Funeral Home of Newton Grove, North Carolina.



CLINTON

Ms. Doris Bass, age 89 of Clinton passed away Monday, November 23, 2020 at the SECU Hospice House in Smithfield with her loving family by her side. Her graveside service was held Friday, November 27th at 2 p.m. at Hopewell U. M. Church Cemetery. Rev. Freddy Langston officiated the service. Left to cherish her memories are her children: Kenny and Teresa

Bass, George and Diane Bass, Dale and Freddy Langston all of Newton Grove, Pam and Stephen Jones of Stedman, Becky and C.M. Jordan of Clinton and Martha and Kenneth Westbrook of Newton Grove. Thirteen grandchildren, twenty-four great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren. Sisters: Margaree Hollingsworth of Clinton, Sula Mandigo of Conifer, N.Y., Barbara Brisson of Orlando, FL., and brother John Butler of

Newton Grove. Also, left to cherish her memories are many nieces and nephews that loved her dearly. She was preceded in death by her parents; Stanley and Dixie Butler, husband: Milford Bass and brothers; Bobby, Nason and Wayne Butler. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to SECU Hospice House, 426 Hospital Rd., Smithfield, N.C. 27577 or National Alzheimer's Association, 3739 National Dr., Ste. 110, Raleigh, N.C. 27612. We ask in order to stay in compliance with the North Carolina State Covid Law that social distancing measures be taken and a mask be worn at all times during the service. Online condolences may be made at: www.westanddunn.com. A Service of West & Dunn Funeral Home of Newton Grove, North Carolina.

NEWTON GROVE

On Tuesday, November 24, 2020 our heavenly Father closed the door of life on earth for **Mother Mary J. Bennett**. Born on December 26th, 1916 to the late Levi and Elizabeth Murphy, she was the matriarch of the Bennett family. Mother Bennett was preceded in death by her husband, Deacon Clarence Bennett, a daughter Margaret, son, Ronnie and grandson, Brian K. Jones. She was united in matrimony to Clarence Bennett and to this union four children were born. They were married 52 years. She joined Littlefield Baptist Church in 1924 under the direction of Reverend McSwain. Her entire life has been built on continuous dedication and faithful service. Mother Bennett served in many capacities and leadership roles in the church. For 15 years she led as President of the senior choir, taught Juniors in BTU (Baptist Training Union), taught Sunday School and lastly, served as Vice-President of the Adult Missionary Circle. We would ask her, "Are you going to church today?" She would reply, "That is the only place I ask to go". She loved her church and would like to attend at every opportunity provided. She leaves to cherish her loving memory, daughters Jackie B. Gooding of Jacksonville, NC, Kathy B. Strickland of Newton Grove, NC and Rose B. Garvey of Rock Hill, SC, one daughter-in-law-Barbara Bennett of Fayetteville, NC, 12 grandchildren, including Vickie Baggett (Wayne) of Garner, NC and Sharyn Davis (Allen) of Raleigh, NC who were religiously devoted to her care, 12 great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews. There is a new void that cannot be filled, but your worries and uncertainties have been stilled. God has chosen you as a rose for His vase and in our heart is an empty space. A devoted wife, mother and grandmother, you've been aunt, cousin and friend. Our memories of you none can steal; but God shall in time our heartaches heal. Graveside service was held Saturday, November 28, 2020 at 11:00 am at Littlefield Church Cemetery, Rosin Hill Rd., Newton Grove, NC. Public Visitation: Saturday, November 28, 2020 from 9:00 am to 10:00 am at Butler & Son Funeral Services in Clinton, NC. Masks are required. Graveside Service will be live-streamed through Butler & Son Funeral Home Facebook Page. Butler & Son Funeral Services Clinton, NC.



STEDMAN

Mrs. Betty Loraine (Blake) Starling, 92 went to be with her Lord and Savior on Friday, November 27, 2020. A celebration of life service was held at 2:00 pm Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at Butler Funeral Home Chapel in Stedman, officiating was Rev. Debbie Matthis. Burial followed at Old Bluff Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Wade. The family received friends from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm Tuesday at the funeral home prior to the service. Masks are requested as well as social distancing. She was born September 15, 1928 to the late Bynum Etheridge Blake and Lily Mae Collins Blake. She is also preceded in death by her five siblings. Betty retired as a Teacher's Assistant with Stedman Primary School with over 20 years of service. She was also a dedicated and supporting member of Cokesbury United Methodist Church in Stedman for many years, and a member of the Bennet Sunday School Class. She was a loving and faithful wife who cherished her husband and all of her family. Betty loved her God, her family and her church, always putting others needs before her own. She will be greatly missed by her family, church and many friends. She is survived by her loving husband of over 73 years, Clarence H. "Dick" Starling, Jr. of the home; children, Bobby Hal Starling & wife, Judy of Madison, Alabama, Betty "Jackie" Starling of Stedman, Gail Starling Howell & husband, David of Sunset Beach, NC, and Richard Lee Starling & wife, Rebecca of Stedman; 5 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; and 2 great great grandchildren.



WHITE LAKE

Ms. Tammy Nash Black, 51, of 74 East Carolina Ave. White Lake, NC, passed away on Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at Southeastern Regional Medical Center in Lumberton, NC. Ms. Black was born June 05, 1969 in Mecklenburg Co., the daughter of Kenneth Nash & Janice "Jan" Byrum Nash. She was a member of White Lake Fire Department. Funeral Service was held at 2:00 PM Sunday, November 29, 2020 at White Lake Baptist Church by the Reverend Carey Horrell. Burial followed at Beards Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery. Mrs. Black is survived by her husband; Ron Black, one daughter; Jessica Black, one son; Joseph Black both of White Lake, NC mother & father; Jan Nash and Kenneth Nash of Indian Trail, NC two sisters; Misty Caruso and husband Joshua of Indian Trail, NC, Karen Baucom and husband Darren of Indian Trail, NC, one brother; Kevin Nash of Indian Trail, NC, and four grandchildren; Canaan Clontz, Grayson Black, Nolan Black, Kendal Black. Service by Carter Funeral Home.



CLINTON

Albert Bolton 84 of 100 Brent Lane died Saturday November 28, 2020 at his home. "June" as everyone called him was born on June 30th, 1936, in Clinton, NC. He received his education in Sampson County Schools and was employed at Hog Slat in Newton Grove for many years until his health declined. Graveside service was held Saturday, December 5, 2020 at 2:00 pm at SandHill Cemetery, 3 Sampson St Clinton, NC 28328 with Rev Ray Bolton officiating. Albert Jr. Bolton is preceded in death by his father: Earnest Bolton, mother: Lena Bolton, wife: Mary Hester, a special friend: Rose Coleman, two sisters and two brothers. June Bolton is survived by: his loving and devoted fiancé: Mary Grace Bethea of Clinton, NC, children: Albert Jr. Bolton (Vicky), Minister Patty Bright, Rev. Ray Charles Bolton (Minister Phyllis), Linda Carol Bolton, Billy Ray Bolton, Crystal Coleman, Dynasty Coleman, Daryll Coleman and a special daughter Nicole "Boo Boo" Coleman all of Clinton, NC. He also leaves to cherish his memories 22 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. Visitation was held on Friday, December 4, 2020 held from 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm with family present from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm at Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Service 1246 Hobbton Hwy. Clinton.

GODWIN

Beauty Lee Brewington, age 88 of Autry Mill Rd., Godwin, died on Sunday, November 29, 2020 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington. Beauty was born on December 5, 1931 in Sampson County the daughter of the late H.O. Brewington & Lessie Stewart Brewington and is preceded in death by her

husband, John H. Brewington. She is also preceded in death by a brother, Oscar Henry Brewington and sister, Lystra Maynor and a son-in-law, William Murdock. Beauty was a member of Shiloh Pentecostal Holiness Church and a member of the Coharie Tribe and served as the Senior Citizen Queen in the 1990's. She was a Certified Nursing Assistant and worked at Golden Years Nursing Home as a caregiver to the elderly. She always enjoyed working with the seniors in Cumberland, Sampson and Harnett Counties. She was avid quilter and won many ribbons for her quilts. During her residence at Day Spring of Wallace she was a "Prayer Warrior" for the other residents of the home. A funeral service was held Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 2:00 pm at Shiloh Pentecostal Holiness Church, 2271 Autry Mill Rd., Godwin, NC with the Rev. Eddie Smith officiating. Burial followed in Greenwood Cemetery in Dunn, NC. She is survived by: her children: Kenneth Brewington & (wife) Mae of Godwin, NC; Joanna Chance & (husband) Stan of Godwin, NC; Henry Brewington & (wife) Veronica of Godwin, NC; Jean Murdock of Fayetteville, NC and Beverly Ennis & (husband) Linwood of Godwin, NC.; 13 Grandchildren: Jatanna C. Blackmon, Dorrie C. Johnson, Torrie C. Miller, Shannon Ennis, Daniel Ennis, Kathryn B. Cannady, Megan B. Watts, Leslie B. Jones, Kevin Brewington, Stephen Brewington, Jennifer Murdock, Mackenzie M. Ake & Renee J. McCorquodale 24 Great Grandchildren & 4 Great Great Grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. There wA a visitation Thursday, December 3, 2020 from 12:00 pm – 1:45 pm at Shiloh Pentecostal Holiness Church in Godwin prior to the Service. Flowers are welcomed but memorials may be made to Shiloh Pentecostal Holiness Church, 2271 Autry Mill Rd., Godwin, NC 28344. A Service of Cromartie Miller Funeral Home of Dunn NC

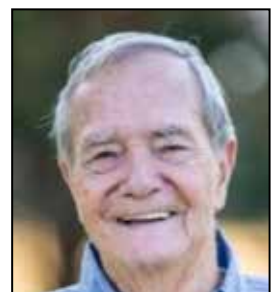


ROSE HILL

On November 21, 2020, **Donald Grey Buckner**, loving husband, father, and grandfather passed away at the age of 90. Donald was born on May 21, 1930 in Wallace, North Carolina, to David and Lucy (Batts) Buckner. He was raised and worked on a dairy farm in Wallace until joining the United States National Guard after graduating from Clement High School. Donald was activated into the US Army and served in the Korean Conflict as a Sergeant from 1951-1952. It was during his service that Donald learned to cook and developed a passion to serve and feed his community, which bode him well throughout his adult life. After returning from service, Donald married the love of his life, Ruth Fussell on August 31, 1952, in Rose Hill, NC. Together they raised two sons, Don Edward "Donnie" and Carroll "Fuzzy" and two daughters, Gloria and Harriett. From 1952 to 1957, Donald and his father-in-law, George Fussell, worked together at 'Fussell's BBQ' serving fresh BBQ until it "ran out" each day. After years of serving fresh BBQ pork to the community, Donald expanded the business into what is now the Rose Hill Restaurant. With his beloved Ruth by his side, Donald opened the Rose Hill Restaurant in 1957, and the two worked side-by-side for over 60 years. The Rose Hill Restaurant is well known for their 3 square meals, excellent pork and chicken, homemade desserts and famous pies. Donald and Ruth built their business from a simple counter-service stop to over a 300 seat full-service restaurant. The restaurant has become an icon in Eastern North Carolina, still owned and operated by the Buckner family. Donald was an active member of Rose Hill Baptist Church and served as a Deacon for many years. He participated in many church committees and found great joy singing as a dedicated member of the choir. With a love for traveling, Donald and his family traveled in his RV all across the United States. He and Ruth traveled many times cross-country, even to Alaska. When not traveling or working, Donald loved to work in his yard, spend time with this family, and tell stories of his time in the military to an attentive audience. In addition to his parents, Donald is preceded in death, by his loving wife of 65 years, Ruth Fussell Buckner; his brothers, David and Charles Buckner; and his sister, Mary Smith. He is survived by his sons, Donnie Buckner (Wanda), Fuzzy Buckner (Kaye); daughters, Gloria B. Wells (David) and Harriet B. Kleiner (Thomas); grandchildren, Kayla Buckner Carter (Brad), Adam Bartley Buckner (Kellie), Matthew Brandon Buckner, Nicholas Carroll Buckner (Tracy), Joshua Grey Buckner, Elizabeth Wells Merritt (Jeffrey), Jennie Lee Wells Aretakis (Gus), Ellie Wells Newton (Michael) and Allison Buckner Hodge; and thirteen great-grandchildren; sisters, Elizabeth "Lib" Benton and Annette Hamond (Clyde); special niece, June Robinson (Jimmy) and numerous extended family and friends that loved Donald dearly. Graveside service will be held at 2:00pm on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at Rose Hill Cemetery on Fire Tower Road in Rose Hill. The Reverend Jimmy Johnson, Pastor Brad Carter and Pastor Steve Le Roux will be officiating the service followed with Military Honors. In lieu of flowers, the family request that memorial gifts be given in memory of Donald to Rose Hill Baptist Church, PO Box 459, Rose Hill, NC 28458

