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## Crocheting Blankets for a Good Cause



PHOTO/CREDIT : Mary Bordeaux shows off her crocheted blankets.  
(Michael Blankenship)

Mary Bordeaux, with the Housekeeping Department, has been crocheting her entire life. Three years ago, she decided to start working with Sampson Community College to distribute crocheted blankets to those in need. She makes the blankets to bring comfort, love, and protection to someone that may not have those characteristics in their life.

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## Corporal Ariel Nunez Named Police Officer of the Year



At the Tuesday night Clinton City Council meeting, Chief Donald Edwards announced the Police Officer of the Year. Chief Edwards noted that the award was quite an honor, even to be nominated is an honor. The Police Officer of the Year is nominated by his or her peers and then final recommendations are made by a committee of former Officer of the Year winners. According to Chief Edwards, "Those who have received the award in the past respect the tradition and meaning behind the selection of each honoree. Being recognized for outstanding performance is an honor but being nominated and selected by your fellow employees and former recipients is probably and even bigger honor."

In announcing the winner, Chief Edwards stated, "And an employee who earns this awards, and it truly is EARNED, has consistently demonstrated to their coworkers a pattern of work exemplifying the core values of the Clinton Police Department and they have modeled a pattern of conduct and performance that serves as an example for others to follow. This year's winner is Corporal Ariel Nunez."

Corporal Nunez joined the Clinton Police Department in April 2015 and according to Chief Edwards, "Has served professionally and with integrity throughout his career. This quality of service helped him earn the position of Corporal in the Uniform Patrol division in August 2018. During his time with the department, he has attained over 350 hours of diverse training and has proven himself to be a true asset to our team."

"There was no single act or an event that helped Cpl Nunez get selected inn 2019," noted Edwards. "There are so many selfless acts he has performed

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## KHAT Seizure



On January 8, 2020, deputies with the Sampson County Criminal Interdiction Team conducted a traffic stop for a window tint violation on Interstate 40 in the west bound lane near MM346. During the traffic stop a canine alerted to the presence of narcotics and a probable cause search was conducted. As a result of the search, 268 grams of Khat ("Cot") a Schedule I controlled substance was seized, along with over \$28,000 in US currency and a concealed firearm.

Hani Aboulquadoos Yahia Saleh, 31, of 4275 Tatum Dr. Fayetteville, NC was taken into custody and charged with: PWISD Schedule I Controlled Substance, Maintaining a Vehicle for a Controlled Substance, Drug Paraphernalia and Carrying a Concealed Weapon. A bond was set at \$75,000.

## WEATHER

<b>Fri</b>	Mostly Cloudy 10%
Hi: 70°	Lo: 57°
<b>Sat</b>	Cloudy 20%
Hi: 75°	Lo: 65°
<b>Sun</b>	AM T-Storms 40%
Hi: 72°	Lo: 61°
<b>Mon</b>	T-Storms 60%
Hi: 72°	Lo: 59°
<b>Tues</b>	Rain 60%
Hi: 70°	Lo: 59°
<b>Wed</b>	Showers 40%
Hi: 71°	Lo: 58°

## WEEKLY VERSE

Since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. Colossians 1:9

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# LOCAL NEWS

## From the Desk of Senator Brent Jackson



I hope you had a great week thus far. I want to wish you and your families a Happy New Year. As we all know, a new year represents a new chance for personal growth and positive change. I hope you all have a prosperous and successful 2020!

Next week, both the House and Senate will return to the General Assembly in order to continue to work on outstanding legislative matters. These matters include pending conference reports and veto overrides before the official close of the long session.

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

### Legislative Recap- Senate Bill 366

Following up on previous entries, this week will look at an important bill passed in the last year. Senate Bill 366 offers students in North Carolina more options to receive higher education credits. Previously, only high school Juniors and Seniors were permitted to add special college courses to their schedules. This availability has been expanded to all high school students who show the maturity and dedication expected of a college enrollee.

With greater access to community college courses in mathematics or science, we can offer our students a head start on college and a more robust high school education. Bills like SB 366 will ensure a brighter future for North Carolina's students for years to come.

### From the District- Sampson County

#### County Retirees Recognized for Service

Recent retiree Lethia Lee was honored at Monday's Sampson County Board of Commissioners meeting for her years of service to Cooperative Extension, dating back to January 2012.

Patricia Burch, who recently retired after serving the Cooperative Extension for nearly four decades, from October 1981 to November 2019, was recognized for her years of service. Sampson Board of Commissioners Vice-chair Sue Lee presented Burch with a plaque as well as a framed certificate from the state for serving for more than 10 years.

Helen Kaleel, pictured with county commissioners vice-chair Sue Lee, served Sampson County Department of Social Services from July 1992 through December 2019. She was honored for her service during the county's Monday meeting.

Olympia Lamb, center, who served Sampson County Department of Social Services from June 1997 through November 2019, accepts a plaque from county commissioner Sue Lee during Monday's recognition of her service.



### District Spotlight- EMS Division Receives National Award for Cardiac Care

The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Division of Johnston County Emergency Services has received the 2019 American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline EMS Gold Plus Award for continued quality measures for the treatment of patients who experience severe heart attacks. This makes the third consecutive year the EMS division has received the highest award of its type from the American Heart Association.

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.



### Fatal Collision Takes the Life of 19 Year Old

On Wednesday, 8 January 2020 at approximately 0635 hours, Trooper W. E. Johnson was dispatched to a fatal collision involving a pedestrian on US 421 south near Moseley Avenue. The investigation has found that the deceased Kendrick Johnson (19) of Magnolia was illegally in the roadway wearing dark clothing. Mr. Johnson was struck by a 2014 Dodge Ram 3500 trucking hauling a trailer traveling SB on US 421 operated by Mr. James Turner of Harrells, NC. The collision is still under investigation.



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## MISSING



Not actual vehicle

### William "Jimmy" Graham

AGE: 61 RACE: Black SEX: Male  
HGT: 6' 1" WGT: 155 HAIR: Gray EYES: Brown  
Last Known Location: Newton Grove Area  
Vehicle: Gray 1991 Chevrolet S-10 extended cab pickup.

William "Jimmy" Graham was reported missing to Sampson County Sheriff's Office on December 15, 2019 from the Newton Grove area of Sampson County. Anyone with information on the location of William "Jimmy" Graham is asked to contact the Sampson County Sheriff's Office at (910) 592-4141 or their local law enforcement agency.



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# Visitation Restricted at Sampson Regional Medical Center



“While you can protect yourself from the flu by receiving an annual flu shot, you can also help prevent both the flu and RSV by taking certain precautions,” informed Holden. To decrease chances of infection from the flu or RSV follow these simple tips: avoid close contact with those who are sick, wash your hands often, clean and disinfect surfaces on a regular basis, and if you do happen to get sick, stay home.

Common symptoms of the flu are:

- Fever or feeling feverish/chills
- Body aches
- Sore throat
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Vomiting and Diarrhea

Individuals with the following symptoms should not visit the hospital until they are free of symptoms for 24 hours: fever or feeling feverish, cough, sore throat, or muscle or body aches.

