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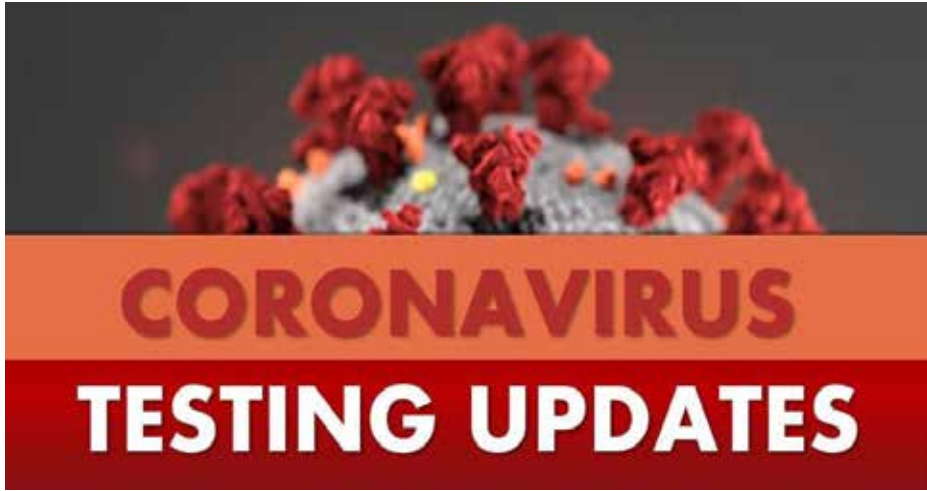
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81 Total COVID Deaths Reported in Sampson County



Sampson County Schedules More Vaccination Clinics

COVID-19 TESTING REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 5, 2021
 Total Number of Tests Reported to Date: 17,002
 Positive Test Results: 6,402 (57 additional since 2/4 report)
 Negative Test Results: 10,600
 COVID Reported Deaths to Date: 81 (1 additional since 2/4 report)

For detailed information on upcoming clinics, please see our Sampson County Vaccine Resource page on the Sampson County website (www.sampsonnc.com)

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2020 Officer of the Year- Sergeant Jeremy Honeycutt



At the Tuesday night Clinton City Council meeting, Clinton Police Chief Donald Edwards presented the 2020 Officer of the Year to the City Council. Chief Edwards stated, "The Clinton Police Department is very excited to introduce Sergeant Jeremy Honeycutt as our 2020 Officer of the Year. Officers are first nominated by fellow members of the agency, who give details of the employee's body of work and their conduct for the entire year. It is a prestigious award within the Department because the nominations come from the officer's

peers. These nominations are then reviewed by a selection board which includes former recipients of the award. Each member of the board takes the selection seriously as the person's conduct must truly represent the core values that we all share: Integrity, Professionalism, Respect and Teamwork."

"This year," noted Chief Edwards, "we had a great selection of officers nominated for this honor and being chosen above so many deserving employees is impressive. Sergeant Honeycutt came to the PD from the sheriff's department in 2018 bringing with him eight years of experience in both patrol and investigations. Since joining the team, he has easily adapted to service within the Clinton **OFFICER, see P. 4**

2020 Firefighter of the Year - Firefighter Christopher Norris



Clinton Fire Chief Stephen Lovette presented the 2020 Firefighter of the Year to the Clinton City Council on Tuesday January 2nd.

Chief Lovette stated, "The Clinton Fire Department is very excited to introduce our 2020 Firefighter of the Year, Firefighter Christopher Norris. The award is based on the vote of current firefighters. Their work performance that best exemplifies the fire department's core values of Professionalism, Teamwork, Courage, Honor, Dedication, Respect and Excellence. It is a prestigious award within the Department because the nominations come from the firefighter's peers and then is selected by a vote of the operations members."

Continuing Chief Lovette said, "Firefighter Norris started his career with the Clinton Fire Department as a part time firefighter in July of 2008 and was promoted to full time firefighter in August 2011. Through Firefighter Norris' hard work, he has distinguished himself a valuable team player and routinely demonstrates customer service through his daily actions. Firefighter Norris' has numerous certifications but his Wilderness Rescue is one he is most proud of. He provides significant dedication as a Child Protective Safety Seat Technician. Firefighter Norris' demonstrates his desire to support the mission and objectives of the Fire Department on a daily basis. He exemplifies initiative and a genuine willingness to serve. We are fortunate to have Firefighter Norris as a co-worker and a friend."

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WEEKLY VERSE

Dear friends,
 since God so loved us,
 we also ought to love one another.

1 John 4:11

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LOCAL NEWS

Strong, Resilient, Ready: Governor Cooper Proposes Emergency Budget Supplement to Turn Corner on COVID-19 and Invest in a Stronger Future for NC



RALEIGH: Governor Roy Cooper today outlined a plan for allocating federal COVID-19 relief funds for immediate needs and investing state resources to help North Carolina communities build back as the state turns the corner on the pandemic.

"North Carolinians have stood strong during this pandemic and we are ready to move our state forward. The past year has tested all of us but we must work together on a focused, responsible plan to help families and businesses survive and grow strong while we bolster our economy and health care system and make sure students and teachers are in classrooms ready to learn. We can emerge from these challenging times stronger than ever," said Governor Cooper.

The Governor's early plan calls for investing federal stimulus funds along with some state resources for immediate critical needs. Governor Cooper's plan would invest the state's share of the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 which was signed into law Dec. 27. The federal appropriation totaled more than \$4 billion for North Carolina. A fuller proposed biennial budget will be presented later in the legislative session.

The new federal funding is strictly proscribed, and with General Assembly appropriation will provide vital COVID relief such as vaccines, more supplies to slow the virus spread, help for rent and utility bills, and more funding to put food on the table. Federal funds will address:

Approximately \$2 billion for emergency assistance for public and private K-12 schools and higher education institutions.

\$336 million for childcare and development block grants.

Approximately \$700 million for access to vaccines and testing, tracing and prevention measures to slow the spread of the virus.

\$546 million for emergency rental assistance, which will build on North Carolina's current work. While this is the first dedicated federal funding for rental assistance, North Carolina recognized the extraordinary need to help people stay in their homes during the pandemic and created the HOPE program to pay back rent and utilities using last year's CRF funds.

\$258 million for Highway Infrastructure and \$65 million for airports.

\$47 million for Community Mental Health Services.

Funding for food assistance programs, such as SNAP and school nutrition.

In addition to the federal allocation plan, the Governor recommends investing \$695 million from the state's General Fund to address other immediate needs. Despite the pandemic, North Carolina's budget availability remains strong, with more than \$4 billion in unreserved cash in the General Fund. Among the needs facing North Carolina businesses and people, the Governor recommends addressing:

\$50 million for continued hazard duty pay for state employees on the front lines of COVID-19, especially law enforcement and corrections personnel who face COVID-19 every day.

\$64.5 million for the replenishment of the North Carolina State Health Plan, which has incurred costs responding to COVID-19.

\$468 million for bonuses for educators and school personnel in public K-12 schools, community colleges and the university system. Educators have stepped up in extraordinary ways during the pandemic but were not a part of the raises approved in the last biennium for state employees.

\$30 million to extend high-speed internet to all corners of the state and other urgent connectivity initiatives, such as IT infrastructure, security for community colleges and enhancement of 35,000 hotspots used for education.

\$37 million to support small businesses that have suffered during the pandemic and often don't have large cash reserves, including small business counselling, marketing for tourism and hospitality, ReTOOLNC program for historically underutilized businesses (HUBs), and the business loan program at Golden L.E.A.F.

Expansion of state unemployment benefits, which are still among the lowest in the country. Despite the pandemic forcing thousands of people to lose their jobs – particularly in the restaurant and service industries - North Carolina's Unemployment Trust Fund remains healthy, with a balance of more than \$2.59 billion. North Carolina should increase the maximum duration of benefits to 26 weeks and increase the maximum benefit from \$350 to \$500 per week.

"I appreciate the work of legislators to quickly pass vital relief as the state responded to the pandemic last year and I believe we can work together to get the job done again. Our communities and people face serious challenges and we must come together to identify areas of common ground and help our people beat the pandemic and thrive once again," said Governor Cooper.



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Clinton City Mayor Lew Starling and Fire Chief Stephen Lovette present Firefighter of the Year award to Christopher Norris

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COVID POSITIVE NUMBERS BY THE DATE

- Monday February 1st- 24 Additional Positive Results/1 Additional Death Reported
- Tuesday February 2nd- 53 Additional Positive Results
- Wednesday February 3rd- No Report Due to Drive Thru Vaccination Clinic Being Held
- Thursday February 4th- 31 Additional Positive Results/1 Additional Death Reported
- Friday February 5th- 57 Additional Positive Results/1 Additional Death Reported

The Sampson County Health Department has scheduled several vaccination clinics for the month of February at the Sampson County Expo Center. Most of them are specifically for those with scheduled appointments or those who received their first shots at previous clinics and would be receiving their second vaccines. All scheduled events are subject to vaccine availability.

- February 10, 2021: (Drive Thru) The morning is reserved for those who previously received their first dose of vaccine on January 13th. The afternoon is a drive-thru clinic, first come/first served for first dose vaccines.
- February 17, 2021: For those with Sampson County Health Dept scheduled appointments only.
- February 24, 2021: (Drive Thru) For those who previously received their first dose of vaccine on January 23rd.

For detailed information on each of these clinics, please see our Sampson County Vaccine Resource page at: Sampson County Vaccine Info Page.

North Carolina Sees Dramatic Drop in Spread of Flu, Other Respiratory Illnesses Thanks to Preventative Practices to Slow Spread of COVID-19

North Carolinians have protected themselves and their loved ones from the flu along with COVID-19 by taking preventative measures such as wearing a mask, staying 6 feet apart from people who do not live with them, and frequently washing their hands or using hand sanitizer.

These preventative measures – known collectively as the 3Ws – have helped dramatically reduce the spread of the flu and other respiratory illnesses across the state, according to data from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

Compared to past years, North Carolina has seen very low levels of influenza and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) this year, according to data reported to the department by seven of the state’s largest healthcare systems. Similar trends are being seen nationally and globally.

Only four deaths from flu have been reported to NCDHHS so far this season, compared to 186 deaths last season and more than 200 deaths during the 2018-19 season. The data show these low levels of flu and RSV are occurring despite similar or higher levels of testing for both illnesses.

Additionally, NC Medicaid has seen a 98.2% reduction in expense claims for Tamiflu, a drug used to treat the flu.

COVID-19 spreads more easily than the flu and other seasonal respiratory viruses, but mask wearing, social distancing and hand washing have been shown to help slow the spread of both illnesses.

“Altogether, this data tells us the preventative measures we’re taking are working,” said NCDHHS Secretary Mandy K. Cohen, M.D. “Not only are the 3Ws having a big impact on the spread of flu and other respiratory viruses, this data shows us that the spread of COVID-19 would likely be much higher if we weren’t taking these measures.”

Influenza can place a major strain on the healthcare system, causing between 9 million and 45 million illnesses and 140,000 to 810,000 hospitalizations in the United States each year. Reductions in flu and other respiratory viruses have opened up more capacity for hospitals to handle cases of COVID-19.

“Reducing hospitalizations because of flu and other respiratory illness has been critically important to helping NC’s hospitals manage surges in COVID-19 cases,” Cohen said. “We must keep practicing preventative measures such as wearing a mask,

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Clinton City Mayor Lew Starling and Clinton Police Chief Donald Edwards present award to Sgt. Jeremy Honeycutt

Police Department. I believe this is true because he carries a genuine passion and concern for this community and this profession. Throughout 2020 this became

evident as he went above and beyond his regular duties and demonstrated the values we treasure. While 2020 limited our ability to participate in the community outreach programs, Sgt. Honeycutt always continued to represent the department in the most positive light. He has been a positive influence on younger officers, helping teach and lead them so they understand the benefits of proactive service and creative thinking in police service to address the needs of the community.”

