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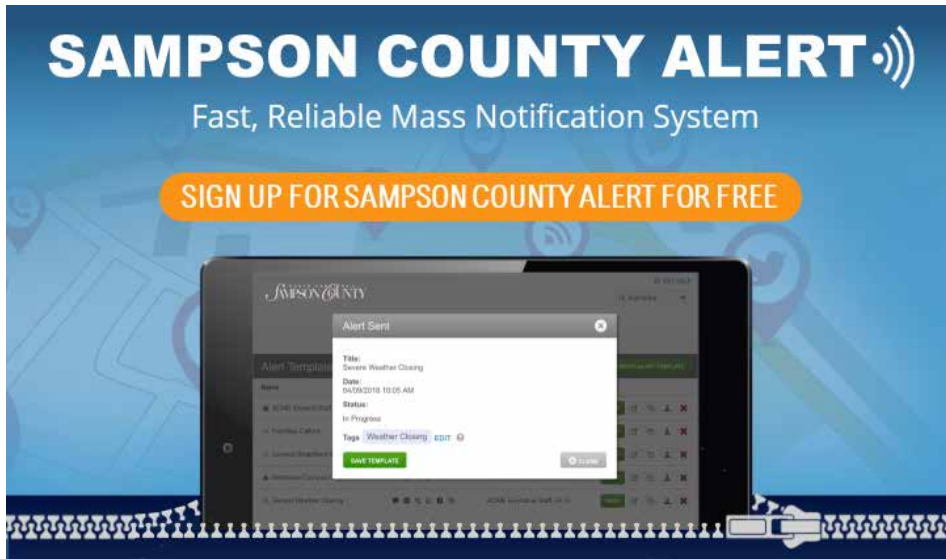


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Sampson County Announces Sampson County Alert to Keep Community Informed During Emergency Situations



Public Safety Officials Encourage Residents to Sign Up for Local Emergency
Notifications to Be Better Prepared for an Emergency

Public safety officials in Sampson County are excited to announce that Sampson County Alert is now available to all residents, go live date will be January 1, 2020. Sampson County Alert is a free service that allows individuals to sign up for notifications sent from state and local authorities. Sampson County Alert keeps residents and travelers informed on potentially hazardous situations involving weather, traffic and other emergencies.

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Turlington Recognized for Service



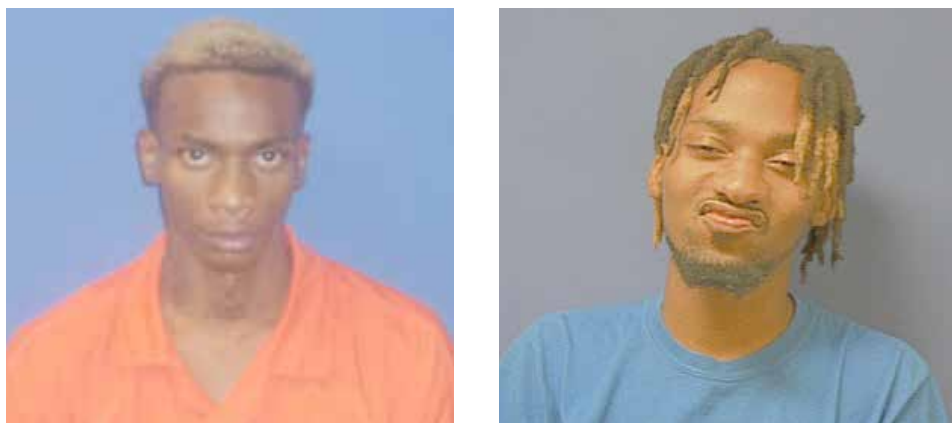
On Tuesday night, City Councilwoman Jean Turlington was recognized for her years of service to the City of Clinton. Turlington decided not to run for re-election in the 2019 election and her seat was filled with C. Holden Dubose.

At the December meeting on Tuesday night, Turlington was lauded for her service and Mayor Lew Starling presented her with the Keys to the City. Mayor Starling noted that Mrs. Turlington was the most prepared councilperson he knew of and that Dubose would have big shoes to fill.

After the meeting, the council, friends and family met at the Victor R Small House for a reception in Mrs. Turlington's honor. At the reception, Mayor Lew Starling presented yet another accolade to the retiring councilwoman. Mayor Starling presented Turlington with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine award from Governor Roy Cooper.

Turlington served 19 years on the City Council and has held other numerous positions throughout the city. In addition to raising her extended family and public service Jean Turlington **TURLINGTON, see P. 3**

Shooting Into Occupied Dwelling Charges Filed



Clinton, NC- On October 8, 2019, deputies responded to a report of a shooting into an occupied dwelling at 251 and 268 Byrd Yancy Bass Rd. Upon arrival, deputies discovered both residences were riddled with apparent bullet holes. Deputies located two male victims with minor gun-shot injuries at 251 Byrd Yancy Bass Rd and the occupants of 268 Byrd Yancy Bass Rd. were uninjured. Both victims were transported to Sampson Regional Emergency Department and treated for their injuries. Through an extensive investigation, the Sampson County Criminal Investigations Division were able to link the suspects responsible to the shooting and obtain felony warrants.

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WEATHER

Fri Cloudy
20%

Hi: 59° Lo: 39°

Sat Partly
Cloudy
10%

Hi: 54° Lo: 30°

Sun Partly
Cloudy
10%

Hi: 52° Lo: 43°

Mon Rain
80%

Hi: 57° Lo: 56°

Tues Rain
60%

Hi: 64° Lo: 42°

Wed Partly
Cloudy
10%

Hi: 51° Lo: 29°

WEEKLY VERSE

Among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. Ephesians 5:3

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LOCAL NEWS

From the Desk of Senator Brent Jackson



I hope you had a great week thus far. Earlier this week, I officially filed for re-election. When I first ran for this office, our campaign was, "Lower Taxes, Less Government and More Freedom." Throughout the last 10 years we have made great strides in these areas. We have advocated for the creation and growth of small businesses across our state, while also working to protect and improve our state's agriculture industry and the rural residents who had been left behind. My top priority has always been addressing the needs and concerns of the constituents of our community and I am grateful for the opportunity to be their voice in our state capital. It is humbling to have been elected to this position for five terms. I believe there is still a lot more work to do in Raleigh to protect our freedoms and I would be honored to continue serving in our state legislature.

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

Legislative Recap Weekly Legislative Update

With members at home, staff remains in Raleigh working on a number of bills as well as maintaining open communication with constituents about ongoing issues. It is vitally important to legislators to receive feedback on what is happening so that members can make good, informed decisions when it comes time to vote on a bill. Even during this interim period, staff members are available by phone and email to answer questions or note concerns in the community.

It is the job of the legislature to bridge the gap between the people and the government. And it is important to understand that feedback from the people of North Carolina is often the cause for new legislation to be brought before members of both the House and Senate.

From the District Sampson County- Extension Honors Retiring Burch



At the Sampson County Center for Cooperative Extension, Patricia Burch was known for her bright smile whenever someone walked through the doors looking for help.

After 38 years of serving Cooperative Extension, Burch is saying farewell. A retirement celebration was recently held at the Sampson County facility to honor her work with Cooperative Extension, which spans about four decades for the former support specialist.

Eileen Coite, Sampson County Extension director, showed her appreciation and said she's been a joy to work with during her years as the center's leader. She's looking forward to continuing their friendship in the future.

Burch grew up in Beulaville, a town located in Duplin County. After graduating from East Duplin High School, she went to Kings Business College in Raleigh. Her first job was with the North Carolina Revenue Department, followed by other places such as the Mt. Olive Pickle Company. She later married her husband, who graduated from North Carolina State University. He served as a captain in the U.S. Army. Together, they traveled to Texas, before purchasing a farm in the area. She later joined the Sampson Extension office in the early 1980s.

During the ceremony, Keith Walters, extension director for the Southeast Region, presented Burch an award on behalf of the administration for her service, dedication and enriching the lives of residents. Walters said it's always a pleasure to call or visit the office to talk with Burch.

During her years at the front desk, she enjoyed greeting visitors, but Burch was known for a lot more. She provided support for agents working with crops, livestock, horticulture and small farms management. At the extension office, she also serves as the computer contact/system administrator for the office and manages the George P. Upton Jr. Livestock Facility.

For the past few years, Burch completed a lot of behind the scenes work for the Rally for Agriculture at the Expo Center in Clinton.

Another special event included the Beef Bonanza held on Lauch Faircloth's land, which went towards the local civic center.

Adrian Gaskins, former agent for information management, worked with Burch for computer operations. He said younger employees are probably unaware of the impact Burch had on local extension through technology when employees relied on devices such as typewriters.

Her work led to her winning the Pride of the Wolfpack Award, which recognizes employees for their contributions.

Dempsey Craig, president of the Sampson County Extension Master Gardeners, said the organization is going to miss her, while talking about how Burch was always there for the organization.

Mary Burke-Bass, former president of Sampson's Master Gardeners, said she received a lot of training from Burch and didn't know what she would have done without her.

District Spotlight- Troop 29 Eagle Scout Chadwick James Linton Jr.
Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held at Trinity Church of God of Prophecy in Kenly for Eagle Scout Chadwick James Linton Jr. of Boy Scout Troop 29 of Kenly.



Chadwick started Scouting as a Tiger Cub in Cub Scout Pack 29. He learned about Scouts from his school and was instantly interested. Chadwick climbed up through each rank and after 6 years, Chadwick joined the Boy Scouts in Troop 29. He worked hard and had fun camping and doing different activities with his Troop and before he knew it, Chadwick was walking out of his Eagle Board of Review with his goal reached on June 6th, 2019.

For his Eagle Scout project, Chadwick wanted to do something that would honor the people that he looked up to and who helped protect the freedoms of American history. He updated an existing Veteran Monument at a local Kenly cemetery. He replaced the existing rock and border and added 6 plaques for each branch of the military, and one for POW (Prisoners of War).

In his Troop, Chadwick has held multiple leadership roles, from Patrol Leader to Senior Patrol Leader. He currently is a senior at North Johnston High School. After graduation he plans to join the Air Force.

During his Eagle Scout Court of Honor, Chadwick was presented with the Eagle Scout Good Citizenship Award from Commandant William Dunn on behalf of the Johnston County Marine Corps League Carry-On Detachment 1236.

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



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has been an active member of First United Methodist Church. As an active member, Jean served as a Sunday school teacher in rotation for almost 30 years, she is also active in the United Methodist Women, and served as church historian.

Mayor Starling says of his comrade and friend, ““Ms. Turlington did an outstanding job on the city council. She was always well-prepared, studied all of the issues thoroughly, and is extremely knowledgeable about the operation of the city.”

“She is a great source of wisdom for me and other members of the city council,” added Starling. “She is truly one of the best councilmembers I have ever served with



C. Holden Dubose takes the Oath of Office as the newly elected Clinton City Council member

during my tenure. Her steady hand and wisdom will be missed by the city. I sincerely thank her for her service.”

Council Takes of Oath of Office

Also, at the Tuesday night Clinton City Council meeting, Neal Strickland and C. Holden Dubose were administered the Oath of Office by the Honorable William B. Sutton Jr, District Court Judge.

Mayor Lew Starling also took his Oath of Office as newly re-elected Mayor.

After the Oaths of Office, the city council voted for the Mayor Pro Tem position and it unanimously went to Councilman Rev. Marcus Becton.



Newly re-elected Clinton City Mayor Lew Starling takes the Oath of Office



Rev. Marcus Becton takes the Oath of Office as newly appointed Mayor Pro Tem



Newly re-elected City Councilman Neal Strickland takes the Oath of Office

ALE AND SAMPSON COUNTY RAID LARGE UNDERAGE PARTY



SAMPSON COUNTY, N.C. – After a recent underage party left one party-goer hospitalized, ALE and Sampson County Sheriff’s Office collaboratively charged 19 individuals with over 60 charges.

ALE and Sampson County Sheriff’s Office received information of a large underage party at a residence near Clinton, NC. Once authorities shut down the party, a 20-year-old male was found unconscious on the front porch and was transported by EMS to Sampson Regional Medical Center for possible overdose and hypothermia. While most of the individuals were charged with underage possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages, a 16 and 17-year-old were charged with resist, delay and obstruct an officer and a 20-year-old was charged with carrying a concealed weapon.