CLINTON

Retired USAF Veteran, Allie L. Burgess, 82 peacefully passed away at his home December 7, 2020 surrounded by loved ones. Allie, also known as "Skeebo" was born December 15, 1937 in Clinton, NC to the late Mr. and Mrs. Allie and Callie Burgess. He was also preceded in death by 2 sisters and 3 brothers. Mr. Burgess is survived by his devoted wife of 63 years Patricia, 3 daughters: Kim Grant, Kendy Prystajko and husband Michael, Kali Twisdale and husband Gene. 8 grandchildren: Brandon, Brett, Justin, Ali, Autumn, Nikolas, Alexis and Anna, as well as 16 great grandchildren. Also 2 sisters Elizabeth Warren and Daphne Bowden and brother Johnny Burgess. Allie was a devoted husband, father, "Pop/Papa", brother and friend. He enjoyed spending his time with his family grilling and cooking. He also enjoyed time in his workshop building furniture and such for his loved ones. He was known for his loving, kind nature as well as his love for God and country. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations in Allie's honor to the air Force Aid Society 1550 Crystal Dr. Ste. 809 Arlington, VA 22202 or online at Air Force Aid Society.org. Online condolences may be sent to www.crumpler-honeycutt.com. The visitation was from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. December 10th at Crumpler Honeycutt Funeral home. A graveside service is planned for December 11th at 11: 00 a.m. at Grandview cemetery in Clinton, NC.



SALEMBURG

Christopher Glenn "Chris" Burgette, 39, of Augusta, Georgia (formerly of Salemburg) died at his home Friday, November 20, 2020. A Graveside Service was held at Grandview Memorial Park on Monday, November 30, 2020 at 1:00 pm with Rev. Eddie Barnes officiating. Born on November 8, 1981 in August, Georgia, Chris was the son of Constance Way Burgette and the late David Glenn Burgette. He lived in Salemburg, NC and graduated from Lakewood High School. After the death of his father in 2006, he then returned to live with his family in Augusta. Most recently



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he worked at Texas Roadhouse in Augusta and enjoyed spending time with his friends and family, especially his nephews and niece, whom he adored. He is survived by his mother, Constance “Connie” Burgette; sister, Christi Lynn Tims of Florida; brother, Vernon McKenzie of Augusta; nephews: Joseph and Jacob McKenzie, niece, Callie McKenzie; and several aunts, uncles and cousins. The family received friends following the graveside service. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing. Condolences may be sent by visiting www.royalhallfuneralhome.com. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Burgette family.



Facebook page at 12 noon.



am to 11:50 am Saturday at the funeral home prior to the service. She was born in Cumberland County to the late George Martin Hall and Ida Florence Autry Hall. In addition to her parents she is also preceded in death by her first husband, Lonnie Marion Westbrook; second husband, William Byrd; son, Lonnie “Tony” Marion Westbrook, Jr.; grandson, Michael Matthews; and brothers, George Martin Hall, Jr., Billy Ray Hall, Love “LD” Daniel Hall, William Erwin Hall, and Robert Martin Hall. She leaves to cherish her memory; daughter, Mary Catherine Parker & husband, Frank of Dunn; sons, Carl Ray Westbrook & wife, Calinda of Dunn, and Gene Carson Westbrook & wife, Janice of Coats; 9 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; 5 great great-grandchildren; brothers, Henry Perry Hall of Autryville, and George Colon Hall & wife, Brenda of Hope Mills; and a sister, Willa Dean Lucas of Roseboro. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC 28382.



Licensed Practical Nurse at Southwood Nursing Center in Clinton. She is survived by her daughter, Chelsea Miskimen of the home; two grandchildren, Kaylen Cobb and Dudley “DJ” Phillips; sister, Dianna Smith and husband, Kawane of Clinton; two brothers, Christopher Miskimen of Roseboro and Michael Miskimen and wife, Denitta of Virginia. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.



Ernestine Lane and Josephine Montgomery both of Fayetteville, NC, Faye Faison of Dudley, NC and Betty Collum-Crump of Springfield, MA; two grandchildren. Service will be live-streamed via Worley Funeral Home Facebook page. NOTE: To access the graveside service via Facebook, log on to your Facebook account and type in Worley Funeral Home. The live-stream will be available at the service time. Viewing at Worley Funeral Home (Facial mask required) Saturday, December 5, 2020 4pm - 6pm.

WILMINGTON NC

Ms. Earlene Bennett Deloatch, 76, of Wilmington, NC, formerly of Sampson County, NC passed Saturday, November 21, 2020 at Lower Cape Fear Care Center, Wilmington, NC. The graveside service was held at 2pm, Saturday, December 5, 2020 at Roseboro Cemetery, Roseboro, NC with Rev. Livis Freeman, Jr. officiating. Ms. Deloatch is survived by SON- Anthony Bennett of Marina, CA and one grandchild. Service will be live-streamed via Worley Funeral Home Facebook page. NOTE: To access the graveside service via Facebook, log on to your Facebook account and type in Worley Funeral Home. The live-stream will be available at the service time. Viewing at Worley Funeral Home (Facial mask required) Friday, December 4, 2020 4pm - 6pm.



in Roseboro. The family will not be present. At others times the family will be at the home of her daughter, 75 Bayside Road, Dunn, NC. Edna was born on the 18th of June, 1931 by Owen Martin Williford and Mertie Jackson Williford. She is an alum of Plain View School and proudly represented the Clement community. She married Royal Devon “Billy” Matthews on the 11th of October, 1953. Edna retired as a teacher’s assistant with Howard Hall Elementary in Fayetteville, N.C and is recognized as a member in the Woman’s Club in Fayetteville, N.C Edna is preceded in death by her son Terry Devon Matthews, husband Royal Devon “Billy” Matthews, granddaughters Sarah Ann Davis and Elizabeth Gray Davis, brothers William Martin Williford (Louise), Frank Williford, Joe Williford, and sister Dora Williford Pla. Edna is survived by daughter Lisa Renee Matthews Davis (Mark), brothers Clifford “Cliff” Williford (Alice) of Clinton, N.C. and James Larry Williford of Dunn, N.C., sisters Ruth

Elaine Williford Fowler (Charlie) of Knightdale, N.C., Mary Ann Williford Ritenour (Chuck) of Pennsylvania and Linda Pearl Williford Chestnutt (Richard) of Clinton, N.C., sister in laws Ann Williams Williford of Autryville, N.C. and Elaine Hall Williford of Garner, N.C., grandchildren Travis Devon Matthews (Kelli) of Dunn, N.C., Jonathan Lee Matthews (Ashley) of Autryville, N.C., Jessica Renee Davis of Autryville, N.C., Olivia Nicole Davis of Dunn, N.C., and great grandchildren Mason Royal Matthews, Noah Scott Matthews, and Cooper Daniel Matthews. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.



during the walk-through. The family received friends at the home. Nancy born in Sampson County in 1949 was the daughter of the late Will Edgar McLamb and Cleo West McLamb. She was a Registered Nurse for many years in Dunn. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Larry Eldridge and sister, Lou Barker. Survivors include; daughter, Mendy and fiancé Douglas Smith; three grandchildren, Larry Christopher Eldridge and wife Shannon, Keri Register and husband Glenn and Justin Hunter; two great-grandchildren, Isabella Paige Hunter and Noah Christopher Eldridge; sister, Evelyn Smith and husband Elwood; and several nieces and nephews. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com.

AUTRYVILLE

Shirley Faircloth, 72, passed away on Saturday, December 5, 2020, at her home in Autryville, NC. A funeral service will be held at 11:00am on Sunday, December 13, 2020, at Faith Chapel in Roseboro, NC. Visitation will be held at hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Chapel on Friday, December 11, 2020, from 6:00pm - 8:00pm.



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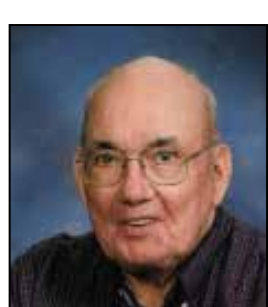
Bernice Avery “B. A.” Gautier, 77, of 306 Carolina Ave., passed away Friday, November 20, 2020 at Southwood Nursing Center. A funeral was held at 2 PM, Sunday, November 22nd at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home with Rev. E. C. Mattocks officiating. Interment followed in the Clinton Cemetery and the family will receive friends after the interment and at other times at the home of his aunt, Irene Darden (504 Underwood Street, Clinton). Please wear mask and practice social distancing. B. A., born in 1943 in Sampson County, was the son of the late Bernice Gautier and Thelma Gainey Gautier. He was the owner of an auto body repair shop and a member of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church. Survivors include his aunt, Irene Gainey Darden, numerous cousins and friends, and special friends, “Pee Wee” (Albert Smith) and “Pogie” (Sam Usher, Jr.). Memorials may be made to Mount Vernon Baptist Church, 3790 Faison Hwy, Clinton, NC 28328. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com.



Starling & Lamuel Lloyd, brothers, Albert & Eugene Mosley and sisters, Lucrecia Bailey, Gladys Weathers & Dorothy Horton. A funeral service was held Sunday, December 6, 2020 at 2:00 pm at Cromartie Miller Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Floyd Moore officiating. Burial followed in Williford Cemetery. She is survived by: her daughters: Kay Goodman of Canton, NC; Jean Simmons & (husband) James of Clinton, NC; Jann Kinlaw & (husband) Earl of Clinton, NC; Joan Ammons & (husband) Scottie of Linden, NC; Jessica Tyndall & (husband) Richie of Canton, NC.; Son: Jimmy Simmons & (wife) Susan of Roseboro, NC; Sister: Ann Carter of Knightdale, NC; 19 Grandchildren, 40 Great Grandchildren. There was a visitation Sunday, December 6, 2020 from 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm at Cromartie Miller Funeral Home in Dunn prior to the Service. FAMILY: Andrew Mosley, Father (deceased); Lilly Lamb Mosley, Mother (deceased); James Alexander “Bobby” Simmons, Husband (deceased); Samuel Starling, Son (deceased); Lamuel Lloyd, Son (deceased); Albert Mosley, Brother (deceased); Eugene Mosley, Brother (deceased); Lucrecia Bailey, Sister (deceased); Gladys Weathers, Sister (deceased); Dorothy Horton, Sister (deceased); Kay Goodman, Daughter; Jean Simmons & (husband) James, Daughter; Jann Kinlaw & (husband) Earl, Daughter; Joan Ammons & (husband) Scottie, Daughter; Jessica Tyndall & (husband) Richie, Daughter; Jimmy Simmons & (wife) Susan, Son; Ann Carter, Sister. Mrs. Simmons also leaves 19 Grandchildren and 40 Great-Grandchildren to cherish her memory.