“Leaders should be recognized for the values and commitment to excellence they instill in their team. It is, in part, his natural leadership style that has helped him earn this award. Since joining the City, Jeremy has been promoted to Corporal and most recently to Sergeant. Even before his promotions he showed an ability to influence and lead others by being positive, approachable, engaged and committed. These traits carried over to his new roles and his team consistently leads the agency in positive proactive arrests and diversions. Being responsive to the needs of others is essential for us all but especially for law enforcement today. Sgt. Honeycutt’s team is always responsive and timely when addressing the concerns of citizens and they don’t simply stop at hearing the complaint. If they are able to work further on an issue, they will do so.”

In closing Chief Donald Edwards said, “This past year presented a great number of unique challenges and Sgt. Honeycutt demonstrated his desire to support the mission and objectives of the Clinton Police Department on and off duty on an almost daily basis. I believe Sgt. Honeycutt is and will continue to be an asset to the department and is more than deserving of this award.”

CRIME

CRIME REPORTS

01-24 Gregory Dale Strickland, 46, Clinton. Simple Assault. Trial Date 02-23-21
 01-24 Shavonia Nikel Bell, 23, Clinton. Discharge Weapon into Occupied Dwelling/Moving Vehicle, Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Driving While Impaired. Bond \$75000. Trial Date 02-19-21
 01-24 Johnnie Dominique Warren, 33, Roseboro. Fail to Comply with Community Service. Bond \$500. Trial Date 05-11-21
 01-24 Heather Nicole Jones, 32, Clinton. Felony Poss Meth, Poss CS Prison/Jail premises, Possess Marijuana Paraphernalia. Bond \$15500. Trial Date 02-19-21
 01-24 Katelynn Stafford, 28, Newton Grove. Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle. Trial Date 02-15-21
 01-24 David Daquan Quinn, 26, Clinton. FTA- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. Bond \$500. Trial Date 05-04-21
 01-24 Teresa Renee Parrish, 53, Godwin. Fail to Comply. Bond \$490. Trial Date 02-18-21
 01-24 Zion Malik Autry, 21, Fayetteville. Speeding, DWLR Not Impaired Revocation. Bond \$500. Trial Date 02-19-21
 01-24 William Jordan Autry, 35, Wilmington. Probation Violation, Larceny of Motor Vehicle. Bond \$11000. Trial Date 04-05-21
 01-25 Stacey Allan Lee, 47, Dunn. Pornography/Obscene Material. Bond \$150000. Trial Date 02-05-21
 01-25 Justin Jackson, 39, Newton Grove. Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Assault with a Deadly Weapon Minor Present, Misd Child Abuse, Injury to personal Property, Felony Flee to Elude. Bond \$500. Trial Date 02-05-21
 01-25 Maurice Devone Parker, 40, Roseboro. Fail to Wear Seat Belt, Driving While License Revoked. Bond \$500. Trial Date 03-05-21
 01-25 Gregory Williams, 38, Clinton. OFA-FTC Child Support. Bond \$500.
 01-25 Jamesa Niyel Joyner, 25, Clinton. Failure to Comply. Bond \$460. Trial Date 02-19-21
 01-25 David Michael Shag Tyndall, 23, Dunn. Order for Arrest/Fail to Comply. Bond \$375. Trial Date 05-25-21
 01-25 Dilma Lissett Mera-Barahona, 31, Clinton. No Operators License, Speeding. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 03-09-21
 01-25 Jessica Castaldo, 42, Warsaw. WFA Accessory Before the Fact to a Felony, WFA Obtaining Property by False Pretense, WFA Contributing Del of Juvenile, WFA Second Degree Trespass, WFA No Liability Insurance, WFA Fict/Alt Title/Reg Card/Tag, WFA Speeding, WFA Fail to Wear Seat Belt Driver, WFA DWLR Not Impaired Rev, WFA Drive/Allow MV No Registration, WFA Fictitious Info to Officer, OFA Resisting Public Officer. Bond \$3300. Trial Date 02-05-21
 01-25 Andre Alterick Montgomery, 37, Garland. Threatening Phone Call, Stalking. Trial date 02-22-21
 01-25 Ronald Elvin Mort Jr, 54, Clinton. Fail to Comply. Trial Date 02-03-21
 01-26 Parly Armwood, 30, Mount Olive. Violation of Court Order. Bond \$3500. Trial Date 05-28-21
 01-26 Tiaania Marie Melvin, 19, Clinton. WFA Insurance Fraud. Bond \$4500. Trial Date 02-05-21
 01-26 Wilfred Lee Neal, 18, Selma. WFA AWDW Intent to Kill, OFA Obtain Property by False Pretense. Bond \$95000. Trial Date 03-10-21
 01-26 David Michael Shag Tyndall, 23, Dunn. Larceny from a Person, Misdemeanor Larceny, Identity Theft, Financial Card Theft. Bond \$4000. Trial Date 02-05-21
 01-26 Serena Marie Dewitt, 22, Fayetteville. Conversion. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 02-12-21
 01-26 Mary Anne Ryals, 38, Dunn. Possess Meth, Possess Drug Paraphernalia, Destroy/Alter/Conceal/Tamper with Evidence, Felony Poss of Cocaine, Simple Possession Marijuana, Resist Public Officer. Bond \$40000. Trial Date 02-19-21
 01-26 Jamie Mitchell King, 39, Wallace. Larceny, Injury to Personal Property, Attempted

Larceny. DWLR, Fict Tags. Bond \$3000. Trial Date 04-07-21
 01-26 Jonathan Lewis Jones, 37, Turkey. Injury to Personal Property, Child Abuse. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 04-07-21
 01-26 Mitchell Floyd Tyndall, 30, Dunn. Driving While License Revoked, Speeding. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 02-15-21
 01-27 Melinda Staton, 47, Clinton. Injury to Personal Property. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 03-17-21
 01-27 Gene Howard Grice, 42, Clinton. Possess Meth, Possess Drug Paraphernalia, Maint Veh/Dwell/Place CS, Carrying Concealed Weapon, Firearm by Felon, Possess Sch IV. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 03-05-21
 01-27 Kristen Leigh Brewington, 35, Faison. Harassing Phone Calls. Trial Date 02-15-21
 01-27 Anna Belle Rogers, 25, Newton Grove. Possess Meth, Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 02-05-21
 01-27 George Faison, 57, Clinton. Obtain Property by False Pretense. Bond \$7500. Trial Date 02-05-21
 01-27 Thomas James Allen, 34, Roseboro. Trespass. Trial Date 04-16-21
 01-28 Johnathan Lovable Seed, 35, Fayetteville. Driving While Impaired, Fail to Heed Light or Siren, Fail Comply Lic Restrictions, No Operators License, Poss Open Container, Speeding. Bond \$4500. Trial Date 05-21-21
 01-28 Paul Treasure Sellars, 50, Clinton. DWLR Not Impaired Rev- FTA. Bond \$500. Trial Date 04-12-21
 01-28 Carrie Melvin, 24, Newton Grove. Misdemeanor Larceny- FTA. Bond \$500. Trial Date 05-21-21
 01-28 Candido Carbajal Rodriguez, 18, Clinton. Carrying Concealed Weapon. Trial Date 05-13-21
 01-28 Latesha Michelle Coxum, 34, Clinton. Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle. Trial Date 04-05-21
 01-28 Christian O’Ryan Houston, 19, Harrells. Possess Marijuana, Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Trial Date 05-12-21
 01-28 Gabrielle Bullen, 21, Wallace. Speeding, Reckless Driving Wanton Disregard, No Operators License, Operate Vehicle No Insurance, Cancel/Revok/Susp Certif/Tag. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 03-03-21
 01-28 Ryan Travis Faircloth, 27, Autryville. Conspire Commit Felony Larceny, Inj Prop Obt Non-ferr Metal. Bond \$30000. Trial Date 02-15-21
 01-28 Meghan Renee Osterhout, 33, Roseboro. Possess Meth, Possess Marijuana up to ½ oz, Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$15000. Trial Date 05-24-21
 01-28 Jaclyn Suzanne Marie Cyran, 33, Smithfield. PWISD Meth, Fell/Elude Arrest w/MV, Probation Violation. Bond \$6000. Trial Date 03-05-21
 01-29 Matthew James Joyner, 53, Clinton. Cruelty to Animals, Section 1-17, Section 1-12. Trial Date 03-18-21
 01-29 Dylen Depree Outlaw, 21, Kenansville. Simple Assault, Injury to Personal Property. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 04-05-21
 01-29 Mavis Christa Floyd, 48, Benson. DWLR. Bond \$200. Trial Date 03-03-21
 01-29 Christopher Lee Smith, 28, Raleigh. Possess Marijuana, CCW. Trial Date 03-31-21
 01-29 Travis Jefferey Leftwich, 28, Clinton. Injury to Personal Property. Bond \$500. Trial Date 03-04-21
 01-30 Lewis Odell Craig, 56, Mount Olive. Possess Meth, Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 02-19-21
 01-30 Whitney Lynn Lambert, 30, Godwin. Simple Assault. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 03-16-21
 01-30 Sergio Lino Mendoza, 41, Autryville. No Operators License. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 03-15-21
 01-30 Joshua Allen Maynard, 22, Dunn. Assault on a Female, Injury to personal Property. Trial Date 05-25-21
 01-30 Javaun Delano Jaleel Johnson, 29, Clinton. Poss Meth, Possession of Firearm by Felon, Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$100000. Trial Date 02-19-21
 01-30 Christopher Paul Brown, 39, Clinton. Domestic Simple Assault. Trial Date 06-01-21
 01-31 Alyssa Elaine Sensenig, 24, Roseboro. Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 05-24-21