Through the course of the investigation, special agents found Dillon Royal, 18, and Taylor Royal, 19, of Clinton, NC, hosted the party. Each were charged with 18 counts of aid and abet an underage person in possessing alcoholic beverages and two counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

All of the individuals are due in Sampson County court on December 18, 2019 for their first appearance.

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On December 3, deputies served Leonard Wilson III, B/M, 21, of 122 Studio Drive, Warsaw, NC and Isaiah Fennell-Best, B/M, 20, of 2274 Herring Drive, Rosehill, NC with felony warrants related to the incident. Both suspects were charged with 38 counts of Shooting into an Occupied Dwelling and 2 counts of Shooting into an Occupied Dwelling Inflicting Serious Injury and issued a \$1,000,000 bond for the related charges. Both suspects were already in custody at the Sampson County Detention Center related to a kidnapping incident that led to their arrest in Clinton on October 10, 2019.

“I am pleased with the hard work that all agencies and officers have provided in the arrest of these individuals. Our streets are certainly safer having removed these lawless criminals from them.”- Lieutenant Marcus Smith

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"Sampson County Alert enables authorities to notify the community in real time," said Ronald Bass, Emergency Services Director. "This service allows for critical communication with the public and provides individuals with the information needed to stay safe or take precautions during hazardous or emergency situations."

Sampson County Alert enables residents and travelers to sign up for free at <https://www.getrave.com/login/sampsonnc> to receive timely and actionable emergency alerts via email, text or voice message. They can also identify when and how they are alerted and communicated with before, during, and after emergencies.

Sampson County residents and travelers can also download the Smart911 app to sign up for Sampson County Alert to receive key information needed in an emergency. The Smart911 app provides enhanced functionality by sending targeted alerts based on the user's location. Smart911 app users will receive the highest priority National Weather Service alerts including tornado warnings, flash flood warnings, and severe thunderstorm warnings based on their real-time location. Download the Smart911 App on the Apple Store or Google Play or by texting "Smart911" to 67283. "Community members will receive notifications that will improve safety in our county and help inform residents of potentially lifesaving actions they may need to take in an emergency," said Ronald Bass, Emergency Services Director. "The information sent out by Sampson County Alert through emergency notifications allows both residents and first responders to be better informed in an emergency situation."

"When authorities have information about a situation, such as storm or emergency, they can be more effective in providing information to the public and appropriate assistance," said Susan Holder, Sampson County Public Information Officer. "We encourage all members of our community and their families to sign up for Sampson County Alert in order to be prepared should an emergency occur."

Rave Alert is trusted by thousands of institutions including state and local authorities, business and educational institution. Rave Alert sends millions of messages daily and performs flawlessly in critical situations such as severe weather. Community members are encouraged to sign up for Sampson County Alert and input their information and notification preferences today at <https://www.getrave.com/login/sampsonnc> or in the Smart911 App.

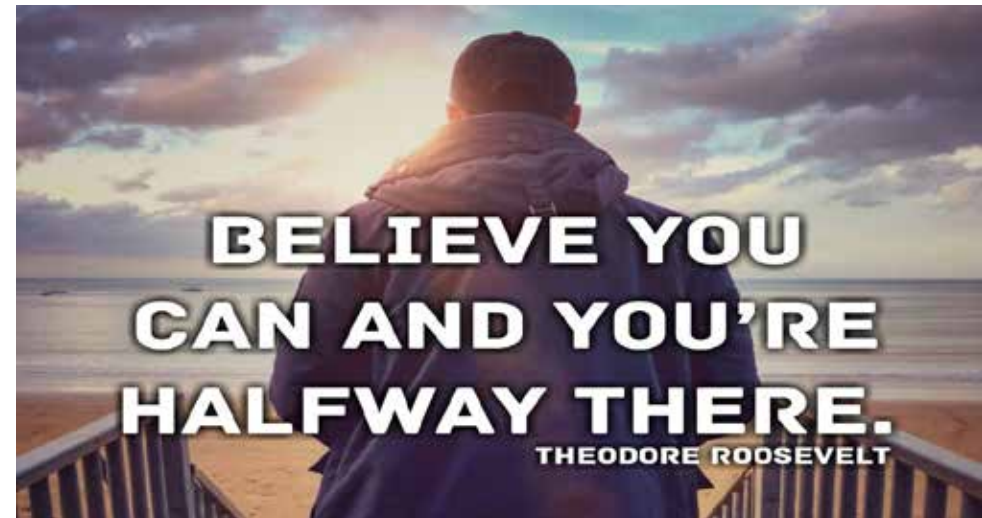
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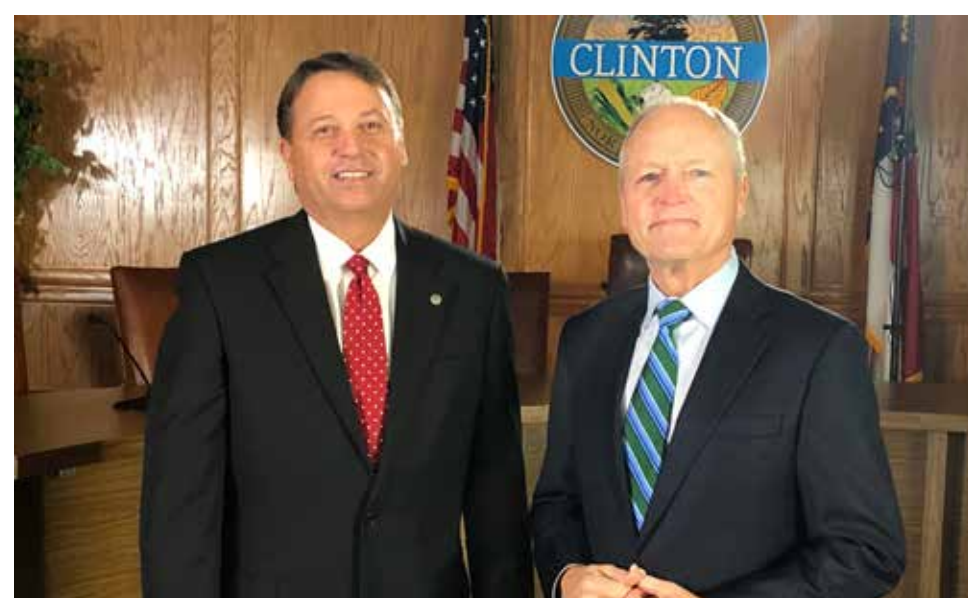
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We Should Know . . .



Jeff Nethercutt with J.W. Simmons host of We Should Know

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

The week’s We Should Know is all about communications and the guest for the show is Jeff Nethercutt, Executive Vice President and General Manager for Star Communications.

Jeff Nethercutt has been with Star Communications for 24 years, prior to being named Executive Vice President and General Manager Nethercutt was Assistant General Manager under Lyman Horne. He has also served as Vice President of Corporate Operations, Director of Revenue and Revenue Analyst.

Before joining the Star team, Nethercutt served as Assistant Vice President for BB&T for 6 years. He graduated from Campbell University in 1982 with a BS Degree in Business Administration/Economics.

JW Simmons states that Jeff Nethercutt has been with Star Communications long enough to have seen where communications have come and where it is going. He also states that communications were a must have for rural communities when it began in 1959 as Star Telephone Membership Corporation. He asks Nethercutt to discuss the importance of it to Sampson County.

“Absolutely,” begins Nethercutt. “Of course, we just celebrated our 60th anniversary. We had our annual meeting of members on November 9th and we had a great turnout for that. Star actually was founded in 1959 and was the result of the merger of two smaller telephone cooperatives. Some people don’t know that, but the two companies that merged were Lower Cape Fear and the Cumberland Sampson Telephone Cooperative. At that time, it was about 2,900 members, but that is what formed the 10 exchanges that we currently serve today.”

Over the course of time technology has changed by leaps and bounds from that time through the 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s with the adding of the internet. Broadband is the buzzword of the day and it is what drives the economy today and education and just about every aspect of our life is running over a broadband connection. So, we’ve seen a lot of changes over the years for sure.”

Simmons says he expects those changes to be progressive in nature. He says that Nethercutt once

stated the importance of the dependence business has on communications and the speed of communications. Simmons says it is reflected in the ability of rural areas to what people in Wake County can do. He asks if we are able to keep pace with the changes.

“Well, it’s a challenge,” says Nethercutt. You know we’ve all heard of the digital divide. And there has been a digital divide between rural and urban America. The sparsely populated rural areas, it was difficult for companies to make business cases to serve these areas because of the prohibited cost to deploy broadband.”

“We can bridge that digital divide,” stats Nethercutt, “and I think the cooperatives in the state of North Carolina particularly have done a fantastic job as has the coops across the United States in bridging that divide. In North Carolina there are 7 TMCs (Telephone Membership Cooperation’s) and have done a fantastic job in fiber deployment.”

“We cover a vast area,” adds Nethercutt. “Some people may not realize what a large area we do cover. We cover a five-county area in southeastern North Carolina, approximately 1,458 square miles and ten exchanges. And to give you some scope and scale as to what that would equate to its about the size of the state of Rhode Island. So, it’s a large area. The cost of deploying fiber optic or fiber to the home, to the business or to the farm these days; it’s very expensive.”

“Our demographic is about 2.8 customers per route mile of cable and about 9 customers per square mile. So, you can see it a sparsely populated rural area. So, it is very expensive to do that. But through planning and commitment on our part as a company and a board and employee body, we’ve been able to make some pretty good strides at deploying fiber in rural areas.”

“Of course,” adds Nethercutt, “we’ve had some news as of late which we’ll get into at some point, that will expedite that process significantly as we move forward. But you know, when it comes to economic development, when it comes to agriculture, and education and distance learning fiber optic broadband is an absolute must in order to compete with the Raleigh, Greensboro and Charlotte, the more metropolitan areas within the state. So, those things are vital and necessary and that’s what our customers demand and that’s what we’re expected to do.”

Next, Simmons asks Nethercutt how big a challenge it is when you have such a vast demographic difference in age between customers with younger people very use to new technology and older people who still remember party lines before cell phones.

“Oh absolutely,” says Nethercutt. “We currently employ 95 full-time people and we have contract labor as well. But alluding back to the timeline you just laid out, back in the 50s, early 60s you were looking at 10 party service. 10 party service went to 4 party service which eventually evolved into 1 party service in 1973. And during that same timeframe you had mechanical switches that evolved into digital switching in the late 70s early 80s.”

“You know, Star was the first company east of the Mississippi to have a fully redundant fiber optic ring that connected all 10 of our central offices together and all ten switches. So, the technology has changed vastly over the years, but the demographics have as well because there are customers today, especially millennials where the internet has been part of their life their entire life.”

“So,” says Nethercutt, “the demands that are out there today for faster internet speed, all the things that those things do are vastly important. And that’s the demographic we’re beginning to see within our business. Customers that have been with us for a number of years, that demographic has migrated into the age of the internet and connectivity. While their demands might not be as great for streaming video and things of that nature, it is moving in that direction.”