It’s not too late to get the flu shot. “While we are seeing individuals with the flu present at the hospital and medical practices, individuals still have time to get the shot,” added Holden. Flu season can often last through the spring months, peaking between January and February. “In addition to getting the flu shot, respiratory hygiene and hand washing are the most important steps people can take to help prevent the spread of flu,” said Holden.

Providing the best quality of care in a safe environment means protecting patients. “This means managing their exposure to contagious illnesses, such as the flu,” stated Holden. As a result, the hospital is imposing special measures to protect its patients, staff, and visitors from spreading the flu.

All visitors are encouraged to perform good hand hygiene upon entering or exiting the facility or when coming and going from a patient’s room. Hygiene stations are located throughout the hospital, stocked with face masks, tissue, and hand sanitizer. Hand sanitizer pumps are also located at the entry point of every patient room.

The hospital expects visitation restrictions to be in place through at least March but will reevaluate and extend depending on the volume of flu cases at that time.

continues to increase and has been elevated for seven weeks. As a precaution leading into what is considered the “peak of flu season”, Sampson Regional Medical Center has imposed visitation restrictions until further notice. With few exceptions, the mandatory visitation guidelines are hospital-wide and restrict visitors under the age of 18 or adults of any age who have fever or flu-like symptoms.

“In the last couple of weeks, the hospital has seen an increase in flu-related visits to the Emergency Room and its medical practices. In anticipation of increased flu activity in Sampson County, the hospital is imposing temporary visitation restrictions to protect its patients and staff.” stated Amber Cava, VP of Strategy & Business Development.

Winter months bring on an increase in illnesses, many of which can have similar symptoms to the flu and can be just as harmful for the young and those with weakened immune systems. “As with every flu season, RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) can occur at the same time, often causing confusion due to their similar symptoms,” stated Wanda Holden, RN, Infection Control Coordinator for Sampson Regional Medical Center. “Flu symptoms tend to develop quickly and are usually more severe than the symptoms associated with a cold or RSV. However, while symptoms for both illnesses are similar, they can vary in severity based on age and pre-existing conditions,” Holden explained.

RSV is a common respiratory virus that usually causes mild, cold-like symptoms, but can also cause respiratory infections like bronchiolitis and pneumonia. The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that can cause mild to severe illness. For young children, older adults, and those with weakened immune systems, both the flu and RSV could result in hospitalization.



## Temporary visitation restrictions imposed due to flu

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the United States seasonal influenza activity

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Mary has made nearly 200 blankets, including 36 for Falcon Children’s Home in 2019. Her process typically takes two to three days to make one blanket, which is extremely fast. When asked what got her started, Myra Gray quickly interrupts to say that Mary simply “has a good heart.”

Mary does not pick who gets a blanket. She usually contacts different organizations and they do the work for her. For example, Mary has donated to Mary Gran Nursing Center in years past. The staff at the facility researched to find the patients that did not have much family. Mary gives blankets to whoever needs them because they provide something that the individual can call their own.

Mary buys the materials herself and often get yarn from thrift stores, but if you would like to donate to support her efforts, contact her at LambRoad7@gmail.com or call (910) 900-4132.

### NUNEZ, cont. from P. 1

throughout the year, and he was chosen because of this collective body of work.”

Chief Edwards said that Nunez consistently comes to work every day with a genuine and unequalled desire to serve. “When conditions warrant and extra police coverage is needed, he is one of the main people who step up and serve the agency and the community and he does it every time without asking what’s in it for himself,” explained the Chief.

“He follows through consistently to all requests for service, especially with the public. He is a genuine pleasure to be around and always has a positive attitude with everyone he interacts with, inside and outside the department.”

Chief Edwards explains that it is not often that a citizen takes the time to acknowledge the good work of police officers. However, this is not true of Nunez. Edwards remarked that it is even rarer for a citizen to contact the Chief directly to commend an officer. “This year he has had two documented letters of appreciation initiated by citizens. In fact, everyone who has met CPL. Nunez speaks of his helpfulness, his politeness, and his compassion no matter what initiated the meeting.”

Corporal Nunez was also selection by local citizens to participate in the 2019 All-American City program on behalf of the City. Cpl. Nunez accepted the task of creating “Juan Pablo” for the All-American City presentation and has since incorporated it in outreach programs for youth in support of the School Resource Officers.

Chief Edwards continued by stating, “The same passion for service he shows during community events is equaled and even surpassed by his vigilance to enforce traffic laws, fight crime, and arrest offenders throughout the city. He maintains a competitive workload inside the department in addition to all the other tasks he accepts.”

According to Chief Edwards, “Cpl. Nunez serves as a mentor and leader and is consistent in his performance as well as his commitment to Professionalism, Respect, Integrity and Teamwork.”

In closing and in presenting Cpl. Nunez to the City Council as the new Officer of the Year, Chief Edwards said, “Ariel Nunez is truly the kind of person we all want on our team.”

**BY:** Sampson County Schools  
**WHEN:** Tuesday January 14, 2020 7pm  
**WHERE:** Sampson Expo Center  
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# We Should Know . . .



**Rep. John Bell with J.W. Simmons host of We Should Know**

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

The week’s We Should Know is a conversation regarding governing in North Carolina and the guest today is NC House Majority Leader, Rep. John Bell.

Rep. John Bell is a Republican member of the North Carolina General Assembly. He represents the 10th district which includes Greene, Johnston and Wayne counties.

Bell is a 2001 graduate of University of North Carolina Wilmington. In 2016, Bell was a business development employee for North Carolina Community Federal Credit Union in Goldsboro, North Carolina. He later joined Sentinel Risk Advisors as a client executive. Bell was elected by the state House Republican Caucus to the position of state House majority whip in 2014, and to the position of majority leader in 2016. Bell was also been chairman of the House Regulatory Reform Committee and the House Select Committee on Wildlife Resources.

JW Simmons begins the show asking Rep. Bell to discuss his role as House Majority Leader. Bell begins, “This year has been a long year as far as session. It’s actually been the longest session of my tenure over the last 8 years in Raleigh. And part of my job in being Majority Leader is working in conjunction with the Speaker of the House through the majority caucus.”

“I also have to have discussions with minority leader Darren Jackson from the Democrat side. And making sure that when bills move, when bills go through the chamber, actually when bills go through committee that the votes are there or not there depending on what’s going on and making sure we get responsible legislation passed.”

“And we’ve had a long session, it’s truly been a long session and we’re still not done with the long session. We adjourned right before Thanksgiving to give people a break and we’ll come back in on January the 14th, hopefully be there a couple of days and then adjourn after that. Of course, the way our system works in North Carolina is we have a start date, but we never have an end date. So, regardless of what happens when we go back into session the end of the long session will be in the middle of May because that’s when we go into the short session. Hopefully that will be a much shorter session.”

“But we’ve had a long session and a lot of good things have happened. Some controversial, but the majority have been good things, a lot of good ideas. And happy as we move forward. Filings have ended. They ended on November 20th to file for seats across the state. And the makeup of the General Assembly will be much different for the next session because we have a lot of people that have been in politics on both sides of the isle for a very long time have chosen to retire. So, there will be a lot of new faces in North Carolina.”