NEWTON GROVE

John Ezra Godwin, age 81, passed away peacefully on December 4, 2020 at Rolling Ridge Assisted Living Center in Newton Grove. A funeral Mass was held at 11 am on Tuesday, December 8th, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Officiating was Father Mark Wise, C.Ss.R. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Better known as Johnnie, he was born September 17, 1939 in Johnston County to the late Enoch and Flora Monk Godwin. He was preceded in death by sisters and brothers, Elizabeth Tyler, Bernard Godwin, Sam Godwin, Enoch Godwin, Jr., Flohnie Fisher, Katie West, Mary Ida McHugh, and Carolyn Redmond. Surviving are his siblings, Sister Mary Julia Godwin, RSM, Anthony Godwin, George Godwin (Jean), Anna DuBree (James), Agnes Keating (Tom), and Frances Fisler. He was also a beloved uncle to numerous nieces and nephews. Johnnie had a beautiful and gentle soul. He was a joy to love and never a burden to his family. He loved them dearly and loved being around them. Seeing the world through his eyes was always an adventure. A private family viewing was from 4 to 5 pm on Monday, December 7th, at Skinner and Smith Funeral Home. In accordance with NC-COVID 19 guidelines, the family requests practicing social distancing and the three W’s: wait, wash, and wear a face covering. Masks are required for all attendees. Flowers are welcomed; however, memorials may be made to Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church building fund, PO Box 100, Newton Grove, NC 28366. The family wishes to express their gratitude to the staff at Rolling Ridge Assisted Living Center for their many years of loving care of Johnnie. Also, they appreciate the kindnesses shown to Johnnie by so many people:



family members, friends of family, church members, etc. All of you were so special to him. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.skinnerandsmith.com. Arrangements are by Skinner & Smith Funeral Home in Dunn.

CLINTON

Ms. Cynthia Elizabeth Hobbs Grider, 67, of 1782 Old Raleigh Rd., passed away Saturday, December 5, 2020 at Vidant Hospice House in Greenville. A Private Graveside Service will be held Wednesday, December 9th at 1:00PM in the Clinton Cemetery with Rev. E.C. Mattocks officiating. (The family asks that masks be worn, and social distancing be observed.) Born in 1953 in Black Hawk County, Iowa, Cynthia was the daughter of Doris Florence Boyette Hobbs and the late Howard Carr Hobb and was the widow of Charles Grider. She was a member of Grove Park Baptist Church and a Secretary for the City of Clinton for many years. Cynthia enjoyed life, her family and church family and will greatly be missed. She is survived by her son, who was her life, Michael Howard Grider and fiancée, Nichole of Clinton; two sisters: Milly Hobbs Foushee and husband, Jack of Monroe, Georgia and Lydia Hobbs Herring and husband, Gary of Clinton; mother, Doris Boyette Hobbs also of Clinton; her nieces and nephew: Lauren Wade West, Jessica Foushee Sinclair, Jenny Foushee Johnson and Ben Wade; and her two grandchildren: Jazmine Gregory and Collin White. The family will receive friends following the graveside service on Wednesday and other times at her mothers’ home, 1782 Old Raleigh Rd. Clinton. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Grider & Hobbs families.



NEWTON GROVE

Jose Noe Aguilar Hernandez 69 passed away at UNC Chapel Hill on Monday, November 30, 2020. A visitation was held on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Service, 1246 Hobbton Hwy. Clinton from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm.



ROSEBORO



Wyman Blackman Honeycutt, loving son, brother, husband, father, grandfather and friend to many is now a peaceful angel. On Saturday, November 21st, at the age of 76, while at Duke University Hospital, Wyman left his family and friends to go be with the Lord and join his beloved wife in their heavenly home. Mr. Honeycutt was born in Sampson

County, in the year of 1944, to the late, Ernie Blackman and Jessie Williams Honeycutt. He was a member of Mount Elam Baptist Church, Roseboro, North Carolina and attended Ocean Drive Church of the Lost and Found, North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Wyman was a graduate of Clement High School, where he met his sweetheart that later became his wife. He and his brother, Robert Honeycutt, managed Williams Lake, Sampson County, N.C. where his love of music and dancing began. He was also employed by Butler Funeral Home in Roseboro, N.C. He served over 30 years as the Manager of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. After his retirement, Wyman embraced being a good samaritan to family and friends during times of need and he enjoyed spending time at his beach home in North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina where he made many wonderful memories with his grandchildren, other family and friends. Wyman lived a very active and fulfilled life traveling from his farm home in North Carolina to his beach home in South Carolina, where he fostered his love for people, beach music and shagging, the South Carolina state dance. He was preceded in death by his wife, Glenda Smith Honeycutt, his parents and a sister Cynthia Honeycutt. Wyman was also preceded in death by his special friend Ann Patterson. Wyman is survived by his children, Wyman Vander “Van” Honeycutt, Dr. LeAnne Honeycutt Varner and his grandchildren, William “Will” Varner and Madison Ann Varner. Loving siblings include Alma Matthews (Blackman-deceased), Mary Shum (Joe-deceased), Louise Helvin (Jim), Carol Underwood (Tommy), Dianne Shields (Ken Brown), R.A. Honeycutt (Nancy) and Robert Honeycutt (Ann). Others left to cherish his memory include the Smith Family, the Patterson Family, many nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and numerous neighbors and friends that were an integral part of his life. An outdoor worship service to celebrate Wyman’s life, was held Saturday, November 28, 2020, 1:00PM at Mount Elam Baptist Church, Roseboro, North Carolina with Pastor Brandon Glunt officiating. In recognition of best practices, masks are required when attending the funeral in person as well as social distancing. Guests may join the service by bringing their own seating and joining family on the church front lawn, remaining in their vehicles and listening by broadcast or joining online via Mount Elam Baptist Church’s Facebook livestream. The family received guests after the service at the church. A private family burial will be held at Union Grove Baptist Church, Salemburg, North Carolina. Duke University Hospital has provided lifelong exemplary care to Wyman, Glenda and family. Memorials may be directed to Duke Health 300 W. Morgan Street, Suite 1200 Durham, NC 27701 or online via gifts.duke.edu. The family wishes to thank the healthcare providers and staff who cared for Wyman at Duke University Hospital, for not only the care they provided Wyman but also for serving as the human beings behind the frontlines, and extending themselves during this time of risking their own lives to protect their patients. Their professionalism, fortitude and readiness to fulfill their roles was revealed in each interaction with Wyman and his family. Van, LeAnne, Will and Madison would also like to thank all family and friends who provided immense support, hope and the belief that God’s will for Wyman would be done. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.

DUNN

Mr. James Junior “J.J.” Hyler, 84, of Dunn died Saturday morning November 28, 2020 at his home. He was born February 23, 1936 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia to the late James Henry and Mamie Milam Hyler. He was also preceded in death by several brothers. Mr. Hyler was a U.S. Marine veteran and was a retired electrician having worked for Waco Electric and Roger Barbour Electric of Raleigh. He attended Sansom Community Church in Dunn. A funeral Service was held 11am Monday, November 30, 2020 at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed at Greenwood Cemetery. Mr. Hyler is survived by his wife, Mable Surles Hyler; daughter, Louise Pope and husband Michael Hall of Dunn; grandson, James Anthony Weaver and wife, Michelle; great granddaughter, Brittany Weaver; great grandson, Christopher Weaver all of Salemburg; sister, Dorothy Mae Shield of Lizard Lick; mother-in-law, Alice Ivey; sisters-in-law, Laura Jane Sills, Jean Lucas and husband Wilbert; brother-in-law, Bobby Ivey all of Dunn; nephew, Garland Shield of Lizard Lick; and special friend, Roy Messer. The family received friends from 10 - 11a.m. Monday one hour prior to the service. Arrangements are by Skinner & Smith Funeral Home in Dunn.



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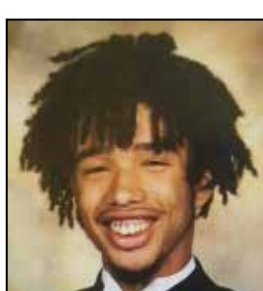
DUNN

Mr. Irvin Warren, 78, of Dunn passed away December 1, 2020. He was born on June 1, 1942 to the late Felton and Lelon Jackson Warren. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Ernestine Rankin and Martha Page, a brother, Thomas Warren. Being born into a farming family in rural Sampson County NC, Irvin Warren learned at an early age the value of humility, sacrifice, hard

work and the necessity of an education. He spent his early years on a tobacco farm where life was deeply entrenched in simplicity. It takes determination and discipline to till the soil and Irvin learned firsthand how hard it was to survive and provide for a family on a small farm. Attending public schools all his life, including East Carolina and NC State Universities, Irvin completed college with a Master's Degree in Education. He began teaching and was one of the youngest professors at his latest alma mater. During his college years, Irvin would hitch hike home to help his parents. After the passing of his father, he found himself commuting home every weekend to keep the family farm going. His Uncle offered Irvin the chance to be partner in an auto parts business and his own boss. With his youth, confidence and tenacious desire for work, Warren Oil Company was born, and the result has been an unyielding and lifelong commitment to quality and excellence. It's simple to write a check and claim you have made charitable donations; it is entirely different to organize, finance and participate in these philanthropic endeavors yourself. Irvin has always been a man "hands on" and fully involved. Most often he chose to remain anonymous when contributing his resources and services. Following the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, a team of surgeons and other medical staff from North Carolina called Irvin asking for financial support to get their group and much needed supplies to the devastated nation. Irvin did not hesitate. He not only offered them his financial support but use of his corporate airplane for their transportation of six trips total. Our WWII veterans are another cause close to Irvin's heart. Over the course of 8 years he provided an all expense paid overnight bus trip for approximately 250 veterans and their guests during Veterans Day to Washington DC to see the memorial built in their honor. Throughout his successful career in business, Irvin Warren has served our community in numerous capacities. He has served on the boards of the Betsey Johnson Regional Hospital, Dunn Area Chamber of Commerce, Standard Bank & Trust Company, Harnett County industrial Development and the New Century Bank. He has been a member of the Masonic Lodge and Shrine Club for more than 30 years and is past Chairman of the Board of Directors for Divine Street United Methodist Church. He was the 2004 recipient of the Boy Scout Distinguished Service Award, Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year in 2012 and The Order of the Long Leaf Pine in 2013. Battling significant health problems and seeking a warmer climate, Irvin and Michelle enjoyed his final years in South Florida where Irvin enjoyed boating, fishing, and making friends at local restaurants who always greeted him by first name and knew his favorite selections without asking. A proud family man, Irvin is survived by his wife Dr. Michelle DeCecco Warren and his three children, Wendy Warren Spell and spouse Chris Spell, Bill Warren and spouse Kristy Warren, and Brandon Eaton, and nine grandchildren, Reed Warren, Colby Warren, Jaimmy Warren, Haven Warren, Connor Blackmon, Christian Spell, Grayson Spell, Ben Spell and Spouse Diane Spell and Morgan Henry and Spouse Matt Henry. Humility is the one quality that kept Irvin Warren grounded. A captivating speaker, he once said to hundreds of graduates at a university commencement ceremony, "We must always stay true to the principals that allowed us to achieve our goals. God gives us the tools we need to be a success. What we do with those tools is our responsibility. In the end, all glory, achievements and prosperity are to honor Him". Due to Covid restrictions, a private service was held at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home in Dunn, N.C. on Saturday, Dec 5 at 11am. This service will also be live streamed through the Skinner & Smith website for all who wish to attend or will be able to be viewed on his obituary tribute wall after 2 pm. In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorials be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children 2900 Rocky Point Dr. Tampa, FL 33607.