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

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

Sampson County VITAL STATS

Deaths

- Dulcie Diane Ellington
- Mary Donna Bullard
- Glenda Louise Brandon
- Sherrill Kelly Bass
- Albert Brown Jr
- Rivers Carlton
- Jesse Jack Edgerton
- Jimmie Howard Sr
- Marice Devell Kormegay
- Timothy Eugene McDuffie
- James Charles Robinson
- Maurice Hart Streer
- Edward Francis Watson

Marriage Certificates

- Jorge Alberto Rivera Rivera to Sandra J Rodriguez MArtinez
- Derrick Marcel Loftis Jr to Evelyn Rodriguez Zorrilla
- Robert Brandon Lee to Lois Dene Warren Johnston
- Everette Joseph Best to Annie Summerlin Barham
- Stevie Yarnell Williams to Lamarra Eugenia Bouie

Births

- Jenesis Parihsa Marable born on November 7, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Michale Antonio Marable Sr and Victoria Jenae Dawson
- Orlah Altidor born on November 15, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Elias Altidor and Reginald Altidor Caseneuve
- Adeline Marie Williams born on November 7, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Zackary Ray Williams and Bonnie Michelle Parker
- Carmen Tyshae Wright born on November 17, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Justina Wright
- Taisha Jenny Brutus born on November 19, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Jean Dimy Brutus and Marie Rose Michelle Brutus
- Genesis Amanda Velazquez Salvador born on November 19, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Diego Armando Velazquez Rodriguez and Blanca Esther Salvador Munoz

Land Transfers

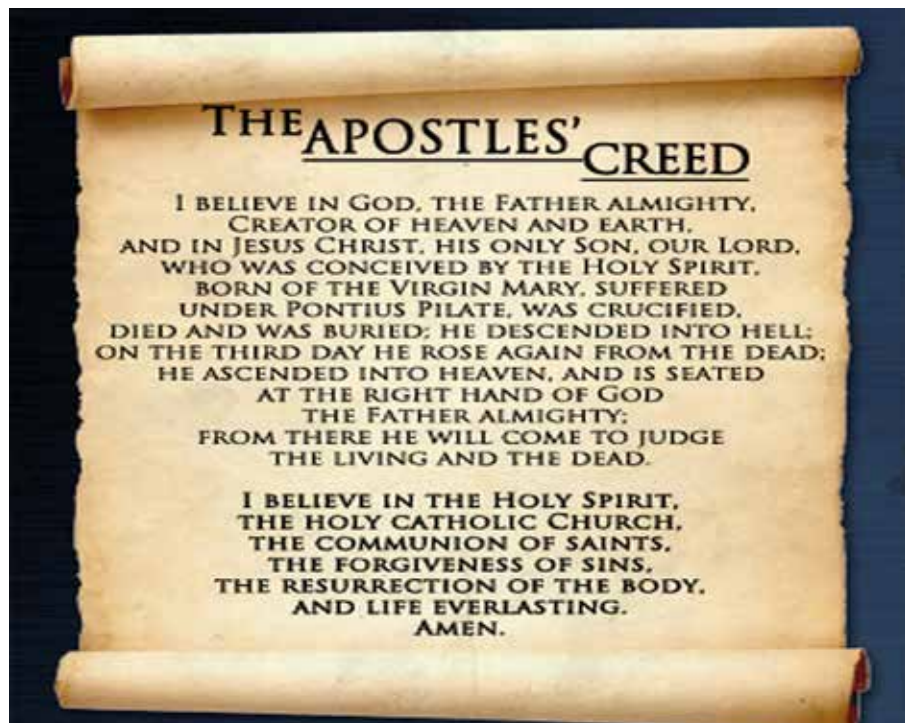
- Chicken Lane farms LLC, Judy C Honeycutt/MBR/MGR to Judy C Honeycutt- Tract 5 43.38 Acres Dismal
- Soraya Aguilar, Soraya Aguilar/AKA to Joseph Poggiolo- 0.72 Acres Tract 3 Lisbon
- Beverly Brewer, William Keith Brewer to Elliott Ross Thornton- 4 Tracts Piney Grove
- JSJ Property Services LLC to Tracy Johnson/MBR/MGR, JT Property Management of NC LLC- Tract 1 23.83 Acres Dismal
- Robert J Strickland, Wendy F Strickland to Christopher Scot Thompson, Stephanie Waller Thompson- 2 Lots Piney Grove
- Mark Anthony Bridgers, Sonja K Bridgers to Jessie Nicole Matthews- 1.60 Acres Halls
- Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance Inc to Jose Reyes Norato- 1.291 Acres South River
- Brian Gordon Hall/MGR/MBR, Integral Realty LLC to Gabriel Bahena Carvajal, Olga Guadarrama- North Clinton
- Larry Eugene Alexander, William Earl Alexander, Bobbie Jean Alexander, David Lee Alexander, Denita Alexander, Kimberly Alexander, Joyce Alexander Hines, Robert Lee Hines, Ishmael John, Letitia John to Sandra Denise Howard- Little Coharie
- Alice S Warren, Kimbrel B Warren to Carlos Alberto Mancia-Perez- North Clinton
- Saul Gomez to Miguel Angel Ruiz Cano- 0.97 Acres Dismal
- Robert E Malpass Jr to Denise J Grady, Jimmy L Grady- 0.40 Acres North Clinton
- Gail King Holland, Larry Max Holland to Raeford Daughtry, Willa Dean Daughtry- 1.23

Acres Westbrook

- Andrew C Shaffer, Krystle Shaffer to Justin R Williford, Tyler B Williford- 1.0 Acre Herring
- Benjamin Stout Real Estate Services Inc to Mary Sue Keefe- Lot 31 Stage Coach Estates Section Tow Little Coharie
- Melvin S Merritt to Charles A Merritt, Joseph Stewart Merritt- 6 Tracts w/exceptions Taylors Bridge
- Rodney A McLean to Christopher Hill- Tract 3 0.67 Acres Herrings
- Sarah S Brown/TR, Charles L Sills Sr Irrevocable Trust, Charles L Sills Sr Living Trust/AKA, Charles L Sill Sr to Charles L Sills Jr- 1.0 Acres Dismal
- Sarah S Brown/TR, Charles L Sills Sr Irrevocable Trust, Charles L Sills Sr Living Trust/AKA, Charles L Sill Sr to Grace M Sills- 13.92 Acres Dismal and One Acres Dismal
- Kathy Butler, William A Butler to Elvira De Jesus Lopez- South Clinton
- Benjamin C Barwick/MGR/MBR, Barwick Poelstra LLC to Southern Postal Realty Holdings LLC- Little Coharie
- Linda H Faircloth to Jonathan Faircloth- 5.00 Acres
- Cecelia Smith Marks, Terrell Bronzie Smith to Cecelia Smith Marks, Terrell Bronzie Smith- 6 Tracts Dismal
- Isabel Lozano, Jose Alberto Lozano to Clara Isabel Lozano- 1.6 Acres Little Coharie
- Sebron G Sasser, Shelbe B Sasser to Pamela Sasser Ellis, Lydia Sasser King, Sebron G Sasser, Sheila C Sasser, Shelbe B Sasser- 7 Tracts Piney Grove
- Sebron G Sasser, Shelbe B Sasser to Pamela Sasser Ellis, Lydia Sasser King, Sebron G Sasser, Sheila C Sasser, Shelbe B Sasser- 126 Acres Lot 1 Oates Land Piney Grove
- The Quest Development Company of Dunn Inc to Christopher Joel Bullard, Loreto Kionara Tessini- Lot 1 0.97 Acres Dismal
- Derrick Glenn, Marietta Johnson Glenn, Belinda Johnson, Debbie Baldenza Johnson, James Johnson, Jimmy Lamb, Bessie Pearl Watts to Nancy Kiptepkut- Tract 2 24.5 Acres McDaniels
- Carolyn Hall, Samuel G Hall to Sarah A Hall- Lot 19 Green Path Acres 0.76 Acres Plainview
- Linwood Kevin Eason to Linwood Kevin Eason, Melinda Leigh Whitley- Lots 4 Hunters Ridge Farm Subdivision
- Peggy Robinson to Bobby Ray Hope- 10 Acres w/exceptions Lisbon
- Betsy M Carter, Norwood Stanley Carter to Norwood Stanley Carter Sr- 2 Tracts Lisbon
- Thornton Homes Co to Sergio Garcia Jr- Tract 3 6.70 Acres Dismal
- Karen Aracely Galindo, Jesus Miguel Perez to Karen Aracely Galindo- Lot 11 0.58 Acres Little Coharie
- Raymond Austin Brown to Raymond Austin Brow, Hanna Katherine Wise- Lots 9 and 10 Block of the JC Carter Brown Hill Subdivision South River
- Glinda E Culbreth, Larry Culbreth to Jessica E Huey, Jessica E Huey Trust- Lot 11 1.16 Acres
- Archie J Brown, Lamanda Parker Brown, Clarice Grier, James R Parker, Lonnie C Parker, Myrtle Parker, Shirley Parker, Frances C Smith, Grady H Smith, Annie Mae Williams, James Williams to Brittany Edwards, Louis Edwards- 7 Tracts Belvoir
- Doris Cornelius Brown, Harry Devan Brown, Betty Lou Eoum Hales, Henley S Hales to Michale Wayne Simmons- 3 Tracts Little Coharie
- Carl Wayne Herring, Rosemary McLamb Herring, Melanie Lou McLamb to Carl Wayne Herring, Rosemary McLamb Herring- Tract 1 2.81 Acres and Tract 2 0.85 Acres Plain View
- Sammy Lloyd Huggins Jr to Huggins Acquisitions LLC- One Acre
- Elizabeth Grace Martin/TR, James Nello Martin/TR, Martin Family Revocable Living Trust to Elizabeth Ann Stocks, James David Stocks- 2 Parcels North Clinton

FAITH

Church History in Two Paragraphs: The Apostle's Creed



By Will Matthews

Symmetry. Balance. Evenness. If the pendulum swings too far one way in our lives, something seems wrong. We take things, and usually ourselves, way too seriously. We're out of alignment. This is dangerous on both sides of the spectrum. When we are off-balance, we get an inaccurate view of reality. We think God hates us, or is against us. We think that we are worthless. We think that our problems, and therefore we, are the center of the universe. We project our circumstances to every area of life unnecessarily, and then project blame onto others. On the other hand, when things are always going well, we miss the fact that again, life is not about us. We fail to see the reality of brokenness and tragedy in the world. We fail to show humility and compassion when it is most needed. We become self-centered and self-absorbed, believing in the lie that God's only purpose in the world is to bless and prosper us.

We need symmetry. We need balance. Not just in our lives, but in our understanding of things around us. The Bible is no exception. Typically when our view of the God is off-center, our lives are off-center. The early church noticed this and thus provided a simple, yet profound document that Christians have relied on to root themselves in common belief and purpose for centuries. The purpose of the Apostle's Creed, which dates back to perhaps a generation or so after the original Apostles defines the Christian faith into short, concise, theologically accurate sayings. Many church traditions and denominations have used it as a part of their worship liturgy, and many have found that the creed helps us to recover the foundational truths of the church. The Apostle's Creed give us a robust understanding of the totality of Scripture, but it is not to be confused with Scripture itself. There is nothing magical about memorizing the creed or reciting it, because it does not have the power to regenerate the lost soul. The word creed itself means "I believe." The beliefs asserted in the Apostle's Creed reminds us, as Matt Chandler says "isn't up for redefinition."



The Roller Coaster Ride of Christian Ministry



1 Corinthians 15:58, "Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

If you are active in Christian service, you must beware of two contrasting hazards: the excitement that comes with success on the one hand, or the discouragement that comes with failure, on the other hand. These may be considered by some as insignificant, but the history of the Christian ministry will not support this conclusion. Both success and failure are critically dangerous and should be guarded against with great care.

Often when we are doing the Kingdom's work we can have a roller coaster of emotions. We provide food and clothing to a family in need. This action brings not only joy to the one that received the items, but also a sense of pleasure to the one that provided the items. Later that same day we learn that the family we helped took the items and sold them for drugs. Those around us discover this fact also. Then we are condemned because we should have known better than helping such a family and quickly we want to stop helping everyone because of the actions of a few.

Something similar happened to me during the Hurricane Florence disaster recovery. My team helped a family that told us they were in need because of the storm. Food, cleaning supplies and other items were provided to this family in abundance. However, one of their family members took to social media and claimed our ministry did nothing to help their needs. I knew the truth, but most importantly God knew what was factual. At one

That's Why There's A Christmas Day



Christmas is such a wonderful time of the year, it is so exciting! With the very mention of Christmas my mind goes back to cherished childhood memories, family gatherings, feasting and celebrations, everyone singing around the piano, and of course the giving and receiving of gifts. How we should treasure our priceless memories of Christmas past... they are gifts that cannot be bought or sold.

However, something has changed, and that change is in my heart. At this gray-haired stage of life, I am realizing with each passing day that we must make this a time to commemorate and, yes, celebrate the real reason for Christmas. It was a time when God came to this earth to be one of us, He came to live and die

for us, that we may live eternally in Heaven with Him. And when that truth saturates our hearts, it becomes so much more about others than about ourselves, we become the one who gives.

Recently during a phone call with our Granddaughter, the opportunity arose to share about the "Angel Tree Ministry" our church is sponsoring. This year as our family gathers in our home for Thanksgiving, I told her that I have encouraged each one to bring a gift for our "Angel" child. Presently I noticed that Heather's voice became very soft and tender, as tearfully she said these unforgettable words, "Grandma, you know we cannot be there for Thanksgiving, but please, please take the money you would spend on Chris and me for Christmas and buy something special for that child and for her Mother. Promise me you will do that, Grandma!"