Simmons says that the amount of information processed in the General Assembly is a tremendous amount requiring many hours of study and dedication in both the House and Senate. He wants everyone to understand the level of dedication members of both parties

## THERE’S SOMETHING ABOUT THAT NAME

The year was 1974. I am still in awe of the fact that several friends from Clinton actually traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana and participated in the very first Praise Gathering for Believers. The three-day event, organized and led by Bill and Gloria Gaither, was devoted to enriching the lives of Christians, spiritually and musically. And enrich it did! To this day I can honestly say that it was one of the most memorable occasions I have ever experienced. We were introduced to music we had never heard and will certainly never forget. . . .this song was one of many! Regrettably, we don’t hear it much anymore, but I trust that you will simply allow the Holy Spirit to bless you with these most profound words. Sing along with me:

Chorus:  
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,  
 There’s just something about that name!  
 Master, Savior, Jesus,  
 Like the fragrance after the rain.  
 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,  
 Let all Heaven and earth proclaim,  
 Kings and kingdoms will all pass away,  
 But there’s something about that name!



Reading:  
 Jesus, the mere mention of His name can calm the storm, heal the broken, raise the dead. At the name of Jesus, I’ve seen sin-hardened men melted, derelicts transformed, the lights of hope put back into the eyes of a hopeless child.

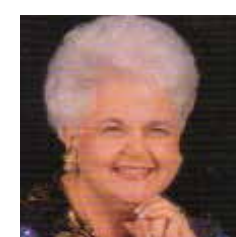
At the name of Jesus, hatred and bitterness turn to love and forgiveness, arguments cease.

I’ve heard a mother softly breathe His name at the bedside of a child delirious from fever, and I’ve watched that little body grow quiet and the fevered brow cool.

I’ve sat beside a dying saint, her body racked with pain, who in those final fleeting seconds summoned her last ounce of ebbing strength to whisper earth’s sweetest name --- Jesus, Jesus. . . .

Emperors have tried to destroy it; philosophies have tried to stamp it out. Tyrants have tried to wash it from the face of the earth with the very blood of those who claimed it. Yet still it stands.

And there shall be that final day when every voice that has ever uttered a sound, every voice of Adam’s race shall raise in one great mighty chorus to proclaim the name of Jesus - for in that day “Every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!!!”



Ah - so you see - it was not mere chance that caused the angel one night long ago to say to a virgin maiden, “His name shall be called JESUS.” Jesus -- Jesus – Jesus. You know there is something about that name!  
 Repeat Chorus:

Words and Music by Gloria Gaither, William J. Gaither

**Martha M. Pierce**

display in the general assembly for the people of North Carolina.

“It is,” says Bell. “It’s a lot of time commitment, but at the end of the day its an honor to serve. I thoroughly enjoy serving the people of House 10. Each one of us in the House represent around 80,000 people. And for you to get elected and have the people but their faith in you and say, hey go be our voice in Raleigh is a huge honor.”

“And then, when you get to Raleigh and have your colleagues elect you and say not only do we want you to be the voice of people back home, but also we want you to be our voice, it’s a big deal and I take that very seriously.

Bell adds, “But we do travel a lot. Today, when we get done talking, I’m going to work my real job in Raleigh this afternoon. Next week I’ll go from Goldsboro to Raleigh from Raleigh to Union County. And from Union County I will end up in Hyde County. I wouldn’t say that’s a typical week, but we do a lot of traveling working with other members; making sure that if they have issues in their areas that we’re handling those.”

“The Speaker and I laugh because we are always talking about coordinating schedules but there’s been a lot of times I’ve called him, and I was in the western part of the state and his in the eastern part of the state. I live in Goldsboro and he lives in Kings Mountain. But its important for both of us to crisscross the state, especially with campaign season coming up and the election.”

“Its definitely a lot of time, but it’s worth it especially when you look at some of the things we’ve accomplished. If you look at a map of North Carolina and take interstate 95 running through the middle of our state. There are more representatives, more senators which means more voices, more votes in Wake county and Mecklenburg county than we have from 95 east. People need to let that sink in. There’s actually more representation in two counties than all of eastern North Carolina.”

“So, we have to work together. There is no doubt. Republicans and Democrats, we have to work across the isle and across the chamber to make sure that our folks are represented properly. And when you look at this budget and a lot of legislation passed last year its been very good for rural North Carolina. We actually have one more session. This next session. Will go through the election and the next two years will be the last time the majority of representation comes from rural North Carolina.”

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

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# Chinese Checkers



**John 11:19, “And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.”**

The day my grandfather took his last breath on this side of eternity I was there. His death left a giant hole in my heart. As a kid I thought my world had come crashing down. Faye Wells, my grandparent’s next door neighbor, had heard of his passing and came to the house with a box of Chinese Checkers. Mrs. Wells brought me this gift to show her sympathy. How could I know that thirty years later I would still be moved by her small act of kindness?

When Lazarus had died his sisters mourned the loss of their brother. Word had been sent to Jesus that His friend Lazarus was sick and before Jesus arrived death had come. Before Jesus showed up to call Lazarus from the grave, the Gospel of John tells us that many Jews had visited to bring comfort to the family.

Have you ever lost someone close to your heart? Maybe, it was a child that died at birth, a spouse who suffered with cancer and then passed onto eternity or a friend whose life was cut short by a drunk driver. When we have a great loss in our lives we need a greater grace or the pain will be unbearable. The writer of Psalm 86:17 proclaims, “Show me a sign of your goodness; my enemies will see and be put to shame because You, Lord, have helped and comforted me.” The psalmist knew what God had done and was willing to declare it to others.

Where is God when emotions run raw and a great hole of hurt embeds the heart? We don’t always understand the ways of God, but we can always count on Christ’s comfort. The Lord lingers long with those caught in the pain of great loss. What other individuals cannot totally understand, our heavenly Father fully comprehends. Consider Psalm 119:76, “May your faithful love comfort me as you promised your servant.” Grace soothes the aching heart during the pain of loss. Christ’s comfort treats like a cool cough syrup flowing down an irritated throat. The Lord’s comfort has no limit in its capacity to cure.

Christ gives us His comfort as an example of what we should extend to others. The apostle Paul shared an example in 2 Corinthians 7:6-7 an example of others showing comfort, “But God, who comforts the humble, comforted us by the arrival of Titus, and not only by his arrival, but also by the comfort he received from you. He told us about your deep longing, your sorrow, and your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced even more.”

This week I encourage you to show comfort to someone hurting, to offer grace that is not tightfisted. Do you know anyone that needs a listening ear, a silent prayer or a caring visit? As servants of Jesus we cannot allow our own busyness to stop us from showing comfort to those hurting? Even when Job had lost everything he had others come and show him comfort. Job 42:11, “All his brothers, sisters, and former acquaintances came to his house and dined with him in his house. They sympathized with him and comforted him concerning all the adversity the Lord had brought on him. Each one gave him a qesitah and a gold earring.” It doesn’t take long to see someone struggling with a health, work or relational problems. When we show the love of Christ’s comfort, even by giving a box of Chinese Checkers, it will not only bless others, but we will also be blessed.