DUNN

Mr. Jacob Ronald Smith, 18, of Dunn, passed away November 24, 2020. He was born May 21, 2002 in Harnett County to Travis Bennett, and Casey Lynn Smith. Jacob had attended both Midway and Triton High Schools. A memorial service will be held at a later date. He is survived by his mother, Casey Smith and stepfather, Patrick Ward of Dunn; father, Travis Bennett of Riverside; brothers, Caleb Allen and Jaylen Evans; sisters, Monica Purcell and Tualiya Bennett; maternal grandparents Lee Smith and wife Lucille of Dunn, Kathy Turnage of Dunn; paternal grandparents, Josephus Bennett, Jr. and Alice Faye Bennett of Riverside; aunts Whitney Harrison of Dunn, and JoAnn Bennett of Riverside. Arrangements are by Skinner & Smith Funeral Home of Dunn.



CLINTON

Gary Wayne Jacobs, 64, of 224 Seven Eagles Lane, passed away Monday, November 30, 2020. Memorial service was held at 11 AM, Thursday, December 3rd at Holly Grove Holiness Church with Rev. Dr. Randy Simmons and Rev. Julius Simmons officiating. Visitation was held immediately after the service. Gary, born in 1956, was the son of the late Lifton Purvis Jacobs and Mary

Ammons Jacobs. He attended Holly Grove Holiness Church and Breeze Wood Assembly of God. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by three brothers. Survivors include his sister, Cathy Sewell and husband Bill. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com.



DUNN

Bennie "J. R." Thomas Jones, Jr., 47, of 614 Lane Road, passed away Saturday, December 5, 2020 at Duke Raleigh Hospital. A graveside service was held at 11 AM, Thursday, December 10th at Grandview Memorial Garden. The family received friends immediately after the service. There will be a walk-through viewing from 10 AM to 5 PM, Wednesday, December 9th at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville St., Clinton, without the family present. J. R., born in 1973 in Sampson County, was the son of Bennie Thomas Jones and the late Ruby Lee Wilson Jones. He worked as a shavings truck driver for Butterball and attended C3 Church. In addition to his mother he was preceded in death by his sister, Deborah Jones. Survivors include: wife, Lorie Ann Jones; father, Bennie T. Jones and Betty Ann Mitchell; daughter, Lori Jones and fiancé Zackery Blackman of Newton Grove; stepson, Johnny Bullock, Jr. and wife Amber of Dunn; stepdaughter, Jessica Cook and husband Christopher of Roseboro; grandchild, Deliah Bullock; aunt, Linda and Ray Horne; and uncle, Steve and Carolyn Wilson. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com.

CLINTON

Judy Gaye King passed away on Sunday, December 6, 2020



from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm.
CLINTON

William Ernest Kopp, only son of Ernest Rudolph Kopp and Elizabeth Evans Kopp, died of Covid-19, November 22. Bill was born in St. Louis, Missouri, September 12, 1928. From 1946 until 1953, he served in the National Guard of Missouri and the United States Air Force as a radio operator and technician rising to the rank of staff sergeant with overseas postings in Japan and Okinawa. His Air Force service brought him to Pope Air Force Base, Fayetteville, NC allowing him to meet Janie Starling, of Clinton, who he would marry in April 1953. After graduating from North Carolina State University in 1956 with a degree in production engineering, he was employed by McDonnell Aircraft Corporation in his hometown of St. Louis, Missouri. There, he designed and managed manufacturing technologies for the F-4 Phantom. When McDonnell Aircraft was contracted by NASA to build the nation's first manned spacecraft, Bill moved his family to Cocoa Beach, Florida, to serve as spacecraft planner for the Mercury and Gemini space programs. In this role, he established overall work and test schedules, monitored testing, evaluated engineering changes, and even fabricated some of the spacecraft components on the family kitchen table. With the advent of the Apollo space program, Bill was hired by IBM to work on manufacturing the instrumentation unit (IU) of the Saturn V. This guidance system for the super heavy-lift launch vehicle would ultimately take astronauts to the moon. His work in missile guidance systems would translate into contributions to national defense through the development of guidance software for the Polaris submarine launched ballistic missile. Bill would continue his career with IBM until his retirement, always working on developing new technologies to transform the world around us from the exploration of outer space to the manufacture of high-density computer chips. Bill was an avid sailor, having built his first boat in which he and Janie spent many a weekend water skiing. From there, they worked their way through a series of ever larger boats, both power and sail, culminating in a 45 foot sloop in which they explored the Chesapeake Bay and its environs. When health issues forced them to rethink their maritime interest, they took up RVing, traveling to all 48 contiguous states as well as Alaska. Bill was a deeply religious man. His faith in Jesus Christ and his commitment to the church were an inseparable part of his self-identity. He never failed to recount how he saw the hand of God moving throughout his life. Even into his late 80's, Bill was participating in mission work through his local church, pushing his walker ahead of him as he headed off to places like South Dakota Indian reservations or small Appalachian towns. One of his favorite weekly events was serving as greeter for First Baptist Church Clinton's Thursday soup kitchen. William Ernest Kopp was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Janie Starling Kopp, and his sister, Evelyn Kopp. He leaves a son, William Ernest Kopp, Jr. and his wife Carol Anne Allen Kopp, of Clinton, and two granddaughters, Jennifer Jane Kopp, of Gwynn Oak, Maryland and Elizabeth Anne Kopp, also of Clinton. Due to the pandemic, services will be limited to the immediate family. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be given to the Mission Development Fund, First Baptist Church, Clinton, North Carolina, 28328.

CLINTON

Phyllis Avery Lane, 57, received ultimate healing and was welcomed into the arms of Jesus on Saturday, November 28, 2020. Phyllis was born in Sampson County on March 4, 1963 to Ernest and Peggy Avery. Phyllis received her Associates of Nursing from Sampson Community College. She earned her Bachelors of Nursing from Chamberlain School of Nursing. Phyllis was a National Board Certified School Nurse. Phyllis loved her church community and was an active member of Grove Park Baptist Church. She shared that same love for her community where she served as the Treasurer of Sampson County Women's Club. Phyllis also relished volunteering for Relay for Life and March of Dimes each and every year. She embodied the same joyfulness throughout her working career. Phyllis was the Sampson County Employee of the Year in 2005 and the Sampson County Public Health Person of the Year in 2006. She was honored as the Eastern North Carolina Public Health Nurse of the Year in 2010. She also happily served as the Secretary for the Southeast Region of the School Nurse Association of North Carolina. Phyllis was honored as the Support Person of the Year at her adored Union High School in 2018. Phyllis truly cherished her 37 years as a nurse. She worked as a Medical Surgical Nurse at Sampson Regional Medical Center for 11 years and was the Immunization Coordinator at Sampson County Health Department for 16 years. Phyllis served as the school nurse for Union Middle School and Union High School for the past 10 years where she spent some of her best days caring for her beloved students. Phyllis loved nothing more than spending time with her husband, two daughters, and extended family. Her caring and compassionate nature brought out the goodness in everyone around her. She enjoyed talking with everyone; with her previous patients, students and friends in the community. A service to celebrate Phyllis's life was held Wednesday, December 2nd at 2:00pm at Grove Park Baptist Church. The family will receive friends in the hour prior to the service at the church. Masks and social distancing are required at the service. A private interment for the family will be held at Clinton Cemetery. Phyllis is survived by her husband of 32 years, Jackie Ambrose Lane; daughters, Laura Beth Wood and husband John Gilliam Wood V of Raleigh and Dorothy Victoria Lane of Clinton; parents, Ernest and Peggy Avery of Clinton; siblings, Dwight Avery (Robyn) of Roseboro and Michelle Murphy (Dennis) of Clinton; a host of nieces, nephews, grand-nephews, special friends and family. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given in Phyllis's memory to the Phyllis Avery Lane Scholarship at Union High School. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com



GARLAND

Nancy Staton Lockamy, 63, of 2081 NC Hwy. 210 West, passed away on Sunday, December 06, 2020. Ms. Lockamy was born August 10, 1957 in Bladen County to the late Henry Alford Staton and Gladys Elizabeth Norris Staton. She is preceded in death by her husband; Harvey "Doug" Lockamy, two brothers; James W. Staton and David Staton. A graveside service was held at 2:00 PM Friday, December 11, 2020 at Hall Cemetery, 2984 Wildcat Road, Harrells, NC. Ms. Lockamy leaves to cherish her memory one daughter; Christy Kinlaw of Elizabethtown, two sons; Douglas W. Lockamy (Amy) of Elizabethtown, Gary R. Lockamy (Tia) of Elizabethtown, two sisters; Mary Dowless and husband Clarence of Garland, Frances Lewis and husband David of Garland, three brothers; Joe



Staton and wife Paulette of Garner, Milton Staton of Garland, Clarence Staton and wife Betty of Highpoint, 5 grandchildren; Samantha Kinlaw, Nathaniel Henthorne, Autumn Lockamy, Hunter Lockamy, Nautica Lloyd, 2 great-grandchildren; Luna McLamb and Kaydee McLamb. A public viewing will be held on Thursday, December 10, 2020 from 1:00-6:00 PM at Carter Funeral Home in Garland.



DUNN

Richard "Rick" Alan Martin, age 65, passed away November 23, 2020 from COVID-19. He was born in Detroit, Michigan to Robert & Marilyn Martin. He was happily married to his wife, Lynn Fann Martin. Rick is the beloved father of Nate Martin & girlfriend (Sindy Ortega) of Davie, FL. Admired step father of Gina (Eric) Tew

Dunn, NC, Matt (Danielle) Sutton of Seattle, WA, cherished Pops to Carson and Wesley Tew, dear brother of David (Sharon) of St. Clair Shores, MI, Nancy (Joel) Grumm of Lake City, MI, Peggy (Tom) Kmiec of Troy, MI, loving uncle of Justin Martin, Lauren Grumm Bieszka, Philip Grumm, Adam Kmiec, & Kate Kmiec. He was much loved by his large extended family and many friends. Rick was a proud graduate of Eastern Michigan University where he studied Science Teacher Education/ General Science Teacher Education. He graduated from South Lake High School in 1973. For the last 15 years Rick worked at Cumberland County Schools -Luther "Nick" Jeralds Middle School. He cherished his years as a teacher, looking forward each year to setting up his classroom and meeting the new students. He often told stories of Mr. Bones, his classroom skeleton. Rick was a wonderful, devoted husband. He enjoyed the simple things in life, spending time with his family, morning coffee on the deck, and watching his grandsons play baseball. He looked forward to visits from Nate, annual trips to Michigan, and retirement plans. He was planning to retire at the end of the 2020/2021 school year. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Central Baptist Church, Dunn NC.



