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**WEATHER**

**Fri** Partly Cloudy  
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**Sat** Cloudy  
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**Tues** Showers  
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Hi: 66° Lo: 50°

**Wed** Cloudy  
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**WEEKLY VERSE**

*I urge you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me.*  
Romans 15:30

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## Stone Receives New Car & Teacher of the Year Award



Melissa Stone named Performance Ford Teacher of the Year. Pictured is Terry Lee, Mark Thomas, and Nick Autry of Performance Ford. Melissa Stone pictured in the driver seat of her new Ford Fiesta

At a mystery school assembly on Thursday morning at 8:30am, Midway Middle School students were not quite sure what to expect when they entered the Midway Raider gymnasium. With a packed house, Principal Kevin Hunter announced that a special presentation would

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## SCC's 'Promise' to Students of Sampson County



Sampson Promise is designed to help students in Sampson County.

A new program at Sampson Community College offers students the chance to fill unmet needs beyond what is covered by financial aid or scholarships. The Sampson Promise will remove financial obstacles for many Sampson County students and allow them to attend college at virtually no cost in some cases.

**PROMISE, see P. 4**

## SCC Paves the Way for New Facility



Sampson Community College's New Welding Building. Designed by JKF Architecture and to be built by Daniels & Daniels Construction Company, this state-of-the-art facility will equip the local workforce with skills needed to earn good-paying jobs in the welding and metal industry.

A new era at Sampson Community College is officially underway and this week's events are no different. A long-awaited project to replace the college's current welding facility with a brand new 10,000 square foot facility is now more than just a plan.

"We have begun the demolition process of the building that currently sits where the new facility will reside," says Barney Grady, Coordinator of Building and Industrial programs at SCC. "This building had to be removed as it is very outdated and not cost-efficient to renovate. We are excited to see this progress and I can't wait to see the new facility when it is complete."

The building being demolished is called the Maintenance Building, or the 'M' Building. Over the years, it has housed the Industrial Maintenance, and the Animal Science programs at the college and has also been used for various classes from Art classes to Basic Law Enforcement Training. The new facility came about after the college received a \$1.74 million Economic Development Administration grant applied for by Dean of Advancement, Lisa Turlington and SCC President, Dr. Bill Starling.

"This state-of-the-art facility will be among the nicest welding facilities in North Carolina," says Grady. "We are lucky to have so many welding jobs in this area and we will be able to provide great opportunities for students here as a result."

**SCC PAVES, see P. 3**

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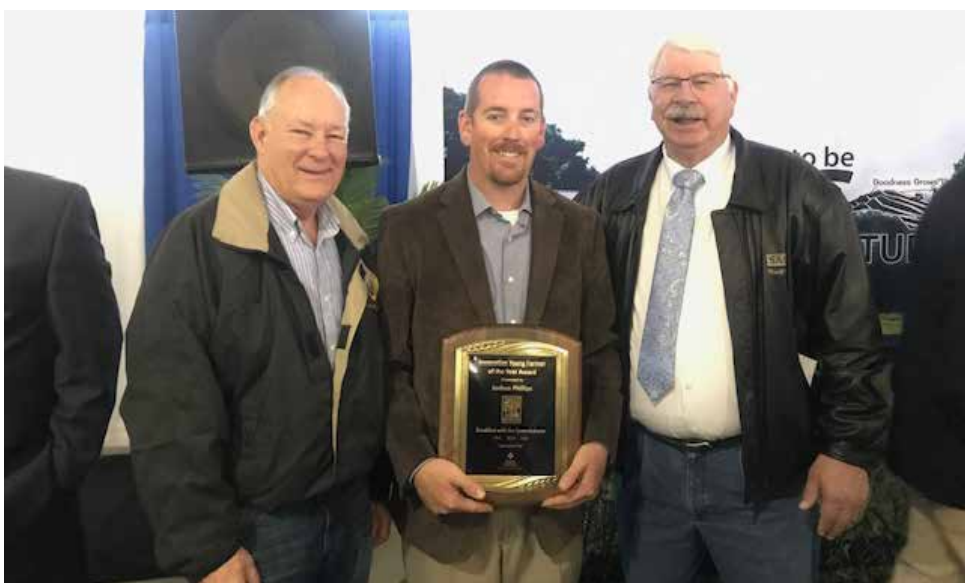
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LOCAL NEWS

# From the Desk of Senator Brent Jackson



I hope you are all having a great week. This past Friday, I had the privilege of being in attendance at the 14th Annual Tobacco Farm Life Museum Breakfast with the Commissioner Fundraiser where Mr. Pender Sharp and Mr. Joshua Phillips were both honored for their excellence and hard work. I am proud that to have great folks like them representing our states most fundamental industry. Congratulations and keep up the good work!

Above is a photo of Pender and myself, as well as the bottom photo of Joshua, Commissioner Troxler, and myself. It was an honor be a part of this fantastic moment and to see these two men rightfully recognized for their service to our state.

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

**Legislative Recap**

**Eminent Domain Law**

This week, I filed Senate Bill 27 along with my colleagues Senator Sanderson and Senator Britt that updates the North Carolina Eminent Domain laws, similar to the bill I filed last session. The bill mirrors House Bill 3 which was filed last week by Representatives Hall, Lewis, Goodman, and McGrady. The goal of this legislation is to update what Eminent Domain applies to in our state and to limit when it can be used. It is paramount that we as legislators use our authority responsibly and this update will ensure that Eminent Domain is exclusively used when a clear public use has been determined. Across the country, states with loose Eminent Domain laws have seen thousands of good families removed from their homes, only for the state to leave their properties in disrepair. It is our intention to tighten restrictions and ensure that no one in our state is taken advantage of and that in every case the people are properly taken care and reimbursed.

**From the District**

**Karen Tyler Honored by Sampson County Board**

Karen Tyler was recently honored by the Sampson County Board of Education for her perseverance as an educator.



The Family and Consumer Science Teacher was recognized by the board for a personal reflective journey printed in the Delta Kappa Gamma bulletin. Thank you for all of the work that you do and please continue to positively impact the lives of children in our community.

**District Spotlight**

**Chairwoman of the Board at Johnston Community College Receives Statewide Award**

Lyn Austin, long-time chairwoman of the board at Johnston Community College and a member of the N.C. Association of Community College Trustees Executive Board, has been selected by the State Board of Community Colleges (SBCC) as this year's recipient of the I.E. Ready Award. The NC Association of Community College Trustees (NCACCT) and Johnston Community College jointly nominated her for this award. Congratulations on this monumental achievement and thank you for all your for the citizens of District 10.



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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# A&L Tire & Auto Opens in Clinton



A new tire and auto repair shop has come to Clinton thanks to brothers Chuck and David Edwards. A&L Tire & Auto opened January 2nd of this year and is located at 717 W. Butler Avenue at the corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

“Opening our own shop is something we’ve always wanted to do,” says Chuck Edwards. “We enjoy repairing vehicles and always have. We have 30-years of combined experience, so you know your vehicle is in good hands.” Those 30 years of experience came from Hendrick Automotive Group and Vester Automotive Group.

A&L Tires & Auto offers a wide range of maintenance and repair services including mounting and balancing tires, brake service, AC Delco batteries and wiper blades in stock, NC State Inspections, Oil and Filter changes, and general maintenance and repairs.

“Clinton is where we are from and it is also a thriving community with many other successful businesses,” added Edwards. “That’s why we chose to open here. We’re at a busy intersection with a lot of traffic, so business has been good since we opened.”

“We have had a lot of support from friends, family, and others,” adds Edwards. “And we look forward to meeting new friend as we take care of their vehicle repair needs.”

A&L Tire & Auto has several Grand Opening specials ongoing, so now would be a great time to stop in, welcome their new business and take care of you vehicle maintenance needs.

**SCC PAVES, cont. from P. 1**



Workers make way for SCC's new welding facility

We are moving forward. This college has worked hard to provide top-notch equipment and top-notch facilities!”

SCC’s Welding Technology program has proved popular in the region and provides students with a sound understanding of the science, technology, and application essential for successful employment in the welding and metal industry. For more information about the Welding Technology program at SCC, contact Grady at 910.900.4118 or at bgrady@sampsoncc.edu.



## 2019 Precinct Meetings

**Plainview/Mingo Precincts Meeting**  
 Tuesday, February 19th at 7:00pm  
 Mingo Community Building  
 1358 Mingo Church Road  
 Dunn, NC 28334

**Joint Precinct Meeting**  
 Tuesday, February 19th at 7:00pm  
 Sampson County GOP Headquarters  
 107 Wall Street  
 Clinton, NC 28328

The purpose of this joint gathering of our Precinct Meetings will be to Elect Precinct Chairmen. Please make every effort to attend this meeting in person. In addition, please invite and bring as many Republican Friends and neighbors to join us in continuing to build a Party that will fight for the future of our State and County.

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If you have any questions, call Telia Kivett,  
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# LOCAL NEWS

**FORD, cont. from P. 1**

be given.

With the introduction of Mark Thomas, former NC State, Jacksonville Jaguar and New York Giant football player, most in attendance believed that they were in store for some type of award for making it to the championship games in both girl's and boys' basketball. Thomas congratulated the school on their basketball records and quickly introduced his friend Terry Lee of Performance Ford of Clinton.

Mr. Lee stated that he was proud to be presenting the first ever Sampson County Performance Ford Teacher of the Year Award to a deserving teacher at Midway Middle School.

The winner's peers nominated her, and this is what they said of the deserving winner, "Melissa Stone is a 7th grade English/Language Arts teacher at Midway Middle School. She has experienced trials and tribulations at an early age and into her adulthood. She has overcome these trials by trusting in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. She is a phenomenal role model for our children and her peers. Not only have we worked with Melissa for a number of years, but she has also made an education impact on our children personally. She is the sunshine on a lot of cloudy days in our school. She also is the founder and sponsor of the Midway Middle School Bible Club which meets every Wednesday at 7:30am. She has invested so much in our children, not only creating 21st century learners but being the hands and feet of Jesus. She instructs our children and encourages them to the best that they can be. She is a county leader and state leader in education. Her selflessness does not go unrecognized by her peers; however, she has not been recognized at the county or state level. Mrs. Stone has exceeded growth for the past two years with all levels of students, being in the top six percent of the state both years. There

**PROMISE, cont. from P. 1**

Dr. Bill Starling, President of SCC says the cost of attendance remains the single biggest hurdle for many students wanting to attend a community college or university. "Federal financial aid programs have been important in assisting many young people; however, a number of students do not meet all the requirements to receive aid and are left to struggle to meet the costs of attendance," he says. "Sampson Promise will help these students pay the cost of tuition for up to two years allowing them to complete an applied science degree or to complete a transfer degree before moving to a senior institution. This program is possible because of the united efforts of the Sampson Community College Foundation Directors and the College's Board of Trustees."

"Removing barriers is a topic of many administrative conversations at SCC," adds Blair Hairr, Dean of Student Services. "In my opinion, removing any financial barrier to achieve a degree is one of the college's greatest accomplishments. In addition to our open-door policy, the Sampson Promise further secures the opportunity for Sampson County high school graduates to pursue a higher education."

Under this program, Sampson Community College will pay all tuition and fees not covered by financial aid or other scholarships for up to four semesters towards program of study. The new program is open to students who graduate from a Sampson County high school with an unweighted 3.0 GPA, who verify North Carolina residency and enroll full-time at Sampson Community College.

"SCC's mission is the force that drives what we do here, and Sampson Promise is an example of that mission," says Wanda Capps, Vice President of Academic Affairs at SCC. "Sampson Promise will provide support and the means for high school graduates to obtain a college degree and increase access to higher education. Sampson Promise not only will assist students but it will have an even bigger impact upon our communities and families."

To stay in the program, a student would have to be enrolled for twelve credit hours each semester while at SCC, maintain a 2.5 GPA and follow the student code of conduct while enrolled. This new option follows news that East Carolina University and UNC Wilmington have formed partnerships with Sampson Community College to make it easier for college students to transition from SCC to those schools seamlessly.

Lisa Turlington, Dean of Advancement for the college, says the program sets up a high potential for success for those that want to achieve it. "The Foundation is pleased to support this exciting initiative that insures higher education for all students in Sampson County who are willing to work hard and commit to college," says Turlington. "The Foundation's unanimous vote to support the Sampson Promise sends a clear message of their values and priorities."