**By Ken Smith**



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# Better Balance for Every Day

## Resolve to make nutritious eating a priority

### FAMILY FEATURES

Discovering a better version of yourself is all about striking balance. That's especially true when it comes to making smarter food choices that you can maintain over time.

A sustainable, long-term healthy eating approach, such as the Atkins low-carb lifestyle, emphasizes variety and balance. Start planning a low-carb menu filled with high-fiber carbohydrates, optimal protein and healthy fats with these tips from Colette Heimowitz, vice president of nutrition and education for Atkins.

**Fill up with fiber-rich foods.** Foods like vegetables, nuts, seeds, low-glycemic fruit (like berries) and whole unrefined grains are considered carbohydrates, but they don't raise your blood sugar the way processed carbs do. Fiber slows the entry of glucose into your bloodstream so you don't experience insulin spikes that encourage your body to produce and store body fat. Try to eat between 25-35 grams of fiber a day.

**Reduce inflammation.** A low-carb approach eliminates refined and processed foods and sugars that can cause inflammation. Focus on foods that decrease inflammation, such as colorful low-glycemic vegetables, low-sugar fruits, protein and healthy fats such as olive oil. The ground turmeric in this Golden Milk recipe offers an easy way to fight inflammation without sacrificing flavor.

**Kickstart your morning.** Start your day with a protein-packed choice such as these Chocolate Banana Protein Overnight Oats. You'll get the omega-3 fatty acids and antioxidants from the chia seeds along with protein and healthy fats to keep you energized while avoiding high-sugar breakfast alternatives.

Find more recipes like these for Salmon and Asparagus Sheet Pan or Spicy Crispy Chickpeas and ideas for a balanced, low-carb approach to eating well at Atkins.com.



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### Salmon and Asparagus Sheet Pan

Prep time: 5 minutes  
Cook time: 15 minutes  
Servings: 2  
Net carbs: 4.41

- 1 bunch thin spear asparagus
- 1 tablespoon, plus 1/4 teaspoon, extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/8 teaspoon salt, divided
- 2 salmon fillets (4 ounces each), no more than 3/4-inch thick

- 1 pinch black pepper
- 3 tablespoons olive oil-based mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon minced or pressed garlic
- 1 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese

Heat oven to 425 F.

Wash asparagus and remove woody ends. Place on rimmed baking sheet and toss with 1 tablespoon olive oil and pinch of salt. Arrange in single

layer, leaving space for salmon. Place salmon skin-side down on sheet. Brush with remaining olive oil and season with remaining salt and pepper. Place in oven and bake 12 minutes.

In small bowl, combine mayonnaise, lemon juice, mustard and garlic. Remove sheet pan from oven, sprinkle asparagus spears with cheese and cook 3 minutes, or until fish reaches 145 F and asparagus spears are tender and beginning to brown on tips.

Plate one fillet and half the asparagus, drizzle each plate with about 2 tablespoons mayonnaise sauce and serve.



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### Spicy Crispy Chickpeas

Prep time: 5 minutes  
Cook time: 15 minutes  
Servings: 8  
Net carbs: 8.3

- 1 can (15 1/2 ounces) chickpeas
- 1 tablespoon ghee (or clarified butter), melted
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/4 teaspoon chipotle chili powder

Heat air fryer to 390 F 3 minutes.

Using fine mesh sieve, drain and rinse chickpeas. Use towel to gently pat chickpeas dry, removing skins.

In small bowl, toss chickpeas with ghee and salt.

Cook in single layer in air fryer 6 minutes. Pause and shake bowl; cook 6 minutes. Pause and shake bowl; cook 3 minutes.

In separate small bowl, sprinkle chickpeas with spices and toss to evenly coat. Chickpeas can be stored in open container at room temperature up to 3 days.

### Golden Milk

Prep time: 8 minutes  
Cook time: 7 minutes  
Servings: 3  
Net carbs: 3

- 1 cup canned unsweetened coconut milk
- 1 cup plain unsweetened almond milk
- 1 cup water
- 1 tablespoon coconut oil

- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground turmeric
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 10 drops liquid stevia extract

In small pan, whisk coconut milk, almond milk, water, coconut oil, turmeric, cinnamon, ginger and pepper. Warm over medium heat until hot but not simmering, about 7 minutes. Remove from heat, whisk in sweetener and serve.



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### Chocolate Banana Protein Overnight Oats

Prep time: 5 minutes  
Chill time: 3 hours  
Servings: 2  
Net carbs: 6.84

- 1 Atkins Chocolate Banana Shake
- 2 tablespoons rolled oats
- 2 tablespoons chia seeds
- 2 tablespoons hemp hearts
- 2 tablespoons unsweetened coconut shreds
- 2 tablespoons sliced almonds
- fruit, such as sliced bananas or berries (optional)

In jar with tight-fitting lid, combine shake, rolled oats, chia seeds, hemp hearts, coconut and almonds. Cover and refrigerate at least 3 hours or overnight. Top with fruit, if desired.

## Satisfying, Low-Sugar Swaps

Eating on the go can easily cause you to grab a high-sugar option, but there are simple swaps to keep your blood sugar levels steady throughout the day. Satisfy your hunger with an option like the Atkins Chocolate Peanut Butter Bar. Made with sweet chocolate and rich, creamy peanut butter, this bar offers 16 grams of protein, 12 grams of fiber and only 2 grams of sugar to satisfy your hunger without the guilt.





# What's Happening

By Angela Martin

at **SCT**



## Auditions for Disney's The Little Mermaid

Auditions for the upcoming musical, Disney's The Little Mermaid will take place Saturday, February 1 at 1 pm. This production features songs from the Disney movie of the same name. It tells of the character of Ariel - a young mermaid who longs to live above the sea. She makes a deal with Ursula the Sea Witch to go above ground when she falls in love with the handsome Prince Eric. The production is directed by Angela Martin and will feature people of all ages for this family-friendly event. If you would like to know more information about the production please email Angela Martin at alm2sing@yahoo.com.

Performing at Walt Disney World this past weekend were members of Angela Martin's Musical Troupe. The group of 18 young people performed for hundreds at the Disney Springs Pavilion and entertained the crowds with a variety of songs. We are proud of our young people who had this opportunity and look forward to working with them in our upcoming season in various productions.