CLINTON

Marion Robert "Mr. Bob" McLamb, 85, of 1955 Southeast Blvd., passed away Saturday, November 21, 2020 at Southwood Nursing Center. Graveside service was held at 11 AM, Tuesday, November 24th at Rowan Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Clay Carter officiating. Marion, born in 1935 in Johnston County, was the son of the late Marion Leo McLamb and Mary Lou Lee. He was a Lieutenant with the NC Dept. of Corrections and served in the NC National Guard. In 1982 he opened and owned Bob's Trailer and Tractor Repair in Clinton. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his first wife, Lewellyn Hairr McLamb and sisters, Elizabeth McLamb Rackley and Lucille McLamb Darden. Survivors include; wife, Judy Smith McLamb; daughters, Karen McLamb Moore (Ken) and Lynn McLamb Wright (Clark); sisters, Judi McLamb Smith, Bonnie McLamb Nolan, Dixie McLamb Burgette, Janie McLamb Lucas and Kathleen McLamb Shipp; grandchildren, Crystal Lynn West (Gainey), Tiffany Lee Carter (Garrett), Hunter Brian Wright; great-grandchildren, August West Nance (Logan), Trinity Leigh Ammons, Greylen Wayne Carter; and great-great granddaughter, Ryleigh Elizabeth Nance. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com

SALEMBURG

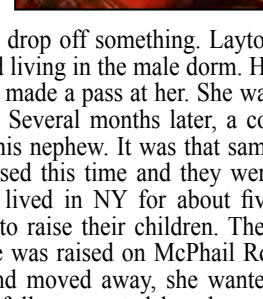
Elsie McPhail, 82, died December 9, 2020, with her family by her side in Salemburg, NC. She was born August 11, 1938 in Smithtown, NY to Ray and Dorothy Hersey. Elsie (or Honey to her friends) worked at Kings Park Psychiatric Center when she left home. The night she met her future husband was New Year's Eve in 1956. She was dressed in her finest for a party and her friend



wanted to stop at the male dorm to drop off something. Layton McPhail was also working there and living in the male dorm. He was in the lobby in his overalls and made a pass at her. She was not impressed by this country boy. Several months later, a co-worker offered to introduce her to his nephew. It was that same country boy. She was more impressed this time and they were married in September 1957. They lived in NY for about five years and decided to move to NC to raise their children. They built a house right behind where he was raised on McPhail Rd. After their children were grown and moved away, she wanted to get her nursing degree. Layton fully supported her dreams. She became a nurse after graduating from Sampson Community College and worked at Sampson Memorial Hospital until 1998. She was very proud to serve the citizens of Sampson County. She was preceded in death by her husband, Luther Layton McPhail; brothers "Wally" and "Ray" Hersey; and sister Jane Mutell. A graveside service was held Saturday, December 12, 2020 at 1:00 at Union Grove Baptist Church, 395 Vander Rd. Salemburg, NC. Please social distance and wear a mask. Mrs. McPhail is survived by her brother, Edward Hersey; her daughter, Bonnie McPhail, two sons and their spouses, Layton and Julia McPhail, Norman and Kelli McPhail and grandchildren, Thomas, Dorothy, William, Nicholas, Samuel, and Emily; and great-grandchildren Chloe, Asher and Olivia. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Christian Food Bank of Salemburg, 113 N Main St, Salemburg, NC 28385 or Clement Rescue Squad, 3400 Maxwell Rd, Autryville, NC 28318.

SALEMBURG

Mr. Donald Odell Meece, Jr., 72 of Salemburg passed away on Monday, November 30, 2020 at Sampson Regional Medical Center. A Memorial Service was held at 11:00 AM Monday, December 7, 2020 at Roseboro United Methodist Church with Reverend Bobby Herring officiating. The family received friends before the service from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Mr. Meece was a native of Colfax County, New Mexico. He was the son of Donald Odell Meece, Sr. and Naomi Wood Meece. He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant daughter, Trudie Renee Meece. He was a retired Special Agent with the Department of Defense. He was a veteran of the Naval Reserves. He is survived by his wife, Sandy Odum Meece of the home; daughter, Chrissy Meece Carr and husband, Eddie of Clinton; three brothers, Denny Meece of Georgia, Randy Meece of Orlando, FL and Steve Meece of Bluffton, SC. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Roseboro United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 8, Roseboro, NC 28382. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.



CLINTON

Michael Andrew (Andy) Butler age 30 of 5838 Dave Bright Road died Friday November the 27, 2020 at his home. Andy was born in Sampson County in 1990 to the late Robert Franklin (Frankie) Butler Jr. and Rhonda Carter Butler. Andy attended the New Hanover Fire Academy to attain his Firefighting I

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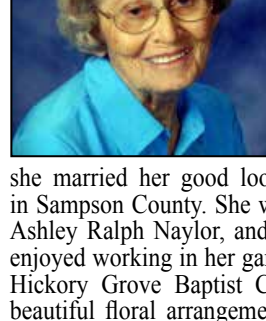
Firefighting II as well as attaining his Hazmat certification. He was an Intern with the New Hanover Fire Department in Wrightsboro at Station 11 while working part-time at Hardees. In 2006 at the young age of 16 he joined the Herring Fire Department; Andy also became a member of the Taylors Bridge Fire Department from 2012-2017. Andy became the Lieutenant at the Turkey Fire Department from 2016-2020.

He was a member of the Sampson County Fire Association. He worked as a manager for Josh Combs Hog Farms and most of all he loved to dance. Andy is preceded in death by his father Frankie Butler Jr. and uncle Mark Munoz. Funeral Service was held Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 2:30 pm at Turkey Fire Department at 390 North Main Street Turkey. Burial followed at Grandview Memorial Park 2763 N.US 421 Hwy in Clinton. Andy leaves a cherished his memories: his Mother: Rhonda Carter Butler of Rose Hill, Sisters: Amy Butler Young husband Jason of Clinton, Cassie Butler Wilbourne husband Zane of Clinton, Brother: Casey Hunter Butler of Clinton. Grandfather Robert Franklin Butler Sr. of Clinton and Niece and Nephew: Paislee Wilbourne of Clinton, Dalton Young also of Clinton. A special friend Heather Rackley of Clinton and a host of aunts and uncles and nieces and nephew. Visitation was held Wednesday, December 2, 2020 from 11:00 am to 2:30 p.m. at the Turkey Fire Department and other times at the home of Jane and Mark Munoz 6344 Taylor's Bridge Highway Clinton.



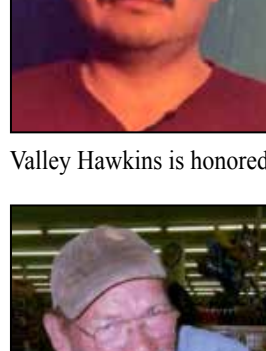
ROSEBORO

Mr. James Wells Miskimen, 80 of Roseboro passed away on Sunday, November 22, 2020 at the Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. No local services will be held. A graveside service will be held at Sunset Hills Cemetery in Canton, Ohio. He was born in Stark County, Ohio to Carl E. and Laura Wells Miskimen. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Linda Carol Miskimen and brother, Gary Miskimen. He was a retired welder and a retired Master Sgt. with the U. S. Army. He is survived by his children, Cheryl Miskimen and Christopher Miskimen both of Roseboro, Mike Miskimen and wife, Dennita of Virginia and Dianna Smith and husband, Kawane of Clinton; 9 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren; and siblings, Marlene Jones of Newark, Ohio and Rita Winder and husband, William of Canton, Ohio; and a sister-in-law, Marlene Miskimen of Hartsville, Ohio. Arrangements by Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC 28382 and Karlo-Libby Funeral Home, 5000 Everhard Road, NW, Canton, Ohio 44718.



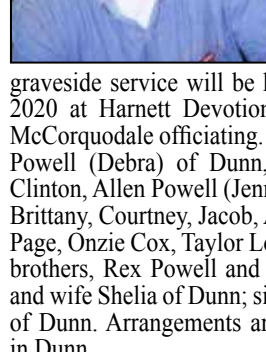
CLINTON

Eloise Upchurch Naylor, 90, went to her eternal home on Sunday, November 22. Though she will be missed very much, the family rejoices in her glorious homecoming with her Lord and Savior. She was born on November 6, 1930 in Harnett County to the late Clarence and Era Upchurch. After graduating from Coats High School in 1949, she married her good looking husband, "Tootsie," and settled in Sampson County. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ashley Ralph Naylor, and infant daughter, Karen Larue. Eloise enjoyed working in her garden and flowers. She faithfully served Hickory Grove Baptist Church for many years by providing beautiful floral arrangements from her own flower gardens for worship services. Her celebration of life was held on Tuesday, November 24 at 2PM at Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Clinton. The service will be broadcast on 89.5 FM for those who prefer to remain in their vehicles. Social distancing guidelines - including wearing masks - will be followed. Interment immediately followed at Harnett Primitive Baptist Church cemetery, Roseboro. The family received friends outside after the graveside service. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the family requests all who attend the funeral service, graveside committal, or visits at the home, to please wear a mask and practice social distancing when possible. She is survived by daughters, Brenda Prince of Raleigh, Dale Tart and husband Bruce, Joy Jernigan and husband Timothy, and Hope Naylor of Roseboro; nine grandchildren, Ashley Warwick, Terra Sosa and Mary Weems, Chris Tart, Greg Tart and Kelly Jackson, Brandy Barbour and Eric Jackson, and Dillon Hawley; seventeen great grandchildren, Amelia and Kelsey Tart, Cooper, Anna Shearin and John Warwick, Colton Tart and Wilson Mayo, Graham, Brody and Landon Jackson, Cruz and Clara Sosa, Jaylan and Naylor Barbour, Channing and Raylon Jackson, and Tori Weems. She is also survived by two sisters, Ruby Stephenson of Willow Springs, Jo Ann Denton of Coats, and a brother C.L. Upchurch of Coats. To honor her love of flowers, floral arrangements are welcomed by the family. Arrangements by Skinner & Smith Funeral Home in Dunn.



CLINTON

Amilcar Ortiz 63 passed away on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at Wake Med in Raleigh. A visitation was held on Friday, December 11, 2020 from 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm at 333 Northeast Blvd. Clinton (the old Badcock Furniture building). Burial will be held at 1:00 pm on Saturday, December 12, 2020 at Grandview Memorial Park. Hope Valley Hawkins is honored to serve the Ortiz Family.