Sampson County high school counselors have information about Sampson Promise or students may contact SCC at 910-900-4319 or at [admissions@sampsoncc.edu](mailto:admissions@sampsoncc.edu).

is a current law which rewards third through fifth grade reading teachers and third through eighth grade math teachers who are in the top twenty five percent of the state and/or county. She has been a vital mentor to teachers in and out of Midway Middle School. She is a leader in our school both academically and spiritually. This is why we believe she needs this car from January 31st of this year until January 31st of 2020."

When Terry Lee announced the winner's name- Mrs. Melissa Stone-, by the look on her face, Stone was shocked and overwhelmed.

Once at the podium, Mrs. Stone thanked her peers and the staff of Midway Middle School for such an honor. She thanked the Lord for making this possible. Nick Autry, General Sales Manager at Performance Ford, presented Melissa with a gift basket. Thinking that was all Mrs. Stone once again thanked everyone. At that moment Mark Thomas stated, "And I think there might be one more surprise." Terry Lee and Nick Autry then presented Mrs. Melissa Stone with the keys to a 2017 Ford Fiesta. Mrs. Stone jumped up and down with excitement and was led outside to see her new car, a burgundy Ford Fiesta.

Melissa Stone stated that she was currently without a vehicle due the transmission being torn up in her car and that she had been driving her mother's car. Mrs. Stone will be able to drive the Ford for one year free of charge. Stone was ecstatic.

Mrs. Stone has been teaching for over 20 years and is a native of Sampson County. Melissa is married to Shawn and they have 2 sons, Bret and Daniel.

According to Terry Lee of Performance Ford, the Teacher of the Year award will be an annual event presented by the dealership. Performance Ford of Clinton is also the sponsor of The Athlete of the Week award which focuses on performance on and off the field of athletics. They have also donated paper and supplies to local schools in need.



Midway Middle School teacher Melissa Stone visibly shocked when her name was called as the Sampson County Performance Ford Teacher of the Year

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# We Should Know . . .



Clark Wooten with JW Simmons, Host of We Should Know

Tuesdays from 2:30 PM until 3:30 PM, J.W. Simmons hosts a radio show on 1170 AM called "We Should Know", and The Sampson Weekly will feature portions of the transcripts in our continuing efforts to bring you more coverage of what is happening in our community. The topic for this week's show is Economic Development and the guest this week is Chairman of the Sampson County Board of Commissioners, District 1 Commissioner, Clark Wooten. JW Simmons begins the show reminding citizens that county services are wonderful, but those services must be paid for by a limited budget based on revenue the county receives. This revenue comes in the form of fees and or taxes, and to continue, expand or increase county services you have to increase county revenue. However, county revenue can be increased in just two ways; raise taxes or expand the current tax base. Simmons asks Commissioner Wooten to further discuss the idea of economic development and how that can be accomplished.

Wooten states, "That's a great question and a hot topic. It comes down to a couple of things, but before I get in to it, I want to say I am proud to serve four great commissioners as Chair. They have honored me and allowed me to lead them. And I've far more from them than I could possibly ever give. We've got 534 employees in Sampson County. A great group of people. Very smart, very dedicated, very willing. And when you have those its easy to make progress. And we've made progress, and I'm proud of it."

"But the generation of revenue is the next step we need to look at in this county," continued Wooten. "There's only two ways. It's very simple, we're going to raise taxes or we're going to gain tax base. Now, as you know and I'm sure a lot of citizens in Sampson County know, the board (of Commissioners) as it sits now, raising taxes is not an option."

"It is our belief," adds Wooten, "that private business is the driver of the economy. When we take tax money away from that private business it impedes them from having real growth in the economy. So, raising taxes is not an option and that only leaves us with tax base."

"And to the credit of many administrators and many of the past boards that came before me and the current board, and some of the current board members were there. It was a long process, but once Enviva came to fruition it put \$125 million in our tax base."

"That," says Wooten, "allowed us to bring our per pupil funding up \$80 (per student) in 1 year. We are somewhere in the \$1,070 range, but Wake County is at \$2,200. My goal is to help the Board of Education and their team by generating funds so when our children sit in a college class setting to be just as prepared as the ones that come from Wake County. And we're doing a good job at that but having more funds available can help them improve that."

"We were also able to reduce the tax rate ½ cent," explains Wooten. "Could it have been more? That would have been great but it's a step in the right direction."

Wooten says that seeing what a boost the expansion of the tax base can be for the county it quickly becomes obvious that we need another one. The question explains Wooten is how do you go about getting another Enviva type tax base expansion. "That's a complicated issue," states Wooten.

"But as our staff saw the passion that this board has about driving economic development, when we refinanced the school debt, private and USDA, we saved about \$19 million over the life of the debt and we didn't extend the debt. The USDA had sequestered about \$2 million in funds if things went bad to help make payments. So, then we had those funds available and our staff said, if you'll be passionate about growing the tax base, why don't we take \$1.5 million and put it in an economic development fund."

"Now what we've been asking John Swope (Executive Director for Sampson County Economic Development Commission) to do is sell a concept. And selling a concept is hard," explains Wooten. "So, that helps take the shackles off him. It unties his arms from behind his back and gets peoples attention because we have funds we can match with."

"But," says Wooten, "that's only a piece of it. That's the money piece of it. The competitive piece that you talk about between counties, states and cities, that's an issue. And anybody that's heard me talk about it I take a lot of training from Joe Max Higgins and the Golden Triangle in Mississippi. He took rural farmland and brought PACCAR there which builds Cummins Engines, Eurocopter and really brought all that out of dust in that area and brought those people jobs and a tax base."

"And he did it in an unconventional way. He took out on his own. And we've been in a position where we've had to wait on these state and regional agencies to provide us an opportunity. And to be honest with you, that's not the way I see us going. And I'm passionate about that. I think we've got to find what business fits us, and we've got to seek that business out."

"We have the lowest unemployment of any county that touches us. So, we can't take a company that will bring 10,000 jobs. Like Enviva what we need is 80 people employed with \$125 million tax base. That's the kind of business we need that fits us."

"And we're positioned to grow," says Wooten. "The question is are we going to be the driver of the change. There is only one constant in this world and that's change. Which feels better to you; change done to you or change done by you? It feels better to me when I'm in control of my destiny and that's where I want Sampson County to be."

Wooten goes on to explain that it will require teamwork from all across Sampson County to attract the next Enviva regardless of where in the county that next company moves to. Every student in Sampson County received the additional funding and every property taxpayer received the reduced tax. Wooten says that we must be united throughout the county and not have a me first attitude. "We must be Sampsonians first," says Wooten. "We have to step forward with a unified front. We have to be a team because we'll be going up against Wake County, Johnston County, Cumberland County. And they all have stronger assets and stronger funding than we do. So, when business comes, we have to go forward with a unified front."

To view the entire broadcast of We Should Know please visit their YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/user/WeShouldKnowEDU](http://www.youtube.com/user/WeShouldKnowEDU).

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. 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](mailto:weshouldknowedu@gmail.com) or you can find them on Facebook.

## Chamber Chat



Allie Strickland  
Clinton-Sampson  
Chamber of Commerce

What a wonderful start to the new year we have had at the Chamber! We have welcomed several new members, renewed long standing memberships and celebrated members that have rejoined the Chamber. It is our mission to be dedicated to the economic growth of Sampson County, providing a healthy business community and an outstanding quality of life. We sincerely thank ALL our members for joining us on this effort for continued growth and partnerships of businesses throughout the county.

We are thrilled to welcome the following new members this month: BobCat Farms of Clinton, Holly G. Edwards, Inc., WallStreet Barbers, Sampson Partners and ADJ Farms, Inc.

In addition to welcoming new Chamber members, we have celebrated Chamber member anniversaries, Congrats to Napa Auto Parts (Walker Auto Stores) 1 year, Tropicana Supermarket 5 years, Eugene's Trucking 5 years, Timberlake Golf Club LLC 10 years, Sampson Farmers Hardware 10 years, Edward Jones 10 years and Sampson County Veterans Council 25 years on your continued success. We look forward to honoring more member anniversaries each month.

The Chamber also had the pleasure of attending Sampson Regional Medical Center's Blood Donor Center Open House. I was able to meet the lovely ladies who work in the lab and gave blood myself. I was surprised to learn that SRMC is only ONE of two in the state that provides ALL its own blood for transfusions. Unbelievable, right!? Our home county hospital- doing big things, y'all! Donors are always needed, if you are over the age of 18 and in good general health please contact the SRMC Blood Donor Center

Also, this month we were able to celebrate WallStreet Barbers and owner DaRue Bryant at their Downtown Clinton shop. We held a ribbon cutting on Friday, January 25th at 11:30 for a grand re-opening celebration. WallStreet Barbers has a beautiful shop complete with a recording studio in the building. Yes, you read that right! A recording studio!! DaRue Bryant serves his community in a multitude of ways, he currently represents district 5 on the Clinton City Council, along with owning and operating WallStreet Barbers and his digital production company he also works with fellow Chamber member Sessoms Medical Associates as their laboratory manager. The Chamber would like to thank DaRue, his family and staff for their dedication to Sampson County.



Chamber Member Spotlight- Evan's Catering of Roseboro

The Chamber also had the pleasure of Spotlighting Chamber Member Evan's Catering of Roseboro. Ms. Ginny Evans is a long time Chamber member and caters many events at the Sampson County Agri-Expo Center as well as private and corporate events throughout the county. A floating reception was held with finger foods and goodies showcasing Evan's Catering on Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at 11:30am. A wonderful time was had by all. For information on Evan's Catering services, please call (910) 567-2664.

To see more pictures of this month's events, please follow us on Facebook and Instagram. "Clinton Sampson Chamber"

Even though the month of January has been awfully exciting for the Chamber, we have MORE exciting things ahead. Save the Date for our Annual Banquet on Thursday, March 7th, 2019. Come and "Get Lucky with the Chamber" and see our partnerships first hand. The banquet will be held at the Sampson County Agri-Expo Center from 5:30pm-8:00pm. The Banquet will be catered by Chamber member, Southern Smoke BBQ of NC and decorated by Chamber members Atrium Florist and Party Perfect Rentals. All active members have been mailed an official Save the Date with table sponsorship and ticket purchase information. Tickets are \$20/each, please contact the Chamber office to purchase yours today! 910.592.6177

The Chamber of Commerce encourages ALL community members to join us in our events. We would love to meet you! Again, follow us on social media or call our office (910) 592-6177 for upcoming events and networking opportunities!



Ribbon Cutting at WallStreet Barbers in Downtown Clinton

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Long has been the years, since a family lived here,  
Sheltered inside, warm and safe from the storm.

The big oak tree, majestic and tall, still stands quietly on guard,  
It once was the place for the children to play,  
Or picnics spread out on a hot summer day,  
As it leaves, cool and green, shaded the yard.

The flowers are wild and untended,  
The weeks have taken over,  
The lovely old rose has run wild and free,  
And grass is now mostly wild clover.

The old barn, once the backbone of the farm,  
Has suffered from years of neglect,  
The roof has caved in, the door is gone,  
The shelter is little more than a wreck.

The logs of the old smoke house still stand,  
Though the years have left them weathered

and worn,  
It was once filled with smoked meat and country ham,  
Now it stands empty, alone and forlorn.

Dried corncobs and a rusty tin roof,  
Lay in a heap upon the ground,  
Hidden in weeds behind an old horse plow,  
Not much of the corncrib remains to be found.  
The old grapevine still grows strong,  
It wraps itself around the sagging arbor,  
Its sweet purple grapes perfume the air,  
Just as it did when the family lived there.

The brier berries grow in a patch by the field,  
They're tangled, wild and overgrown,  
But in times past, the children laughed,  
As they filed their mouths till they groaned.

The apple tree still stands by the pasture fence,  
The pear tree stands back a little further,  
Their fruit still falls upon the ground,  
The old henhouse is full of squirrels,  
They make use of its empty shelter,  
Bringing in a winter's supply of nuts that fell,  
From the pecan tree growing by the old well.  
But there's no family there for them to nurture.

As the sun sets, no lights come on,  
No children run in from play,  
No supper is cooked, no table is spread,  
No family prays at the end of the day.

But there was a time, not so long ago,  
When the farmhouse was happy and alive,  
When a family lived here, farmed and grew,  
Prayed and laughed and cried.