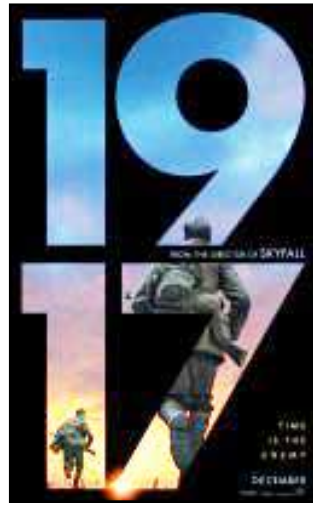
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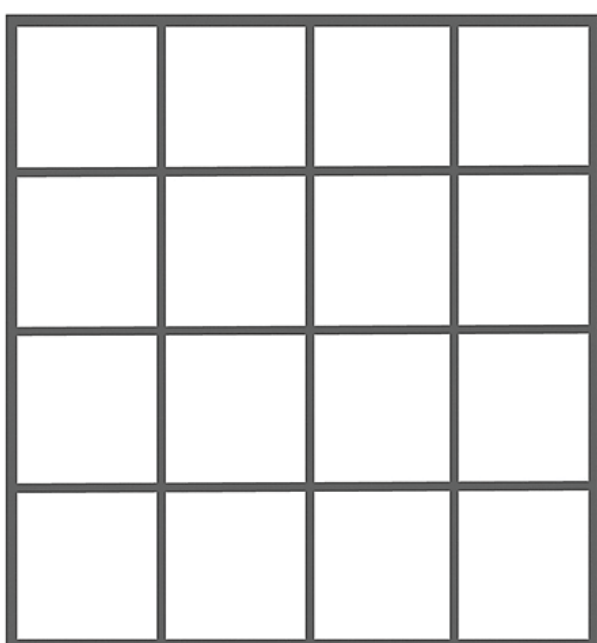
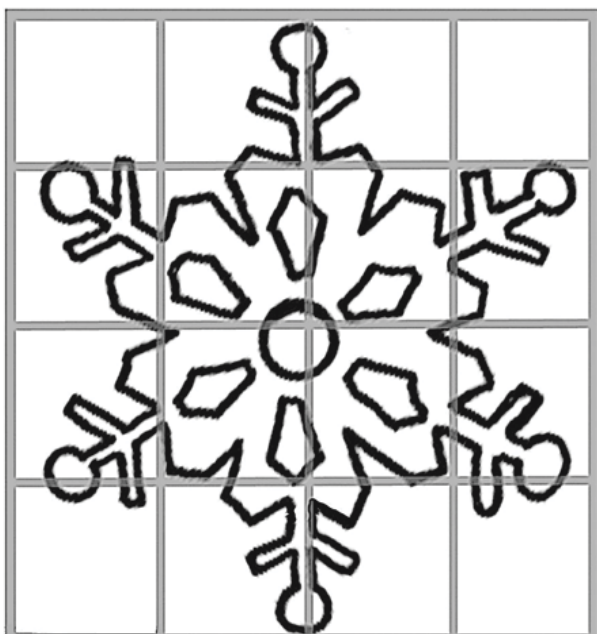
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# Let it snow

By **Erika Enigk**  
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If you live in a place where it snows, you might think you know all there is to know about the fluffy white stuff. When it's warm, it rains. When it's cold, it snows. Right? It turns out there's a little more to it than that.

**What makes snow?**

In some ways, snow is pretty much like rain. It forms in the clouds and falls to the ground. But for snow to make it all the way to the ground, it has to start as snow and stay that way all the way down. In other words, the temperature has to be below freezing up in the clouds, in the air as it falls and close to the ground. Sometimes, precipitation will start as snow in the clouds and hit a pocket of warm air and melt, becoming rain. But if that same precipitation hits another cold pocket after the warm one, it will refreeze a little and become sleet. Freezing rain is similar except that it doesn't freeze back as much as sleet does. So if you see snow falling from the sky, you know it's cold all the way up to the cloud it came from.

**Blizzards**

A blizzard is a giant snowstorm that brings lots of snow and wind. They occur when the air on the ground is cold but some warmer air comes in and brings moisture. Blizzard weather can be very dangerous because sometimes it's snowing so hard it creates what's called a "whiteout," where you can't see anything but the snow. Imagine driving down the road in a car with the snow falling so hard you can't see the car in front of you!

**Not enough moisture**

If you've ever been in a place that has had a polar vortex, where freezing cold air blows in from the north or south poles, you might have noticed that it doesn't snow as much when the weather gets very, very cold. That's because cold air is more dry than warm air, and often there isn't enough moisture to create snow. When it's below zero, it's too dangerous to play in the snow anyway, so curl up with your favorite KidzBuzz article and read instead!



**Activity: Do you wanna build a snowman?**

**Here's how to build a great one.**

1. First, you need the right snow. The best snowman snow is not too wet, not too powdery. It makes a ball easily.
2. Make the biggest snowball you can with your hands, and then roll it through the snow to pick up more. When it's as big as you can make it, pick a shady spot for your snowman and pack some snow around the bottom to keep your snowman steady.
3. Make a slightly smaller ball to put on top of the base, and then another, smaller still, for the snowman's head.
4. Then, dress your snowman. You can go with a classic carrot nose and stones for the eyes and mouth, or you could give your snowman something more fancy. Use your imagination, and have fun!

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Mary Clark is Sampson Community College's new Student Success Coach. Mary grew up in Texas and earned her bachelor's degree from Baylor University and her graduate degree from Southern Methodist University. She taught elementary school in Texas, through Teach for America, for three years and then moved to North Carolina with her husband who is stationed at Fort Bragg.

Mary's position as Success Coach focuses on identifying and providing the additional support that students need in order to be successful. She does this by helping students determine their strengths and weaknesses, while focusing on goal setting, GPA recovery, study skills, test anxiety and stress management skills, time management, and connecting students to helpful resources.

Starting next semester, Mary will be working with Sampson's co-admission or admission agreements with universities across North Carolina. She will be able to assist students wishing to transfer to a four-year university. We welcome Mary Clark to the SCC family!

## Butler Avenue School Students of the Month



*1st grade. Front Row L-R: Sierra Graham, Kain Vail, Joanie Faith Storey, Kendrick Mesinord, Mason Sessoms, Back Row L-R: Temple Thomas, Jose Meza Sorto, Ashley Osorto, Bryanna Boone, Rodrigo Ramos, Dallis McNeil, Valery Herrera, Adele Arellano*

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The University of Mount Olive Trojans will compete against Erskine College. The women's team is scheduled to play at 4 PM with the men's team starting at 6 PM. There will be a variety of half-time activities for people of all ages. The church with the most people in attendance will be awarded a scholarship. Tickets for both games are being sold at a special discounted rate of \$1.00 for those attending with a church group.

For tickets or more information, contact Tim Woodard at [twoodard@umo.edu](mailto:twoodard@umo.edu) or call 919-658-7793.