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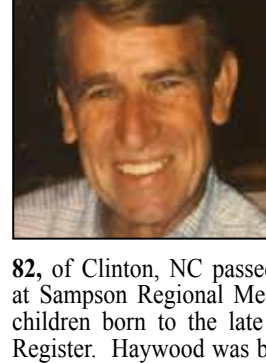
Mr. Ronald Grady Powell, Sr., 66, of Dunn passed away Friday evening December 11, 2020 at Central Harnett Hospital in Lillington. Ronald was born June 21, 1954 in Sampson County son of the late Henry and Jessie Carter Powell. He was also preceded in death by his daughter, Donna Sue Powell and his brother, Jerry Powell. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at Harnett Devotional Gardens in Dunn with Rev. Don McCorquodale officiating. Ronald is survived by his sons, Ronnie Powell (Debra) of Dunn, Kevin Powell and wife Tammy of Clinton, Allen Powell (Jennifer) of Clinton; grandchildren, Ethan, Brittany, Courtney, Jacob, Austin, Brandon, A.J. Powell, Jonathan Page, Onzie Cox, Taylor Lockamy; great grandchild, Brooks Cox; brothers, Rex Powell and wife, Linda of Erwin, Murray Powell and wife Shelia of Dunn; sister, Edna Barefoot and husband Ricky of Dunn. Arrangements are by Skinner & Smith Funeral Home in Dunn.

ROSE HILL

Raybon Reardon, 73, passed away on Sunday, November 22, 2020, at Kitty Askins Hospice Center in Goldsboro, NC. The family received friends on Wednesday, November 25, 2020 from 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm at the home, 188 Springwood Drive, Rosehill, NC. Raybon leaves to cherish his memories: his wife: Brenda Price Reardon of the



home, Sons: Derick Lee (Holly) of Ethiopia, Travis E. Reardon (Amanda) of Dunn, NC, Ashley Ray Reardon (Tabitha) of Dunn, NC, Step-Daughter: Jennifer Bishop (Robert) of Harrells, NC, Step-Son: Jessie Pike (Crystal) of Clinton, NC and 14 grandchildren.



CLINTON

* Updated Obit with Service Information * **MEMORIAL SERVICE** will be held on Saturday, Dec. 5th at 2pm, at Trinity United Methodist Church with Rev. Chip Crumpler officiating. Visitation will be held prior to the service, beginning at 1pm. Please practice social distancing and wear a mask at all times during visitation/service. *

Alfred Haywood Register, age 82, of Clinton, NC passed away on Thursday, March 26, 2020, at Sampson Regional Medical Center. He was the tenth of ten children born to the late Cecil Ingram Register and Lola Tew Register. Haywood was born on November 17, 1939, in Clinton, NC. He remained in Clinton throughout his life, surrounded by friends and family. In high school, Haywood was a star athlete in baseball, football, and basketball. As a young man, Haywood worked as a farmer, then later as a mechanic and raising and showing Appaloosa and Quarter Horses. He spent many years as well, drag racing with the National Hot Rod Association, and was a two-time World Champion in his class. He was his happiest building race car engines and troubleshooting mechanical issues on any vehicle. Haywood also had a passion for gardening. He would show up at his children's homes with baskets of food that included fruits, nuts, and vegetables and country ham and sausage as well. Haywood was an excellent conversationalist, and his dry sense of humor and positive attitude resulted in a wide range of friends. Haywood was quite the popular fellow. He was a walking encyclopedia of the NFL and would recount his own life story with great clarity and detail. As a Christian man, Haywood was a loving and dedicated father and grandfather, who fell just shy of worshipping his family. He was a loyal uncle and brother. Haywood was a life-time member of Trinity United Methodist Church, serving as Superintendent of Sunday School for many years. Haywood's eldest daughter, Michele Register, welcomed him as he joined her in heaven. Surviving Haywood are his son, Parrish Register, and wife, Jennifer; daughter, Andrea Sanz and husband, Jesus; granddaughter, Carla Sanz; ex-wife and friend, Patricia Throckmorton and husband, Keith; sister, Mozelle Hope; brother, Craven Register and wife, Eloise; brother-in-law, Bobby Warren; and numerous nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Haywood's honor to Trinity United Methodist Church, 1690 Trinity Church Road, Magnolia NC, 28453. Royal Hall Funeral Home of Clinton NC is assisting the family through this difficult time.

CLINTON

Audelia Hernandez Reyes 78 passed away on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at Sampson Regional Medical Center in Clinton. A visitation was held on Thursday, December 3, 2020 at Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Service, 1246 Hobbs Hwy. Clinton from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm.



CLINTON

Mrs. Linda Joyce Robinson, 71, of Clinton, NC passed away Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at Wayne Memorial Hospital, Goldsboro, NC. The graveside service was held at 1pm, Friday, December 11, 2020 at Pickett-Johnson Family Cemetery, Rose Hill, NC with Apostle Marcus O. Becton officiating. Mrs. Robinson is survived by DAUGHTER-Laura Campbell of Spring Lake, NC; SON-Anthony Tatum of Goldsboro, NC; SISTERS-Georgia Beatty of Willard, NC and Janet Jones of Rose Hill, NC; BROTHERS-Michael "Terry" Tatum of Stafford, VA, Maurice Tatum, Henry Tatum and Luther Tatum all of Rose Hill, NC; 9 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. Viewing at Worley Funeral Home (Facial mask required) Friday, December 11, 2020 10am - 11am. Service will be live-streamed via Worley Funeral Home Facebook page. NOTE: To access the graveside service via Facebook, log on to your Facebook account and type in Worley Funeral Home. The live-stream will be available at the service time.

ROSEBORO

Mr. Freddie Lee Simmons, 74, of 11301 Boykin Bridge Rd., Roseboro, NC passed away on Monday, December 7, 2020 at UNC Memorial Hospital, in Chapel Hill, NC. Mr. Simmons was born December 10, 1945 in Sampson County to the late Fred and Alice Simmons. Mr. Simmons is preceded in death by one brother; Wilbur Simmons and four sisters; Honesta Galoski, Thelma King, Ruby Guy and Hazel Parrish. He was owner/operator of McDaniel's Mercantile at McDaniel's Cross Road. A funeral service was held at 11:00 AM Thursday, December 10, 2020 at Mintz Baptist Church, 3761 Old Mintz Hwy, Roseboro, NC. Interment followed at Carter Cemetery, 10881 Old Mintz Hwy, Garland, NC. Mr. Simmons is survived by his wife; Vivian Simmons, two daughters; Amy Fann and husband Huey of Roseboro, NC, Janet Barber and husband James of Harrells, NC, one sister; Durema Koger and husband Bill of Charlotte, NC, 4 grandchildren; Savannah Kamp and husband Cody, Courtney Barber, Ryan Barber and Katelyn Fann. A public viewing will be held on Wednesday, December 09, 2020 from 1:00-5:00 PM at Carter Funeral Home in Garland, NC. In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to Mintz Christian Academy, 2741 Mintz Road, Roseboro, NC 28382. The service can be followed live via Facebook on the Mintz Baptist Church Facebook page.

TURKEY

Mrs. Lennie B. Faison Smith, 74, of 7880 Turkey Hwy., Turkey, NC passed away Friday at Vidant Medical Center, Greenville, NC. The graveside service will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, December 12, 2020 at Sandhill Cemetery with Terrell Stevens officiating. The burial will follow after the service. Mrs. Smith is survived by her DAUGHTERS-Christy "Faye" Green of Waldorf, MD, Jacqueline Brinson of Kenansville, NC and Christina Bethune of Tampa, FL; SONS-Clarence Smith of Waldorf, MD and Fabian Smith of Turkey, NC; 12 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren. Service will be live-streamed via Worley Funeral Home Facebook page. NOTE: To access the graveside service via Facebook, log on to your Facebook account and type in Worley Funeral Home. The live-stream will be available at the service time. Viewing at Worley Funeral Home (Facial Mask are required) Friday, December 11, 2020 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

CLINTON

Barbara Waker Thompson, 88, passed away at home on Thursday, December 10, 2020. Born on September 16, 1932 to the late Finne Walker & Emma Edwards, Barbara was the window of Robert

Franklin Thompson and worked in the textile industry. She is peacefully in death by her husband: Robert Franklin Thompson, a son: Johnny F. Thompson, and her great-granddaughter: Cierra Moore. A Graveside Service was held at 3:00 pm on Saturday, December 12, 2020 at Grandview Memorial Gardens, US Hwy 421 N Clinton, with Pastor Mark Fields officiating. Entombment followed. Barbara leaves to cherish her memories, son: Robert W. Thompson and wife Pat of Ruthers Glen, VA, daughter: Diana Barefoot and husband Darrell of Dunn, NC, and Edith Hammond and husband Dean of the home, 13 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, and 28 great-great grandchildren. Ms. Barbara Walker Thompson will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. Due to COVID-19, face coverings are required and social distancing protocols will be put into place.



CLINTON

Mrs. Sonja Faye Jacobs Tyler, 81, of Clinton, North Carolina passed away Friday, November 27, 2020. She was born to the late Ammie and Themia Irene Simmons Jacobs on Saturday, April 29, 1939 in Sampson County, North Carolina. In addition to her parents Mrs. Tyler was preceded in death by her sisters Shirley J. Carter and Phyllis J. Bryant. She was a member of New Bethel Baptist Church in Clinton, North Carolina. Sonja graduated from Eastern Carolina Indian School before graduating from Kings Business College. She married Rev. Elwood "Buck" Tyler and their union brought one daughter Allyson Faye Tyler. Sonja worked for the USDA with the Sampson County office of Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service "ASCS." After retiring she cared for her parents and family. Sonja was an advocate and active on the Pow-Wow Circuit. She is survived by her husband, Rev. Elwood "Buck" Tyler; daughter, Allyson Tyler Mitchell (George Weldon) of Clinton, NC; granddaughters, Kimberly Renee Hawkins (David Alan), Sonja Koshari Maynor (Stephen Ray) and Keara Faye Mitchell; great-grandchildren, Marvin Alan Hawkins Jr., Natalie Hawkins Kubow, George Mason Hawkins, Nia Renee Hawkins, Dylan Gage Hawkins, Sarah Cassidy Hawkins, George Cristiano Arellanes-Mitchell, Isabella Marie Mitchell and Stephen Ray Maynor, Jr.; great-great grandchildren, Gavin Hawkins, Hosanna Kubow and Noah Kubow; sister, Dorla J. Ammons; brothers, Ammie Gordon Jacobs, Jimmy Davis Faircloth (Gladys), Gregory Dancel Jacobs (Debra) and Kent Norris Jacobs (Tammy); brother-in-law, James Charles "Charles" Bryant, a host of nieces, nephews, special friends and family. Graveside Service was 2:00 PM Sunday, November 29, 2020 at New Bethel Baptist Church in Clinton, North Carolina. Visitation for the family and friends was held from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM Saturday, November 28, 2020 at Crumpler - Honeycutt Funeral Home 118 Fayetteville St, Clinton, North Carolina 28328. Service was entrusted to Crumpler - Honeycutt Funeral Home in Clinton, North Carolina.