Written by  
Carolyn Horrell Mintz



Acts 4:29, "And now, Lord, consider their threats, and grant that your slaves may speak your message with complete boldness."

Hebrews 4:16, "Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

The Jewish religious authorities in Jerusalem wanted, at all costs, to prevent the message about Jesus from spreading. So when they heard Peter and John preaching about the resurrection of Christ, they took the apostles into custody. Then they sternly warned them to cease preaching in Christ's name. They forbade the apostles from telling others about Jesus' victory over death, hell and the grave. The religious establishment saw the message of redemption as an attack on their livelihood. Most in the community of faith would never challenge the elite; however Jesus' disciples were unlike anyone these leaders had dealt with before.

So what did the apostles do? Immediately they returned to the rest of their small congregation and huddled together to gain strength for the task ahead. They knew the message they had to proclaim about their risen Christ transcended their fear and any differences they might have with each other. They understood the principle of Proverbs 28:1, "The wicked flee though no one pursues, but the righteous are as bold as a lion." What causes the boldness of a believer is not their own power, but the strength that comes only from almighty God.

The followers of Christ gathered and prayed to seek God's guidance. Notice that they did not pray for safety or that God might protect them from the very real threats of the Sanhedrin. Instead, they prayed for boldness in speaking to others about the Messiah. In other words, they prayed that God would aid them in being effective witnesses for Christ and that their ministry would be filled with courage and inspiration and innovation.

These were ordinary individuals just like you and I. Because they were filled with the Holy Spirit, they wanted to elevate their Christian service to the highest possible point. As a result, their faith in God strengthened them, and the presence of the Holy Spirit transformed them. William Gurnall, author of The Christian in Complete Armor, wrote, "A minister, without boldness, is like a smooth file, a knife without an edge, a sentinel that is afraid to let off his gun. If men will be bold in sin, ministers must be bold to reprove." Have you been tempted to remain silent because of fear? Perhaps you have been told your faith does not match the norms of society, but is that what a Christ follower should want? We are to be the light in the darkness and be willing to be the voice of truth, even if we are the only voice that will be willing to speak out.

Often we tend to worry so much about personal status and prevailing over others that we forget the importance of serving boldly for the Kingdom of God. God can grant you the courage to represent Jesus with the same boldness and unity that He equipped the apostles over two thousand years ago. Wisdom and courage is just a prayer away for those that will stand firm in the faith. I encourage you to live boldly for Christ and never be ashamed of the message of salvation.



Rev. Ken Smith

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# What's Happening

By Angela Martin

at **SCT**



## Pocahontas - Fun for the Whole Family

Pocahontas is still in progress and we are ready to share the story of the Native American princess with you. The story details the young princess and her Indian nation, the Algonquins. The production features two very different casts and features over 80 people from our communities in and around Sampson County. Pocahontas is directed by Angela Martin and sponsored by Performance Dodge/Ford of Clinton. The show dates for Pocahontas are Friday - Sunday, March 22 - 24 and March 29-31. The production times will be Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm and Saturday and Sunday beginning at 2:30 pm. This musical is fun for the whole family and we hope to see you and your little ones at this production.

Recently, Angela Martin and a few of our veteran theatre actors took to Coharie Country Club to present Trouble at the Tropicabana - a murder mystery featuring the characters from the tv show, "I Love Lucy." We have several talented people involved including, Suzi Matthews as Lucy, Nathaniel Carter as Ricky, Guy Padgett as Fred, Erica Miller as Ethel, Felecia Buzcynski as Cookie, Rachel Lane as Rosita, Melina Matthews as a Cabana Girl and Konnor Brown as Mr. Big. This fun and witty comedy was a wonderful way to spend a Saturday night and we were pleased that the performance was a success.



Sampson Community Theatre presents the musical "Pocahontas", with book by Vera Morris, music and lyrics by Scott DeTurk, directed by Angela Martin and proudly sponsored by Performance Automotive in Clinton. Wordspinner' and the rhythmic beat of the tom-toms open and close this charming musical adventure for all age groups. Pocahontas is the daughter of the mighty Algonquin Chief Powhatan. The princess delights in playing with Raven, Wolf, and Squirrel. Pocahontas has also made friends with the English settlers of Jamestown, a community struggling with starvation and sickness. This enchanting musical is graced with a wonderful cast of characters: Little Running Rabbit, Brave Eagle, Aunt Morning Star, Forest Spirits, Mother Earth, and, of course, the people of Jamestown. Filled with Native American lore and beautiful music, this play is true to the original legend. Audiences will be swept away with DeTurk's original music, featuring such songs as 'Live Forever,' 'No Common Ground' and the beautiful 'Your Heart Always Knows.'

Note date/time changes: Performance dates have changed and now are Evening Performances: March 22, 23, 29, 30 at 7:30pm. Matinees: March 24, 31, at 2:30pm, 2019. General admission is \$10.00. The theatre is located at 115 Fayetteville Street, Clinton, North Carolina. Call 910-592-8653 for more information.

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Starring Bryan Cranston, Kevin Hart, Nicole Kidman, Julianna Margulies, Aja Naomi King

Friday 6:30p  
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Mon -Wed 6:30p



### GREEN BOOK

NOW SHOWING  
Rated PG-13 for thematic content, language including racial epithets, smoking, some violence and suggestive material

When Tony Lip, an Italian-American bouncer with a seventh-grade education, is hired to drive Dr. Don Shirley, a world-class African-American pianist on a concert tour from Manhattan to the Deep South, they must rely on the "Negro Motorist Green Book" to guide them to the few establishments that were then safe for Blacks.

Friday 6:30p  
Sat & Sun 1:15p 4:30p 7:30p  
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### LEGO MOVIE 2

NOW SHOWING  
Rated: PG for mild action and rude humor  
It's been five years since everything was awesome and the citizens are facing a huge new threat: LEGO DUPLO invaders from outer space, wrecking everything faster than they can rebuild. The battle to defeat them and restore harmony to the LEGO universe will take Emmet, Lucy, Batman and their friends to faraway, unexplored worlds, including a strange galaxy where everything is a musical.

Friday 6:30p  
Sat & Sun 1:45p 4:15p 6:45p  
Mon -Wed 6:30p



### THE PRODIGY

NOW SHOWING  
Rated R violence, disturbing and bloody images, a sexual reference and brief graphic nudity

Taylor Schilling stars as Sarah, a mother whose young son Miles' disturbing behavior signals that an evil, possibly supernatural force has overtaken him. Fearing for her family's safety, Sarah must grapple with her maternal instinct to love and protect Miles in favor of investigating what - or who - is causing his dark turn.

Friday 6:15p 8:30p  
Sat & Sun 1:15p 3:30p 5:45p 8:00p  
Mon -Wed 6:30p



### WHAT MEN WANT

NOW SHOWING  
Rated: R for language and sexual content throughout, and some drug material

Ali Davis (Taraji P. Henson) is a successful sports agent who's constantly boxed out by her male colleagues. When Ali is passed up for a well-deserved promotion, she questions what else she needs to do to succeed in a man's world... until she gains the ability to hear men's thoughts!

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Visit [vealmadeeasy.com](http://vealmadeeasy.com) for additional recipes and complete nutrition information.

### Classic Veal Parmesan Sandwiches

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 10 minutes

Serves: 6

- 6 veal cutlets (3 ounces each)
- salt, to taste
- ground black pepper, to taste
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 egg wash
- 1 cup breadcrumbs
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 12 tablespoons tomato sauce
- 3 tablespoons Parmesan cheese, grated
- 6 slices provolone cheese
- 6 slices mozzarella cheese
- 6 sub rolls

Heat oven to 350 F.

Pound each veal cutlet between sheets of parchment or plastic wrap until 1/4-inch thick.

Blot veal dry. Season each cutlet with salt and pepper, to taste. Dredge veal in flour; shake off excess. Dip in egg wash and dredge in breadcrumbs.

In large skillet over medium heat, heat about 1/8-inch oil to about 350 F. Working in batches, add breaded veal to hot oil and pan fry first side until golden brown and crisp, about 2 minutes. Turn once and pan fry second side until it reaches internal temperature of 160 F, about 1-2 minutes.

Drain on paper towels or wire rack set over baking sheet.

Add 2 tablespoons tomato sauce to each veal cutlet and sprinkle 1/2 tablespoon Parmesan cheese on top. Add one slice provolone and mozzarella cheese to each cutlet.

Place veal parmesan in oven 2-3 minutes, or until the cheese begins to melt and veal is hot.

Add veal to sub rolls and serve.



# Diversify Your Dinner Menu



### Veal, Spinach and Tomato Arepas

Prep time: 15 minutes

Cook time: 20 minutes

Serves: 4

- 1/2 pound veal cutlets
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 green onions (1 ounce each), sliced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 can (10 ounces) diced tomatoes and green chilies
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups packed baby spinach (about 2 1/2 ounces)
- 4 arepas (5 inches in diameter)

- 1/4 cup crumbled queso blanco cheese (1 ounce)

Pound veal cutlets into 1/4-1/8-inch thickness; cut into 1-inch strips. Place in bowl and toss with cumin and chili powder.

In 12-inch, nonstick skillet over medium heat, heat olive oil. Cook veal strips 1-2 minutes. Remove veal to plate; keep warm. In same skillet over medium heat, cook green onions and garlic 2-3 minutes. Add tomatoes and salt; over high heat, heat to boil. Reduce heat to low; simmer 5 minutes until slightly reduced.

Stir in spinach. Cook 3-4 minutes, or until spinach wilts and is tender. Return veal to skillet; heat through.

To serve, heat skillet or griddle over medium heat. Toast arepas on each side until lightly browned and heated through, turning once.

Cut each arepa in half horizontally. Top bottom half of each arepa with veal mixture. Sprinkle each with cheese; replace arepa tops.



### Veal Za'atar Flatbreads

Prep time: 15 minutes

Cook time: 25 minutes

Serves: 4

- 1/4 cup za'atar seasoning
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 1 package (10 ounces) flatbreads
- 1 onion (4 ounces), finely chopped
- 1/2 pound ground veal
- 1/4 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 1 tomato (6 ounces), cored and chopped
- chopped parsley, for garnish

Heat oven to 425 F. In small bowl, combine za'atar seasoning and 2 tablespoons olive oil.

Spread about 1 tablespoon za'atar mixture on each flatbread. Arrange flatbreads on large baking sheet; set aside.

In 10-inch skillet over medium heat, heat remaining olive oil. Cook onion 4-5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add veal and cook 4-5 minutes until no longer pink, stirring to break up meat.

Remove skillet from heat; stir in feta cheese. Spoon 1/4 veal mixture onto each flatbread. Sprinkle each flatbread with tomato. Bake 8-10 minutes, or until hot. Sprinkle each flatbread with parsley.



### Mediterranean Grilled Salad

Prep time: 20 minutes

Cook time: 10 minutes

Serves: 4

- 1 large orange (12 ounces)
- 1/2 cup Italian salad dressing
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1 veal cutlet (12 ounces), pounded to 1/4-1/8-inch thick
- 1 bulb fennel (7 ounces), trimmed, halved and cored
- 1/2 small red onion (1 1/2 ounces), thinly sliced
- 1 1/2 cups cooked farro
- 2 cups packed baby arugula (about 3 ounces)
- 1 head radicchio (4 ounces), cored and torn (about 2 cups packed)
- 1/2 cup hazelnuts, chopped
- 1 ounce Parmesan cheese

Grate 1/2 tablespoon zest from orange; reserve orange. Stir zest into salad dressing.

Use knife to remove skin and pith from orange. Use knife to cut between fruit and

membrane to release each orange section. Squeeze membrane to extract 1/4 cup juice; reserve juice and orange sections.

In bowl, whisk reserved orange juice, mustard and salad dressing. Remove 1/4 cup dressing to re-sealable food storage bag. Add veal cutlets to dressing in bag. Re-seal bag and turn several times until veal is coated with dressing; set aside.

Prepare grill or heat grill pan over medium-high heat on stovetop. Remove veal cutlets from dressing; discard dressing. Grill veal cutlets 5-6 minutes, turning once. Remove cutlets from heat. Place on cutting board and cut into bite-size pieces.

Thinly slice fennel halves and place in bowl. Add red onion, farro, arugula and radicchio; toss. Add veal, orange sections, reserved salad dressing and hazelnuts.