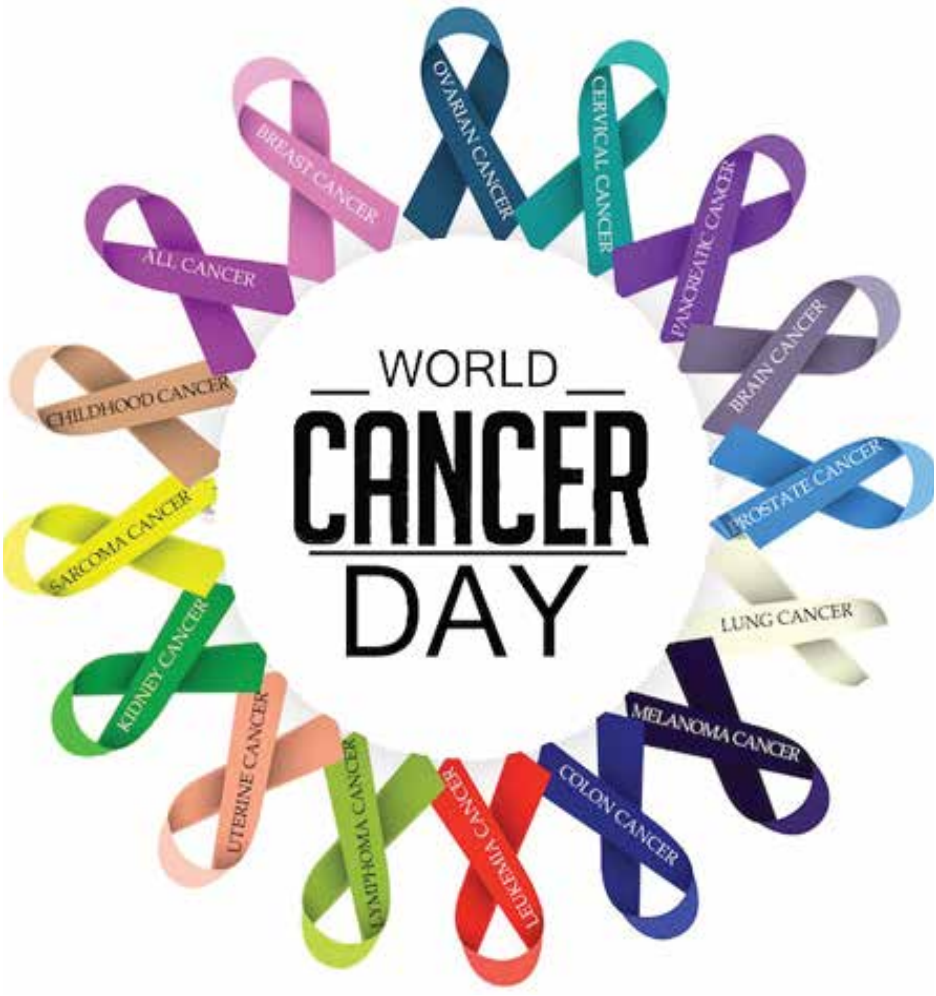
01-31 Michael Elbert Gobin, 40, Newton Grove. Communicating Threats, Breaking & Entering, Simple Assault. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 04-13-21
 01-31 Brennan Cerceo, 24, Mount Olive. Order for Arrest. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 03-15-21
 01-31 Justin Ortiz, 26, Dunn. Fail to Return Rental Property. Trial Date 03-18-21
 01-31 Christopher Dale Tart, 26, Godwin. Second Degree Trespass. Bond \$500. Trial Date 03-18-21
 02-01 Dakota Mychal Laws, 18, Clinton. Crime Against Nature, First Degree Statutory Sex Off, First Degree Statutory Rape. Bond \$250000. Trial Date 03-05-21
 02-01 Rachel Marie Godwin, 34, Fayetteville. Parole Violation. Trial Date 02-08-21
 02-01 Stephanie Nahquan Johnson, 23, Clinton. DWLR, Fail to Stop Steady Red Light. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 03-10-21
 02-01 Juan Camacho, 35, Clinton. OFA-FTC Child Support. Bond \$650.
 02-01 Angela Moore, 51, Clinton. Fail to Comply. Bond 4235. Trial Date 03-17-21
 02-01 William Jonathan Sinclair, 34, Clinton. Larceny. Trial Date 05-24-21
 02-01 Tammy Lynn McCraw, 51, Newton Grove. Assault with a Deadly Weapon. Trial Date 03-15-21
 02-01 Michael Dale McCleeny, 41, Clinton. DV Protective Order Violation. Trial Date 04-06-21
 02-01 Curtis Lamar Brown, 48, Clinton. OFA- Fail to Comply. Bond 4290. Trial Date 04-05-21
 02-01 Mitchell Lamont McNeil, 41, Clinton. Domestic Crim Trespass, Harassing Phone Calls. Trial Date 04-06-21
 02-01 Jonathan Robert Autry, 28, Autryville. OFA-FTC Child Support. Bond \$440. Trial Date 03-09-21
 02-01 Joseph Brian Carter, 43, Clinton. Communicating Threats, Assault on a Female. Trial Date 03-16-21
 02-01 Richard Johnson, 45, Dunn. Communicating Threats. Bond \$500. Trial Date 03-15-21
 02-01 Margaret Belinda Moffett, 59, Clinton. Communicating Threats. Trial Date 04-26-21
 02-01 Robert Bailey Herring, 25, Clinton. OFA- Fail to Comply with Monies. Bond \$720. Trial Date 03-31-21
 02-01 James Ray Logan Jackson, 24, Roseboro. Possess Marijuana up to ½ oz, Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$400. Trial Date 03-04-21
 02-01 Crystal Antorinette Beard, 41, Clinton. Simple Assault, Misdemeanor Larceny. Bond \$500. Trial Date 06-01-21
 02-01 Hughey James Lambert, 72, Fayetteville. Possession of Stolen License Plate. Trial Date 04-08-21
 02-01 Christina Patrick, 35, Clinton. PWISD Marijuana, Maintain Dwelling or Vehicle for Drugs, Possess Sch I, Poss Marijuana Paraphernalia, Probation Violation, OFA Misdemeanor Larceny, Fail to Comply. Bond \$35355. Trial Date 03-05-21
 02-02 Anthony Terrell Faison, 39, Clinton. OFA-FTA Release Order. Bond \$500. Trial Date 04-06-21
 02-02 Dexter Antonio Bryant, 56, Clinton. Breaking & Entering Residence, Damage to Property. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 04-06-21
 02-02 Dexter Antonio Bryant, 56, Clinton. DWI. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 04-08-21
 02-02 Niesha Shonta Lewis, 27, Clinton. Carrying Concealed Gun, Possess Sch II, DWLR. Trial Date 06-07-21
 02-02 Nashaad Saheed Watson, 25, Jacksonville. Breaking & Entering, Second Degree Kidnapping. Bond \$50000. Trial Date 02-19-21
 02-02 Lakeisha Howard, 26, Clinton. Shoplifting Concealment of Goods. Trial Date 03-09-21
 02-02 James Timothy Kelly, 27, Autryville. FTA-Misdemeanor Larceny. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 02-24-21
 02-02 Agnes Maybelle Chevalier, 60, Clinton. Harassing Phone Call, Second Degree Trespass, Fail to Comply. Bond \$422.76. Trial Date 03-31-21
 02-02 Kevin Ronald Peterson, 57, Clinton. Obtain Property False Pretense, Uttering Forge Instrument. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 02-19-21
 02-02 Timothy Jaquan Joyner, 23, Clinton. Fail to Comply. Bond \$525. Trial Date 03-11-21
 02-02 Joshua Westbrook, 33, Clinton. Communicating Threats. Bond \$500. Trial Date 04-26-21
 02-02 Aaron Owens, 30, Clinton. Breaking & Entering, Simple Assault. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 03-24-21
 02-03 Elijah Trey Dailey, 20, Clinton. Involuntary Manslaughter, Child Abuse, Possession of < ½ oz Marijuana, Possess of Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 02-19-21

02-03 Terry Lynn Smith, 46, Clinton. PWISD Meth, Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$35000. Trial Date 02-19-21
 02-03 Brandon Khiry Demps, 31, Salem-burg. Order for Arrest Fail to Comply. Bond \$780. Trial Date 05-05-21
 02-03 Andrew William Barnard, 35, Wallace. Order for Arrest. Bond \$11500. Trial Date 03-24-21

INCIDENT REPORTS

01-24 Timothy Winders reported All Other Larceny- tools \$300.
 01-25 Benjamin Lee Wright Office of Clinton reported Damage to Property- structure \$500.
 01-25 Bashee Williams reported Larceny0 us currency \$2400.
 01-25 Darin Hill reported Robbery- camo crossbow \$600.
 01-26 Steve Pickett reported Shooting into Occupied Dwelling0 structure damage \$5000, automobile damage \$800, window damage \$100, truck damage \$1500.
 01-26 Robert Merritt and the State of North Carolina reported Larceny, Injury to Personal Property- damage to exhaust \$50, catalytic converters stolen \$600, damage to exhaust \$100.
 01-26 Melvin Whitener reported Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property- damage lawn equipment \$250 & \$200.
 01-26 IGA of Clinton reported Shoplifting-alcohol \$22.98.
 01-27 Woodmen of the World reported Breaking & Entering, Damage to Property- food \$50, damage to window \$500, household goods \$4.
 01-27 Maria Cruz reported Burglary/Breaking & Entering, Larceny of Money- \$460.
 01-27 Baptist Chapel Church reported Larceny of Catalytic Converters- \$1200.
 01-27 Town of Garland reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering, Damage to Property- damage window \$500, damage security recording equipment \$500.
 01-27 Anthony Palmer reported Larceny-rims and tires \$400.
 01-28 Emily Hefner reported Theft from Building- lawnmower \$7000, assorted tools \$600.
 01-28 City of Clinton reported Damage to City Property- structure \$400.
 01-29 Wanda Murphy reported Shooting into Occupied Dwelling- damage to window \$500.
 01-31 Dollar General of Plain View reported Breaking & Entering, Damage/Destruction/Vandalism of Property- damage to window \$1000, damage to cash register \$500.
 01-31 Friendly Mart reported Attempted Breaking & Entering, Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property- damage to glass window \$1000.
 01-31 John Stiles of Clinton reported Breaking & Entering Residence, Damage to Property- damage to wooden door \$200, money \$15000.
 01-31 Shalite Campbell reported Damage to Property- damaged door \$500.
 01-31 Martin Martensen reported Motor Vehicle Theft- NC registration \$100, truck \$5000.
 02-01 Juan Rivera reported Theft from Motor Vehicle- Omega P12 Caliber 12 \$320.
 02-01 Martha Hughes reported Larceny-mower \$2000.
 02-01 Han-Dee Hugo’s of Clinton reported Damage to Property- gas pump \$250.00.
 02-02 Sheila Smith Anders reported Domestic Breaking & Entering Residence, Domestic Damage to Property. Television \$200, Television \$200, Fuel Tank \$500.
 02-02 John Pierce reported Theft from Motor Vehicle, Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property- damaged door and automobile, Glock 19 \$500, Black Springfield \$500.

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FAITH

THROUGH



When Bill and Gloria Gaither were inspired to compose this song, most likely they had no idea just how many lives would be touched and blessed. They certainly could never have imagined that in early months of 2020, the entire world would be faced with the unprecedented Covid-19 Pandemic. I encourage you to prayerfully partake and share with others as you are led. It will bring assurance, comfort, and be a blessing! We will get through this!

THROUGH

When I saw what lay before me,
“Lord,” I cried, “What will You do?”
I thought He would just remove it,
But He gently led me through.

Without fire, there’s no refining,
Without pain, no relief,
Without flood there’s no rescue,
Without testing, no belief.

Through the water, through the flood,
Through the fire, through the blood,
Through the dry and barren places,
Through life’s dense and maddening mazes.

Through the pain and through the glory,
Through it all we’ll tell the story,
Of the God whose power and mercy
Will not fail to take us through.

I knew He could part the waters,
At His voice, a mountain move,
But His love would crowd me to Him,
Through my need His presence prove.

“Come, my child, I’ll take you through;
When you faint, I’ll carry you.
Cast on Me your fear and weakness
Trust My heart, I’ll take you through.”

One of my favorite Bible verses, one we all know and quote, is Romans 8:28: **“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God: to those who are called according to His purpose”.**

God always has your best interest in mind. Even when life seems to be fall-

ing apart, God is working with you and **through** you. God doesn’t waste anything – not even our heartaches and trials. As hard as they may be when we are living **through** them, they have a purpose in God’s eternal plan.

More and more, on a daily basis, dealing with health challenges, Gene and I are learning to rely on two simple words, **“Trust Me”!** They were gently spoken by the Holy Spirit in a long night vigil to a dear friend when she was in a particularly difficult situation. What a blessing those two words were to her! What **JOY** to know that God can handle anything and everything that we encounter in this journey called life. Now let us rely on that same assurance for our own personal situations, whatever we are trying to get **through**. My prayer is that you, too, will claim these precious words of our Lord Jesus,

“Trust ME, I will take you THROUGH!”

Ponder these words of Max Lucado:

“Crises don’t **make** us what we are; they **reveal** what and who we are.”
“The **presence** of a problem is not the absence of His **presence!**”

May we Christians stand up as people for the cause of Christ, and trust Him. Yes, assuredly at our point of greatest need, and certainly in our current pandemic situation, we can totally rely on God to take us **THROUGH!**

My Prayers are surely with you during this most unusual time in our lives. Oh, how we all miss gathering in our Churches for our times of fellowship, prayers, and worship. However, we most certainly still are able to stay vigilant in Bible reading and prayer to God for our world to be healed, according to His Divine will....I say it again: He Will Take Us **Through!**

Remember this glorious, unfailing truth: We are Serving a Risen Savior! Rejoice! Claim this truth: **It’s Friday....but Sunday’s Coming!!**

God Gets Us Through Stuff

Whatever it is...and this time it’s a Covid19 Pandemic, you’ll get **through** this! You think you won’t. But we all do! We fear the isolation will never lift, the worry will never leave, we wonder will this gray sky ever brighten? Will we ever exit this darkness?

Max Lucado says: Yes! Deliverance is to the Bible like jazz music – big, bold, and everywhere. Out of the lion’s den for Daniel, the prison for Peter, the whale’s belly for Jonah, the grave for Lazarus, the shackles for Paul.. God gets us **through** stuff! **Through** the wilderness, **through** the valley of the shadow of death - **through** is a favorite word of God’s! Isaiah 4:32 says, “When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, when you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned...” You will get **through** this!