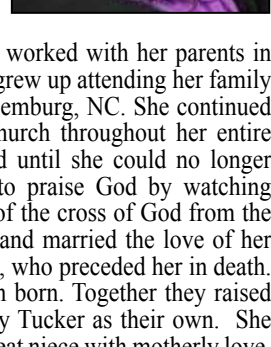
CLINTON

Corona Jackson Warren, 94, of 2165 Church Road, Clinton, NC, was called to her eternal home on Saturday, December 5, 2020 at Sampson Regional Medical Center, following a brief illness. She was born on August 24th, 1926 in Sampson County to the late Henry and Vera Jackson of Newton Grove, NC. She was known as a gifted, talented pianist and woman of elegance throughout her entire life. She was crowned Ms. Senior Sampson County in 2005 and represented Sampson County in the Ms. North Carolina Senior America Pageant the same year. She was also a former member of the Silver Belles Sampson County Senior Cheerleading Squad and proudly cheered with her squad to represent the county in various competitions. She loved to bake and dine-out with her sister and friends, often volunteering to drive even though she was by far the eldest. She is often remembered for her chocolate cakes, wedding cakes and chicken salad. But most important to her, she faithfully served Mary's Chapel Church in many capacities, including the pianist for more than 50 years. She was also very proud of her many first place blue ribbon awards for her Sampson County culinary exhibits. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 57 years, Jasper Wilton Warren. To cherish her memory is a son, Joseph Wildon (JW) Warren and wife Ann of Clinton, and a daughter, Marie Warren Stone and husband Dale of Durham. She is also survived by grandchildren, Michelle Palatine (Chad) of Youngsville, Chris Warren (Michelle) of Dunn, Angela Stone Richardson (David) of Cary, Amanda Thornton of Clinton, Melissa Knowles (David) of Grantham, Jessica Warren of Clinton, and Jamie Butler (Jonathan) of Salemburg; great grandchildren; Courtney, Brittany, Lauren, Jackson, Kaitlyn, Ryan, Joshua, Lacey, Cody, Paisley, Kyra, Tyler, Savannah, Alexis, Matthew, Camden, Emma and Trevar, and two great-great grandchildren, Audrianna and Will. Also surviving to cherish her memory is her beloved sister, Grace Lee of Clinton and daughter-in-law Doris Tyndall (James) of Dunn, as well as many nieces, nephews and a host of friends, to include her Southwood Nursing Home family. The graveside service was held at 2:00 pm on Thursday, December 10th at Grandview Memorial Park on US-421 in Clinton, NC. A walk-thru visitation, without family present, was held on Wednesday, December 9th from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville Street, Clinton, NC 28328. Flowers are welcome or memorials may be made to Mary's Chapel Baptist Church music program in her memory. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the family requests all who attend the service and or funeral home, to please wear a mask and practice social distancing when possible. Arrangements are by Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville Street, Clinton, NC 28328.



SALEMBURG

Everlina Webb of Salemburg NC, was born on January 23, 1917 in Sampson County. She was born to the late Sarah Underwood and the late Alexander Tucker. Three sisters, Eva Howard, Mary F. Edwards, Alleen McDowell and one brother William McKinley (Sun) Tucker, whom all preceded her in death. She received her early education within the Sampson County school system. She grew up on a farm and worked with her parents in her early years. At an early age, she grew up attending her family church New Light AME Zion in Salemburg, NC. She continued to attend New Light AME Zion Church throughout her entire life and remained faithful unto God until she could no longer physically attend. She continued to praise God by watching and hearing the gospel of the glory of the cross of God from the comfort of her home. Everlina met and married the love of her life her husband Alfred Hester Webb, who preceded her in death. To this union there were no children born. Together they raised their nephews Frank Tucker and Ray Tucker as their own. She also raised Priscilla K Bennett her great niece with motherly love. Throughout her lifetime she has opened her heart and home to many individuals and families. She was able to extend her helping



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hand to Gloria Cooper (deceased) in raising Jennifer Cooper and Jeffrey Cooper for many years in her home and so many more. She was a mother figure, grandmother figure, auntie and so much more to many people throughout her life. She loved the Lord and she showed it by treating others the way she wanted to be treated with love and respect. She gave the same love and respect to all of her family and friends. She was undisputedly a faithful humble woman of love and compassion. She was overwhelmingly kind and cultivated with the fruits of the spirit faithfulness, peace, joy, self-control, patience, goodness, gentleness, kindness and love. Everlina kept the faith, she trusted God and lived through many storms. She was there for you in any way that she could be. Whether you simply needed something to drink, those of you that know her know that she always had the "Kool Aid" ready. If you needed somewhere to sleep, she had a room or made room. If you were hungry, she always had food ready or made some and she was always there if you needed someone to talk to. Her heart, arms and ears were always open and available. Everlina was truly a blessed woman of God who kept the faith and trusted God no matter what. One of her favorite scriptures was Ephesians 6:1-3 (KJV): "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and thy mother; which is the first commandments with promise; That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth." She definitely lived by example. Everlina lived 103 amazing years on this earth in peace. Everlina Webb leaves to cherish her memories a host of nieces, nephews, great and great great nieces and nephews, other family and friends to continue to love ye one another. Graveside service was held Saturday, November 28, 2020 at 2 pm at Webb Family Cemetery in Salemburg, NC. Public Viewing: Saturday, November 28, 2020 from 12:00 pm to 1:45 pm at Butler & Son Funeral Home in Roseboro, NC. Masks are required. Graveside Service will be live-streamed through Butler & Son Funeral Home Facebook Page.



CLINTON

Jeanette Drew Wiggs, of 107 Owl Roost, Clinton, NC, died on Tuesday, December 1, 2020. Born on August 1, 1932, Mrs. Wiggs was the daughter of the late Eddie and Kathryn Drew of Warsaw, NC. She was the widow of Harold Wiggs and was preceded in death by sisters, Rachel Johnson of Dudley, NC and Rose Matthews of Rose Hill, NC. For the past

30 years she was a member of the Grove Park Baptist Church where she had been active and served on different committees. She also served on the Board of Deacons, was a member of the WMU, and sang in the choir. She loved music all her life and was a self-taught pianist serving as church pianist everywhere she lived. Before moving to NC, she lived in Maryland where she was the Administrative Assistant to the Director of Cresthill Child Development Church. In 2000, she was founder and first Director of Bright Beginnings Child Care Center in Clinton, NC. She is survived by; son, Shane of Warsaw, NC; daughter, Lisa of Wilson; granddaughter, Charissa and husband Doug; and great-grandson, Dillon of Wallace, NC. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Grove Park Baptist Church, 609 Northeast Blvd, Clinton, NC 28328 (designate for G. A.'s, WMU, or Multifocus Groups. There was a walk-through viewing, Thursday, December 3rd, from 10 AM – 5 PM, and again from 9 AM – 11 AM, Friday, December 4, 2020 at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville St., Clinton, NC 28328. A private graveside service will be held at Pinecrest Cemetery in Warsaw, NC. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com.

CLINTON

Mr. Romack Donald Williamson, 75 of 28 Moore Road, Clinton, NC passed on Friday, November 27, 2020 at Sampson Regional Medical Center, Clinton, NC. The graveside service was held at 11am, Thursday, December 3, 2020 at Andrews Chapel Church Cemetery, Clinton, NC with Rev. Gerald Underwood officiating. Mr. Williamson is survived by SISTERS-Hattie Vann of Las Vegas, NV, Peggie Williamson of Fayetteville, NC and Dorothy Chavis of Clinton, NC; BROTHERS-Lewis Williamson, Daniel Williamson, James Williamson, Samuel Williamson and Larry Williamson all of Clinton, NC. Viewing at cemetery after service. Service will be live-streamed via Worley Funeral Home Facebook page. NOTE: To access the graveside service via



Facebook, log on to your Facebook account and type in Worley Funeral Home. The live-stream will be available at the service time.

CLINTON

Mrs. Loretta Wynn, 86, of Clinton, NC, passed away Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at home. The service was held at 1pm, Monday, December 7, 2020 at Hillcrest Memorial Park, Clinton, NC with Elder Donald Graham officiating. Mrs. Wynn is survived by DAUGHTERS-Loletha McPhail of Clinton, NC, Renezza McLamb of Lawton, OK and Juanita Broussard of Oklahoma City, OK; SON-Eric Wynn of Clinton, NC; SISTERS-Genotra Robinson and Ora Dell Boykin both of Clinton, NC, Evelyn Brown of New Castle, DE and Patricia Fowler of Chicago, IL; 7 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. Service will be live-streamed via Worley Funeral Home Facebook page. NOTE: To access the graveside service via Facebook, log on to your Facebook account and type in Worley Funeral Home. The live-stream will be available at the service time. Viewing at Worley Funeral Home (Facial mask required) Sunday, December 6, 2020 4pm - 6pm.



GARLAND



Mrs. Olivia Herring McLeod, 85, of 1391 Garland Airport Rd., passed away on Friday, November 27, 2020 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington, NC. Mrs. McLeod was born April 29, 1935 in Sampson County to the late Willie Ivey Herring & Cattie Jane Lamb. She is preceded in death by her brother; Curtis Herring. A graveside service was held at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, December 01, 2020 at

Herring Cemetery. A viewing was held prior to the service at Carter Funeral Home from 11:00 AM-12:30 PM. Mrs. McLeod leaves to cherish her memory her husband; Lawrence "Bunny" McLeod, her son; Harry Kendrick of Garland, NC, her step-daughter; Brenda J. McLeod of Brooklyn, NY, her sister; Willie Herring Williams of Greensboro, NC, 4 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

CLINTON

Mrs. Joyce Marie Williamson Goings, 82 of 530 Kenneth Carter Road, Clinton, NC passed on Saturday, December 12, 2020 at Sampson Regional Medical Center, Clinton, NC. The funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time. Worley Funeral Hoe Inc.

CLINTON

Walter Patterson, 68, passed away on Sunday, December 6, 2020, at UNC Chapel Hill. A visitation will be held from 2:00pm – 7:00pm on Friday, December 18, 2020, at Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Chapel. Family will be present from 6:00pm – 7:00pm. A funeral service will be held at 12:00pm on Saturday, December 19, 2020, at Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Chapel.

ROSEBORO

Mr. Roy David Smith, Jr., 60 of Roseboro passed away on Sunday, December 13, 2020 at his home. The funeral service will be held at 3:00 PM Wednesday, Dec. 16 at Beaver Dam Baptist Church with Rev. Tim McQueen officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends from 1:30 PM - 2:45 PM prior to the service at the church. At other times the family will receive friends at the home of Ricky and Shirley Smith, 13162 NC Hwy. 210 S., Roseboro, NC. Mr. Smith was a native of Cumberland County, the son of Roy David Smith, Sr. and Joann Fisher Smith. He was preceded in death by his father. He was a former maintenance engineer with Sampson Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his mother, Joann Fisher Smith of the home; two sisters, Pam Pollard and husband, Keith and Donna Maguire and husband Paul all of Roseboro; brother, Ricky Smith and wife, Shirley of Roseboro; six nephews, one niece, five great nieces and one great nephew. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.

AUTRYVILLE

Mrs. Sandra Jean Pope Faircloth, 65 of Autryville passed away on Sunday, December 6, 2020 at her home surrounded by family. A funeral service was held at 2:00 PM Thursday, December 10, 2020 at Mt. Carmel Church of God of Prophecy with Pastor Bryan

Strickland and Bishop Warren Barfield, Sr. officiating. The family received friends from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at Mt. Carmel Church of God of Prophecy Family Life Center. Mrs. Faircloth was a native of Sampson County. She was the daughter of David Royal and Peggy Ann McLamb Pope. She is preceded death by her parents. Sandra was a loving wife, mom, and friend to all. She loved the Lord and always wanted to share the Lord's love for all through salvation. She had a deep love for all and was a believer in the sanctity of life. She was known by everyone as the Tupperware lady. She was a vital part of Dream Big Christian Academy for 15 years as well as many years at Belk. She made many friends during life's endeavors and never met a stranger. She was loved by many and will be missed by all that knew her. She is survived by her husband, Bill Faircloth of the home; daughter, Jeanine Page and husband, Glenn of Erwin; two sons, Michael Faircloth and wife, Linda of Roseboro; Major Dustin Faircloth and wife, Carlotta of Niceville, FL; ten grandchildren, Kaylan Page, Travis Page, Will Page, Jada Faircloth, Alex Faircloth, Bryce Faircloth, Devon Spell, Casey Adams, Avery Nott and Riley Adams; sister, Diann Autry of Roseboro; and brother, Arnold Pope of Roseboro. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Royal Children's Home, 7569 N. West Street, Falcon, NC 28342. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.