Draw blade of vegetable peeler across surface of cheese to make thin ribbons. Toss to coat with dressing. Divide salad among four bowls.



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# Lakewood's Kiarye Bailey Passes 1,000 Point Mark



Lakewood High School point guard Kiarye Bailey is making the most of her final year of high school.

Last week, the 18-year-old senior captain scored 12-points, 8 rebounds and 5 steals in the game against Rosewood. But more importantly, Bailey went over the 1,000-point mark for her high school career.

"I knew going into the game that I only needed 10 points," Bailey remembers with a laugh. "So, I was really focused on getting over 10 that game. I tried not to worry about getting the points, but it was stressful."

When Bailey hit 1,000 career points, the game came to a halt and the game ball was presented to her.

"It was very exciting for me," she adds. "They gave me the ball and there was a little celebration and then we went right back to playing."

Rosewood would eventually win the contest 52-47, but the Lady Leopards would rebound to beat Union this past Tuesday 39-29, in a game that Bailey finished with a double-double (20 points, 10 rebounds). The team is currently 7-12 overall and 6-3 in the conference.

"The seniors on our team really want to finish our final year strong," she said. "We have three more games left (at Neuse Charter tonight; at home vs. Princeton on Feb. 12; and at Hobbton on Valentine's Day) and we are focusing on the playoffs."

When asked if she would like to end her high school career with a championship ring, Bailey says, "Of course, that is why we work so hard - We would love to

play for a state championship."

In addition to hitting the 1,000-point mark, Bailey is being honored at this week's Performance Auto/Sampson Weekly Star Athlete of the Week.

"I know that my coach (Vonnie McNeil) nominated me and told me to be expecting a call," she explains. "I am surprised it was me, but happy that coach thought that much of me ... it feels great."

Going into tonight's game against Neuse Charter, Bailey is averaging 14.5 points, 2.9 assists, 4.3 rebounds and 3.8 steals per game. She is currently at 1,022 points for her high school career. Not bad for an athlete that scored only 84 points in her freshman season.

Born in Sampson County, Bailey originally started her educational career in the Union District.

"I came up here [to the Lakewood District] in 2008," she said. "The transition was an easy one for me because I have played with a lot of the same people since I was little and that really helps us as a team unit."

Bailey's first foray into sports came when she was about 5-years-old.

"I played for the rec," she says. "I used to play three sports - volleyball, basketball and softball in the seventh grade, but during my eighth-grade year I tore my ACL and just worked really hard to get back on the court in my freshman year."

Although she didn't get a lot of playing time her freshman season, Bailey made an impact because of the work she put in, never complaining about the ACL injury she worked through a year prior.

"I just loved the game that much," she said. "I was dedicated and put a commitment to it. There was a lot of pressure on me because I did tear my ACL - at first it was scary to play on it in my freshman year. I didn't get a lot of playing time, but I think that helped me get back on the court faster, because I wanted to play that much."

The four-year varsity starter said that while she developed her own style of play as she grew up, she looks up to NBA legend LeBron James.

By middle school, Bailey was participating in basketball camps and sharpening her game.

"Most of my family members play," she explained. "So, I have always been around the game. I have played other sports, but basketball is the one that I really loved playing."

Her favorite part of the game? "I like taking it to the net," Bailey says. "That is what I like the best. You make the shot, and everyone is cheering ... it is a great feeling."

As good as Bailey is on the court, she is also whip

smart in the classroom too. A straight 'A-B' student, Bailey says that her favorite subject is Math.

"It has always come easy for me," she says of the subject. "I have always enjoyed working with numbers, so, math is something that has just come naturally to me."

While Bailey has already left an indelible mark on her school, she says leaving Lakewood High at the end of the school year will be difficult.

"I have thought about it a lot," she says. "I already know that I am going to miss all my friends, my teachers, my teammates and my coaches ... so it will be bittersweet. But I am also looking forward to moving on to the next chapter in my life - college."

"I definitely want to go to college and play basketball," Bailey admits, "and ultimately, if I am given the opportunity to play professionally, I would love to do that too."

In addition to playing basketball for her future college team, Bailey said she wants to study to become a registered nurse.

"I have always loved helping others," she explains. "I have always wanted to help people ... I help my grandparents, as well as others and it is rewarding for me. It is just something that I really enjoy doing."

But first, Bailey still has some high school memories to make.

When asked if she had a piece of advice to pass down to an upcoming freshman, Bailey says, without hesitation, "I would tell them to always keep your head up and, no matter what you do, strive for greatness."

What advice has someone given to Bailey that has stuck with her? "My coach (Vonnie McNeil) has always told me to stay focused and do not let anything stop me. That has been great advice for me."

In addition to the support she has received from her coaches and teammates, Bailey said that the support she has received from her family has been what helped lift her up - on and off the court.

"The support my family (Kenneth Bailey, dad; Lashana Hayes, mother; and siblings, Keshon and Kayla Bailey) has been really important," Bailey said. "They have always been by my side and has always pushed me to be the very best person I can be. I just appreciate everything they have done for me."

Bailey also sends a special thank you to: Toni Carr, Vonnie McNeil and Coach Kerr for their support.

"I also want to thank all of my teammates for always being there for me."

Bailey continues, "I will continue to not only make myself proud, but to make all of my supporters proud too ... I am extremely grateful for this opportunity and will continue to work hard and focus on my dream."

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# Sampson County School Awards

## Midway Middle School Named "School to Watch"



Mrs. Locklear recognized Midway Middle School for being named a School to Watch at the January Sampson County School Board meeting on Monday night. Midway Middle will be recognized at the NCMLE conference in Greensboro, March 3-5 and at the Schools to Watch Conference in Washington, D.C. June 26-29.

## Tyler Recognized for Personal Journey Article



Principal Warren from Hobbton High School recognized Karen Tyler, she is the Family and Consumer Science Teacher at Hobbton High. She recently had a reflective personal journey article printed in the Delta Kappa Gamma bulletin highlighting the experience she went through as a caring teacher of a child that had committed suicide. The article is a moving account to holding herself accountable to students providing a nurturing classroom where all children are special and important. The Sampson County School Board stated that they appreciate the honesty and sincerity that Ms. Tyler brings to students and highlight her achievement for telling the story and keeping Ricky in her heart.

## SCC Crochet Club Gives Back to Community



Crochet Club members (top row L-R) Mary Bordeaux, Myra Gray, (bottom row L-R) Sharon West and Loreen Hudson.

Sampson Community College is never at a loss when giving back to the community and the people who live here, no matter where they live. The college's Crochet Club has officially kicked off the new year.

"Crocheting is something I first learned right after I got married," says Mary Bordeaux, club member and part of the college's Maintenance staff. "A coworker got me back into it recently and when I found out that we were donating the blankets, I was excited. Last Christmas, we went to Mary Gran and they were glad to have us."

Last year, the club donated more than twenty blankets to residents of the Mary Gran Nursing Home for Christmas. Mary Gran provides short term rehabilitation, long term care, assisted living, hospice, respite services, and outpatient therapy and has provided rehabilitation services to Clinton and the surrounding areas for over three decades.

"At Christmas, we went to Mary Gran Nursing Home and were greeted so warmly by the residents and staff," says Sharon West, the group's leader. "Many of the people who received a blanket do not have family members who are able to visit. This was a very heartwarming experience to see the happiness in their faces as they wrapped themselves up with the blanket. I have been crocheting since I was about eight years old. I was taught by my mother who learned to crochet from her mother. It is something I really enjoy it and I am happy to be able to pass that joy onto new learners"

The Crochet Club will be busy making blankets with plans to donate them to Southwood Nursing Home as well. The group will also be contacting the Department of Social Services and hopefully donate to their foster care department soon.

## Toys For Tots Recognized for Contributions



At the January Sampson County School Board meeting, Mrs. Lovitt recognized Toys for Tots in their partnership with Scholastic Books. They donated 6,000 books to be dispersed to Sampson County School students for the Christmas season. Many of the students benefited from this generous donation of literature.

The Rovanak Family, who was not able to attend the meeting, was also recognized. Mrs. Lovitt publicly thanked them for donating \$1000.00 during the Christmas season to students. Many of the school's families benefited this season due to the generous donations given from these groups.

## Dr. Larry Bell Lauded for Years of Service



Sampson County Schools Board Chair Tim Register recognized Dr. Larry Bell, Sr. NC General Assembly for his extraordinary service, outstanding leadership and dedication to Sampson County Schools.

## EC Teacher Recognized for Excellence



At the Monday night Sampson County School Board meeting, Dr. Parker recognized Ms. Cogdell, she is an EC self-contained teacher at Hobbton Middle School. Ms. Cogdell has been committed and served the students in her classroom for twenty plus years.

### SAMPSON COUNTY SCHOOLS 2019 Kindergarten Registration Clinics

Plain View Elementary	March 1, 2019
Hobbton Elementary	March 29, 2019
Hargrove Elementary	April 5, 2019
Union Elementary	April 8-9, 2019
Roseboro Elementary	April 11, 2019
Midway Elementary	April 12, 2019
Clement Elementary	April 17, 2019
Salemburg Elementary	April 18, 2019



\*\*Please contact the school in your district to schedule an appointment for your child to attend the clinic.

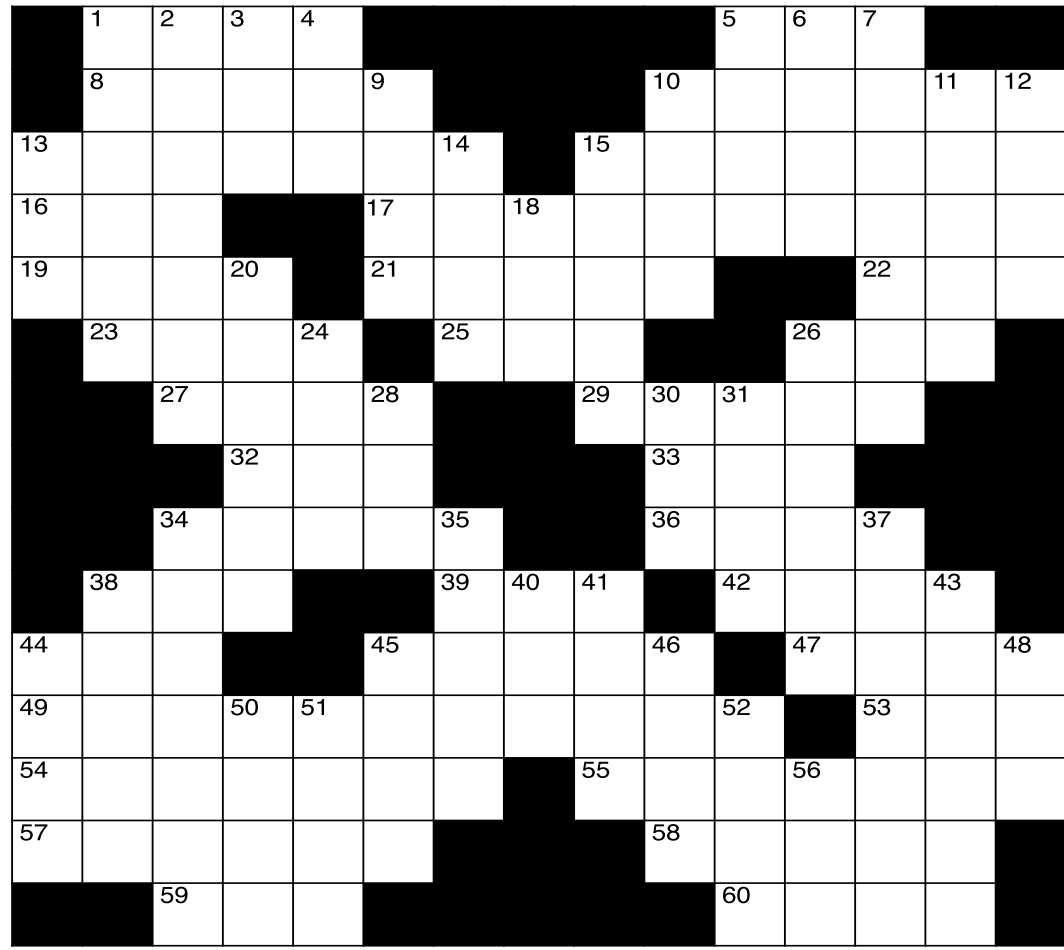
Copies of the child's birth certificate and immunization record are required for the clinic.