Pause just now and consider these thoughts from Gloria Gaither: **“The cup of life holds only so much.** In order to FILL it with love, joy, peace, contentment, goodness, and faithfulness, it must first be emptied of anger, blame, resentment, bitterness, worry, fear, and negative thoughts. **It’s Up To Me!** The great news is that God promises to empower us for right living the minute we admit our failures and embrace His perfect work in us.”

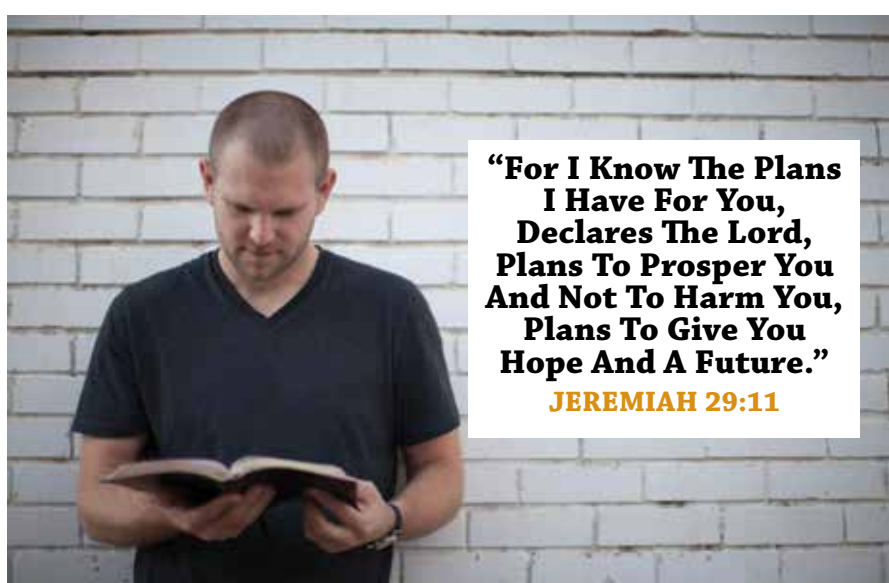
So, my dear friends, As we go about the daily of our lives in our best and most prudent manner, we would all do well to remember and live this word of truth shared by Pastor Tim:

The Visible Presence of Christ in This World is YOU!!

May you be especially BLESSED these days, always know this: You are so very Special, You are loved with an Eternal Love - that was confirmed on Calvary’s Cross! Amen!



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Written by Linda Herring

The Bible speaks to us but the Psalms speak to us. Psalm 119 is the longest Psalm in the Bible. It is a love song about the Word of God. This Psalm is like a fence that God puts around us to protect us and keep us from harm. It is a safety fence that brings us freedom. Take a few minutes and read

Psalm 119. Psalm 119:67 says, “Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I obey Your Word.” God’s law is also a mirror that shows us we cannot live up to His standards without the help of the Holy Spirit. Only when we realize that the fence builder loves us and wants the best for us, then we will be happy to stay on the right side of the fence. When we understand that, we will trust God no matter what. Do not let the stresses of the day steal your Psalm. Contact me at herring.theword@gmail.com. We can trust God’s Word.

HEALTH WATCH

STUDY SAYS Bariatric surgical procedures associated with increased risk of unhealthy alcohol use

A new study published in JAMA found that unhealthy alcohol consumption is more prevalent in veterans who undergo bariatric surgical procedures, such as laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy.

“In this cohort study of 2,608 U.S. veterans who underwent a bariatric surgical procedure, the mean alcohol screening scores in patients without baseline unhealthy alcohol use and the probability of unhealthy alcohol use both increased significantly 3 to 8 years after the procedure, and the probability of no alcohol use decreased significantly 5 to 8 years after the procedure,” according to the study. “In a small sample of patients with unhealthy alcohol use at baseline, the prevalence of postoperative unhealthy alcohol use was higher for patients undergoing gastric bypass than controls.”

Among patients without baseline unhealthy alcohol use, the probability of unhealthy alcohol consumption increased significantly 3 to 8 years after laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy or Roux-en-Y gastric bypass surgeries, compared with control patients, the study said.



[MICHAEL PEDERSEN/WIKIMEDIA]

CONDITIONS 101 What is keratosis pilaris?

Keratosis pilaris is a common but harmless skin condition. According to the Mayo Clinic, it causes dry, rough patches and tiny bumps that don't hurt or itch. These bumps usually appear on the upper arms, thighs, cheeks or buttocks. The bumps generally don't hurt or itch.

It can be treated with moisturizers or prescription creams. Though keratosis pilaris can occur at any age, it is more common in young children. The condition often goes away by age 30.

NUTRITION STATION What is spirulina and why is it good for you?

Spirulina is a type of algae sold as a supplement in tablet or powder form. It is high in protein for a plant and contains nutrients such as iron, potassium, zinc, calcium and B vitamins.

According to Well+Good, spirulina can help supplement a plant-forward diet and can be beneficial for healthy aging.

Clinical herbalist and holistic health practitioner Rachele Robinette recommends taking a teaspoon per day. Since it has a seaweed flavor, she also suggests adding to pesto or a savory recipe with greens, such as salad dressings, soups or dips.

Since spirulina is grown in water, Well+Good recommends checking that it comes from a clean water source.

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Pam Maltinsky holds her bottle of elderberry syrup Nov. 20 at her home in Columbus, Ohio. Maltinsky takes a variety of supplements, including elderberry, as directed by her doctor to keep healthy. [JOSHUA A. BICKEL/COLUMBUS DISPATCH]

Preemptive STRIKE?

Some supplements might be able to help prevent illness, but doctors say patients should do research

By Max Filby
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Instead of waiting to fight illnesses after getting sick, Pam Maltinsky tries to head them off before she catches them.

Maltinsky, 70, takes supplements to boost her immune system. It's a method Maltinsky swears by and one she said has become even more important as the coronavirus pandemic rages on.

Maltinsky takes a variety of supplements, including an elderberry syrup. Research has shown that elderberry may help decrease inflammation and can help ease cold symptoms.

“I've always leaned toward holistic medicine,” Maltinsky said. “I started reading about it and decided there's nothing much in there that could hurt me.”

It's true that certain vitamins and supplements can benefit a person's immune system. But consumers need to make sure they know what they're buying, said Dr. Terri Wilkerson Riddiford, a primary care doctor at Mount Carmel Medical Group in Dublin, Ohio.

Some of the most advertised products aren't necessarily the best ones to use, said Wilkerson Riddiford.



“I'm not going to try just anything that I heard about through the grapevine. I'm very, very careful about that,” Pam Maltinsky said of using supplements. [JOSHUA A. BICKEL/COLUMBUS DISPATCH]

Products like Zicam and Emergen-C are some of the most well-known.

Supplements face less scrutiny than drugs, as they aren't policed by the Food and Drug Administration. Wilkerson Riddiford said consumers may find that some may have more fillers or preservatives than others.

“People are at a heightened level of anxiety because of COVID,” she said. “But you should be careful what you spend your money on.”

Certain foods may also help prevent illness, Wilkerson Riddiford said. Pumpkin seeds, for instance, have a high amount of zinc, which is known to help boost the immune system, she said.

The most beneficial thing

people can do to prevent falling ill is to wash their hands, get plenty of sleep and abide by COVID-19 recommendations such as wearing masks in public and keeping a safe distance, said Dr. Seuli Brill, a pediatrician and internal medicine doctor at Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center.

While Brill said there's some benefit to taking vitamins and supplements, they can also cause problems.

St. John's Wort, which has been used to treat a variety of conditions including poor sleep or appetite, can interfere with antidepressants, Brill said. And a supplement called Ginkgo biloba can cause upset stomach or skin irritation.

Although supplements aren't drugs, patients should treat them similarly, Brill said.

Anyone looking to try a new vitamin or supplement for any reason should first talk to their doctor.

Maltinsky said she's not one to try something new on a whim that she heard about or saw advertised.

“I will research it tremendously,” Maltinsky said of anything new she's considering. “I'm not going to try just anything that I heard about through the grapevine. I'm very, very careful about that.”

TODAY'S WORKOUT

Jump for joy

By Marlo Alleva
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Our move today is very simple: It is “jumping for joy!” All you need for this movement is a flat surface and plenty of energy.

Jumping for joy is great to get your heart pumping and the blood flowing. Any kind of jumping exercise is great for your lower body and your core as well.

To start any jumping movement, you want to make sure you have a clean, flat surface to avoid any injury to your feet or ankles. Then when you are ready, extend both arms straight up into the air, holding your chest

tall and engaging your midsection. Now you are ready to start jumping.

Proceed by bending your knees for leverage and using the strength of your legs to push up and press off of the ground through your toes! This jump can be as high or low as you choose. Listen to your body and gauge your movement on your ability.

Your joyous jump can be small and rapid. Or you can jump as high as possible, challenging your self with each leap.

Jumping is the quickest way to get a little extra blood pumping. So you can add this movement into any warmup, or if you hit a midday lull, jump for joy!



Marlo Alleva jumps for joy. [ERNST PETERS]

Power Family Meals with Protein-Packed Peanuts



Veggie Sammies with Peanut Butter Satay Sauce

Prep time: 30 minutes

Servings: 2

- 4 tablespoons creamy peanut butter
- 3 tablespoons lime juice
- 2 tablespoons water
- 4 teaspoons hoisin sauce
- 2 teaspoons soy sauce
- 2 teaspoons sriracha
- 2 French baguette rolls (6 inches each)
- 1/2 cup cucumber, sliced
- 1/2 cup white onion, sliced into thin strips
- 1/2 cup red bell pepper, sliced into thin strips
- 1/2 cup purple cabbage
- 1/2 cup fresh cilantro

In small bowl, combine peanut butter, lime juice, water, hoisin sauce, soy sauce and sriracha; mix well.

Spread sauce on both sides of each roll then layer with cucumber, onion and bell pepper. Top with cabbage and cilantro.

Veggie Sammies with Peanut Butter Satay Sauce

FAMILY FEATURES

Starting fresh with a new year is a chance to hit the reset button for many people, and your family can use this opportunity to rethink homemade meals while striving for nutritious (and still delicious) dishes. From snacks to the main course each evening, the options are nearly endless for planning a revamped menu with healthier ingredients.

Dinnertime can be a cinch with Peanut Butter Chicken, a simple dish that takes less than 20 minutes to make when busy evenings call for a quick solution. If a veggie-based option aligns better with your family's desires, try Veggie Sammies with Peanut Butter Satay Sauce or go full-on comfort food with Very Vegan Peanut Butter Jackfruit Chili. Snacking doesn't have to mean forgoing your dedication to nutritious choices either – these Peanut Granola Bars can be your made-at-home masterpiece for adults and children to enjoy.

These recipes from the Georgia Peanut Commission are powered by peanuts, a nutrient-rich superfood that delivers 19 vitamins and 7 grams of protein per serving for a health benefit punch in each bite.

Discover more nutritious recipe ideas at gapeanuts.com.



Very Vegan Peanut Butter Jackfruit Chili

Very Vegan Peanut Butter Jackfruit Chili

Recipe courtesy of the National Peanut Board

Prep time: 5 minutes

Cook time: 35 minutes

Servings: 8

- 2 teaspoons oil
- 1/2 large white onion, chopped
- 1/2 green bell pepper, chopped
- 1/2 red bell pepper, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- 1 can crushed tomatoes
- 1 can whole tomatoes
- 2 cups water
- 1 can red kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 can green jackfruit, drained and chopped
- 1/4 cup peanut butter
- cornbread (optional)
- tortilla chips (optional)
- cinnamon rolls (optional)

Heat large, heavy-bottomed pot over medium heat. Add oil, onion and peppers; cook 3 minutes, stirring often. Add garlic, salt, cumin, chili powder and tomato paste, stirring to coat. Cook 1-2 minutes, stirring constantly, then stir in crushed tomatoes, whole tomatoes, water, kidney beans and jackfruit; bring to boil then reduce heat to medium-low. Simmer 25-30 minutes. Stir in peanut butter and simmer 5 minutes.

Serve with cornbread, tortilla chips or cinnamon rolls, if desired.