Roseboro

Ms. Deborah Ann Pope Sessoms, 73 of Clinton passed away on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at her home. A private graveside service was held Friday. Ms. Sessoms was a native of Sampson County, the daughter of James Raymond and Atwood Smith Pope. She was preceded in death by her parents. She was a beautician. She is survived by her son, James Anthony Sessoms and wife, Patricia of Clinton; daughter, Michelle Simmons and husband, David of Clinton; four grandchildren, Sydney Simmons, Olivia Sessoms, Redden Simmons and Addie Sessoms; sister, Gail Pope Hinton of Middlesex; cousin, Becky Blackmon and husband, Sherrill of Clinton. In lieu of flowers, memorial may be made to White Oak Baptist Church, 310 White Oak Church Road, Clinton, NC 28328 or to the Sampson County Animal Control, 168 Agriculture Place, Clinton, NC 28328. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.

STEDMAN

Mrs. Betty Loraine (Blake) Starling, 92 went to be with her Lord and Savior on Friday, November 27, 2020. A celebration of life service was held at 2:00 pm Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at Butler Funeral Home Chapel in Stedman, officiating was Rev. Debbie Matthis. Burial followed at Old Bluff Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Wade. The family received friends from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm Tuesday at the funeral home prior to the service. Masks are requested as well as social distancing. She was born September 15, 1928 to the late Bynum Etheridge Blake and Lily Mae Collins Blake. She is also preceded in death by her five siblings. Betty retired as a Teacher's Assistant with Stedman Primary School with over 20 years of service. She was also a dedicated and supporting member of Cokesbury United Methodist Church in Stedman for many years, and a member of the Bennet Sunday School Class. She was a loving and faithful wife who cherished her husband and all of her family. Betty loved her God, her family and her church, always putting others needs before her own. She will be greatly missed by her family, church and many friends. She is survived by her loving husband of over 73 years, Clarence H. "Dick" Starling, Jr. of the home; children, Bobby Hal Starling & wife, Judy of Madison, Alabama, Betty "Jackie" Starling of Stedman, Gail Starling Howell & husband, David of Sunset Beach, NC, and Richard Lee Starling & wife, Rebecca of Stedman; 5 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; and 2 great great grandchildren.

HARRELLS

Mrs. Mary H. Williams, 92, of 147 Bland School Rd. Harrells, passed away on Saturday, December 12, 2020 at her residence. Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Carter Funeral Home in Garland.

CLINTON

Mary Dianna Wood, 76, of 469 Bass Lake Road, passed away Friday, November 20, 2020 at her home. Per her wishes there will be no service. Mary, born in 1944 in Sampson County, was the daughter of the late Thomas Clayton Gresham and Josie Watkins Gresham. She was a Legal Secretary with the State Department of Justice. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her sister, Rose Gresham. She is survived by her husband, William Warren Wood. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com.

CLINTON

Justin Bryan Tyndall, 32, of 870 Shipp Road, left this world Saturday, December 12, 2020 at his home. A walk-through viewing will be held Friday, December 18, 2020 at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home from 2-7PM. Justin, born in 1988 in Washington County, was the son of Curtis Bryan Tyndall and Lori O'Dell McGlynn. He worked in pork production with Smithfield Foods and attended the Christian Church of Ayden. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Ryleigh Grace and grandfather, Oscar Tyndall. Survivors include; wife, Kristina Avery; daughter, Krista-Lynn; sons, Bryant Ray and Zachary; mother, Lori McGlynn and husband Robert; father, Curtis Tyndall and wife Holly; sister, Christian Lynn; brothers, Andrew and Garrett; step-brother, Bryson McGlynn; grandparents, Kenneth and Lois O'Dell; uncle, Kevin O'Dell and wife Tonya; grandmother, Gloria Tyndall; and several uncles, aunts, nieces and nephews. Justin was a loving husband and father. He loved to fish, hunt and shoot his pistol that he was so excited about. He loved playing with his children being the horse they could ride or throwing his children in the air saying "Fly, way up high." He will always be loved and missed by all, but will never be forgotten. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com.

CLINTON

Ester James King, Age -100, 8476 Hobpton Hwy. died Monday 12/14/20 at Carrolton Nursing Center in Dunn, N.C. Funeral services will be announced by Butler & Son Funeral Services, Clinton, N.C.




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QUESTIONS & ATTITUDES

Shouldn't Chase relax a bit?

Let's assume he's carving out some R&R over the winter break, but we're seeing more of Chase Elliott than you'd expect to see of a newly minted Cup Series champion. He was in Pensacola this past weekend and finished third in the annual Snowball Derby at Five Flags Speedway. Next month he'll make his debut in the Chili Bowl Nationals, the annual midget-car bonanza in Tulsa, Oklahoma. After that he heads back south for his debut in the Rolex 24 sports-car race at Daytona. Nine days after that checkered flag, the green flies for the Busch Clash and start of 2021. Whew.

Does he need a hobby?

Chase doesn't have a wife and kids, so there's no pressure there to put away the helmet and take a long vacation. He has a competent golf swing but we're not sure how much he gets on the course during the colder months. But if you're looking for a working theory on his racy offseason, look to the events of 2020 and how much of a Cup driver's responsibilities were reduced or outright eliminated. The normal grind of promotional work for a top-flight driver makes the offseason a big relief, but take that away and there seems to be some energy left in the tank.



Chase Elliott barely got the champagne smell off his uniform before he was back behind the wheel of a race car. PETER CASEY, USA TODAY SPORTS

DAYTONA MOTOR MOUTHS

Good morning, class. Let's all say hello to the new kid. "Hello, Zachary."



WHAT'S ON TAP

Jan. 13-18: Chili Bowl Nationals midget-car championships in Tulsa, Okla.
Jan. 22-24: Three-day test for Rolex 24 at Daytona
Jan. 30-31: Rolex 24 at Daytona
NASCAR Speedweek at Daytona:
Feb. 9: Busch Clash
Feb. 10: Daytona 500 pole qualifying
Feb. 11: "Duel" Daytona 500 qualifying races
Feb. 12: Truck Series season opener
Feb. 13: Xfinity Series season opener
Feb. 13: ARCA Series season opener
Feb. 14: 63rd Daytona 500

CUP COUNTDOWN



Ryan Newman's wild Daytona 500 ride set the tone for the 2020 season. PETER CASEY/USA TODAY SPORTS

Daytona 500 set tone for wild 2020 season

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This is the first of a series counting down the top five NASCAR Cup Series races of 2020. This week, No. 5:

Yes, there was a Daytona 500 this year.

While that may seem impossible considering what's transpired over these past 10 months, NASCAR's Super Bowl did, in fact, kick off the 2020 season back in February, and it had a little bit of everything.

The day started with Air Force One gliding over Daytona International Speedway, followed by President Trump addressing the sold-out (remember those?) Daytona crowd just before the green flag dropped on the 2020 season.

Of course, it wouldn't be Daytona without an ill-timed rain delay that sent everyone home after just 20 laps. After a quick 18-hour nap, drivers returned to the track Monday evening, and the typical Superspeedway intensity returned with them.

Chase Elliott won the opening stage of the season, while Denny Hamlin took

Stage 2. Hamlin would go on to win the race — his second straight 500, and third overall — but that took a backseat to one of the most dramatic finishes in NASCAR history.

Ryan Newman and Ryan Blaney leapfrogged Hamlin for the lead coming to the white flag, and Newman led coming out of Turn 4.

Blaney made one final move to pass Newman coming to the checkers, but instead sent Newman's No. 6 Ford sideways into the wall. Hamlin narrowly avoided the wreck to take the win, but Corey LaJoie wasn't as lucky, hitting Newman's driver-side door and sending the No. 6 into the air. Newman's car finally came to a halt on its roof near pit road, and caught fire.

"I hope he's all right," a visibly shaken Blaney said after the race. "I was trying to push him to the win. I feel really bad about it. It was a close one. I just hope Ryan is all right."

LaJoie said he didn't know exactly where he hit Newman.

"I was hoping he would kind of bounce off the fence to the left, but he didn't and I hit him," he said. "I don't know exactly where I hit him. I haven't

seen a replay. It was some scary stuff."

The 43-year-old Newman was removed from the mangled machine and taken by ambulance to Halifax Health Medical Center.

Amazingly, he was discharged just two days later. In May, Newman returned to racing when NASCAR resumed its season amid the coronavirus pandemic.

"There's no doubt I have thought about it," Newman said in July of the crash. "The reality is it's not the truth, it's not what happened; it's a what-could-have-been. Everybody has that in their season."

"We have to do our job to go back and replay those events and make corrections to whatever mistakes, whatever differences we can to try, to be victorious. That doesn't go just for Daytona but every race track."

The 2020 Daytona 500 featured the President of the United States, a rain delay, two overtimes, a record 209 laps, the second-closest finish in 500 history, and one dramatic crash we won't soon forget.

After all that, perhaps we should've known 2020 would be a wild one.

SPEED FREAKS

Is the Daytona 500 still the Daytona 500 without a full house?

KEN'S CALL: Not for several hours through pre-race and maybe even the first 150 laps, but after that, it'll start looking very familiar.

DEAN'S DIRT: At first, but I don't think the empty seats will matter much with 20 to go.

Do you expect Jimmie Johnson to run more sports-car races beyond the Rolex 24 next year?

KEN'S CALL: The Rolex is a grind and can sour a guy's taste early in the year, but Jimmie knows this and I think he's angling for Le Mans.

DEAN'S DIRT: I was going to say the same thing. Does Ken always get to go first in these?

AJ Allmendinger returns for full-time Xfinity action in 2021. Title contender?

KEN'S CALL: Pencil him in for two or three road-course wins, but beyond that, maybe the final eight at playoff time.

DEAN'S DIRT: Absolutely. He finally won an oval race last season, which makes him scary in 2021.

2021 CUP SERIES SCHEDULE

Feb. 9: Busch Clash at Daytona
Feb. 14: Daytona 500
Feb. 21: Homestead
Feb. 28: Fontana
March 7: Las Vegas
March 14: Phoenix
March 21: Atlanta
March 28: Bristol (dirt)
April 10: Martinsville

April 18: Richmond
April 25: Talladega
May 2: Kansas
May 9: Darlington
May 16: Dover
May 23: Austin
May 30: Charlotte
June 6: Sonoma
June 13: Texas All-Star
June 20: Nashville
June 26: Pocono

June 27: Pocono
July 4: Road America (Wisconsin)
July 11: Atlanta
July 18: New Hampshire
Aug. 8: Watkins Glen
Aug. 15: Indianapolis
Aug. 22: Michigan
Aug. 28: Daytona
Playoffs Round of 16
Sept. 5: Darlington
Sept. 11: Richmond

Sept. 18: Bristol
Playoffs Round of 12
Sept. 26: Las Vegas
Oct. 3: Talladega
Oct. 10: Charlotte Roval
Playoffs Round of 8
Oct. 17: Texas
Oct. 24: Kansas
Oct. 31: Martinsville
Championship Round
Nov. 7: Phoenix

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