If your child has not had their Health Assessment done prior to the clinic date, please schedule an appointment with your child's physician or your local Health Department as soon as possible. **These physicals are required by State Law to be completed within 30 days of the beginning of school and no earlier than one year prior to school enrollment.**

At the present time, North Carolina State Law requires a Comprehensive Vision Screening by a health care provider prior to beginning Kindergarten. If your child fails the vision screening, the health care provider will refer your child to an ophthalmologist or optometrist for a complete vision exam.

**\*\*All children who reach age five on or before August 31 are eligible for entry into Kindergarten.**

# Crossword Puzzle

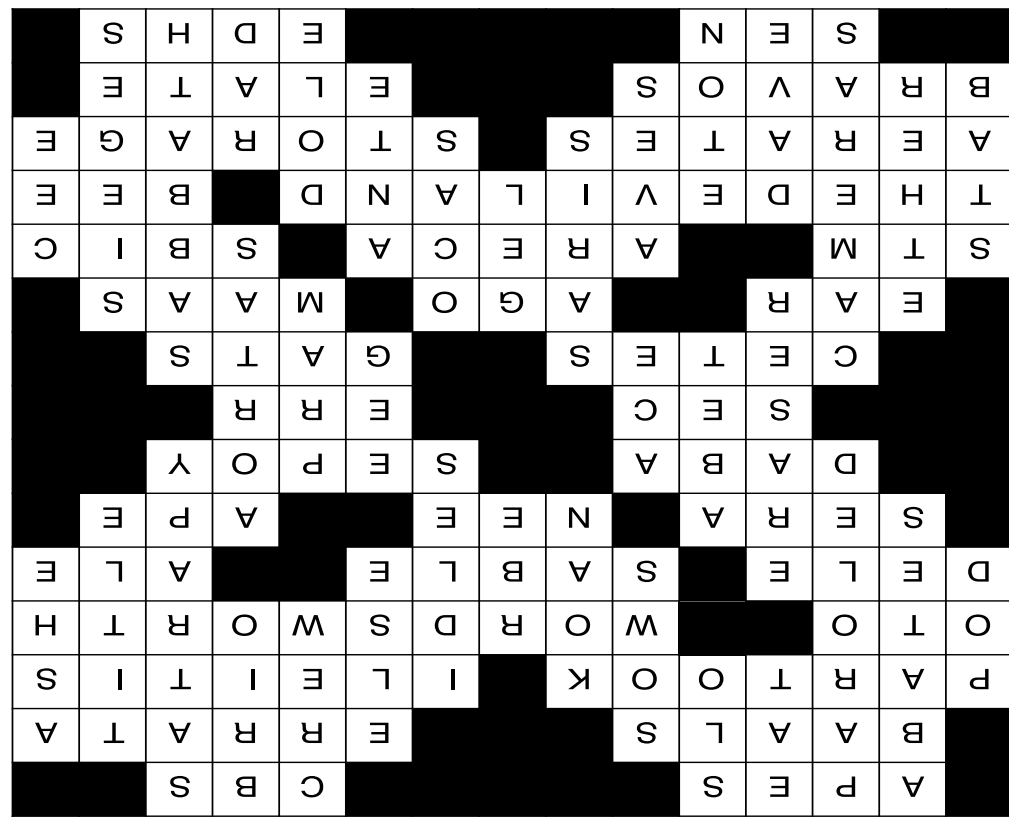


**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Mimics
- 5. Ed Murrow's home
- 8. Semitic gods
- 10. Print errors
- 13. Shared
- 15. Intestinal inflammation
- 16. Word element meaning ear
- 17. English romantic poet
- 19. Proofreading symbol
- 21. Marten pelt
- 22. Brew
- 23. Liquid body substances
- 25. Born of
- 26. Large primate
- 27. Aka \_\_\_ Honeymoon
- 29. Indian solder
- 32. NYSE regulator
- 33. Be incorrect
- 34. Badger groups
- 36. Gangster pistols
- 38. Hearing receptor
- 39. Gone by
- 42. "Heir of Fire" author Sarah
- 44. Short-term memory
- 45. Egg-shaped nut palms
- 47. Invests in little enterprises
- 49. "\_\_\_\_\_ Daniel Webster"
- 53. Busy, honey or quilting
- 54. Supplies with air
- 55. Repository
- 57. Verbal approvals
- 58. Make joyful
- 59. 1/100 yen
- 60. Lam \_\_\_: 12th hebrew letter (pl)

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Diminishes
- 2. Set free
- 3. Consume
- 4. Salem-Leckrone Airport
- 5. Rowing team
- 6. Gusto (Italian)
- 7. Territory ruled by a Satrap
- 9. Disseminates
- 10. Other
- 11. Appellation
- 12. Arthur \_\_\_ Stadium (USTA)
- 13. Seed container
- 14. Paradoxical Zen question
- 15. Runs disconnected
- 18. Rainbow Effect (abbr.)
- 20. Chalk remover
- 24. Assist in some wrongdoing
- 26. Main arterial vessels
- 28. Unreturned serve
- 30. Brain wave instrument
- 31. Baby carriage
- 34. Image recorders
- 35. Indian frocks
- 37. Jewish day of rest
- 38. Earliest anesthetic
- 40. Hair product
- 41. So. Am. wood sorrels
- 43. Blockades
- 44. Pierce
- 45. The class of birds
- 46. Stake
- 48. After B
- 50. Comedian Letterman
- 51. British School
- 52. 1996 presidential candidate
- 56. Radioactivity unit



# SUDOKU

**Fun By The Numbers**

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.

	5	8	3				4	
			5			6		2
		2	7				3	
7		9		3	8	5		4
	2	1					6	3
4					7	8		
5			4			2		
	8			9	5	4		
2		4		1	6	3		9

**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!

9	5	3	9	1	8	4	7	2
9	7	4	5	6	2	3	8	1
8	1	2	3	7	4	9	6	5
1	6	8	7	2	9	5	3	4
3	9	7	4	5	9	1	2	8
4	2	5	8	3	1	6	9	7
5	3	6	1	8	7	2	4	9
2	8	9	6	4	5	7	1	3
7	4	1	2	6	3	8	5	9

# CIRCUS WORD SEARCH

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P	E	F	I	I	T	O	L	S	N	E	I	P	I	G	W	D	G	P
G	Q	O	O	S	A	A	I	W	Q	G	U	J	F	H	Y	G	K	P
L	N	N	U	T	R	O	O	I	A	S	R	E	L	G	G	U	J	A
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| ACROBATS  | HERALDS      | CIRCUS        | PERCH      |
| ADAGIO    | HOWDAH       | CLOWN         | PITCHMAN   |
| AERIAL    | INTRODUCTION | CONCESSIONS   | PROGRAM    |
| APPARATUS | JUGGLERS     | ELEPHANT      | PROPS      |
| BALANCING | KEISTER      | EQUESTRIAN    | RIGGING    |
| BALLYHOO  | MENAGERIE    | FLOAT         | ROUSTABOUT |
| BUNGEE    | NET          | FUNAMBULIST   | STUNT      |
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## HEALTH

# Sampson County Health Department Maternal Health Program

By: *Mary Anne Johnson, RN ERRN*

As the New Year has begun, there are many things that we can do to stay healthy. For those that are planning pregnancy or that are pregnant, there are steps that can be taken toward a healthy pregnancy.

Starting a family can be a time of happiness, as well as, a tremendous responsibility!

There are things that a woman does before and during pregnancy that can affect her health and any children she may have. It is important to take care of yourself physically and emotionally. For those of you that are trying to have a baby or are just thinking about it, it is not too early to begin getting ready. Two things that you can start with to increase your chances of having a healthy baby is to focus on having preconception health and health care.

First, make a plan and take Action! Setting goals in life is very important, no matter what we are doing. Talk to your provider about preconception health care and discuss your health history and current medical condition. Collect information about your family's health history to take with you to your first visit, because it may be important for your child's health. If you smoke, drink alcohol, or use "street" drugs, live in a stressful and/or abusive environment; or work with or around toxic substances, then professionals can help with counseling, treatment, and support services. Smoking, drinking alcohol, and using street drugs can cause many problems such as premature birth, birth defects, as well as, infant death. If you are trying to get pregnant and cannot stop these behaviors, then get help!

It is recommended to take a folic acid, which is a B vitamin at least a month before and during pregnancy to help prevent major birth defects of the baby's brain and spine. There are certain medicines during pregnancy that can cause serious birth defects. Always talk with your provider before taking prescription, over-the-counter medications or dietary and herbal supplements.

Reaching and maintaining a healthy weight has many benefits. People who are over-



weight or obese have a higher risk for many complications. The key to achieving and maintaining a healthy weight involves a lifestyle that includes healthy eating and physical activity for years to come.

Mental Health is important in everyday life. It is how we think, feel, and act as we deal with life. To be at your best, you need to feel good about your life and value yourself. This is especially important when you are pregnant.

Once you are pregnant, keep up your new and acquired healthy habits and see your provider regularly throughout your pregnancy. Your provider will discuss this with you.

We provide early and continuous prenatal care to expectant mothers who are residents of Sampson County. The health department functions as a Pregnancy Medical Home. Therefore, we communicate with our OB Care Manager Nurses to provide caring and effective prenatal care. We accept private insurances, Medicaid, and services may be based on a sliding scale fee. For more information, or to schedule an appointment to begin prenatal care, call Sampson County Health Department at 910-592-1131, extension 4001 or 4220.

## How to Help Kids Develop Healthy Dental Habits



Copying adult behavior is a part of childhood development. While you may not always love it when your child repeats everything you say, when it comes to healthy dental habits, you can use this to your advantage.

"It's easier to teach a younger child good oral health habits than to break an older child of poor ones. Encourage your children to take good care of their teeth by showing them how well you take care of your own," says Dr. Michael Hahn, a licensed dentist and Cigna's national dental director. "Tooth decay is one of the most common chronic diseases among children in the U.S., but it is also largely preventable."

To help instill good dental health habits in children, Dr. Hahn suggests parents and guardians lead by example in the following ways:

- **Go for regular dental checkups:** More than one third of adults in the U.S. ages 18 to 64 failed to visit the dentist at least once in 2016, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Set a good example so that children don't skip dental exams when they become adults. Make family appointments for everyone to visit the dentist for checkups and routine cleanings. Be positive when talking about it with children, even if you harbor your own anxieties about dental care. Consider the alternative: when you skip regular dental checkups and cleanings, it becomes more likely that a small problem will grow larger and become more expensive to treat.

- **Eat breakfast together:** A healthy breakfast can set the tone for a healthy day and may even reduce one's cravings for sugary snacks later. Sugary and sticky snacks can remain on teeth for hours, providing time for bacteria and acids to begin causing their damage, leading to tooth decay. Beyond breakfast, you can set a good example by packing tooth-friendly healthful lunches with fruits and vegetables for yourself and

your children.

- **Drink water:** Making water your household's go-to beverage will also help limit your family's exposure to sugary alternatives. It can also provide an ongoing way to rinse your teeth between meals and after snacks, to limit the length of time food particles remain on the teeth.

- **Brush and floss:** Follow the American Dental Association recommendations found on their website for brushing twice a day for two minutes each time and flossing at least once daily. Don't just remind your children to brush their teeth, join them on occasion so that they can see that it can be fun. Incorporating a two-minute timer as part of the ritual can make it more of a game.

More tips for families can be found at [cigna.com/dental](http://cigna.com/dental).

You can be a great role model for your children when it comes to dental health. With a positive attitude, you can help your kids form healthy habits that last a lifetime, which in turn will help them keep their teeth for their lifetime.