Peanut Granola Bars

Peanut Granola Bars

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 6 minutes, plus 30-45 minutes cooling time

Servings: 12-14

- 1/2 cup honey
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 tablespoons creamy peanut butter
- 1/2 cup light brown sugar, firmly packed
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups rolled oats (quick or regular)
- 1 cup bran flakes
- 1 cup sweetened coconut flakes
- 1 cup dried fruit (raisins, blueberries or cranberries)
- 1 cup roasted peanuts, chopped

In large, shallow, microwavable dish, combine honey, butter, peanut butter, brown sugar, vanilla and salt. Microwave at 50% power 2 minutes then whisk to combine and microwave at 50% power 2 minutes.

Add oats, bran flakes, coconut flakes, dried fruit and peanuts; stir to combine. Microwave on high 1 minute. Stir and microwave 30 seconds.

Press mixture into 13-by-9-inch baking dish lined with parchment or wax paper with some extra hanging over edges to easily lift bars out. Use bottom of glass wrapped with plastic wrap to press granola mixture firmly into pan. Allow to cool completely 30-45 minutes. Cut into 12-14 bars.



Peanut Butter Chicken

Peanut Butter Chicken

Recipe courtesy of "Unsophisticook"

Prep time: 5 minutes

Cook time: 12 minutes

Yield: 6 cups

Peanut Sauce:

- 1/2 cup creamy natural peanut butter
- 3 tablespoons sweet red chili sauce
- 1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1/8-1/4 cup hot water (optional)
- chopped unsalted roasted peanuts (optional)

- 2 tablespoons olive oil or avocado oil
- 1 1/2 pounds boneless skinless chicken breasts, diced into 1-inch cubes
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 3/4 cup peanut sauce
- cooked brown rice
- assorted bell peppers, sliced
- chopped unsalted roasted peanuts (optional)

To make peanut sauce: In small glass bowl, whisk peanut butter, sweet red chili sauce, apple cider vinegar, soy sauce and honey until blended smoothly. Thin sauce with hot water to desired consistency. Garnish with chopped unsalted roasted peanuts, if desired.

To make chicken: In large skillet over medium-high heat, drizzle oil. Add diced chicken then pour soy sauce over top. Sauté about 10-12 minutes until chicken is fully cooked.

Serve with peanut sauce, brown rice and colorful sliced veggies. Garnish with chopped unsalted roasted peanuts, if desired.

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Tim's Gift Inc. excitedly shares the good news that "yes, Lord... we are planning a 'Rise Up' this year to glorify You and help your children"! Hopefully, individuals, families, churches, businesses, and organizations will commit to helping spread love and good deeds across Sampson and beyond! Can God bless, protect, and enlarge our territories as we 'RISE UP' and reach out to help people in need? Yes, He can!

Tim's Gift 10th Anniversary Rise Up is being planned, with serving the Lord and safety for all top priorities! Rise Up - Remember 2021 can bring revival through serving and praising God all over Sampson County. Rise Up - Remember gives all people - young and old - opportunities to be involved as we REMEMBER the great commission and share deeds of kindness from one end of Sampson to the other. Can we make a positive difference in peoples' lives and honor God by being Good Samaritans? Yes, we can!!

Please help us share about Rise Up - Remember! Encourage and remind church members, employees, family members, associates, to participate. Together, we can reach thousands in need of a good deed. Glorifying God in every deed done will magnify the blessings of doing!

The Lord blesses the deeds and doers! So, can we do one good deed - before March 21st - or commit to one good deed a day to keep the enemy away? Yes, we can Lord!

Email good deeds daily or weekly to RISEUPTIMSGIFT@GMAIL.COM!

Youth groups meeting virtually send individual emails or send to your leader who will submit as a group. Groups that meet on Sunday night at your churches will receive a meal from Tim's Gift and Dominos to enjoy while watching Rise Up - Remember. Mt. Vernon will host the event. Outstanding Youth Group and Good Samaritan Trophies will be presented during broadcast.

Please call Tim's Gift (592-1126) for details, while getting a head start on sharing the love of Jesus doing GOOD DEEDS every day! Please participate and pray for Rise Up 2021! Do good deeds individually, as a family, church, business, school, civic organization, or YOUTH GROUPS! Write about your good deed/project. Mail to Tim's Gift, or EMAIL YOUR GOOD DEED(S) TO: RISEUPTIMSGIFT@GMAIL.COM Please include your name, email, and phone#!

Thank you for standing strong together as soldiers of the cross, RISING UP and REMEMBERING God's people in need of a helping hand (cleaning yards, shop for shut ins, do errands, call to check on, pay a bill, send a card, share a Valentine surprise, pray with, deliver a meal, volunteer, support local charities, drive to dr. apt., leave canned food on porches, give gift certificates, etc.! Let's PRAY God will send needed deeds for us to do along our way, as He did the Good Samaritan, one deed or better yet... one a day!

In His Love,
Becky, Jennifer, Diane, & Tim's Gift Board of Directors



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...by God's Grace

By God's Grace, we are living in a season when serving Christ means rising up to challenges we've never faced as Christians. Can anyone remember a time when some churches closed for months, masks were required in public, social distancing was a must, being quarantined, censoring speech, and God's Word and way endangered? "NO"!

What then can we do to stand up and let our voices be heard...like the shot heard around the world? We can RISE UP with reason to be revived, renewed, and remember... in giving we receive! Last fall, we cancelled Tim's Gift Rise Up for 2021 due to Covid. God convicted my heart after Christmas - while quarantining for two weeks - with a troubling question, "Are my people going to cancel everything?" "NO"!

The letter on this page explains how Tim's Gift 10th Anniversary Rise Up is being planned, with serving the Lord and safety top priorities! Rise Up - Remember

2021 will be like a revival with good deeds, projects, and praising God happening all over Sampson County. Rise Up - Remember gives all people - young and old - opportunities to be involved as we REMEMBER to do things for people in need. Can we make a positive difference and help people? "YES"!

Stay tuned for more information, while getting a head start on sharing the love of Jesus doing GOOD DEEDS - Sampson together Strong! Please get on board and pray for Rise Up 2021 to be a light shining in Sampson seen around the world! Do good deeds individually, as a family, church, business, school, civic organization and YOUTH GROUPS! Write about your good deed/project and send or drop off at Tim's Gift or EMAIL YOUR GOOD DEED(S) TO: RISEUPTIMSGIFT@GMAIL.COM or mail to Tim's Gift! Include name, email, and phone#!

~ In His love, Becky

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18 Years of Coaching Excellence- Sheila Davidson

***At the Helm of Success of Lakewood High School Volleyball**



If you are a volleyball enthusiast, you undoubtedly know that Lakewood High is a leader on the volleyball courts in Sampson County. This year they held a record of 11-6 over and 9-4 in the league.

Sheila Davidson has been coaching the Lakewood High School volleyball team for 18 seasons and she is a core reason the team is always successful. Davidson said of her illustrious career, "I got my start after being an assistant to Angela Neal for a couple of years and took over after she left. I now coach track as well as volleyball."

Lakewood volleyball has won over 10 conference championships as well as conference tournament championships over the past 18-year period Davidson has been coaching. Quite an impressive resume.

According to Davidson, "We have won several district and sectional state championships over the years as well and came in regional state runner up 3 times coming 1 game away from a state championship. This year our JV along with assistant coach Bailey Light (a former player of mine and won championships with her) were conference co-champs and the varsity team finished 2nd in regular season and making it to the state playoffs. We won the first round and lost in the second round to Falls Lake Academy (3-0).

Coach Davidson continued, "In the championship game this year we were the host, so going into the season it was a must that we play in that championship

game on our home floor. Even though we lost it was great to see athletes in some kind of normal during this COVID season; families celebrating, team trophy being presented."

Davidson said that the team would be losing 4 seniors this year (1 senior was out all year from an injury). "We are looking forward to filling those shoes they left behind and setting goals for next season during our preseason time. Our Seniors have left a mark and will be missed. We are losing Shaneria Rich, Madelyn Ammons, Reagan Holmes, Gracie Godbold. Our future is bright with returners Carley Joas, Adara Johnson, Rylie Hairr, Sara Teasdale, Taiyah Owens, Harley Matthews, Hannah Register, Sariyah Doss, and some young talented ladies on the JV team coming back as well."

Coach Davidson noted that due to COVID, the middle school feeder programs did not even have a season this year. She stated, "It has been a challenge with low numbers and kids not playing but I'm looking at hopefully being able to communicate with middle school interest and having a camp this summer to bring us all together to enhance our skills early." Any rising freshman who is interested in playing volleyball for the leopards next season can email Coach Davidson at Sheliad@sampson.k12.nc.us.

In closing Coach Davidson said that she wanted to

thank the fans and the families of the team. "Thanks, and go Leopards, once a Leopard always a Leopard."

The Lakewood Leopard volleyball team consists of: Regean Holmes (Sr- L, DS), Rylie Hairr (Jr- RS, DS, S), Adara Johnson (So- RS, MH), Sara Teasdale (C) (Jr- MH), Harley Matthews (Jr- RS, DS), Shaneria Rich (Sr- MH), Gracie Godbold (Sr- OH, MH), Hannah Register (So- DS, L), Tayiah Owens (Jr- RS, MH), Danica Carter (Fr- DS, OH, RS), Carly Joas (Jr- S), Sariyah Doss (So- RS, S), Madelyn Ammons (C) (Sr- OH). Sheila Davidson (Head Coach)

Game Schedule:

11-17 East Duplin (Loss 3-2)
 11-19 North Duplin (Win 3-0)
 11-23 Neuse Charter (Win 3-2)
 11-24 Union (Win 3-0)
 12-3 Rosewood (Win 3-0)
 12-8 Princeton (Loss 3-0)
 12-9 Union (Win 3-0)
 12-17 North Duplin (Win 3-0)
 12-18 Neuse Charter (Loss 3-1)
 12-21 Hobbton (Win 3-0)
 12-29 Union (Win 3-0)
 12-30 Hobbton (Win 3-0)
 1-4 Rosewood (Win 3-0)
 1-6 Princeton (Loss 3-0)
 1-7 Princeton (Loss 3-0)
 1-12 East Columbus (Win 3-0)
 1-14 Falls Lake Academy (Loss 3-0)



Lakewood High School Varsity Volleyball Team (photo courtesy Carlton Hubbard Photography)

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Butler Makes Moves at SCC



Katie Butler has many goals for the Career and College Promise program at Midway High School. (Photo credit Olivia Gillespie)

(CLINTON, N.C.) – Katie Butler graduated from Clinton High School in 2012 and then went on to graduate from East Carolina University with a degree in Rehabilitation Services in 2016. Now, Butler is one of four Career Coaches recently hired with the Career and College Promise (CCP) program at Sampson Community College (SCC) and is stationed at Midway High School. Butler has already proved to be a key asset to one of the biggest high schools involved with the CCP program.

For Butler, joining the CCP program and working at Midway High School is about giving college access to every student that she encounters.

“I want everybody to be independent, successful, and accomplish everything that they want to accomplish regardless of their background, resources, or disability. Some people just do not have the resources at home to allow them to further their education or career,” Butler shared when asked about what about her degree field interests her.

In 2020, Butler graduated with her master’s degree in Rehabilitation and Career Counseling. During the time of working on her master’s degree, Butler was able to spend time with her daughter. Butler then began to work part-time with the ACE program at Sampson Community College while working on her second degree. Before starting her new job as a Career Coach, Butler worked with the ACE program for two years.

When asked about Butler, Perry Gillespie, Director of Career and College Promise

replied, “When you meet Katie, you can automatically tell she’s a nurturer. What an awesome trait to have in my opinion. It makes you approachable and easy to talk with about any issue. This is half the battle when working with our CCP population. You want them to come to you when needed and have them feel like you’re excited to help them. For some of these students, it will be their family’s first interaction with a college and having someone like Katie ensures it to be a pleasurable one. “

Butler believes that anyone who is unsure about what they want to go to college for should consider attending SCC. Especially for those that are more afraid of going straight into a university setting. Butler would say that SCC allows you to get started on your college education in a smaller and more tight-knit environment.

Her love of working at SCC was one of the main reasons why Butler decided to join the CCP program as a Career Coach. By becoming a Career Coach, Butler has been able to utilize the degree that she recently received. Butler knew that as a Career Coach she be able to reach students that are not using the opportunities that the CCP program can provide.