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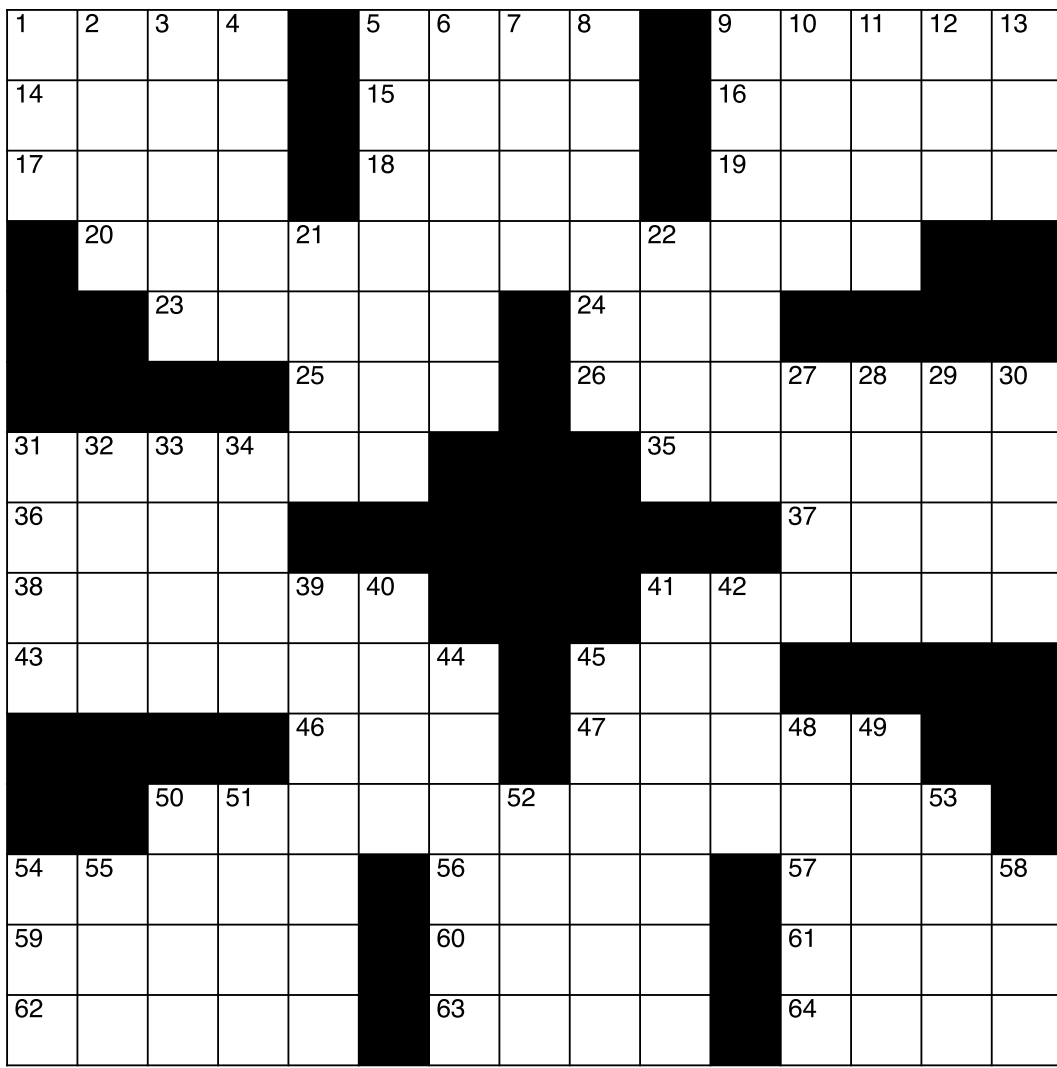
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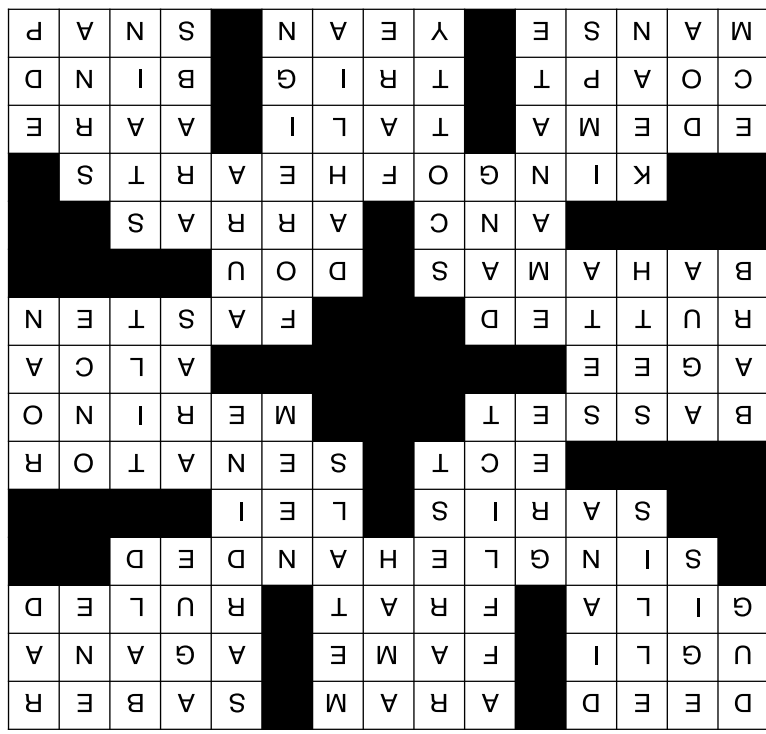


**CLUES ACROSS**

1. Property title
5. Biblical name for Syria
9. Curved cavalry sword
14. Grapefruit tangerine hybrid
15. Renown
16. Capital of Guam
17. Colorado River tributary
18. Collegiate club for males (abbr.)
19. Predominated
20. All by oneself
23. Indian frocks
24. Hawaiian garland
25. Shock treatment
26. Obama's previous job
31. Breed of hound
35. White sheep from Spain
36. Phil \_\_\_\_\_, CIA traitor
37. Razorbill genus
38. Full of ruts
41. Attach firmly
43. Br. island commonwealth
45. Dutch painter Gerard \_\_\_\_\_
46. Mandela's party
47. Fr. pictorial tapestries
50. Spouse of the Red Queen
54. Excessive fluid retention
56. Anklebones
57. Swiss river
59. Conglutinate
60. Sarah Palin's son
61. Secure with a rope
62. A large and imposing house
63. Give birth (sheep)
64. Take a picture

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Excavated a hole
2. Protects the chest
3. Schenectady, NY hospital
4. Goddess of the hunt
5. Cause bodily suffering to
6. Most raw
7. Wet nurse
8. Nickel, silver & gold
9. Pilchard
10. Chills and fever
11. Without a natural covering
12. Point midway between NE and E
13. Radioactivity unit
21. Mastery (Scottish)
22. Margosa tree
27. Macaw genus
28. Departure from the vertical
29. At some prior time
30. Equus caballus color
31. Fish hook projection
32. Largest toad species
33. Adam and Eve's third son
34. Stalk of a moss capsule
39. Give off
40. Euphemism for damn
41. Not native
42. Sainly light
44. Beam Me Up, \_\_\_\_!
45. Dinner plate flower
48. Saudi natives
49. Coloration for wood
50. 19th C. Br. tragic actor Edmund
51. Mischievous children
52. A paying (taxi) passenger
53. Soluble ribonucleic acid
54. Electronic countermeasures
55. Arrived extinct
58. Electronic data processing