Oh, how my heart rejoiced! Yes, I will honor her request. Yes, we will observe Christmas as usual with our family, but somehow this year it will be a bit different. A child wisely said, "Love is what happens when you stop unwrapping presents at Christmas, and just get real quiet and listen...then you can hear what Love really is."

My friends, may I encourage you to simply GIVE, and you will truly know, "That's Why There's A Christmas Day."

It was probably back in the 50's when Eddy Arnold recorded this song on the old 78 rpm record. In my mind's eye, I can still see how Mary Brown and I enjoyed singing "The Christmas Song".

In fact, let's continue to enjoy it, come on, sing along with me:

When I was just a youngster Christmas meant one thing,
that I'd be getting lots of toys that day.
I learned a whole lot different when Mama sat me down,
and taught me to spell Christmas this way:

C is for the Christ Child born upon this day
H for herald angels in the night
R means our Redeemer
I means Israel
S is for the star that shone so bright
T is for three wise men, they who traveled far
M is for the manger where He lay
A is all He stands for
S means shepherds came
And that's why there's a Christmas Day.....
And that's why there's a Christmas Day!



Martha M. Pierce

Yes, Christmas is when God Himself came to earth to be one of us, and friends, look what happened!

moment I was blessed to know we had provided for a family that was in desperate need and later confused why someone would be attacking the ones that had done so much to provide for them. This is how the roller coaster of emotions looks when we are involved in Christian ministry.

In the Gospel of Luke chapter 10 we learn how the disciples returned to Christ with overflowing enthusiasm, saying, "Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name," and Jesus quickly reminded them of another being who had allowed success to go to his head. "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven," Jesus said. "In this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven."

Every minister of the gospel knows how hard it is to stay spiritual when our work appears to be fruitless. Yet, we are required to rejoice in God as certainly when we are having a bad day as when we are seeing great accomplishments, and to lean heavily upon the Apostle Paul's assurance that, "your labor is not in vain in the Lord." Regardless of your personal feelings of Richard Nixon, his view of defeat should be remembered. "Remember, always give your best. Never get discouraged. Never be petty. Always remember, others may hate you. But those who hate you don't win unless you hate them. And then you destroy yourself." Some days that thought might be easier said than done, however it is still a good principal to live by.

This week I encourage you to be steadfast and unmovable in God's Word. Not every defeat in your ministry is permanent and not every victory is final. We are to strive to keep working for Christ regardless of the ones that might pat us on the back or even stab us in the back. Our reward is in heaven and our help comes from the Lord. Regardless of where you find yourself on the roller coaster of life, remember that Christ is right beside you on this journey.



What's Happening

By Angela Martin

at **SCT**

Sampson Community Theatre is under renovation and we are thrilled to upgrade our facility for you. The building is receiving a face-lift and we hope that you enjoy our updates. Some renovations include - updating all of our fixtures and bathrooms. We will have three-bathroom stalls in each of our restrooms and one of the stalls will be handicap accessible. Also, our auditorium will see new carpet and new tiles. The theatre's outside boxes will be updated, and a multitude of other minute details will be taken care of. We just know you will love coming to our theatre as we begin our 2020 Season.

Our 2020 Season is filled with lots of comedy, action, family-friendly productions. We hope that you consider attending our shows and possibly auditioning for one of our shows. The seasons includes:

Disney's The Little Mermaid, Memphis the Musical, Disney's Aladdin, Jr., Boeing, Boeing, The Cemetery Club and A Christmas Carol. If you would like to purchase season tickets for our shows we are selling our Patrons of the Theatre tickets. Patrons of the Theatre costs \$100 and with this purchase you receive 2 tickets for each of our six productions for the season. This will give you a \$20 savings and you will also be helping the theatre and supporting the arts in Sampson County. Every dollar will be spent on our productions and making sure they are successful. If you have any questions about how to become a Patron of the Theatre, please contact Brenda Martin - our Board Chairwoman who will be happy to help you with this. Her number is 910-990-4510.

Angela's Musical Troupe - which is my very own musical theatre group that highlights over 40 young people in our county has been selected to open the Christmas Show at the Alabama Theater this weekend in Myrtle Beach, SC. These young people will perform at 7:00 pm and will open this production, which is known as the Best Christmas Show in the Southeast. All of these performers are veterans of our stage and we are thrilled for them to have this opportunity. Angela's Musical Troupe will be opening at the Alabama Theater on Saturday, December 7 at 7:00 pm. Please check out the www.alabamatheater.com site for tickets for this weekend's production.



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



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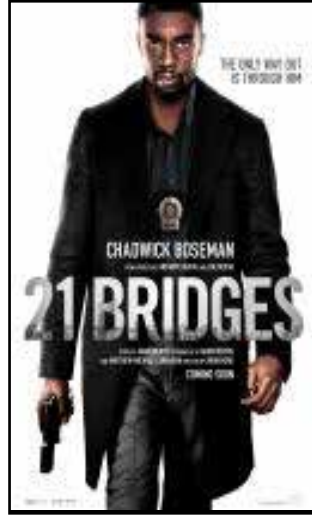
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Mon-Wed 6:30p



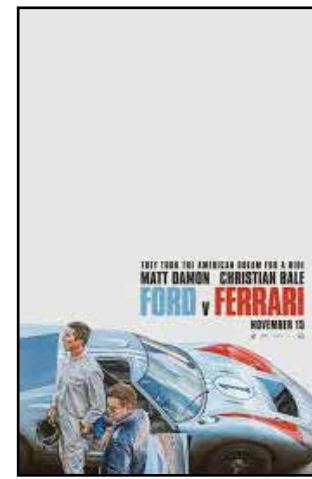
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Mon-Wed 6:30p



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HANDY *Holiday* HINTS

Simple steps to prep for a delicious turkey dinner

FAMILY FEATURES

One of the most memorable moments at any holiday dinner is when a moist, delicious turkey is brought to the table. Everyone grabs their forks at the sight of a perfectly brown bird glistening with juicy flavor.

Make sure your holiday meal is a special one by following these simple tips for making the perfect holiday dinner:

Planning the Meal

- Get your plans in writing, including your menu, how many people will attend, any special dietary needs of guests and what time you plan to serve the meal.
- Buy the turkey early, and look for a bird with a pop-up timer in the breast, which ensures proper cooking time. Learn more at volkenterprises.com.

Thawing the Turkey

- Thaw your turkey in the refrigerator for 24 hours per 5 pounds in weight. For example, a 20-pound bird takes four days to thaw. Thaw it faster by covering with cold water in the sink and changing the water every half hour per pound of turkey.
- Don't unwrap a frozen turkey before thawing.
- Refrigerate the turkey as soon as it has thawed, or cook it immediately.

Preparing the Bird

- Baste the turkey with extra-virgin olive oil, butter, margarine or wine.
- For an unstuffed turkey, place a stalk or two of celery, seasonings, a cut-up onion and a handful of parsley in the cavity to keep it moist.
- If you stuff the turkey, pack the neck and cavity loosely with stuffing prepared just before you plan to cook the bird.
- Heat oven to 325 F. Place turkey breast-side-up on a rack in a shallow roasting pan.

- Lay a "tent" of foil loosely over the turkey to prevent over-browning.
- The turkey is done when the meat thermometer is 180 F and the stuffing is 165 F. If you don't have a meat thermometer, look for the red stem to go up on the pop-up timer, press a thumb and forefinger into the thick part of the drumstick to see if it feels soft or wiggle a drumstick to see if it moves easily.
- For easier carving, let the turkey stand at room temperature for at least 20 minutes.

Preparing Homemade Rolls

- Purchase Frozen Rhodes Ready to Bake Rolls, which give you that original homemade taste with no preservatives.
- Coat baking pan and large sheet of plastic wrap with nonstick cooking spray. Place frozen dough on the pan and cover with oiled plastic wrap so it won't stick to the rolls as they rise.
- Let rolls rise for 4-5 hours, until they double in size. Carefully remove the plastic wrap.
- While you are carving your turkey, put rolls in the oven at 350 F and bake 15-20 minutes, until golden brown.
- Brush tops with butter or olive oil, if desired.
- Dinner rolls can also be used to create side dishes or desserts, such as this Butterscotch Bubble Loaf.

Don't Forget the Add-Ons

- Surprise your guests with something different from years prior, such as new recipes or add-ons.

For example, if you serve salad add something new, such as olives, pearl onions, raisins, nuts or mandarin oranges.

- Mashed potatoes are expected. For a flavor kick, try adding mustard, garlic or other flavors when mashing.
- Add color to your favorite green vegetables by placing pimento or strips of steamed red bell on top.
- Try an unconventional take on stuffing, such as making stuffin' muffins in muffin tins or serving stuffing inside an empty green bell pepper.

Serving a Sweet Treat

- Watermelon is a source of antioxidants and vitamins, and has more lycopene than any other raw fruit or vegetable.
- You can also opt to serve a sweet treat with your turkey with this recipe for Watermelon Cranberry Sauce.

Planning for Leftovers

- After two hours at room temperature, cooked food should be stored in the refrigerator.
- If possible, carve the entire turkey before the meal and store the extras as soon as everyone has a plate.
- There are many great recipes that feature leftover turkey, such as stir-fry with vegetables, wraps, tacos, burritos and, of course, good, old-fashioned turkey sandwiches.

To help with planning and preparation, and for more delicious recipe ideas for your holiday gathering, visit culinary.net. To learn more about food promotion and view a photo gallery of classic celebrities, such as Bob Hope, Phyllis Diller, Abbott and Costello, Dinah Shore and others, with turkey and other foods, visit adventuresinpr.com.



Watermelon Cranberry Sauce

Recipe courtesy of watermelon.org

Servings: 4

- 4 cups fresh cranberries
- 1/2 cup organic sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- lemon juice (from 1 lemon)
- lemon zest (from 1 lemon)
- 1/2 cup maple syrup
- cinnamon
- 2 cups minced watermelon

In 3-quart saucepan over medium-low heat, heat cranberries, sugar, vanilla, lemon juice and lemon zest until simmering. Simmer gently, stirring occasionally, until cranberries are tender, about 15-20 minutes.

Reduce heat to low and add maple syrup and cinnamon to pan. Simmer another few minutes.

Remove from heat to rest 10 minutes. Stir in watermelon and serve warm, or chill and serve cold.

Butterscotch Bubble Loaf

Recipe courtesy of rhodesbread.com

- 24 Rhodes Yeast Dinner Rolls, thawed but still cold
- 1/2 box non-instant butterscotch or vanilla pudding mix
- 1/2 cup pecans, chopped
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine

Heat oven to 350 F.

Cut dinner rolls in half and dip in dry pudding mix. In sprayed Bundt pan, arrange rolls, alternating with pecans. Sprinkle any remaining pudding mix over top.

Combine brown sugar and butter. In microwave, heat together about 1 1/2 minutes until butter is melted and syrup is formed. Pour syrup over rolls. Cover with sprayed plastic wrap. Let rise until doubled in size, or even with top of Bundt pan.

Carefully remove wrap. Bake 30-35 minutes. Cover with foil for last 15 minutes of baking.

Immediately after baking, loosen foil from sides of pan with knife and invert onto serving plate.



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Clinton Dark Horse 2019 Varsity Football Schedule



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



Harrells Crusaders 2019 Varsity Football Schedule

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

Home Games in Bold

** Homecoming

Hobbton Wildcats 2019 Varsity Football Schedule



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

Home Games in Bold

** Homecoming



Midway Raiders 2019 Varsity Football Schedule

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

Home Games in Bold

** Homecoming



Union Spartans 2019 Varsity Football Schedule

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

Home Games in Bold

** Homecoming



Lakewood Leopards 2019 Varsity Football Schedule

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

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Dark Horses Headed to Eastern Championship



The Clinton Dark Horses are ready for the destiny that they have worked so hard for this whole season. As they go into Friday night's Eastern Regional Championship game against the Northeastern Eagles, the coaching staff and the entire team is geared up for a hard-fought game.

The Dark Horses easily took down the West Craven Eagles last Friday night in the second round of the championship games, with a final score of 47-14. The Eagles were overall 10-3 and 5-1 in their conference. The Dark Horses sit at 12-1 overall and 5-0 in the conference for the season and they hope to make this 13-1 this Friday night to win the Eastern Championship game and move on to the State Championships which will be held on December 14 at BB&T Stadium in Winston-Salem.