Bulter stated, “I have already learned a lot and I have already built relationships with other employees that I have worked with before, but I didn’t really know them that well. “

As the Career Coach at Midway High School, Butler has a personal goal to find the students that want to take classes that are more Career and Technical Education based. She wants to increase the number of students at Midway High School that might not qualify for the regular CCP courses, but instead would benefit greatly from taking the Career and Technical Education courses.

ACE Coordinator, Kimberly Testerman shared, “Katie is awesome at everything she does. She has a kind and caring heart, and she was definitely an asset to our ACE Program. I was saddened to see her leave, but I know she will do an amazing job at Midway.”

Though Katie Butler has a new position in a different department at Sampson Community College her impact is already evident. The significant role that Butler will play in growing the Career and College Promise program has been apparent during her brief time as a Career Coach.

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NC Public School Teachers Encouraged to Apply for Educator Discovery Awards

**Program aims to give teachers more opportunities for professional development*



RALEIGH: North Carolina public school teachers are encouraged to apply for awards to get additional training and experience. Governor Roy Cooper and the North Carolina Business Committee for Education are pleased to announce that educators can apply for the Governor’s Educator Discovery Award which provides a stipend of up to \$1,000 for public school teachers to pursue professional development.

PreK-12 traditional public and public charter school teachers can use the award to attend a workshop or conference that deepens their subject area knowledge or contributes to their development as an educator. This will be the sixth round of teachers to receive the award and brings the total number of grants awarded to fifteen.

“Teachers are the most important factor in improving student success in our public schools,” Governor Cooper said. “We want to give them more ways to get the training and professional development they need to support their students.”

Teachers can apply for the award now with selections announced in late April. To be eligible for the Governor’s Educator Discovery Awards, teachers should submit a proposal that includes details about their teaching experience and the professional development activity they wish to pursue. The next round of awards will open May 1 and the final round will open October 1.

The most recent winners of the Governor’s Educator Discovery Award are teachers from Guilford and Johnston counties: Manessa Green, an elementary AIG educator from Ronald E. MacNair Elementary School, used the grant to complete her National Board Certification; Suzanne Sweat, an AP English Language and Composition educator from

Smithfield Selma High School, attended the Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention and Advancement teacher leadership workshop.

The Governor’s Educator Discovery Awards are funded by member companies of the North Carolina Business Committee for Education (NCBCE).

“The Governor’s Educator Discovery Award gives teachers the flexibility to choose professional development opportunities that will help them become better practitioners and inspire and support their students”, said Lily Hester, NCBCE Chair. “NCBCE members know and strongly support the importance of professional development for teachers across our state, especially during this challenging time”.

NCBCE operates out of the Office of the Governor as a non-partisan, business-led education non-profit. NCBCE has been providing the critical link between North Carolina Business leaders and the state’s education decision-makers since 1983 through work-based learning opportunities, professional development opportunities, and North Carolinian’s overall work readiness across the state.



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CLUES DOWN

- Far East wet nurse
- Apulian seaport
- Barrel hole stopper
- Tavern where ale is sold
- Anew
- Actor Montgomery
- Pigmented skin moles
- Adam & Eve's garden
- Legislative acts
- Pit
- Butter alternative
- Actor Sean
- A major division of geological time
- Hyrax
- Country of Baghdad (alt. sp.)
- Repetitive strumming
- West Chadic
- Rattling breaths
- Savile Row tailor Henry
- Burbot
- Christmas lantern in the Phillipines
- Utilization
- Sound units
- Leg shank
- Umlauts
- Female owners of #4 down
- One who regrets
- Serenely deliberate
- Stuck up
- Cablegram (abbr.)
- In advance
- Envelope opening closure
- Ireland
- Australian Labradoodle Club of America (abbr.)
- Poetic forsaken
- Female operatic star
- Actor Alda
- An American
- Highest card

CLUES ACROSS

- Swedish rock group
- Teen skin disorder
- An instrument that magnifies
- Sledgehammer
- Ran away from
- Old European silver coin
- "Rule Britannia" composer
- Rend or tear apart
- Oats genus
- Greater TV resolution
- Kiln
- A furrow in the road
- Family Turdidae
- Duck-billed mammal
- German tennis star Tommy
- "You Send Me" singer Sam
- Volcanic mountain in Japan
- Governed over
- Process of decay
- Clear wrap brand
- Put into service
- Snake catcher tribe of India
- Best section of the mezzanine
- Masseur
- Funereal stone slabs
- Before
- Again
- 1 of 10 official U.S. days off
- Alternate name
- One of Bobby Franks' killers
- Port capital of Vanuatu
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- Shellfish
- Welsh for John
- Fencing swords
- Griffith or Rooney
- Titanic's fate

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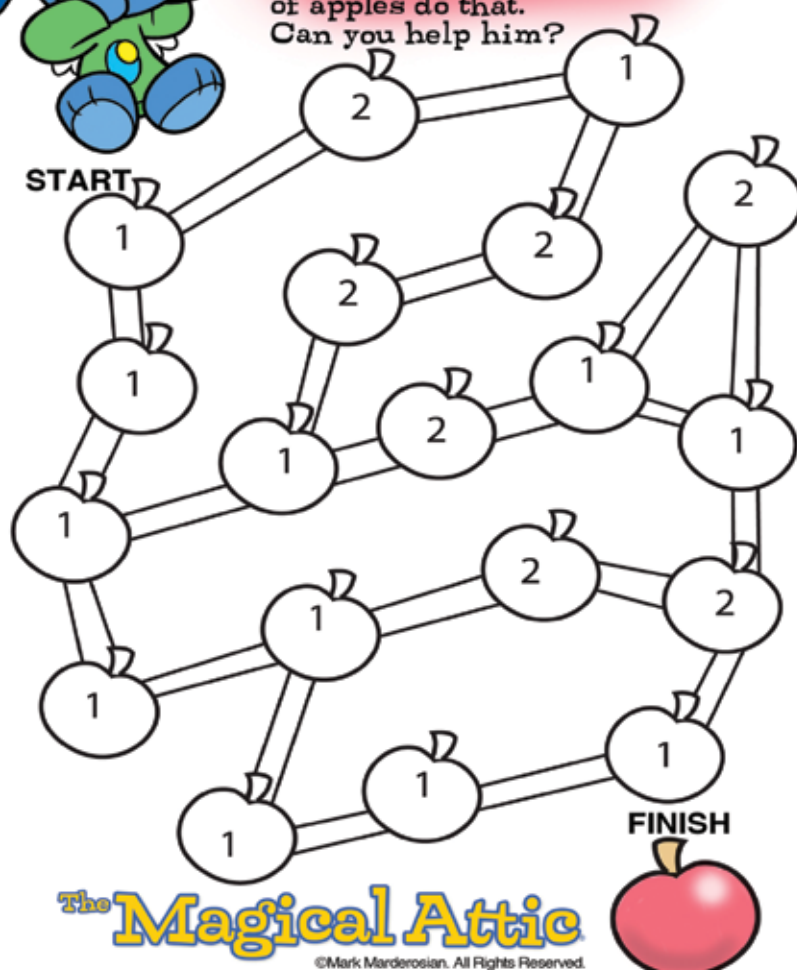


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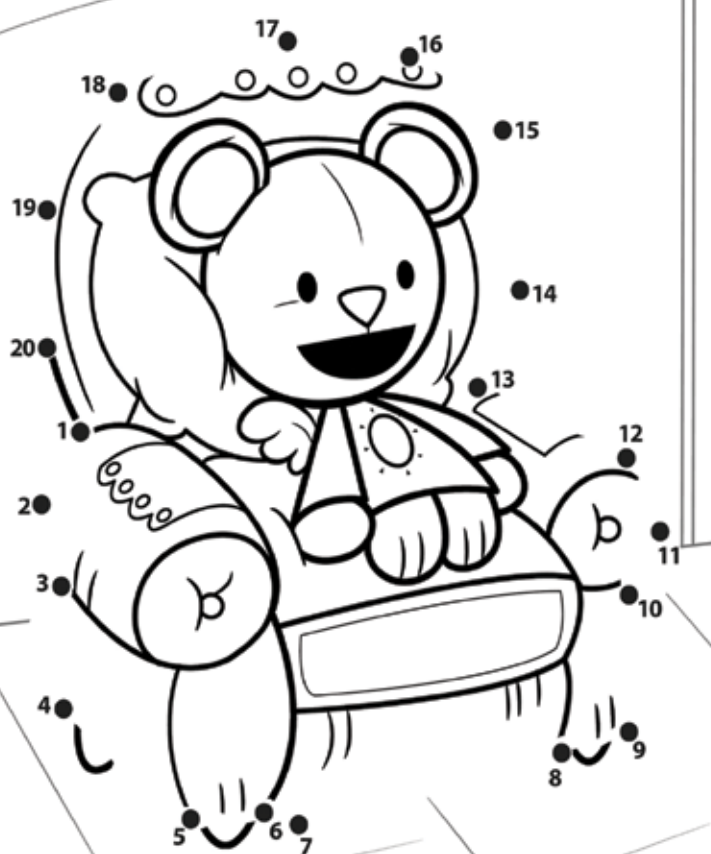


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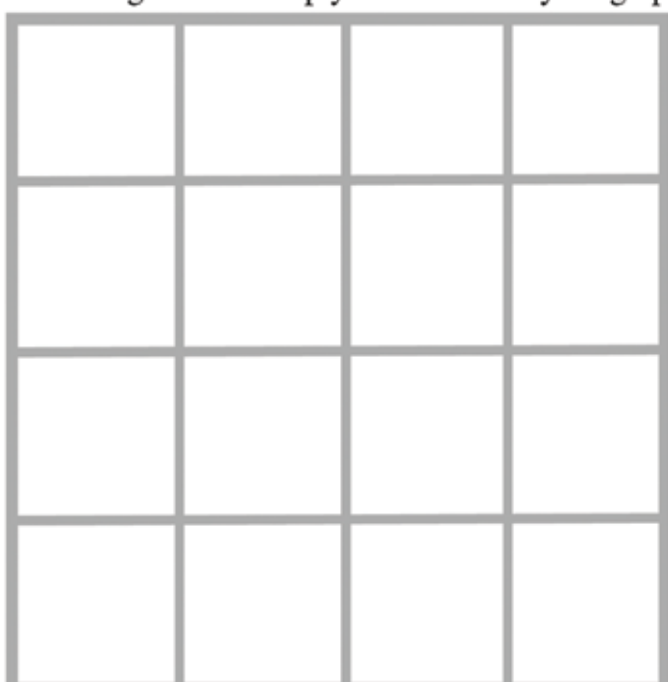
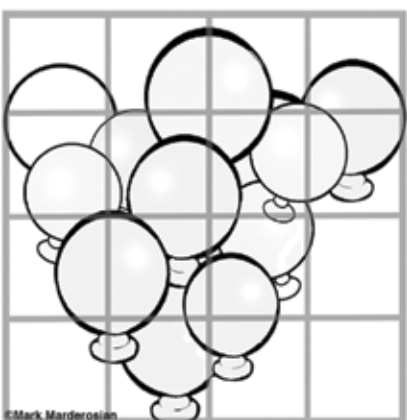
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OBITUARIES



PLAIN VIEW

Mr. Phillip Sherwood Addison, 66, of Plain View passed away peacefully Sunday, January 31, 2021 at his home after a 7-year battle with cancer. Mr. Addison was born September 29, 1954, in Harnett County to the late William and Zona Davis Addison. Mr. Addison was preceded in death by his brother Donald Addison and wife Jessie; and brothers in law, Sherril Lucas, Roger Lucas, and Donnie Ray Barefoot. Mr. Addison worked for over 30 years at Erwin Mills until it closed. Mr. Addison loved fishing, cooking on the grill, working in the yard and garden, but most of all he loved his family. Mr. Addison like to stay busy. He was always ready for a new project and if he didn't have a tool in his hand working, he felt he was wasting time. He was known for his honesty and loyalty. He was a true and loyal friend. One of his favorite sayings was "I say what I mean, and I mean what I say". A memorial service for Mr. Addison was held 4:00 p.m. Thursday, February 4, 2021 at Friendship Baptist Church, 6778 US 401 S, Bunnlevel, NC 28323, with Rev. Phil Addison and Rev. Jerome Pope officiating. Mr. Addison is survived by his wife of 42 years, Teresa Addison; sons, Phil Addison and wife Mary, David Addison, and Jamie Cooke; brother, Billy Addison and wife Pam; sisters, Peggy Barefoot, Janice Lucas, Pam Whittington and husband Sam; grandchildren, Savannah Rhyne and husband Alex, Caleb Addison and wife Maddie, and Alyssa Addison; great grandchild, Landrey Rhyne; and several nieces and nephews. Visitation was held 2:30 to 4:00 p.m., Thursday, February 4, 2021 at Friendship Baptist Church. The family requests no flowers, but memorials may be made to Friendship Baptist Church, c/o Pastor's Discretion Fund. Arrangements by Skinner & Smith Funeral Home in Dunn.