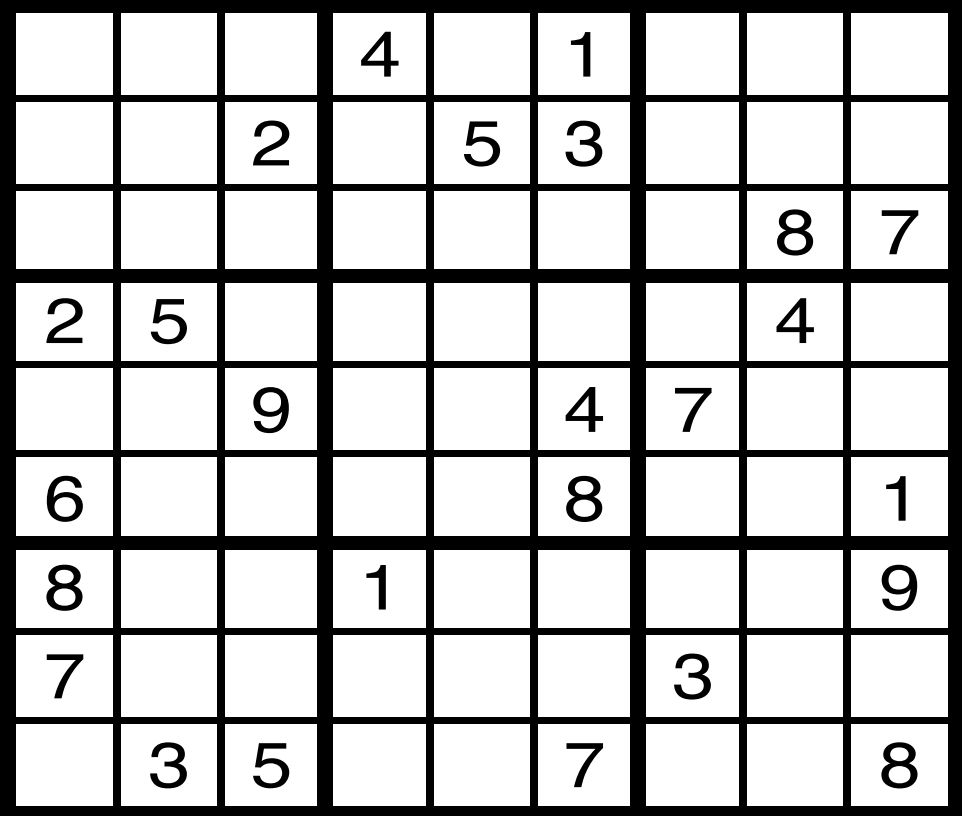


PUZZLE SOLUTION

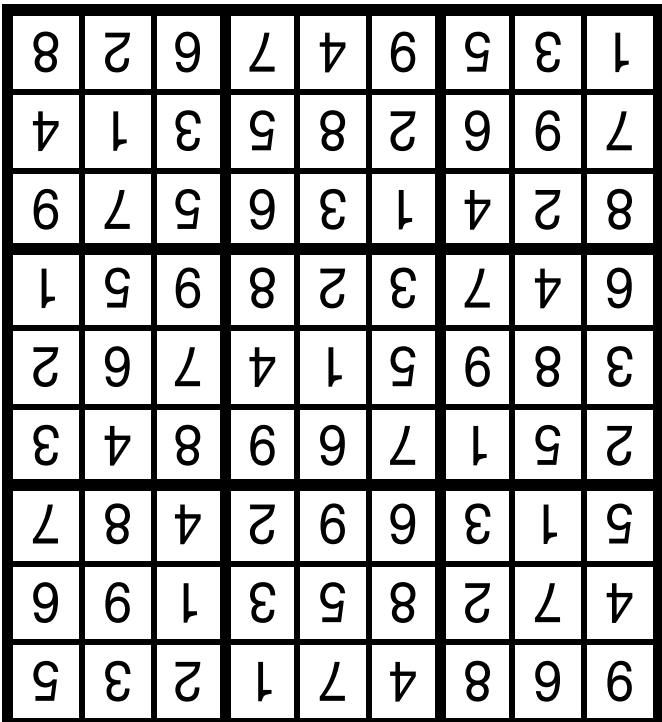
# SUDOKU

**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.



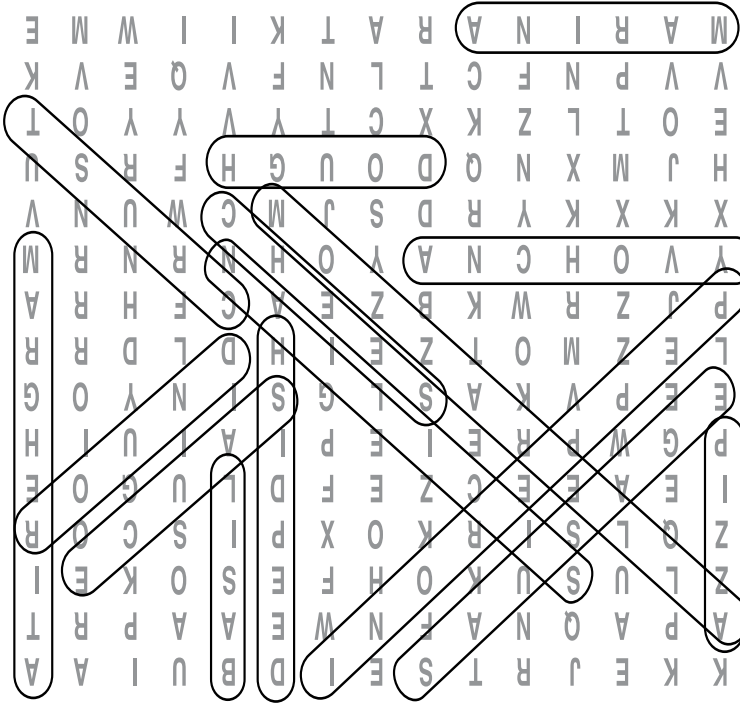
**Here's How It Works:** Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear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



**Word Search — Mmm ... Pizza**



- anchovy
- crust
- margherita
- pepperoni
- sauce
- basil
- deep-dish
- marinara
- pizza
- sausage
- cheese
- dough
- mozzarella
- round
- sicilian