And that is exactly why the Clinton Dark Horses have been named this week's Athletes of the Week, the only hometown team still in the championship games.

The Dark Horses have had a long-standing name for success on the football field with five State Championships under their helmets And 10 Regional Championships.

With notable head coaches such as Bob Lewis who coached from 1988-2000 with a record of 157-27-0 and 2011-2017 with a record of 56-33-0. Before Lewis, Head Coach Al Britt 2002 with a record of 15-1-0 and Steve Mallard 2004-2009 with a record of 52-43-0. Bobby Robinson coached from 1970-1987 with an amazing record of 144-57-4. Records that are hard to beat!

The game against West Craven just concretizes the wide held view that Clinton is the team to beat.

On Friday night, the Clinton Dark Horses will go head to head against the Northeastern Eagles (whose record is currently 11-3); Dark Horses being the favorite in the match-off. With both teams having displayed their playoff mettle, spectators can expect a high-quality game with lots of action on the field.

The Dark Horses have only lost one game this season against the Central Cabarrus Vikings, 19-8, on September 27th, early in the season.

2019 Clinton Match-Offs:

- August 30th against East Bladen Eagles (Win) 43-16
- September 13th against the JF Webb Warriors (Win) 41-12
- September 20th against Pamlico County Hurricanes (Win) 70-14
- September 27th against the Central Cabarrus Vikings (Loss) 19-8
- October 4th against the Northside Monarchs (Win) 28-14
- October 11th against the East Duplin Panthers (Win) 34-9
- October 18th against the Goldsboro Cougars (Win) 58-24
- October 25th against the Wallace Rose Hill Bulldogs (Win) 14-7
- November 1st against the James Kenan Tigers (Win) 35-13

- November 8th against the Midway Raiders (Win) 49-3
- November 15th against the Fairmont Tornadoes (Win) 35-6
- November 22nd against the Beddingfield (Win) 38-22
- November 29th against the West Craven Eagles (Win) 47-14

The Dark Horse Roster is deep and includes:

Coaching Staff: Cory Johnson- Head Coach, Dennis McFatten- Head Assistant Coach, Matt Grady- Offense Coordinator, Mike Bell- JV Head Coach, James Farrior- JV Assistant, Scott Lewis- Game Day Manager, Robert Hill- Statistician, Hysomn Howard- JV Assistant, Blake Davis- Spotter

Team Players: Blake Smith (So- ATH), Mohamed Kaba (Sr- MLB), Zyon Simpson (Jr- ATH), Jaheim Faison (Sr- RB, DB), Tykese Jacobs (Sr- WR, DB), Payson King (Jr- QB, K), Keasean Williams (Jr- WR, DB), Elijah Kirby (So- QB, DB), Jahisien Cruse (Sr- HB, LB), Gabriel Moore (Sr- WR, DB), Taleb Thompson (Jr- HB, LB), Tamarick Bizzell (Jr- WR, DB), Jeriah Goodman (Fr- QB, WR), Cameron Armwood (Sr- RB, DB), Davion Smith (Jr- RB, DB), Travis McMillian (Jr- LB), Jakwan Wilson (So- HB, LB), Jerry Boykin (So- RB, LB), J'daques Wallace (Sr- DB, RB), Edwin Sampson (Sr- HB, LB), Carter King (Jr- Wr, LB), Emoni Monk (Sr- HB, LB), Jaheim Currie (Jr- DB, WR), Azure Hardgrove (Fr- DB), Asa Evans (Jr- DE, OLB), Zacchaeus Williams (Sr- LB, OL), Jaden Boomer (So- MLB, FB), Drew Leggett (Sr- C, DT), Noah Jackson (Jr- OL, DL), Oscar Bennett (Jr- OL, DL), Darron McLellan (Fr- LB, FB), Jatayus Farrior (Jr- OL, DL), Dion Simmons (So- OL), Johnathon Blackmon (So- OL, DL), Miguel Menendez (So- OL), Hunter Mercer (Fr- OL, DL), Josh Copeland (So-TE), Omar Blackwell (Sr- OL, DL), Amaree Draughon (So- OL, DL), Tyler Emanuel (So- OL), Hezekiah Bennett (Fr- OL, DL), Alexander Emanuel (Jr- DL, OL), Theodore Bennett (So- OL, DL), LJ Highsmith (Sr- DL, OL), Jermaine Monroe (Jr- WR, DB), Johny Woo (So- WR), Spencer Westerbeeck (Jr- LB, TE), Patrick Morrisey (So- WR, DB), Jatiyuhn Wilson (Sr- TE, DE, DT)

Head Coach Cory Johnson has headed up the Dark Horse team for 2 years now, with Clinton being his first Head Coaching position. Before this title, Johnson was the Defensive Coordinator and Strength Coordinator for Scotland High School in Laurinburg. He played at Jack Britt High School, as well as at Catawba College, where he was an All-American linebacker.

When Johnson was hired as head coach back in 2018, he stated, "I just want anybody that reads this to know that this is really a dream come true," he said. "If you focus on what you want, work as hard as you can, your dreams really will come true."

And it looks like Head Coach Cory Johnson's dream is coming true, an opportunity to be the Eastern Champions and possibly looking at a state title. It seems he is quite at home in Dark Horse country.

Make sure you come out to see the Dark Horses play on Friday night at home. Game time 7:30pm.

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Clinton City Schools Students of the Month November



L. C. Kerr School- La'Daja Williams- Grade K
 Butler Avenue School- Joanie Faith Storey- Grade 1
 Sunset Avenue School- Ja'Vier Wilson- Grade 4
 Sampson Middle School- Isis Ruiz-Nunez- Grade 8
 Clinton High School- Lillian Higginbotham- Grade 12

Coffee Shop Keeping Hearts Warm During Holidays



ACE's Coffee Shop and Christmas Store have everything you need this holiday season. (Dan Grubb)

It is that time of year again. The family has gotten together for a Thanksgiving feast, the holiday chill is in the air and soon, stockings will be hung by the chimney with care. This holiday season, you are going to need two things—a way to stay warm and gifts for loved ones to show them your yuletide cheer. Sampson Community College has both!

Students from SCC's Academy of Continuing Excellence (ACE) has operated its Rise and Shine Coffee Shop for two years now and has been the subject of rave reviews. This year, the coffee shop is being operated in conjunction with the program's annual Christmas Store, where high quality gifts are made and sold by students enrolled in the program.

"The creation of these items is a great way for the College to integrate the ACE students' exploration of being creative, the need for the students to understand simple business con-

Clinton City School Holiday Card Contest Winners



On Tuesday night at the Clinton City School Board meeting, the board recognized the winners of the 2019 Holiday Card Contest at the school levels and they announced the district winner.

- L.C. Kerr School- Naomi Salgado Kindergarten; Teacher-Emily Colt
 - Butler Avenue School- Elizabeth Hales 1st Grade; Teacher- Kristie Slack
 - Sunset Avenue School- Sofia Line (Not Pictured) 5th Grade; Teacher-Kristy Sloan
 - Sampson Middle School- Ashley Zaldivar 7th Grade; Teacher-Dustin Hinson
 - Clinton High School- Angie Mejia 10th Grade; Teacher- Micheal Ray
- AND THE DISTRICT WIDE WINNER WAS:
 Clinton High School- Angie Mejia 10th Grade; Teacher- Micheal Ray

Rare Book Collection

The Sampson Community College library has created new sections including rare books, a North Carolina Collection, and a Local History about Sampson County Collection. The rare books consist of donated books, such as *The Divine Comedy*, that date back to as early as 1895. The collection also includes an edition of *To Kill a Mockingbird*, from within a year of its original publishing date, along with Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales* and local Slave Narratives from Sampson County. The North Carolina Collection is available for check-out, while the Local History and rare books are for in-library use only.

The library would also like to host a #whereinSampson display of black and white photos of Sampson County. Small towns, farming pictures, and family pictures from all over Sampson County are greatly appreciated. These images will be added to the local history archives. Help us to celebrate our heritage by scanning, emailing, or delivering the photos for scanning to the SCC library.

cepts and to learn to take pride in their creations," says Amanda Bradshaw, Dean of SCC's Workforce Development and Continuing Education programs. "The students love this time of the year and their excitement shows once you walk in the door to purchase one of their handmade items. All the funds collected from the sale of their goods goes directly back to the students and their classroom experiences."

The coffee stand is hosted by the students and is located in the Workforce Development hallway in the East building on campus. Money raised from coffee sales are used for ACE student activities fees so they can participate in campus activities.

Kim Testerman, who helps ACE students with the shop and the store, says she cannot think of a better way to celebrate the holiday season and the spirit of giving than through these two initiatives. "This is a chance for the students to learn what it's like to set up shop, interact and sell products and be able to meet and socialize with new people," Testerman says. "My hope is that this will benefit them when they enter further educational or career paths in the future."

ACE assists students, at least 18 years of age, with intellectual disabilities in reading, writing, math and vocational skills. The goal for everyone is to create a smooth transition into post-secondary education or employment opportunities. No high school diploma or certificate is required.

A recent success story is Courtney Fennel who went through the program last year. For her, the ACE program was more than a school for learning. It was a path for success. While in the program, she successfully applied to and was hired by Wendy's restaurant in Clinton. "This program is a transitional program," says Testerman. "We work on math and reading skills and eventually help these students transition to the workforce. These students improve socially and academically and that can be a great plus within the community."

The ACE program offers applications in reading, writing, math and vocational skills. There are no costs associated with the ACE Program. The Christmas Shop is open to the public. Those looking for some gift ideas or would like more information about the ACE program contact Testerman at ktesterman@sampsoncc.edu.