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**CRIME**

**Arrest Reports**

02-01 George Jorge Cologne, 44; 246 Ruby Lane, Clinton; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Failure to Appear-Misdemeanor Larceny; Bond \$3,000; Court Date 02-22

02-01 Olga Daisy Logares Rivera, 24; 181 Ruby Lane, Clinton; Intimidating Witness; Bond \$10,000; Court Date 02-08

02-01 Jerry Glenn Howard, 38; 212 Lonnie Parker Lane, Clinton; Order for Arrest-No Operators License; Bond \$500; Court Date 02-11

02-01 Antwon Leon Brown, 27; 1225 Carroll Store Rd., Autryville; DWLR; Court Date 03-22

02-01 Thomas Xavier Boone, 23; 2426 New Hope Church Rd., Turkey; Warrant Service for Other Agency-Order for Arrest Speeding; 2 Counts: Warrant Service for Other Agency-Order for Arrest DWLR; Bond \$1,000; Court Date 03-07

02-02 Cord Afam Clark, 20; 17240 Old Lumberton Rd., Laurinburg; Disorderly Conduct; Bond \$500; Court Date 02-12

02-02 Michelle Lynn Edwards, 46; 919 East Nicholson St., Clinton; DWLR; Court Date 03-07

02-02 London Andrew Russell, 20; 11130 CV Towway Dr., Norfolk; C&R;

Speeding; Flee to Elude with Motor Vehicle; Bond \$15,000; Court Date 02-08

02-03 Gabarette Lopez Salvador, 59; 1092 Cecil-Odie Rd., Clinton; No Operators License; Court Date 03-07

02-03 Julia Lizandra Cifuentez, 22; 2027 Feed Mill Rd., Roseboro; Expired Tags; No Operators License; Court Date 03-07

02-03 Oliver Terrell Owens, 40; 3498 Herring Rd., Rose Hill; DWLR-Not Impaired Rev; Court Date 03-07

02-03 James Max Finshum, 19; 2052 N Beston Rd., La Grange; Second Degree Trespass; Burglary/Breaking and Entering; Court Date 03-21

02-04 Emmanuel Mikel Kerr, 24; 163 Longview Lake Rd., Garland; Simple Assault; Bond \$500; Court Date 02-21

02-04 Raymond Henry Stranz, 35; 12180 Suttontown Rd., Faison; Injury to Personal Property; Court Date 02-25

02-04 William Field Burch, 33; 600 Johnston Hwy., Newton Grove; Communicating Threats; Injury to Personal Property; Resisting Public Officer; Bond \$6,000; Court Date 02-26

02-04 Bobby Allen Pope, 37; 1121 Butler Island Rd., Roseboro; Communicating Threats; Simple Assault; Bond \$500; Court Date 02-25

02-04 Nicholas Allen Cash, 31; 701 North

East St., Roseboro; Communicating Threats; Bond \$1,000; Court Date 02-28

02-05 Tony Wayne-Dustin Strouth, 47; 251 Bernice Rd., Clinton; Failure to Comply-Order for Arrest; Bond \$635; Court Date 02-28

02-05 Dalton Colt Smith, 26; 305 Puryear Lane, Dunn; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Possession of Methamphetamine; Bond \$20,000; Court Date 02-08

02-05 Christopher Trevon Graham, 25; 788 Isaac Rd., Clinton; Failure to Appear-Felony Possession of Cocaine; Bond \$20,000; Court Date 02-25

02-05 Jonathan Edward Carr, 31; 178 Old Brick Mill Rd., Roseboro; Habitual Impaired Driving; Resisting Public Officer; Bond \$27,500; Court Date 03-05

02-05 Melanie Rice Laws, 45; 920 Torgatine Lane, Wilmington; No Vehicle Inspection; Expired Registration Tag; Court Date 04-15

02-05 Hailey Aleise Splawn, 21; 5658 Old Warsaw Rd., Clinton; Possess Marijuana; Possess Drug Paraphernalia

**Incident/Investigation Reports**

02-02 James Hilburn reported the Larceny of a Hunting Blind located at 956 Hunter Rd., Clinton.

02-02 Ellis Bass reported the Theft of a Registration Plate located at 276 Jeffrey Lane, Autryville.

02-03 Christopher Benton reported a Breaking and Entering located at 5347 Plainview Hwy., Dunn. No items were reported missing.

02-04 Peggy Edwards reported a Burglary located at 125 Ellis St., Clinton. Item reported missing a Miter Saw.

02-04 Russell Pope reported the Larceny of a Firearm located at 180 Raymond Lane, Clinton.

02-04 Maryann Young reported a Burglary located at 85 Crystal Lane, Autryville. Items reported missing included a stove, refrigerator and a dyer.

02-05 Liseta Clowney reported the Theft from a Vehicle located at 303 Dogwood Circle, Clinton. Items reported missing a wallet, Social Security Card, NC Drivers License, Food Stamp Card and US Currency.

02-05 Enoc Zacaras reported the Larceny of a License Plate located at 7 Ivy Lane, Newton Grove.

02-05 Timothy Wetter reported a Burglary located at 430 Dewitt Williams Rd., Autryville. No items were reported missing.

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

**OBITUARIES**

**CLINTON**

**Gladys Gaynell Autry, 76**, of 2206 Honrine Road, passed away Saturday, February 2, 2019 at Wayne Memorial Hospital. Gladys, born in 1942 in Wayne County, was the daughter of the late Gilbert Louis Pate and Gladys Virginia Pate and was the widow of Billy Autry. She was a homemaker. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her children, Karen Bradshaw, Virginia Autry and Michael Autry. A graveside service was held at 2:30 PM, Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at Hill Crest Cemetery in Newton Grove, NC, with the Rev. Billy Bass and Ray Pate officiating. The family received friends from 1 PM – 2 PM, Wednesday February 6 at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home. Survivors include: son, Billy Gene Autry and fiancé, Carolyn; grandchildren, Josh Autry, Amanda Autry, Lindsey Autry, Chrissy Bass, Jason Bradshaw, Nina Thompson, Christopher Cameron, and Michael Reed Autry; eleven great grandchildren; and brother, Ray Pate and wife Edna. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.crumpler-honeycutt.com](http://www.crumpler-honeycutt.com). Arrangements are by Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville St., Clinton, NC 28328.



Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home and at other times at the home. George Washington born in 1930 in Sampson County, was the son of the late Ozzie Lee Carter and Nellie Fryar Carter. He was a farmer and attended Serenity Baptist Church. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by thirteen brothers and sisters. Survivors include; wife, Lula Jane Carter; children, George Ray Carter (Charlene), Brenda c. Stancil (Gerald), O. L. Carter (Audrey), Michael A. Carter (Dorothy); and eight grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.crumpler-honeycutt.com](http://www.crumpler-honeycutt.com). Arrangements are by Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville St., Clinton, NC 28328.

**AUTRYVILLE**

**Mrs. Estalene Hall Autry, 91** of Autryville, passed away Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at her home. The funeral service was held at 1:00pm Saturday, February 2, at Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, with Reverend Nick Smith officiating. Burial followed at T.J. Hall Cemetery. She was born December 16, 1927 in Sampson County and was the daughter of Lorenza Dow and Mittie Arlie Fisher Hall. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Kermit Wade Autry; daughter-in-law, Barbara Autry; son-in-law, Richard G. Sisko; and seven brothers, Jessie, Willard, Lewis Allen, Clarence, Curtis, Jennings, and Earl Hall. She worked as an Accountant and was a member of the North Carolina Society of Accountants. She was also a member of Long Branch Baptist Church. A matriarch in every sense of the word, Estalene was a devoted mother, exuberant grandmother, loving aunt, and best friend and confidant to all who knew her. She was witty, accomplished, and giving to a fault. There are not enough words to do her and her legacy justice. She simply was one of the most amazing women of her generation, and the world is less bright now that she is gone. She is survived by one daughter, Gloria Dean Autry of Stedman; one son, Dale Autry of Autryville; two grandchildren, Kimberly J. Ward (husband, Jeffrey T. Ward) and Richard Bryan Sisko (wife, Catherine Torres); and two great grandchildren, Carmen Sisko, and Gloria Sisko. The family received friends from 6:00 to 8:00pm Friday evening at Butler Funeral Home and other times at the home. Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro is serving the family.



receive friends from 12:30 to 1:45pm prior to the funeral service. Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro is serving the family.

**AUTRYVILLE**

**Mrs. Cherry S. Faircloth, 84** of Autryville, passed away on Friday, February 1, 2019 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in Fayetteville. The funeral service was held at 3:00pm Sunday, February 3 at Long Branch Baptist Church, 2868 Minnie Hall Road, Autryville, with Rev. Richard Spell and Rev. Randy Beasley officiating. Burial followed at the Daniel Hall Cemetery. Mrs. Faircloth was a native of Sampson County, the daughter of Jordan and Katie Hall Sessoms. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Thomas Faircloth; and her daughter, Vicky Faircloth. She was a retired Seamstress with Stedman Sewing Factory. She is survived by four daughters, Linda F. Page (husband, Aaron), Beth Faircloth, Felicia F. Coats (husband, Dannie), and Tammy J. Faircloth; one son, Jeff Faircloth (wife, Karen); eleven grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren. The family received friends from 6:00 to 8:00pm Saturday evening at Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, and other times at her home. Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro is serving the family.



**ELIZABETHTOWN**

**Mr. Nathan Autry 88** of Autrytown Rd. Elizabethtown, NC, died Tuesday, February 05, 2019 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice in Whiteville, NC. Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Carter Funeral Home in Garland.



**CLINTON**

**Estella Bradshaw 82** of 117 Doris Ave. passed away on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at Wake Med in Raleigh. Born in El Paso, Texas in 1936 to the late Rafael and Luz Marie Valverde Flores. Estella worked with Sampson Regional Medical Center for 20 years. She is preceded in death by sisters: Elizabeth Espinoza and Tencha Huey. A Graveside service will be held at Grandview Memorial Gardens at 1:00 pm on Saturday, February 9, 2019 by Father Joseph Dionne officiating. Estella leaves to cherish her memories her husband of 55 years PA Bradshaw of the home, Son: Earl Bradshaw of Clinton, Daughter Luz Marie Meyer of Clinton, brother: Rafael Flores Jr. of San Francisco, Ca., Sister: Marta Melton Dambeck (Husband Dr. Allyn) of Clinton, 3 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren. The Bradshaw Family will receive friends at their home at 117 Doris Ave. Clinton from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm on Friday February 8, 2019.



**EVINGTON, VA**

**Mrs. Mary Barbour Ezzell, 76** of Evington, Va, passed away on Sunday, February 3, 2019 at her home. The funeral service will be held at 2:00pm Saturday, February 9, at Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, with Reverend Bryan Owens and Reverend Andy Wood officiating. Burial will follow at Grandview Memorial Park. Born on June 10, 1942 in Johnson County, Nc, she was the daughter of Hubert Ezra and Annie Daughtry Barbour. She was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Eddie Earl Ezzell; and sister, Doris Jean Owens. Mary enjoyed her flower gardens, beach trips and fishing. She was also a leader with the PTA and was an active member of Peninsula Missionary Baptist Church, Newport News, Va. Mary is survived by her husband Kenneth Ezzell; daughter, Karen Gunter; grandchildren, Kenneth Ezzell, II (Melody Ridgeway), Jessica Thomas (Francis), and James Gunter, III (Amy); three great grandchildren, Malayah Ezzell, Francis "Trey" Thomas, III, and Kennedy Ezzell; sisters, Linda Faye Vann (Sam), Annie Ruth Torgerson (Donald), Wanda Kaye Olsen (Carl), and Kathy McCrickard (Gary); brother-in-law, Johnny Owens; and numerous other family members and friends. The family will



**CLINTON**

**Mr. William Foreman, 77**, of Hyattsville, MD, formerly of Clinton, NC, passed away Wednesday, January 30, 2019 at Washington Adventist Hospital, Takoma Park, MD. The funeral service will be held at 1pm, Saturday, February 9, 2019 at St. Paul Church of Christ, Clinton, NC with Rev. Kenneth Morrissey officiating. Mr. Foreman is survived by WIFE-Agnes Chance Foreman of the home; SONS-Billy Barnes of Hyattsville, MD and George Barnes of Clinton, NC; five grandchildren Burial with military honors in Sandhill Cemetery, Clinton, NC. Visitation at Worley Funeral Home Friday, February 8, 2019; Public: 1pm - 6pm; Family: 5pm - 6pm.