CLINTON

Mrs. Tomika Lynn Vann Bradford, 45, of 2069 Beaman Woods Road, passed away Sunday, January 31, 2021 in Hallsboro, NC. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, February 6, 2021 at New Beginning Christian Center. The burial will follow in the Old Holly Grove Cemetery. The viewing will be held from 12 - 2 p.m., Saturday, February 6



at the Church. Mrs. Bradford is survived by her husband, James Bradford of Clinton, NC; parents, Carol and Glenn Vann both of Clinton, NC; daughter, Tiana Vann, Haven Bradford both of Clinton, NC; sister, Brandy Vann-Daw of Clinton, NC; paternal grandfather, Percy Vann of Clinton, NC; 10 grandchildren. Service will be live-streamed via Worley Funeral Home Facebook page. Online condolences may be sent to worleyfuneralhomeinc.com.

CLINTON

Beverly Ann Brewington, 77, of 46 Beulah Road, passed away Monday, February 1, 2021 at Sampson Regional Medical Center. A funeral will be held at 2 PM, Saturday, February 6th at Holly Grove Holiness Church with Rev. Dr. Randy Simmons officiating. Interment will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will be held from 1 PM - 2 PM, Saturday, at Holly Grove

Holiness Church just before the service. Beverly, born in 1943 in Sampson County, was the daughter of the late Jesse Garmond Brewington and Vennie Melvinia Burnett Brewington. She was a cosmetologist and attended Holly Grove Holiness Church. Survivors include; daughter, Maretta Lynn Brewington; sons, Marcus Lee Brewington, Mathew Bertus Brewington and Micah Ashford Brewington; sister, Cynthia Smith and Glenda Chavis; and grandchildren, Mathew, Chloe, Darin, Daria, Bella, Jonah and Ruby. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com.

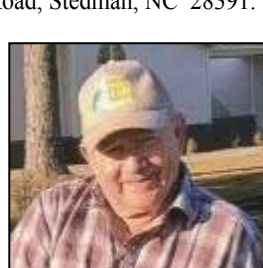
ROSEBORO

Jessie Wilton Callahan, 76 passed away on Monday, February 1, 2021 at the VA Hospital in Durham. Funeral service was held at 11:00 AM Thursday, February 4, 2021 at Butler Funeral Home Chapel in Stedman, officiating was Rev. Debbie Matthis and Rev. Andy Wood. Burial with Air Force honors followed at Black's Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery in Dunn. There was a walk-through visitation on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the funeral home for friends to come by and pay their respects to Mr. Callahan. He was born at Fort Rucker, Alabama to the late Delphas and Vara Callahan. He was also preceded in death by brothers, John W. Callahan and James Fulton Callahan. He was a member of Cokesbury United Methodist Church, where he was a former Sunday school teacher, lead usher and a faithful servant of God. He also was retired from the United States Air Force with 21 years of service. He is survived by sisters, Dessie Starling of Godwin and Judy Upton & husband, Virgil of Surf City; and brothers, Bruce "Red" Callahan & wife, Pam of Erwin, Jerry Callahan & wife, Dianne of Dunn and William Callahan & wife, Ginny of Newton Grove. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jessie's memory to Cokesbury United Methodist Church, 7536 Clinton Road, Stedman, NC 28391. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 6535 Clinton Road, Stedman, NC 28391.



FAYETTEVILLE

Mr. Sam Edge, 85 of Cumberland County, passed away on Friday, January 29, 2021 at his home surrounded by family. Funeral service was held at 12:00 PM Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at Celebration of Praise Church of God in Raeford, officiating was Rev. Jerry Edge and Rev. Freddie Powell. Burial followed at Cumberland Memorial Gardens in Fayetteville. The family received friends from 11:00 AM to 11:50 AM Tuesday at the church prior to the service. Mr. Edge is a native of Bladen County and the son of Evander and Bettie Kate Hall Edge. He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter, Kimberly Gail Oliphant; brothers and sisters; grandson, A.J. Oliphant; and step-grandson, Johnny McGee. He is survived by his wife, Jessie Hubbard Edge of the home; one daughter, Diane Edge Crumpler and husband, Neil of Clinton; three sons, Jerry Leon Edge and wife, Brenda of Fayetteville; David Ashley Edge and wife, Angela of Fayetteville; and Michael Lee Edge and wife, Jennifer of Fayetteville; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Celebration of Praise Church of God, 4944 Fayetteville Road, Raeford, NC 28376. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 6535 Clinton Road, Stedman, NC 28391.



CLINTON

John Thomas Evans, Jr., "Tommy", of 3286 Turkey Hwy, passed away, Monday, February 1, 2021. Graveside service will be held at 11 AM, Saturday, February 6th at the Matthis Family Cemetery with Rev. Ken White officiating. There will be a walk-through viewing from 1 PM - 6 PM, Friday, February 5th at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home.



The family will receive friends at the home of his daughter, Melissa Evans, 7764 High House Road, Salemburg. Tommy, born in 1951 in Memphis, TN, was the son of the late John Thomas Evans, Sr. and Jannie Tate Sorrells Evans. He worked as a Quality Control Inspector at Duhose National Energy for over 30 years. Survivors include his daughter Melissa Evans of Salemburg, grandson Kaleb Evans, and sister Nancy K. Evans of Roseboro. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com.



STEDMAN

Preston Almond Greene, 81 passed away on Sunday, January 31, 2021 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in Fayetteville. Funeral service was held at 2:00 PM Thursday, February 4, 2021 at Butler Funeral Home Chapel in Stedman, officiating was Rev. J.D. Tew and Rev. David Taylor. Burial followed at Mill Creek Baptist Church Cemetery in Roseboro. The family received friends from 1:00 PM to 1:50 PM Thursday at the funeral home prior to the service. Preston was born in Sampson County to the late Perdie and Annie Greene. He is also preceded in death by his son, William Preston Greene; and a sister Annie Grace Mixon. Preston was in the National Guard for 29 years, a Volunteer Fireman with Bethany Fire Department for 34 years, and he retired from Good Year. He was also a member of Freedom Biker church. He loved motorcycles and enjoyed dirt track racing, but most of all he loved his family. He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Brenda G. Greene of the home; sons, Jeffery Keith Greene & wife, Amanda of Fayetteville, and Anthony Scott Greene of Raleigh; daughter, Tammy Denise Smith & husband, Dean of Lexington, SC; brothers, Bobby C. Greene & wife, Gaile of Clinton and Benny Ray Greene & wife, Pam of Roseboro; sisters, Sylvia Greene Faircloth & husband, Manley of Roseboro and Helen Greene Christie of Fayetteville; grandchildren, Kaitlyn of Dawsonville, GA, Lauren of Fayetteville, Cameron of Lexington, SC, and Taylor, Will, Harrison & Samuel all of Raleigh; and great-grandchildren, Bennett and Avalynn. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 6535 Clinton Road, Stedman, NC 28391.



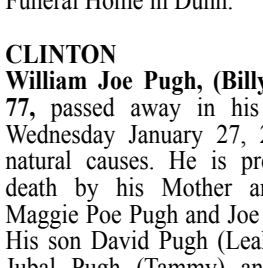
GARLAND

Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, 84, of 258 West 7th St. Garland, passed away on Monday, February 1, 2021 at her residence. Elizabeth was born July 10, 1936 in Brooklyn, NY to the late Matthew & Ann Carey. Mrs. Johnson was a Supervisor with Fleet Line/Garland Shirt Company for 50 years. Elizabeth volunteered as an EMT for the Garland Rescue Squad for 22 years, served as a Town Commissioner for Garland and was a faithful member and church secretary at Garland United Methodist Church. She is preceded in death by her son; Willie James Johnson Jr., two brothers; Johnny Carey, Ed Carey and one sister; Rita Strickland. A graveside service was held at 11:00 AM Thursday, February 04, 2021 at Garland Cemetery with the Reverend Chris O'Briant & Reverend Tim Gore officiating. A viewing was held prior to the service from 10:00 AM-10:45 AM at Carter Funeral Home in Garland. Mrs. Johnson leaves behind to cherish her memory her loving husband; Willie Johnson, five daughters; Eileen Lewis and husband Darrell of Wade, Jackie Rich and husband Timmy of Asheboro, Mary Melvin of Garland, Margaret Cain of Garland, Patricia Johnson of Clinton, one brother; Robert "Bobby" Carey of Ingold, one sister; Rose Melvin of Wilmington, 13 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers the family ask that you would consider a donation to: Liberty Homecare & Hospice Services 208 Beaman St. Clinton, NC 28328



PLAIN VIEW

Mrs. Janice McDuffie McLamb, 85, of Plain View died Friday morning, January 29, 2021 at her home. Mrs. McLamb was born March 28, 1935 in Robeson County to the late James and Isabelle Batton McDuffie. She was preceded in death by a brother, Richard McDuffie. Mrs. McLamb was a retired zoning inspector with Cumberland County and a member of First Baptist Church in Dunn. Funeral services will be private at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home Chapel in Dunn with Dr. Len Keever officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Elam Church Cemetery. Mrs. McLamb is survived by her husband of 34 years, Russell McLamb; daughters, Julie Johnson Bradbury & husband Mark of Australia, Joella Johnson & husband Brian Lee of Erwin, Joy Johnson of Florida, and Gina Routh & husband Chuck of Fayetteville; son, Russ McLamb Jr. of Plain View; grandchildren, Nick & Chris Bradbury, Mary & Jake McLamb, and Anthony Routh; and sister, Ruby Strouse of Southern Pines. There will be a public viewing Sunday, 10 a.m. to 1p.m. at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home. The family will not be present. The family has requested in lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 309 W. Broad St., Dunn, NC 28334. Arrangements by Skinner & Smith Funeral Home in Dunn.



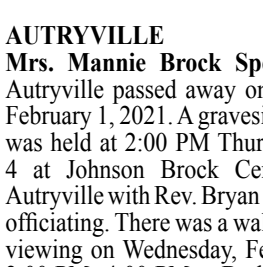
CLINTON

William Joe Pugh, (Billy Joe) age 77, passed away in his home on Wednesday January 27, 2020 from natural causes. He is preceded. In death by his Mother and Father, Maggie Poe Pugh and Joe Ben Pugh. His son David Pugh (Leah), his son Jubal Pugh (Tammy) and a sister Nancy Pugh. He is survived by his son Darrell Pugh (Carla), his daughter Faye Wolfe, his brother James Pugh (Kathy) as well as his grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was also loved by his best friends Tommy and Lynn Swindal. Billy Joe loved hunting and fishing and could play any musical instrument put in front of him. He could sing all the outlaw country songs and spent many hours singing to his children as they were growing up. Please pray for his peaceful passage and remember the good times.



CLINTON

Eddie Lee Sampson Jr., Age 85, of 48 Madison Lane, Clinton died Thursday, January 28, 2021. Graveside services Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2021 at 2pm, Sandhill Cemetery, Clinton, N.C. Mask are required, and services can be viewed on Butler and Son Facebook page at 2pm. There will be no Public viewing. Butler & Son Funeral Services Clinton, NC.