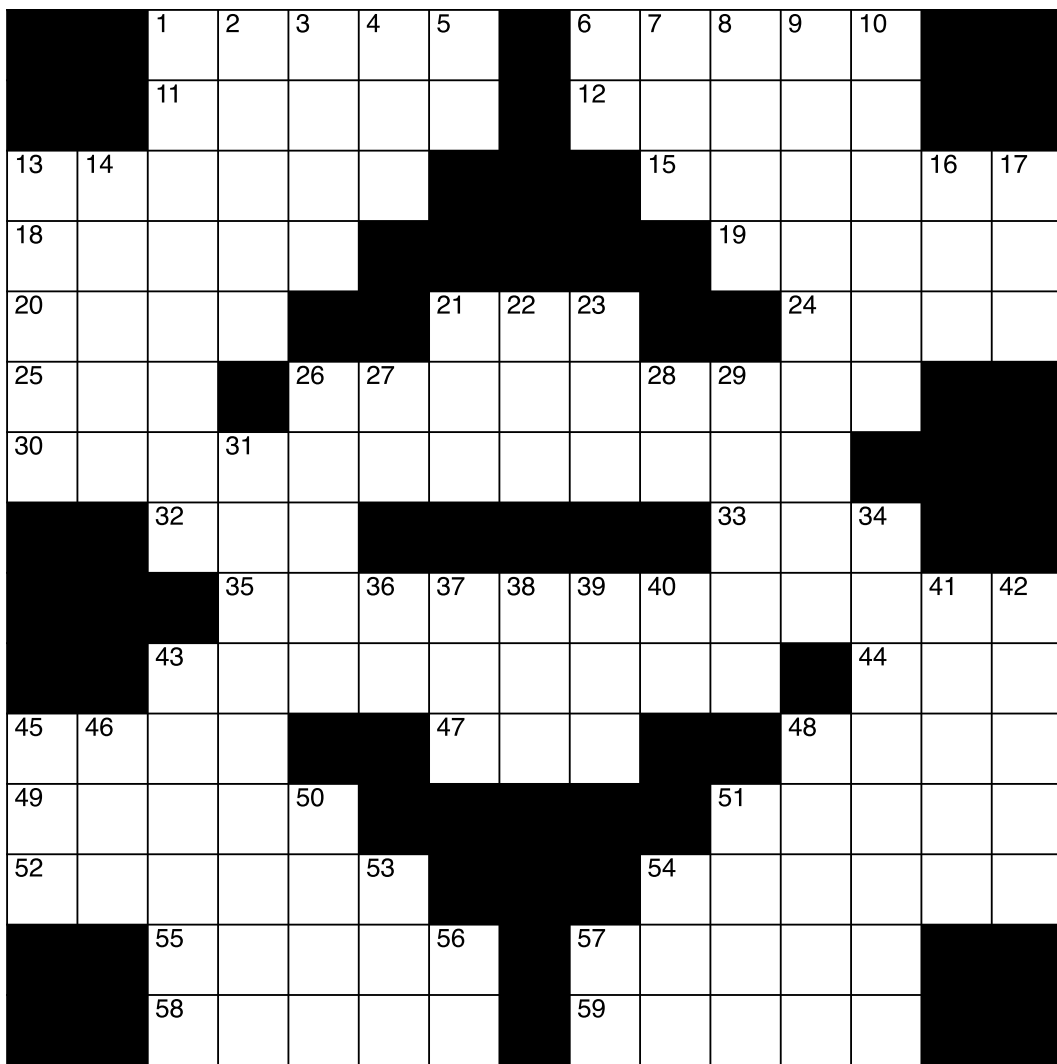
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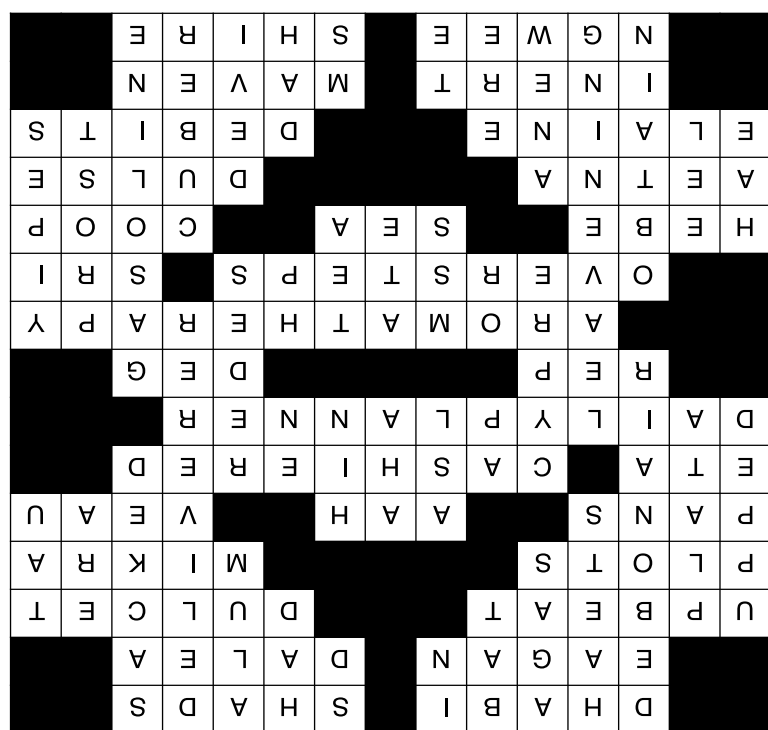


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Abu __, U.A.E. capital
- 6. Herring-like fishes
- 11. 55120 MN
- 12. Indigo bush
- 13. Pollyanna-ish
- 15. Pleasing to the ear
- 18. Parcels of land
- 19. Microns (alt. sp.)
- 20. Cooking containers
- 21. Express pleasure
- 24. Meat from a calf (alt.)
- 25. 7th Greek letter
- 26. Operated the sales register
- 30. Blueprint for the day
- 32. Congressperson (abbr.)
- 33. Angle (abbr.)
- 35. Fragrant health promotion
- 43. Trespasses
- 44. __ Lanka
- 45. Wife of Hercules
- 47. A large body of water
- 48. Chicken house
- 49. Sicilian volcano
- 51. Coarse edible red seaweed
- 52. __ May, actress
- 54. Opposites of credits
- 55. Unable to move
- 57. Someone who is highly skilled
- 58. 100 = 1 kwacha
- 59. "Rocky" star Talia

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Having a sophisticated charm
- 2. Minute amounts (Scot.)
- 3. Turkish leader's title
- 4. Used for hitting the ball in various games
- 5. Not out
- 6. South Dakota
- 7. Possessed
- 8. Grad
- 9. UPS driver
- 10. Fired
- 13. In a way, augmented
- 14. River in SE S. Am.
- 16. Division of geological time
- 17. Follows sigma
- 21. Sign language
- 22. Expression of surprise
- 23. Hull Identification Number
- 26. Salmwood
- 27. Associated Press
- 28. Half of an em
- 29. Networks in Spanish
- 31. Dough fermenting agent
- 34. Auto fuel
- 36. An alternative
- 37. Manuscripts (abbr.)
- 38. Digested
- 39. Darjeeling or green
- 40. Horsepower
- 41. 1985 Formula 1 champion
- 42. Expression of alarm
- 43. Gain possession
- 45. Own (Scottish)
- 46. Snake-like fish
- 48. Dicer
- 50. Afresh
- 51. Hindu mother goddess
- 53. Before
- 54. Code for dash
- 56. Atomic #52
- 57. Millisecond

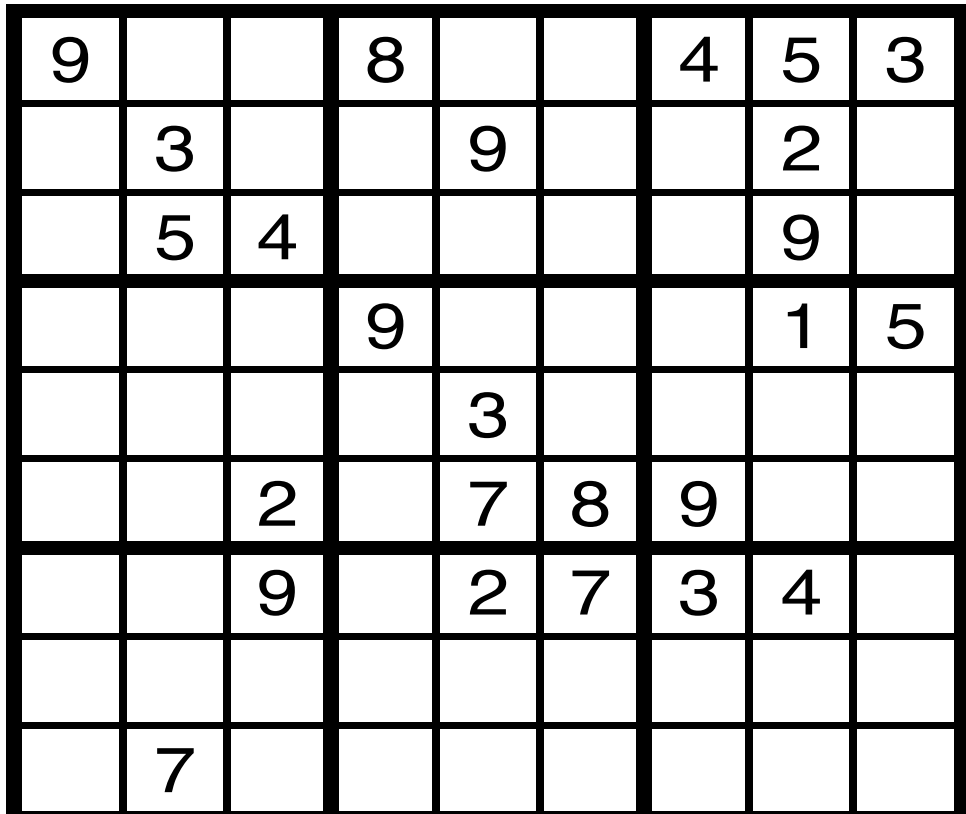


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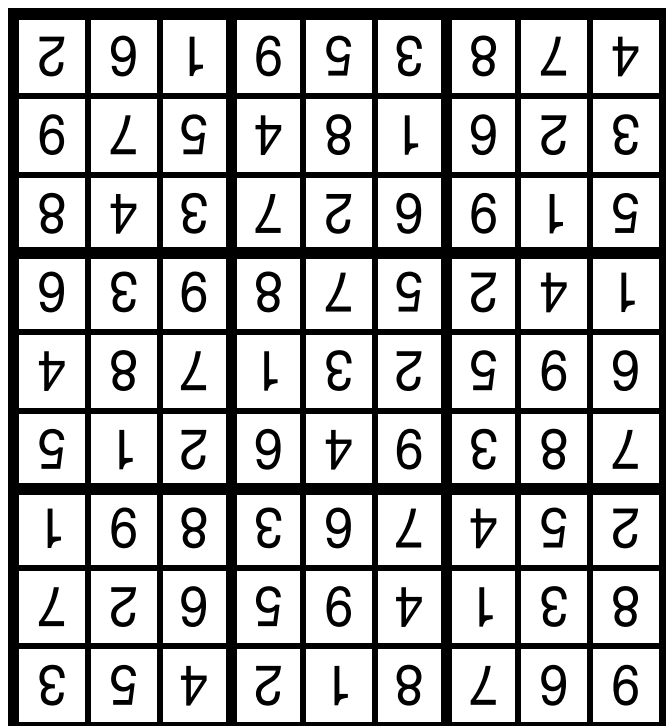
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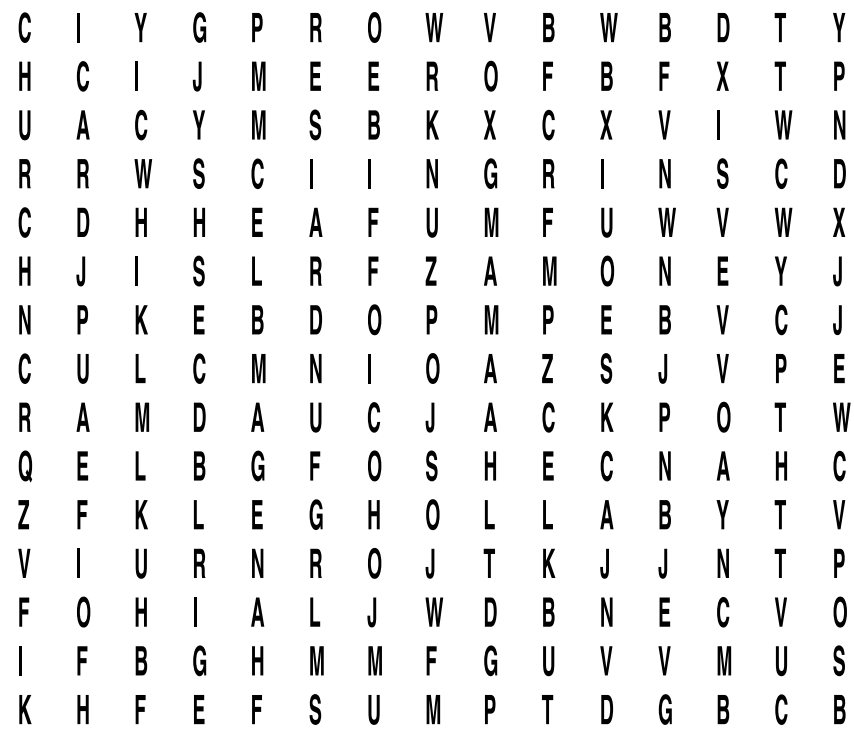
Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test.