**ROSEBORO**

**Mary Evelyn Hailey, Age-65, 188** Oates Rd. Roseboro, N.C. died Sunday 2/3/19 at SECU Hospice House, Smithfield, N.C. Funeral Service was held Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 1:00 pm at Snow Hill MBC in Roseboro, NC. Interment: Roseboro Cemetery. Public Visitation: One hour prior to the service (12:00 pm-1:00 pm). Butler & Son Funeral Home, Inc. Roseboro, NC

**MOUNT OLIVE**

**Mr. Fred Harris** passed away Friday, February 1, 2019. Mr. Harris's funeral service was held Thursday, February 7th beginning at 6 p.m. at Brownings United Methodist Church, Mt. Olive. Visitation followed the funeral service. Mr. Harris will have a graveside service Friday, February 8th in Hillcrest Cemetery at 11:00



**George Washington Carter, 88**, of 1678 Ozzie Road, passed away Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at his home. Funeral service was held at 2 PM, Thursday, February 7, 2019 at Serenity Baptist Church with Rev. Jimmy Flowers and Rev. Raeford Carter officiating. Entombment followed in Grandview Memorial Gardens. The family received friends from 6 PM – 8 PM, Wednesday February 6, 2019 at



# OBITUARIES

a.m. Officiating the services will be Rev. Arthur Warren, Rev. Donald Massey and Garrett Strickland. Fred was a loving husband and father for over sixty years. His loving Wife, Anne Daughtry Harris, passed away just 2 months ago. Fred had been devoted to her care for the past fourteen years. Their three children enjoyed a life with adoring and devoted parents. Fred was a gifted mechanic and Massey Ferguson restorer. He was always looking for a deal on farm equipment. Fred attended Brownings United Methodist Church and received God into his heart on Wednesday morning prior to his death. Everyone will remember his quick smile, love of helping everyone he met, and his strong work ethics. As he would say; "Get up and go to work". Left to cherish his fond memories are his children; Katie Vann and husband Kern of Mt. Olive, Joyce H. King and friend Richard Wilson of Newton Grove and Shell Harris and wife Lisa of Mt. Olive. His grandchildren; Jason Vann, Andrew and wife Katie Vann, Elizabeth Parker and husband Tim, Johnathon King, Ashley Joyner and husband Johnny and Jeremy Harris. Great Grandchildren; Cameron Joyner, Cheyanne Joyner, Lillie Parker, Audrey Parker, John Luke Parker and Eliza Vann. Brother; Ed Harris. Sisters; Debra Weaver and Hazel Mills. Sister-in-law, Faye Sanderson. Brother-in-laws; Tommy Daughtry and Bobby Daughtry and wife Debbie. Mr. Fred was preceded in death by; parents; Zack and Rose Harris, his beloved wife; Merinda "Anne" Harris. Also, two brothers and two sisters. The family will receive family and friends other times at the home of Shell and Lisa Harris, 6230 US Hwy 13 South, Mt. Olive, N.C. Memorials may be made to Brownings United Methodist Church, 6490 Mt. Olive Highway, Mt. Olive, N.C. 28365

## GARLAND

**Gertie Pearl Mainor Herring, 80** of 2755 Harrells Hwy, Garland, NC, was born on June 15, 1938 in Sampson County, NC to Thomas and Bessie Mainor. She changed her earthly address to her heavenly address on February 1, 2019. To God be the Glory! Gertie was the youngest of 14 children, the baby. She married Elvie Lee Herring on January 23, 1956. Shortly after their marriage, they relocated to Waterbury CT. In 1960, they moved back to Garland with their family. The Herring family was a blessed family with two loving parents. Gertie received her education at Bland School in Harrells, NC. After 18 years, she left her profession as a seamstress at Fleetline Shirt Factory (Brook Brothers) to continue her education at Sampson Community College and obtained her certification as a Nursing Assistant. She was employed at Sampson Memorial Hospital for several years, until she retired to care for her husband. She was also a daycare worker (she loved children) and a florist working for one of the largest African American owned florist (Fennell's Florist) in Wilmington, NC and at Carter's Florist. She actually made the flowers for Michael Jordon father's funeral. In addition to her vocational occupations she wore several hats: wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, friend, potter, hair dresser, cook (she did not believe in recipes and measurements), disciplinarian, farmer, banker, teacher, mediator, judge and counselor; but most of all the Rock and Glue of our family. Gertie was a faithful member of St. Stephens A.M.E. Zion Church in Garland, NC. She served on various committees, including Senior and Youth Choir Director, Sunday School Secretary and Home Missions Worker. Gertie spent three years in Massachusetts to provide childcare to her two great-grandchildren (Laila and DaQuall, Jr.). While in Massachusetts she attended at Mission Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in Somerville, MA and was baptized in Jesus Name and filled with the gift of the Holy Ghost. Gertie loved the Lord, she could often be found singing hymns with her baby daughter Valeria and more recently with her bigger baby daughter Ina. To her family Gertie was affectionally know as: Ma, Momma, Granny, Grandma, G.P., Pretty Lady, and Real Grandma. To her friends she was known as: Gert, Pearl, Aunt Pearl, Momma Gertie, Gertie Pearl and Mother Herring. Funeral service will be held at 11:00AM Friday, February 08, 2019 at St. Stephens A.M.E. Zion Church, by the Reverend Hugh Miller. Burial will follow in the Garland Community Cemetery. Gertie was preceded in death by her husband Elvie Lee Herring, four brothers and six sisters. She leaves to cherish her memory: five loving daughters, Sandra Bryant, Rosehill, NC; Cynthia Fennell, Fayetteville, NC; Ina Johnson (Gerald), Garland, NC; Clarissa Brown, Malden, MA; Valeria Russ, Fayetteville, NC and one son Fredrick Herring, Garland, NC. Three siblings: Willie Mae Lee, Esther Hayes (Bill) and Frederick Mainor. Grandchildren: Donald Bryant (Tammy), DaQuall Graham (Sheena), Shabakka Herring (Jennifer), Marcus Hardison (Takea) and Leonard Russ (Violette). Great-Grandchildren: Myteeanna, Quinton, Laila, DaQuall, Jr., Payton, Claudia Pearl, Braxton, Caleb, Norah Ann, and Godson, DaQuan. She will also be cherished by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends. The public was received on Thursday, February 07, 2018 from 1:00PM-5:00PM, to sign the register for Mrs. Gertie. There will be a private viewing for family only.



## CLINTON

**Armon Henry Jacobs, 75**, of 160 Kitty Fork Road, passed away Friday, February 1, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center. Funeral service was held at 3 PM, Monday, February 4, 2019 at New Bethel Baptist Church, with the Rev. Mitchell Brewington, Rev. Wilda Faircloth and Rev. Kent Jacobs officiating. Interment

followed in the church cemetery. The family received friends one hour before the funeral at the church. Armon, born in Sampson County in 1943, was the son of the late Rev. Lloyd Henry Jacobs and Lydia Mae Simmons Jacobs. He was in automotive sales and attended New Bethel Baptist Church. In addition to his parents he was preceded by brothers, Elton Howard Jacobs, Lungher Vinson Jacobs, and Gurry Nelson Jacobs. Survivors include: Daughter, Desiree Basilovecchio (Anthony) of Lancaster, PA., Jonathan Jacobs (Tiaesha) of Charlotte, Jason Jacobs (Janet) of Matthews, NC and Marcus Jacobs of Miami, NC, and their mother, Laura Kaye of Lake Wylie, SC, Carrie Shuler (Michael) of Cullowhee, NC, Byron Thurston Johnson (Tajuana) of Albemarle, Timothy Johnson of Norwood, NC, Crystal McFaul of Albemarle, NC and Paul Arnold; nineteen grandchildren, and one brother Lawery Jacobs of Fayetteville. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.crumpler-honeycutt.com](http://www.crumpler-honeycutt.com). Arrangements are by Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville St., Clinton, NC 28328.

## FAISON

**Mr. John Larry King, 87**, of Suttontown Road, Faison, passed away Thursday, January 31, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center, Clinton. Mr. King's funeral service was held Monday, February 4, 2019 at Goshen New Life Pentecostal Holiness Church, Faison at 11:00 a.m. Visitation was held Sunday, February 3rd from 6 till 8 PM at West & Dunn Funeral Home, Newton Grove. Officiating the service will be Rev. Ken White. Mr. King

was laid to rest in Wayne Memorial Park, Dudley, N.C. Mr. King leaves to cherish his memories his sons; Garry King and John Kent King and wife Candace of Faison, grandchildren; Shannon, Donnis, Elizabeth, Johnathon, Kimberly, Hailey, Brianna and John Thomas. Great Grandchildren; Axle, Rose, Lillie Rose, Audrey, John Luke, Fisher, Porter, Aeris and Alex. Mr. King was preceded in death by his parents; Henry C. and Donnie E. King. His wife; Dora Mae King, son; Ronald King and 3 brothers and 3 sisters. Online condolences may be made at [www.westanddunn.com](http://www.westanddunn.com). Services have been entrusted to West & Dunn Funeral Homes, Inc., Newton Grove, North Carolina.



## DUNN

**Mr. Billy Sherwood Lee, 80**, of Dunn, died Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at his home. Mr. Lee was born August 21, 1938 in Harnett County to the late Emuel S. & Pauline Dorman Lee. Mr. Lee was preceded in death by his brother, George Lee, and his son-in-law, Harris Royal. Mr. Lee was a 1957 graduate of Dunn High School and a member of Mingo Baptist Church. Mr. Lee worked in retail produce from age 16 until his retirement at age 62. He was known for his hard work ethic. Mr. Lee loved his family, especially his daughter Sherrye, and grandsons Patrick and Jackson. A funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, February 1, 2019 at Mingo Baptist Church with Rev. Louis Strickland officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Mr. Lee is survived by his wife of 56 years, Pat Lee of the home, daughter, Sherrye Royal of Dunn, sister, Carolyn Lee Jackson & husband Ronnie of Clinton; grandsons, Patrick Royal and Jackson Royal; sister-in-law, Linda Lee of Dunn; niece, Leanne J. Camp and husband Dan; and nephews, Scott Jackson and wife Monica, and Daren Lee; four great nieces. Visitation was at 1:00 p.m., one hour prior to the service at Mingo Baptist Church. Flowers are welcome; however, memorials may be made to Mingo Baptist Church, 1465 Mingo Church Rd., Dunn, NC 28334. Arrangements are by Skinner & Smith Funeral Home of Dunn.



## CLINTON

**Mrs. Bettye Hargrove Morrisey, 89**, of 62 Harper Street, passed away Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center, Clinton, NC. The funeral service was held at 11 a.m., Saturday, February 2, 2019 at Poplar Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Faison, NC with Rev. Randolph Morrisey officiating. Burial in Hillcrest Memorial Park, Clinton, NC. Mrs. Morrisey is survived by her DAUGHTERS-Carolyn Benjamin, Laverne Morrisey, Annette Marshall, Deborah Edwards all of Clinton, NC and Barbara Newman of Garner, NC; SONS-James Morrisey, Rev. Randolph Morrisey both of Clinton, NC and Dr. Lamont Morrisey of Burlington, NC; SISTERS-Estelle Slade of Brooklyn, NY and Laura Hobbs of Warsaw, NC; 15 grandchildren, and 27 great grandchildren. Visitation at Worley Funeral Home Friday, February 1, 2019, Public: 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.; Family present; 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.



## FAYETTEVILLE

**Ms. Renata Jean Pranger, 40** of Fayetteville, passed away on Wednesday, January 30, 2019. A memorial service was held at 7:30pm Tuesday, February 5, at Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, with Reverend Bobby Herring officiating. The family received friends beginning at 6:00pm prior to the service. She was preceded in death by her mother, Donna Davis Pranger, and her paternal grandparents, Jerome and Bernadine Pranger of Winchester, IL. She worked as a Paramedic for Sampson County EMS in Clinton, NC. Renata cherished all the friendships she had made with all the First Responders while working for Sampson County EMS. She is survived by her father, James M. Pranger of Fayetteville; her sisters, Morgan Gover (Seth) of Smithfield, MO, and Sally Ratiffiee (Brandon) of Charleston, SC; grandparents, John and Ramona Reed of Fairfield, IL; and her special friend, Dan. In lieu of flowers, the family request memorials for Renata be made to Crohn's & Colitis Foundation or the local volunteer First Responder ORG. of your community in her name. Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro is serving the family.



## CLINTON

**Steven Mitchell Robinson 60** of 105 Elm Lane passed away on Friday, February 1, 2019 at his home. Steven was born in 1958 in Prince George, Maryland to Brooks and Mary Keith Styles Robinson. He was employed by Hog Slat for 29 years, he met his loving wife in Romania and they have been married for 10 years. A Celebration of Steven's Life will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, February 16, 2019 at Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Service & Cremation, 1246 Hobbton Hwy, Clinton, NC. Steven leaves to cherish his memories: His wife of 10 years: Gilla Robinson of the home, Daughters: Jessica Harrison of Ca., Suzanna Rosu of Romania, Kathlin Mathe of the home, sisters: Pam Likens of Swansboro and Kathy Grimes of Goldsboro, 2 grandchildren.