AUTRYVILLE

Mrs. Mannie Brock Spell, 94 of Autryville passed away on Monday, February 1, 2021. A graveside service was held at 2:00 PM Thursday, Feb. 4 at Johnson Brock Cemetery in Autryville with Rev. Bryan Strickland officiating. There was a walk-through viewing on Wednesday, Feb. 3 from 2:00 PM -4:00 PM at Butler Funeral Home in Roseboro. Mrs. Spell was a native of Sampson County, the daughter of Rans and Cherry Ella Naylor Brock. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Tate Spell and one sister and three brothers. She was a member

of Mt. Carmel Church of God of Prophecy. She is survived by two daughters, Wanda Hughes and husband, Charles of Stedman and Kathy Asmer and husband, Fred of Winnsboro, SC; three brothers, Sherwood Brock (Ruth) of Fayetteville, David Brock of Vander and Johnny Brock (Linda) of Autryville; three grandsons, Chuck Hughes, Casey Hughes and Chase Asmer; five great grandchildren, Callie Hughes, Charles Sessoms, Kaylee Hughes, Dallas Hughes and Brooklyn Hughes. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.

FOUR OAKS

Lena J. Strickland age 79, passed away Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at Smithfield Manor Nursing and Rehab Center, Smithfield. Her funeral service will be held Monday, February 8, 2021 at Jordan's Chapel Baptist Church, Mt. Olive. The Rev. Ray Smeltzer will officiate the service. She will be laid to rest in Wayne Memorial Park, Dudley. The family will receive family and friends at the church 1 hour prior to the funeral service. Left to cherish her memories are her husband; George Strickland, Jr., of the home, children; Keith Herring and wife Sherrie of Goldsboro, Greg Strickland and wife Shannon of Mt. Olive, Sandy Muse and husband Tracy of Goldsboro and Andy Strickland and wife Lori of Goldsboro. Sisters; Linda Faye Daughtry, Edna Jackson. Brothers; V. J. Joyner, Kent Joyner and Delma Joyner. Eight grandchildren, ten great grandchildren and one great great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents; Paul and Thelma Joyner and a brother, Glenn Joyner. We ask in order to stay in compliance with the North Carolina State COVID Law that social distancing measures be taken and a mask worn at all times during all services. Online condolences may be made at; www.westanddunn.com. West & Dunn Funeral Home, Newton Grove is honored to service the Strickland Family.



CLINTON

Mr. Joseph Henry Williams, 95, of 2340 Roanoke Rd., passed away at his home Thursday, January 28, 2021 with his loving family by his side. Funeral Services were held on Sunday, January 31st at 2:00 pm at Hopewell United Methodist Church in Newton Grove with the Rev. Gregg Presnal and the Rev. Richard Vaughan officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Born on February 17, 1925 in Sampson County, Joseph was the son of the late Emmett A. and Maggie Baggett Williams. He was a World War II veteran of the United States Army, a charter member and volunteer fireman at Vann Crossroads Fire Department and a lifelong farmer. On most days, he could be found in his Pointer overalls, tan shirt, and straw hat, caring for his crops and hogs, or sitting in his designated chair at Wilson's Store in Spivey's Corner. He was known for his heart of gold, sense of humor and the ever-present candy in his pocket to pass along to children to brighten their day. Joseph was a man dedicated to his family, his church, and his community and will be greatly missed by all. He is survived by his wife, Joanne Vann Williams; daughter, Mary Jo Carr and husband, Hugh of Clinton; son, Steve Williams and wife, Delores of Clinton; seven grandchildren: Jonathan Williams (CharlesAnna), Reed Williams (Brittany), Kathryn W. Waters (Ryan), Elizabeth C. Andrews (Phillip), Sarah C. Stone (Matt), Hannah C. Baxter (Tyler), and Rachel C. Grantham (Dalton); and was also blessed with fourteen great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers: Dwight Williams, Sr., Gibson Williams, Sr., Thomas Williams and Sherrill Williams. Visitation for family and friends will be held at his home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hopewell United Methodist Church Memorial Fund, 4641 Church Road, Newton Grove, NC 28366.



CLINTON

Mr. Harold Woodall, 86, passed away on Sunday, January 31, 2021 at Sampson Regional Medical Center. A service for Mr. Woodall will be held at a later date and will be announced by Royal-Hall.



CLINTON

Jewel Yancey, 87, of 1000 Byrd Yancey Bass Road, passed away Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at her home. A graveside service will be held at 2 PM, Sunday, February 7, 2021 at Rowan Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Clay Carter and Rev. Mike Shook officiating. The family will receive friends at the home. There will be a walk-through viewing from 10 PM - 2 PM, Saturday, February 6th at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home. Jewel, born in 1933 in Stanley County, was the daughter of the late William Russell Butler and Pinkie Louise Withers Butler. She was a homemaker and attended Rowan Baptist Church. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her sister, Faye Butler, son-in-law, Frankie Kosterman, and daughter-in-law, Diane Yancey. Survivors include; husband of 66 years, John Elbert Yancey; children, Sharon Kosterman of Clinton and Little John Yancey and fiancé Wendy of Clinton; sister, Joyce Glosson; grandchildren, Lauren Hill (Jimmy), Stephen (Linzy Kosterman), Eric Kosterman, Kyle Kosterman, JoAnna Davis (Patrick), Kristin Yancey, Lindsey Cannady (Ethan), and Garrett Yancey; and great-grandchildren, Claire, Ethan, Savanna, Lydia Diane, Aubrey, and John Robert. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com. Memorials may be made to Rowan Baptist Church, 701 Rowan Road, Clinton, NC 28328.



LUMBERTON

Mr. Clifton Ozell Murphy, Sr., 68, of 4901 Willow Oak Drive, Lumberton, formerly of Waycross Community, Magnolia, NC passed away Monday, January 25, 2021 at his home in District Heights, MD. The graveside service will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, February 6, 2021 at The Murphy Family Cemetery, Waycross Community, Magnolia, NC with Rev. Timothy Lance officiating. The burial will follow the service. Mr. Murphy, Sr. is survived by his DAUGHTER-Charonda Murphy of Upper Marlboro, MD; SON-Clifton O. Murphy, Jr. of District Heights, MD; SISTERS-Karen Carlton of Wilmington, NC, Fredia Korngay of Wallace, NC; BROTHERS-Ricky Murphy and Stanley Murphy both of Waycross Community, Magnolia, NC, David Murphy of South River, NJ; one grandchild. The live-stream will be available AT THE SERVICE TIME. NOTE: To access the service via Facebook, log on to your Facebook account and type in Worley Funeral Home. Public Viewing at Worley Funeral Home Friday, February 5, 2021 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.



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NASCAR THIS WEEK

Q&A

What? They're not pulling a tarp over Daytona's road course?

When Speedway and NASCAR founder Bill France Sr. added a road-course feature to his mammoth track, his vision included world-class sports cars, which we saw during this past weekend's Rolex 24, as well as world-class motorcycle racing, which comes to town every March. Not sure if he'd ever considered using it for stock-car racing, but it's getting a full dose soon — the Busch Clash on Feb. 9, then all three national circuits (Trucks, Xfinity, Cup) from Feb. 19-21 to replace the originally scheduled Fontana (California) weekend.

You're still not sold on it?

Not 100%. I like the idea of NASCAR using Daytona's road course, as happened with a fill-in race last August. But last summer's Cup race became a spaced-out affair over the 3.56-mile layout (3.66 miles, actually, once they added a chicane off Turn 4), which tells me they might want to consider one of the shorter road-course configurations available within the infield. Hopefully I'll be proven wrong, but if not, break out the detour signs.

— Ken Willis

THROUGH THE GEARS



Chase Elliott won the 2020 championship. Can NASCAR's Most Popular Driver repeat? RALPH FRESO/AP FILE PHOTO

What to watch for in 2021 NASCAR season

Zach Dean

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The NASCAR offseason is getting awful small in the rear-view mirror.

In fact, if you find yourself on I-95 between Charlotte and Daytona this week, don't be surprised if you see a hauler or two headin' south!

Before we officially get to Speedweeks, though, let's make sure we're all up to speed on the 2021 season.

Here's a cheat-sheet on the four big teams:

First gear

There will be no shortage of storylines at Hendrick Motorsports this season.

Kyle Larson is back in NASCAR after losing his Chip Ganassi seat last spring for using a racial slur during an iRacing event. He'll be in the No. 5 Hendrick Chevy, which is also back in the stable for the first time since the Kasey Kahne days.

Alex Bowman will be the new driver of the No. 48 after Jimmie Johnson's retirement, while William Byron will be working with his third different crew chief (Rudy Fugle) in four years.

Oh yeah, then there's Chase Elliott — the defending Cup champion and NASCAR's Most Popular Driver.

Probably worth monitoring him as well.

Second gear

Let's shift over to the Joe Gibbs camp.

Denny Hamlin is still searching for that elusive Cup title despite having one of the best years of his career last season.



Kyle Busch (18) should have plenty of motivation. JARED C. TILTON/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Hamlin won seven races, but couldn't close the deal for the second year in a row, finishing fourth in the Championship race.

Kyle Busch, meanwhile, is coming off one of his worst seasons. The two-time Cup champion won just once in 2020, and wasn't a part of the Championship Four for the first time since 2014. Think he'll be motivated?

Same can be said about Martin Truex Jr., who also visited Victory Lane just once last season.

Finally, there's a new driver in the No. 20, where Christopher Bell will replace Erik Jones. Bell had seven top-10s in the No. 95 Toyota last year.

Third gear

Plenty of things to talk about over in the Team Penske stable, too.

Joey Logano is coming off a third-place showing last season, and is three years removed from his only Cup title.

Brad Keselowski signed a contract extension with Penske last summer, but the Associated Press reported it was only through 2021. Could this be a walk-

year for the 2012 champion?

Ryan Blaney has long been viewed as one of NASCAR's rising stars, but he's won just four races in five years. He's coming off a solid 2020 season with 17 top-10s and 11 top-5s. He'll be looking for that breakout year in 2021.

Fourth gear

That brings us to Stewart-Haas Racing.

Kevin Harvick won a career-high nine races last season, yet stumbled down the stretch and somehow missed the championship race. The 45-year-old last won a Cup title in 2014, and figures to be plenty motivated as he starts his 21st Cup season.

Aric Almirola had career-highs in laps led (305) and top-10s (18) in 2020, but he's currently in the middle of a two-year winless streak. Don't be shocked if he's in the mix to break that at Daytona.

And then there's Chase Briscoe, who will somehow have to replace NASCAR's best personality — Clint Bowyer.

Briscoe, who will wheel the No. 14 Ford, won nine Xfinity races last year.



The Daytona Road Course made its NASCAR debut last summer as a fill-in weekend for all three national series. TERRY RENNA/AP FILE PHOTO

DAYTONA MOTOR MOUTHS

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WHAT'S ON TAP

NASCAR Speedweek at Daytona:

Feb. 9: Busch Clash on the Daytona Road Course (Fox Sports 1)

Feb. 10: Daytona 500 pole qualifying (FS1)

Feb. 11: "Duel" Daytona 500 qualifying races, 150 miles each (FS1)

Feb. 12: Truck Series opener (FS1)

Feb. 13: Xfinity Series opener (FS1)

Feb. 13: ARCA Series opener (FS1)

Feb. 14: 63rd Daytona 500 (Fox)

Feb. 21: Daytona Road Course race (Fox)

SPEED FREAKS

Will you be affected at all by NBCSN turning off the lights and USA Network getting its NASCAR inventory?

KEN'S CALL: Maybe. I don't think I've watched sports on USA since the days of Thursday night baseball, and that was so long ago, George Brett was still lining gappers to left-center.

DEAN'S DIRT: They used to have baseball games on USA Network? I thought it was just Harry Potter marathons? Anyways, no.

Keystone Light coming on board the No. 2 to challenge Busch Light and the No. 4. Who you like?

KEN'S CALL: Harvick and the No. 4 are tough to beat, but gotta say, of all the "budget beers" out there, Keystone Light is on the pole — in my trusted opinion, of course.

DEAN'S DIRT: There ain't a better beer than Buuuuuuuuuuuuuuuusch. I'll die on that hill.

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