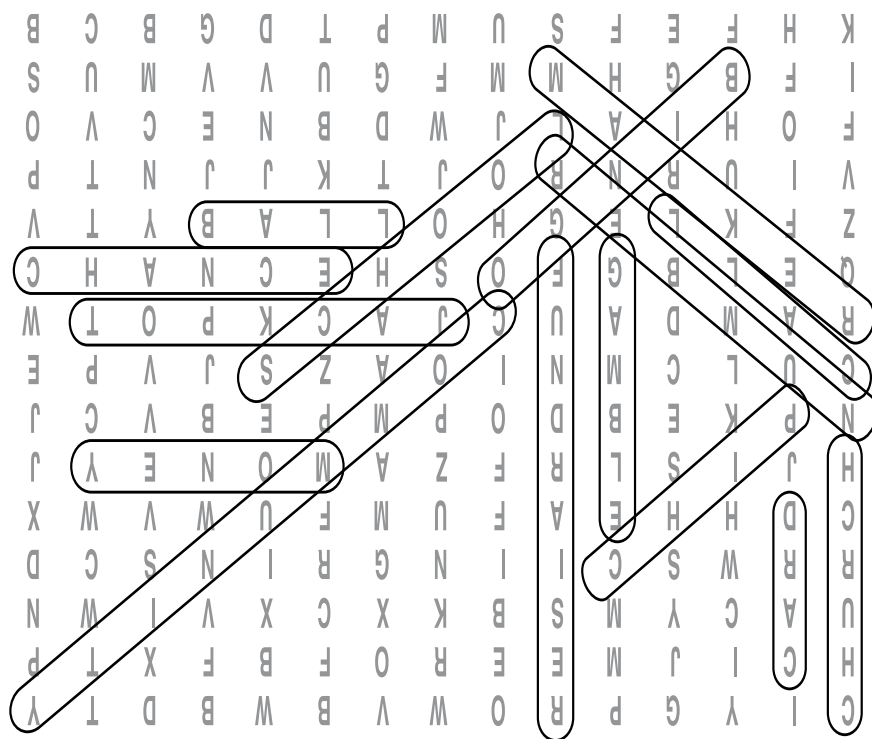
Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear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



Word Search — Bingo



- ball
- bingo
- call
- card
- chance
- chip
- church
- community
- fundraiser
- gamble
- jackpot
- marker
- money
- number
- school



OBITUARIES

NEWTON GROVE

Ms. Diane Ellington, 73 of Fayetteville St. Newton Grove, passed away at her home on Friday, November 29, 2019. Her funeral service was held Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Unity Presbyterian Church, Newton Grove. The family received family and friends following the funeral service. Officiating will be the Rev. Cathy Mooney. Ms. Ellington leaves to cherish her memories her daughters; Dana Ellington-Ruiz and John of Newton Grove, Kelly Sherwood and husband Matt of Wilmington, Paula Westbrook and husband Scott of Dunn, sister; Dale Warren Brown of Newton Grove, grandchildren; Colby Tart and girlfriend Aubrey, Ryker Tart and wife Ashely, Aydan Tart and fiance Jerrica, Ellington Tart, Greysen Tart, Rylee Sherwood, Lyla Sherwood, Gabriel Sherwood, Trey Murawski, Scottlin Westbrook and Tripp Westbrook, nephew; Cliff Brown, niece; Cortney Lockamy and husband Allen and special great nephew; Carter John Lockamy. She was preceded in death by her parents; Alvin and Gladys Warren and husband; Paul Ellington. Online condolences may be made at www.westanddunn.com. Services have been entrusted to West & Dunn Funeral Homes, Inc., Newton Grove, North Carolina.



ROSEBORO



Ms. Ava Maie (Sigman) Ezzell, 93 passed away Friday, November 29, 2019 at Haymont Rehabilitation & Nursing Center in Fayetteville. Funeral service was held at 2:00pm Monday, December 2, 2019 at Butler Funeral Home Chapel, officiating was Rev. Andy Wood

and Rev. Christy Christianson. Burial followed at Sunrise Memorial Gardens in Salemburg. She is preceded in death by her parents, Marcus Craig Sigman & Anna Rochelle Millsaps Sigman; husband, James Hugh Ezzell; grandson, Daryl Lee Peterson; great-great grandchild, Johna Claire Barefoot; and a sister, Virginia Jackson. She is survived by her children, Susan E. Peterson & husband, Billy Gerald of Godwin, Annie E. Barnes & husband, Bill of Hope Mills, James R. "Bobby" Ezzell of Roseboro, Judy E. Peterson & husband, Delbridge of Salemburg, Betty E. Ballance & husband, Fred of Eastover, David Craig Ezzell of Roseboro and Nancy Ruth Ezzell of Eastover; 11 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and sisters, Elizabeth Fisher of Fayetteville and Sarah Chappell of Florida. The family received friends from 6-8pm Sunday, December 1, 2019 at the funeral home. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro.

CLINTON



Mrs. Rachel Hairr died Saturday, November 30, 2019, in Durham. Funeral service was held 2PM Wednesday, December 4, at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home with Rev. Raeford Carter, Jr. Burial followed in the Honrine Family Cemetery. Mrs. Hairr was the

widow of Daniel Ashford "D.A." Hairr and the daughter of the late William James "Pre" Honrine and Hettie Bell Westbrook Honrine. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Billie Ray Honrine (Willadean) and J.D. Honrine (Glenda). She is survived by three children, Mike Hairr (Linda), Kenneth Hairr (Crystal) and Jean Hairr; sister, Patsy H. Stokes (Mickey) and brother, Frankie Honrine (Sharon); two grandchildren, Heather Hairr and fiancé Anthony Mulligan and Ryan Hairr and six step-grandchildren Tara Lehmann, Greg Whaley, Dale Peterson, Eric Carter; Shianne Westbrook and Josh Westbrook and five great-grandchildren. The family received friends 1-2 PM prior to the service and other times at the home of her son Kenneth Hairr. Condolences may be made to family at crumpler-honeycutt.com.

CLINTON

Sadie Hill, Age-84, died Monday, December 2, 2019 at Genesis Nursing Home in Mt. Olive, NC. Funeral services will be Friday, December 6, 2019 at 11:00 am, First Baptist Church, 900 College St. Clinton, NC. Interment in the Hillcrest Cemetery. Public visitation Thursday December 5, 2019 from 1:00 to 6:00 pm, Butler & Son Funeral Services, Clinton, NC. Butler & Son Funeral Services Clinton, NC.



NEWTON GROVE

Peggy L. Hinson 75, of Roanoke Road, Newton Grove passed away Wednesday, November 27, 2019 with her loving family by her side. Her funeral service was held Monday, December 2, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at New Zealand PFWB Church, Benson. Visitation was held from 1 till 2 p.m. prior to the funeral service. She will be laid to rest in Unity Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Newton Grove. Officiating was the Rev. Ronnie Jones and Rev. Sterling Tharrington. She leaves to cherish her memories her husband; Bobby G. Hinson of the home, son; Terry G. Hinson of Newton Grove, sisters; Cathy McLamb and Betty Williford, brothers; Garry Parker, Billy Ray Parker and Roger Parker, special friend; Lee Hayes and her beloved fur baby; Skipper. She was preceded in death by her parents; Harvey D. and Myrtle I. Parker, sister; Brenda Williams and brothers; Wayne Parker and Jimmy Parker. Online condolences may be made at www.westanddunn.com Services have been entrusted to West &



Dunn Funeral Home, Newton Grove, North Carolina

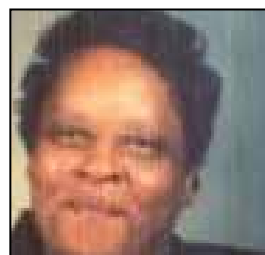
MINGO

Mrs. Sylva Dale Jackson, 87, of the Mingo Community peacefully passed away at Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital on November 28, 2019. She was born on November 26, 1932 to the late Eddie and Vida Aman of the Mingo Community. She was the youngest of 13 children and was preceded in death by six brothers and six sisters. She was a member of Mt. Elam Baptist Church and served in many capacities including being a Sunday School Teacher, Deacon, GA Leader, and at various times through the years played the piano and organ. She was a graduate of Campbell College and taught school in the Cumberland County School System for twenty-two years. Dale will be remembered for the cards she handcrafted that ministered to family and friends. She was a great Prayer "Warrior" and touched many lives as she served her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. She was preceded in death by her husband Robert Melvin Jackson and is survived by; daughters, Joan Tart and husband Rick of Benson, Kay Cowen and husband Fred of Winston-Salem; sons, Dan Jackson and wife Cindy of Dunn, and Tom Jackson and wife Rose of Dunn; grandchildren Greg Tart and wife Tiffany, Joanna Morris and husband Matt, Ben Cowen and wife Marcia, Michael Cowen and wife Caroline, Dana Jernigan and husband Michael, Nathan Jackson; great grandchildren, Hayes Tart, Liam Tart, Sophia Morris, Selah Morris, Graham Cowen, Zachary Cowen, Jackson Jernigan, Blair Jackson and many nieces and nephews. The family received friends 6 pm to 8 pm Saturday, November 30, 2019 at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home. A service of celebration was held 2 pm Sunday at Mt. Elam Baptist Church 2211 Mt. Elam Church Road Roseboro, N.C. with Rev. Brandon Glunt and Rev. W.H. Calcutt officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Dale will be greatly missed by her family, church family, and friends. Memorials may be made to Mt. Elam Baptist Church by mailing a check to the church, 2211 Mt. Elam Church Road, Roseboro, N.C. 28382. Arrangements are by Skinner & Smith Funeral Home in Dunn.



CLINTON

Carolyn Dolores Kirkland, Age-64 of 99 Rye Lane, Clinton, NC died Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at Kitty Askins Hospice Center, Goldsboro, NC. Funeral service will be held Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 1:00 pm at El Bethlehem Church, Faison NC. Interment: Sandhill Cemetery, Clinton, NC. Public Visitation: Monday, December 2, 2019 from 1:00 to 6:00 pm at Butler & Son Funeral Services, Clinton, NC. Mrs. Kirkland leaves to cherish her memories her husband: Clifford Kirkland, two sisters: Mary L. Pope and Mandy E. Manning and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends. Butler & Son Funeral Services Clinton, NC.



GODWIN

Helen Gray Lovick Matthews, age 90 of Godwin, departed this life on Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at her home. She was born on January 24, 1929 in Cumberland County to the late Lynard Lovick and the late Ida House Lovick. She is also preceded in death by her husband: James Otto Matthews; Son: Sonny Matthews; two sisters: Mary Dorman and Katie Belle Lovick. Helen loved spending her days dotting over her great-grandchildren and tending to her yard and flowers. She could often be found watching her favorite soaps, like The Young and The Restless or watching Judge Judy. Helen was very active in her church, where she worked with the Act Teens and the GA's. Some of her fondest memories were spent on her many vacations with her family to the beach and Disney. Helen Matthews leaves behind to cherish her memory her daughter: Sheila Harris and husband Ricky of Godwin, three grandchildren: Alison Matthews of Knoxville, Tennessee, Megan Harris of Godwin, and Taylor Harris and wife Stephanie of Grays Creek; two great-grandchildren: Riley Byers and Garrett Lakatos; daughter-in-law: Gail Matthews of Knoxville, Tennessee and a host of other family and friends. You are cordially invited to a time of visitation on Friday, November 29, 2019 from One O'clock until Two O'clock in the afternoon at Wade Baptist Church where the funeral service commenced at Two O'clock with Rev. Raymond Myrick presiding. She was laid to rest in the Old Bluff Cemetery with Taylor Harris, Brandon Lovick, Joe Norris, Larry Riegall, Eric Vann, and Hunter Norris serving as pallbearers. All arrangements are entrusted to Cromartie-Miller Funeral Home. Online Condolences may be expressed at www.cromartiemiller.com.



DELWAY

Mr. Rudolph "Rudy" Murphy, 72, of 101 Dogwood Circle, formerly of Delway Community, died Thursday, November 28, 2019. Mr. Murphy was born January 30, 1947 in Sampson Co. the son of the late John Henry Murphy and Mae Haley Murphy.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Emily Dowe. He was a retired Auto mechanic. Funeral service was held at 2:00 P.M. Sunday, December 01, 2019 at Mt. Zion AME Zion Church. Burial followed in the Murphy Cemetery in Waycross. Mr. Murphy is survived by his twelve daughters, Tonya Dalrymple (Aubrey) of Fayetteville, Lisa Underwood (James) of Durham, Tokesia Watson of Wilmington, Dolly McNeil, Lashon Foster, Lastasia McNeil, Semeka McNeil, Joanlie McNeil, Stephanie McNeil, Crystal Murphy, all of Clinton, Kimberly McNeil of Virginia, Isaoha Darden (Montrice) of Goldsboro, two sons, Tyrone McNeil, Antonio McNeil both of Clinton, three brothers, John Wesley

Murphy of Delway, John Akins (Sylvia) of Harrells, Charlie Murphy of Leland, 34 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren. The public viewing was held on Saturday, November 30, 2019 from 1:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M. at Carter Funeral Home in Garland.