## NEWTON GROVE

**Elaine Hernandez Saez 54** of 100 Glory Lane died Friday evening February 1, 2019 at her home. Funeral Service was held 11:00am Tuesday February 5, 2019 at Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Chapel 1246 Hobbton Hwy Clinton by the Pastor Edwin Hernandez officiating Burial followed in the Clinton City Cemetery. Visitation was held 6:00pm until 9:00pm Monday February 4, 2019 at Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Service & Cremation 1246 Hobbton Hwy Clinton



## ROSEBORO

**Mr. Johnnie Ray Sessoms, 62** of Roseboro, passed away Monday, February 4, 2019 at his home. The funeral service was held at 2:00pm Thursday, February 7, at Butler Funeral Home, 401 W.

Roseboro Street, with Reverend Jeff Bartlett officiating. Burial followed at Sunrise Memorial Gardens. Mr. Sessoms was a native of Sampson County, the son of John Wesley Sessoms, Jr. and Shelver Jean Sessoms. He was preceded in death by his parents. He was retired from Goodyear Tire Company after 40 years of service. He is survived by his wife, Donna Sutton Sessoms of the home; son, Wesley Shubert Sessoms of the home; daughter, Amanda Sessoms James of Roseboro; brother, James Walter Sessoms and wife, Kaye of Roseboro; three grandchildren, Cameron Sessoms, Kayley James, and Kyndall James. The family received friends from 6:00 to 8:00pm Wednesday evening at Butler Funeral Home and other times at the home. Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro is serving the family.



## NEWTON GROVE

**Mr. Charles "Hooper" Tart, 86**, of Newton Grove passed away Wednesday, February 6, 2019. Mr. Tart's funeral service will be held Saturday, February 9, 2019 St. Paul's Freewill Baptist Church, Newton Grove beginning at 11:00 a.m. Visitation will be held Friday, February 8th at St. Paul's Freewill Baptist Church from 6 till 8 p.m. Officiating the service will be Rev. Frank Grubbs and Rev. Paul Rose. Mr. Tart will be laid to rest in Hillcrest Cemetery with Military Honors. His survivors include his wife Shirley W. Tart of the home, daughters; Lark T. Thornton and husband Keith of Newton Grove, Mary Starr Tart of Newton Grove, sons; Charles H. Tart, Jr., and wife Sherry of Newton Grove, James Glenn Tart and wife Lisa of Newton Grove. Grandchildren; Loren Thornton and wife Emily, Cherish Naylor and husband Christopher, Charles H. Tart, III and wife Macey, Chance Thornton, Candice Phillips and husband Brandon, Natalie McCullen and husband Zeke, Ariel Thornton and wife Connor and Bratley Tart. Nine great grandchildren and his sister; Doris Dickens of Littleton, N.C. He was preceded in death by his parents; Bratley and Murtie W. Tart, brothers; Talmage Tart, Joe Stock Tart and Braston Tart. \*\* Memorials may be made to St. Paul's Freewill Baptist Church or to St. Jude's Children Hospital \*\* Online condolences may be made at [www.westanddunn.com](http://www.westanddunn.com). Services have been entrusted to West & Dunn Funeral Homes, Inc., Newton Grove, North Carolina.



## ROSEBORO

**Mrs. Antonia "Toni" Schuss Vaught, 91** of Roseboro, passed away Friday, February 1, 2019 at her home. A memorial service will be held at 11:00am Friday, February 8, at Roseboro United Methodist Church, 300 N. Broad Street, Roseboro, with Reverend Bobby Herring and Reverend Duke Lackey officiating. The family will receive friends following the service. She was born December 25, 1927 in Marienbad, Czech Republic. She was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Antonia Roth Schuss; and her husband, Sgt. First Class William Frederick Vaught. She worked as a Teacher's Aid and retired from Sampson County Schools. She is survived by two sons, William David Vaught (Teresa) of Garland, and Samuel Frederick Vaught of Atlanta, Ga; three grandchildren, Teresa White (Clay), Andrea Zahran (Karen Mobley), William Anthony "Tony" Vaught; one great granddaughter, Samantha Zahran; one great-great granddaughter, Rome Zahran; several nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to Roseboro United Methodist Church, PO Box 8, Roseboro, NC 28382. Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro is serving the family.



## NEWTON GROVE

**Mr. Mitchell Charles West, 51**, of S. Eldridge Road, Newton Grove, passed away Thursday, January 31, 2019 at the SECU Hospice House, Smithfield, NC. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 3:00 PM at Oak Grove OFWB Church, Newton Grove. Visitation was held from 1 till 2:45 PM just prior to the funeral service. Officiating was the Rev. Charles Ray Jernigan and Rev. Corky Herring. He was laid to rest in Warren - Oak Grove Cemetery. The family will be receiving friends at the home of Gene and Rhonda West. He is survived by his mother; Ina T. West of Newton Grove, daughter; Kaycee M. West of Clinton, brother; Gene S. West, Jr., and wife of Rhonda of Newton Grove, sisters; Sharon Smith and Marriem W. Strickland of Newton Grove. Also, left to cherish his memories are several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Gene Sherwood West, Sr. Flowers are welcome however, the family ask that memorials be made to ALS Association, P.O. Box 389, Newton Grove, N.C. 28366. Online condolences may be made at [www.westanddunn.com](http://www.westanddunn.com). Services have been entrusted to West & Dunn Funeral Homes, Inc., Newton Grove, North Carolina 28366.





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## SPEED FREAKS

A few questions we had to ask ourselves

### Anything from the offseason get your attention?

**GODSPEAK:** Keeping an eye on veteran drivers Kurt Busch and Ryan Newman starting over with new race teams.

**KEN'S CALL:** I'm intrigued by Daniel Suarez's desire to prove Joe Gibbs wrong for replacing him with Martin Truex Jr. And the Jimmie Johnson-Chad Knaus separation.

### Which team and driver most need a big Speedweeks?

**GODSPEAK:** Jimmie Johnson could use an early-season boost. Will a new crew chief and sponsor spark his performance?

**KEN'S CALL:** Denny Hamlin, just to pocket some good vibes early after an off year in 2018. Not that a good Speedweeks translates to a good season, but still, it can't hurt.

## FEUD OF THE WEEK

**KYLE BUSCH VS. BRAD KESELOWSKI:** For whatever reason, these two drivers just rub each other the wrong way. They are not fond of each other. When their paths cross, it usually causes sparks.

**GODWIN KELLY'S TAKE:** Two NASCAR champions who don't care for each other, and they carry that into 2019. "Sometimes you just don't like a guy," Busch said. This is NASCAR's most heated rivalry.

## GODWIN'S PICKS FOR CLASH AT DAYTONA

**WINNER:** Chase Elliott  
**REST OF TOP 5:** Jamie McMurray, Kyle Larson, Joey Logano, Denny Hamlin

**FIRST ONE OUT:** Alex Bowman  
**DARK HORSE:** Erik Jones  
**DON'T BE SURPRISED IF:** Chevrolet comes out of the chute with guns blazing after being down — way, way, way down — in 2018.

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# DAYTONA

## THREE THINGS TO WATCH



NASCAR fans from around the country will flock to Daytona International Speedway for stock-car racing over the next two weeks. [NEWS-JOURNAL/JIM TILLER]

### 1. Fire 'em up

The 2019 NASCAR Cup Series officially starts at 10:30 a.m. Saturday when the stock cars will appear on pit road to run the first practice of the season at Daytona International Speedway. Once those engines turn over, they won't stop until mid-November at the season finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway. After nearly three months of hibernation, race teams are ready to roll once again.

### 2. Last plate

The Daytona 500 is a big race, but on Feb. 17 the 200-lap run over Daytona International Speedway's 2.5-mile tri-oval will have additional historical value. It will be the final restrictor-plate race in NASCAR history. The plates are

used to zap horsepower from the big V-8 engines. NASCAR can do that now by using tapered spaces, which have rendered the plates obsolete. Plates have been used since 1988.

### 3. A big gulp

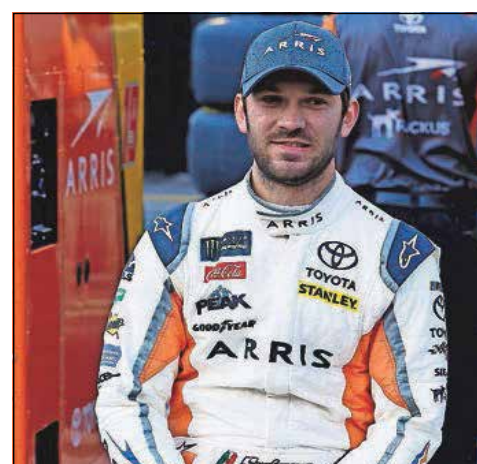
Toyota unveiled a new Camry in 2017 and won only twice in the first 17 races. Chevrolet introduced the Camaro to Cup Series competition in 2018 and had only four victories for its efforts, including a five-month gap between its first and second wins of the year. This year Ford has scrubbed its successful Fusion body for the classic Mustang, and everyone at the "Blue Oval" is taking a deep breath going into Daytona.

— Godwin Kelly, [godwin.kelly@news-jrnl.com](mailto:godwin.kelly@news-jrnl.com)

## THREE THINGS WE LEARNED THIS WINTER

### 1. Late signing

It's never too late to get a high-quality ride. Just ask Daniel Suarez. He was cut from Joe Gibbs Racing and just a few weeks ago inked a deal with Stewart-Haas Racing to wheel the No. 41 Ford vacated by Kurt Busch.



Driver Daniel Suarez was cut by Gibbs Racing but took the Arris sponsorship with him to Stewart-Haas Racing. [AP/WADE PAYNE]

### 2. Package delivery

NASCAR has started the process of testing the new engine-aero package it will use at race tracks longer than a mile. Half the Cup Series regulars showed up for a two-day test at Las Vegas. "We're all trying hard," driver Clint Bowyer told media. "We all have high expectations."

### 3. Disappearing act

Drivers are taking their offseason time seriously. Generally, you will see a driver pop up here or there for a sponsor obligation or even a charity event, but this winter most competitors went

into hiding. With a grueling 10-month schedule, drivers are taking downtime seriously.

— Godwin Kelly, [godwin.kelly@news-jrnl.com](mailto:godwin.kelly@news-jrnl.com)

## QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers

### Is this the Pack Era?

We'll soon learn, but first we spend a couple of weekends at the place that co-created — with sister track Talladega — the crazy thing known as pack-racin', which is kinda-sorta formally known as plate-racin'. Of all the things they say about plate-racin', they don't call it dull. In an effort to cater to modern entertainment needs, NASCAR will take that show on the road to all ovals a mile or longer.

### But without the plates?

After one last plate race at Daytona, the engines will be hamstrung by "tapered spacers," which basically do the same job — hamstring horsepower. And that basically does the same job: Bring the field much closer together, eliminate runaway leaders and make contenders of teams that would otherwise finish 15th at best. It won't necessarily reward the best team and driver each week, but it may reward those who spend a few hours watching, and that's the name of the game.

— Ken Willis, [ken.willis@news-jrnl.com](mailto:ken.willis@news-jrnl.com)

## NASCAR STANDINGS

### Review of last year's season-ending top 10:

1. Joey Logano	5040
2. Martin Truex Jr.	5035
3. Kevin Harvick	5034
4. Kyle Busch	5033
5. Aric Almirola	2354
6. Chase Elliott	2350
7. Kurt Busch	2350
8. Brad Keselowski	2343
9. Kyle Larson	2299
10. Ryan Blaney	2298

## WHAT'S ON TAP

**CUP SERIES:** Advance Auto Parts Clash

**SITE:** Daytona International Speedway (2.5-mile tri-oval)  
**SCHEDULE:** Saturday, practice (Fox Sports 1, 10:30 a.m.). Sunday, race (Fox Sports 1, 3 p.m.)

**CUP SERIES:** Daytona 500 qualifying

**SITE:** Daytona International Speedway  
**SCHEDULE:** Sunday (Fox, noon)

**ARCA SERIES:** Lucas Oil 200

**SITE:** Daytona International Speedway  
**SCHEDULE:** Saturday, race (Fox Sports 1, 4:30 p.m.)



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