GODWIN

Mrs. Eunice Autry Page, 82 of Godwin passed away on Wednesday, November 27, 2019 at the Kitty Askins Hospice Center. The funeral service was held at 2:00 PM Sunday, Dec. 1 at Butler Funeral Home

in Roseboro with Rev. Paul Honeycutt officiating. Burial followed in the Lafayette Memorial Park in Fayetteville. Mrs. Page was a native of Sampson County, the daughter of the late Lewis S. and Bertie McAlpine Autry. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Doneus Ray Page and two grandsons, Adam Jackson and Ronald Page, Jr. She was a seamstress. She is survived by two daughters, Debbie Jackson and husband, Brent of Autryville and Becky McDonald and husband, Clay of Roseboro; three sons, Ronald Page of Autryville, Mike Page and wife, Melinda and Don Page, Jr. and fiance, Sarah Shaw all of Godwin; six grandchildren, one step granddaughter and ten great grandchildren. The family received friends from 6-8 PM Saturday evening at Butler Funeral Home in Roseboro and at other times at the home of Mike and Melinda Page, 1710 Tew Road, Godwin, NC. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.

ROSEBORO

James Luther Parker, Age-79 of 4600 Cumberland Rd. Fayetteville, NC formerly of Roseboro, NC died Monday December 2, 2019 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. Funeral services will be Sunday, December 8, 2019 at 2pm, Smith



Chapel Church, Garland, NC. Interment in the church cemetery. Public visitation Sat. 12/7/19, 1 to 6pm, Butler & Son Funeral Home, Roseboro, N. Butler & Son Funeral Home Inc. Roseboro, NC.

CLINTON

Jean Thompson, Age-71, formerly of Clinton, NC died Friday, November 29, 2019 at Select Specialty Hospital in Greensboro, NC. Funeral service Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 12 Noon at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Clinton, NC. Interment: Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Cemetery, Clinton, NC. Public visitation will be held from 1 to 5 pm at Butler & Son Funeral Home, Inc. in Roseboro, NC. Butler & Son Funeral Home, Inc. Roseboro, NC.



CLINTON

Mr. Raymond "Ray" Turner, 77, of 78 Turner Lane, passed away at his home on Friday, November 29, 2019 surrounded by his family. Funeral Services were held Sunday, December 1, 2019 at 3 pm at Royal-Hall Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. John Hobbs officiating. Burial



followed in the Turner Family Cemetery. Born on October 7, 1942 in Sampson County, Ray was the son of the late Amos and Janie Bell Lucas Turner. He was a Maintenance Mill Operator with Carroll's Foods, Inc. for twenty-three years. He had a passion for the rodeo, especially calf-roping. He loved vegetable gardening and riding his horses, especially his Quarter-horse, "Granny". He was a quiet, humble man with a heart of gold. He will be greatly missed. He is survived by his wife, Alice Taylor Turner; Son, David Ray Turner of Clinton; Grandsons: Tyler Ray Turner, Elijah Jacobs and Brian Michael Richards; one sister, Mary Grace Turner; and two brothers: Donald Ray Turner and William Lee Turner, all of Clinton. He was also blessed with a great-granddaughter, Lana Jacobs; and a great-grandson, who is due to arrive very soon, Brantly Allen Richards. The family received friends one hour prior to the service on Sunday afternoon, beginning at 2 pm; and other times at his home. The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to Community Hospice for their kindness and compassion shown to Ray during his illness. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Turner Family.

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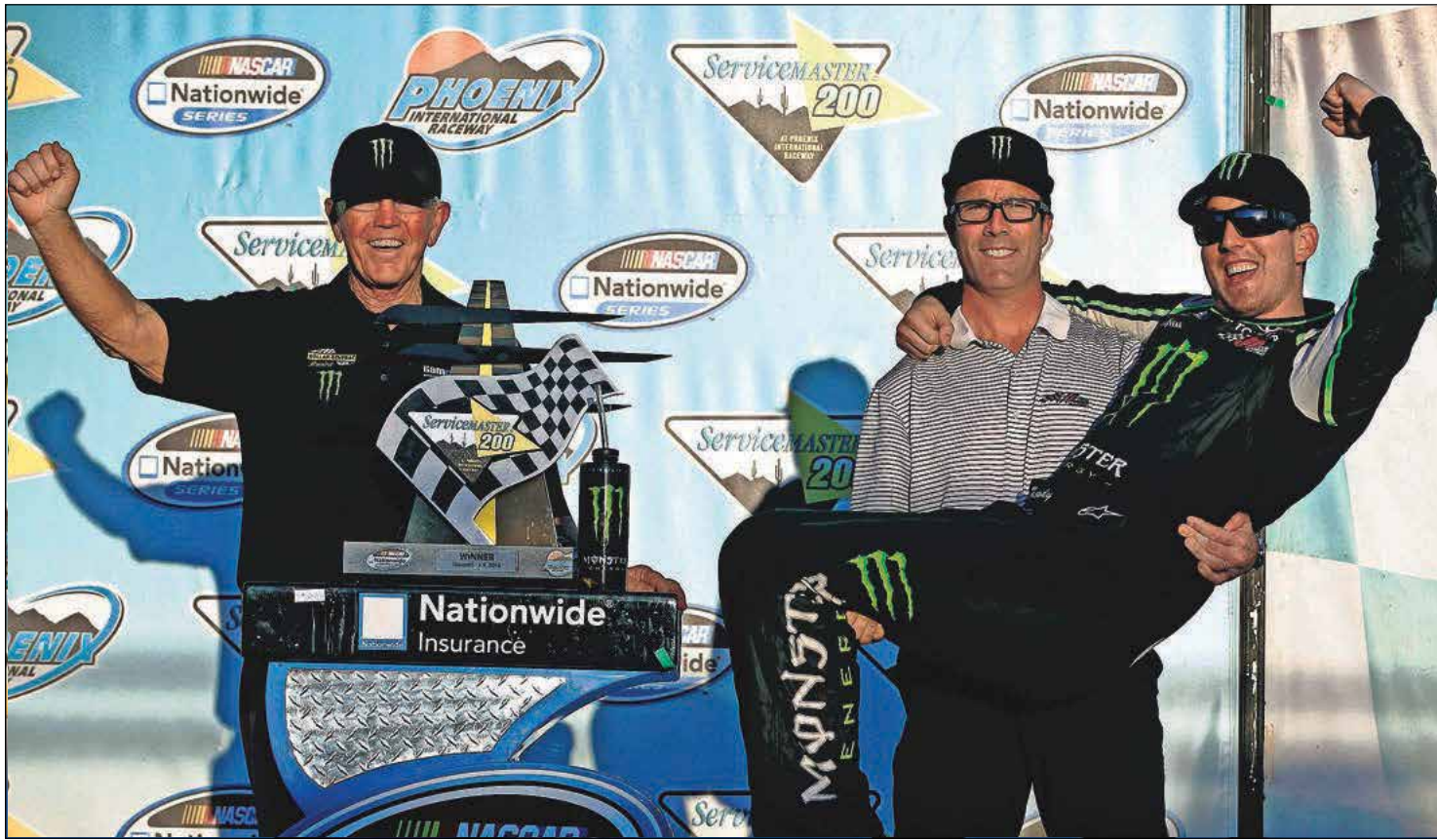
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Joe Gibbs dedicated 2019 season to fallen son J.D.



J.D. Gibbs holds driver Kyle Busch in his arms as Joe Gibbs, left, joins in the celebration after a 2013 NASCAR race win at Phoenix. [NASCAR GETTY IMAGES/TOM PENNINGTON]

By Godwin Kelly
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Joe Gibbs started 2019 by dealing with the worst possible family tragedy a parent can face and ended it atop the highest peak in his sport.

On Jan. 11, Gibbs' oldest son, Jason Dean, more commonly referred to as "J.D.," died after a four-year battle with degenerative neurological disease. He was 49.

A little more than a month later, Denny Hamlin, driving the No. 11 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota — a team J.D. had helped pull together — captured NASCAR's biggest prize, the Daytona 500.

The four-car JGR team would go on to win a modern-day record 19 NASCAR Cup Series races (more than half the 36-race schedule), qualify three drivers for the Championship Round race and emerge with the crown.

It was Gibbs' fifth championship since he jump-started the race team 28 years ago with one car and one major sponsor.

Dale Jarrett nabbed Gibbs' first win as car owner in elite fashion by winning the 1993 Daytona 500. Seven years later, JGR secured its first championship with Bobby Labonte.

From there, the team became a heavyweight contender, first catching and now rocketing past the sport's longtime benchmark organization — Hendrick Motorsports.

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Kyle Busch

The master plan for Joe Gibbs, who is now 79 years old, was to gradually pass the baton of ownership to J.D., who had been involved in the day-to-day operation of the team as a young adult.

When J.D. was sidelined, Joe Gibbs called his younger son Coy up from the bullpen to begin a fast-track apprenticeship. When J.D. passed away, his father immersed himself into racing.

"I know it's been a difficult time on (J.D.'s widow) Melissa and Joe and to reward him with a championship; I don't know how much it means to them, but it's the best I can do," said Kyle Busch, after winning the Cup Series title.

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cars, we put it on them this time."

Few people realize how relationships and emotions — behind-the-curtain circumstances and actions — can affect the performance of a race team.

Joe Gibbs, who was hardened by professional football and shaped by deep religious convictions, refused to let the death of his son have a negative effect on the vanguard motorsports organization he built from scratch.

As the car owner said repeatedly over the season, his son may have been gone in body, but not in spirit.

"For me, it started with the Daytona 500," Gibbs said. "I think anybody that saw that would say there's no way that could happen by accident. I felt like God was kind of overseeing that."

"I think J.D. was there. And then it kind of continued the entire year for me. It's been emotional to think that you could win the number of races we've won."

J.D. Gibbs' death could have set a negative tone for the entire season. Instead, Joe Gibbs & Co. dedicated the 2019 Cup Series to his son.

"I think he was a big part of it for us," Gibbs said. "I think everybody that worked at Joe Gibbs Racing when J.D. left us ... I think each and every one of them felt that so much."

"... It's kind of hard to put in words. But it's been special and different, and it was great to finish it up the way we did."

QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers



As it turns out, not all of the action at Homestead was taking place among the championship contenders. [AP FILE]

Did they think they could get away with it?

Apparently so, which brings two things immediately to mind. But first, quick background: NASCAR last week fined three lower-tier car owners (Jay Robinson, Rick Ware, TJ Puchyr) \$50,000 each and penalized their teams for shenanigans in Homestead's season finale. NASCAR said they manipulated events to allow Robinson's team (Premium Motorsports) to finish high enough to end the year with the most points among non-charter teams — it meant a difference of \$175,000 to be "first among the least."

And your two thoughts?

There's radio communication between teams, and NASCAR has access to it for review purposes if necessary. The three teams had cars exit the Homestead track late in the race, all within a 15-lap span, with "mechanical trouble." First thought: Did they really think it would be kept hush-hush? Second thought: Why not just (quietly!) stage a mild fender bender? It would've gotten their cars off the track and brought out a much-needed yellow to give Kyle Busch a late-race challenge.

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WHAT'S ON TAP

Thursday: Champions Banquet in Nashville, Tennessee
Jan. 13-18: Chili Bowl Nationals in Tulsa, Okla.

Jan. 25-26: Rolex 24 at Daytona

Speedweeks at Daytona
Feb. 8: ARCA 200

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

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

Feb. 14: Truck Series NextEra Energy Resources 250

Feb. 15: Xfinity Series NASCAR Racing Experience 300

Feb. 16: Daytona 500

MOTOR MOUTHS PODCAST

The podders are trying to shake off their early-offseason doldrums and get back in gear.

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SPEED FREAKS — A few questions we had to ask ourselves

Which 2020 Cup rookie will stand out?

GODSPEAK: Car owner Richard Childress just came short of describing Tyler Reddick as "the one." Keep your wristwatch on, Richard, I'm going with your pick.

KEN'S CALL: A case can be made for each of them, but something tells me Christopher Bell is a definite keeper.

And of the new faces in new places?

GODSPEAK: Cole Custer could be a real sleeper. He will take the wheel of the No. 41 Stewart-Haas Ford at Daytona.
KEN'S CALL: Matt DiBenedetto is an

obvious and popular choice, but I think Chris Buescher will make some noise in Jack Roush's No. 17 car.

Should the banquet move around or is Nashville permanent?

GODSPEAK: As NASCAR embraces its original fan base in the South, Nashville has a good chance of hosting for several years. We see you, New Orleans.

KEN'S CALL: We all know nothing is permanent, but the reviews will be strongly positive, and Music City will be seen as the best option for all involved. For now, anyway.



One of our guys suspects Tyler Reddick might be toasting some good times next season. [AP FILE]

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