**CRIME REPORTS**

12-18 James Lee Lockamy, 38, Clinton. Probation Violation. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 01-08-20  
 12-19 Bobbie Lee Hall, 37, Roseboro. Habitual Misdemeanor Larceny, Misdemeanor Larceny, Trespassing. Bond \$7000. Trial Date 01-10-20  
 12-19 Mildred Michelle Suggs, 38, Clinton. Failure to Comply. Bond \$255. Trial Date 01-23-20  
 12-20 Pedro Modesto Billarreal, 42, Clinton. Intoxicated and Disruptive, Resisting Public Officer. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 01-22-20  
 12-20 Ronald Witchnell Bullock Jr, 42, Faison. OFA No Operators License. Bond \$500. Trial Date 01-21-20  
 12-20 Joseph Antonio Cooper, 42, Clinton. DWI. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 02-05-20  
 12-21 Jessica Renee Guy, 30, Clinton. Communicate Threats. Trial Date 01-06-20  
 12-21 Rogelio Ramiro Francisco, 31, Clinton. Misdemeanor Probation Violation. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 01-08-20  
 12-22 Quinn Alexander Peterson, 32, Clinton. Communicating Threats. Trial Date 01-13-20  
 12-23 Travis Garden, 33, Turkey. Assault on Female, Communicate Threats. Trial Date 01-07-20  
 12-23 Aaron Bashone Blue, 43, Clinton. Fail to Comply with Monies. Bond \$850. Trial Date 01-09-20  
 12-23 Dillon Carr, 51, Clinton. Misdemeanor Larceny. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 01-13-20  
 12-24 Billy Gene Autry, 51, Clinton. DWI, Wrong Way on One Way Street. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 01-07-20  
 12-24 Paul Joseph Janne, 51, Clinton. Assault on Female. Bond \$500. Trial Date 01-09-20  
 12-24 Kimberly Rena Phillips, 53, Warsaw. Shoplifting. Trial Date 01-09-20  
 12-24 Jason William Howard, 38, Magnolia. Shoplifting, Resisting Public Officer, Trespass of Real Property. Bond \$4000.  
 12-24 Lequan Tyreck Rich, 21, Clinton. Larceny. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 01-10-20  
 12-25 David William Manney, 57, Tar Heel. Shoplifting, Contributing Delinquency of Juvenile. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 02-05-20  
 12-25 Tamala Tasha McLamb English, 32, Autryville. DWLR, Expired Registration Card/Tag, Fict/Alt Title/Reg Card/Tag. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 02-13-20  
 12-27 Danna Lynn Ammons, 27, Clinton. Fail to Comply. Bond \$773. Trial Date 01-09-20  
 12-27 Michael Crumpler, 29, Elizabethtown. Injury to Personal Property, All Other Offenses. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 01-27-20  
 12-27 Jeremy Jerrad Williams, 30, Warsaw. All Other Offenses.  
 12-27 Cassandra Addison, 34, Clinton. DWLR License Not Reclaimed. Bond \$500. Trial Date 01-06-20  
 12-28 Phillip Jay Horrell, 41, Wilmington. Simple Worthless Checks. Trial Date 03-11-20  
 12-28 Dion Tyre Smith, 28, Clayton. Possess Marijuana, Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 01-15-20  
 12-29 Quinn Alexander Peterson, 32, Clinton. Assault on Female, Communicating Threats. Trial Date 01-14-20  
 12-29 Ella May Rose Dann, 21, Wilmington. Simple Possession. Bond \$100. Trial Date 01-14-20  
 12-31 Aaron Bashore Blue, 42, Clinton. Sell Cocaine, Deliver Cocaine, PWISD Cocaine, M/S/D/P CS W/N 1000ft of School. Bond \$75000. Trial Date 01-10-20  
 12-31 Terry Lynn Smith, 44, Clinton. Sell Meth, Deliver Sch II CS, PWIMSD Sch II. Bond \$75000. Trial Date 01-10-20  
 12-31 Derrick Sampson, 60, Clinton. WFA/Sell Sch II CS, WFA/Deliver Sch II CS, WFA/PWIMSD Sch II CS, WFA/Maintain Veh/Dwell/Place CS, WFA/Dispense Medication without a License. Bond \$100000. Trial Date 01-10-20  
 12-30 Daniel Tajh Moore, 22, Clinton. Misdemeanor Larceny. Trial Date 01-28-20  
 12-30 Charles Anthony Briza Jr, 41, Autryville. Stolen Property Offenses. Trial Date 02-06-20  
 12-30 Christina Patrick, 34, Clinton. Shoplifting. Bond \$4500. Trial Date 02-17-20  
 12-31 Antoine ONeal Chestnutt, 21, Garland. Possess Firearm by Felon, Robbery, Stolen Property Offenses, Obtaining Property by

False Pretenses. Bond \$100000. Trial Date 01-10-20  
 12-31 Adarians Rokein Owens, 29, Clinton. Misdemeanor Larceny. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 01-24-20  
 01-01 Henry Edfardo Chavez, 35, Clinton. MO/Assault on Female. Bond 01-22-20  
 01-01 Henry Edgardo Chevez Bonilla, 35, Clinton. Driving Under the Influence, NOL. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 01-22-20  
 01-01 Stephaniequy Nahquan Johnson, 22, Clinton. Misdemeanor Larceny. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 02-06-20  
 01-02 Katrina Ann Peters, 37, Clinton. Possess Marijuana. Trial Date 02-04-20  
 01-02 Michael Andrew Wortham, 58, Clinton. Larceny, Possession of Firearm by Felon, Larceny of Firearm. Bond \$30000. Trial Date 01-10-20  
 01-02 Jada Destiny Edwards, 21, Clinton. Domestic Simple Assault. Trial Date 01-23-20  
 01-03 Terrell Deshawn Pridgen, 22, Ivanhoe. Felony Poss Sch II, Simple Poss Marijuana, Poss Drug Paraphernalia, Poss Marijuana Paraphernalia. Bond \$25000. Trial Date 01-10-20  
 01-03 Jessica Jee Castro, 30, Clinton. Failure To Appear. Bond \$500. Trial Date 02-13-20  
 01-03 Christopher Lee Allen, 18, Delco. Felony Larceny, Possess Stolen Goods, Conspire to Commit, Felony Larceny. Bond \$35000. Trial Date 01-03-20  
 01-03 Justin Dewayne Butler, 32, Salemburg. Order for Arrest (Misd. Larceny/Misd. B/E), Possession of methamphetamine, Possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 01-10-20  
 01-03 Cynthia Alexandria Antis, 22, Fayetteville. Simple Assault. Trial Date 02-06-20  
 01-03 William Escobar Garcia, 34, Clinton. Resisting Public Officer. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 01-23-20  
 01-04 Wanda Renee Murphy, 39, Roseboro. Worthless Checks. Trial Date 01-30-20  
 01-04 Daqwan Maurice Robinson, 23, Rose Hill. Possess Stolen Firearm. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 01-10-20  
 01-04 Catherine Warren Barnes, 41, Trenton. Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Marijuana less than 1/2 oz, Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Heroin. Bond \$50000. Trial Date 01-10-20  
 01-05 Noe Joel Perez-Escobar, 34, Clinton. Resisting Public Officer. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 01-23-20  
 01-04 Jeremy Thomas Norris, 31, West Branch IA. Shoplifting. Trial Date 02-05-20  
 01-04 Mariah Alexis-Tionnia Cruz, 18, Clinton. Shoplifting.  
 01-04 Graciela Gomez, 19, Faison. Embezzlement. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 01-10-20  
 01-04 Donna Smith, 39, Clinton. Simple Assault. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 02-10-20  
 01-05 Destiney Hope Bradford, 21, Clinton. Communicating Threats. Trial Date 01-29-20  
 01-05 Maria Margarita Mendez, 38, Clinton. Threatening Phone Call. Trial Date 02-25-20  
 01-05 Sally Enrieta Deaver, 43, Clinton. False Report to Police Station, Resisting Public Officer. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 02-06-20  
 01-05 Tiaania Marie Melvin, 18, Clinton. Resisting Public Officer, Exceeding Safe Speed, Fail to Maintain Lane Control, Reckless Driving to Endanger. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 02-06-20  
 01-06 Jesus Aguirre, 29, Dudley. Assault on a female, Injury to personal property. Trial Date 01-21-20  
 01-06 Jeremy Carson Cline, 35, Clinton. FTA-Felony Larceny, Poss Marijuana Paraphernalia, Simple Poss Marijuana. Bond \$40,200. Trial Date 01-23-20  
 01-06 Bendric Quarrique Matthews, 26, Goldsboro. Attempted Larceny, Resisting Public Officer, Misdemeanor Larceny, Misdemeanor Probation Viol. Bond \$11000. Trial Date 01-23-20  
 01-06 Terry Lamont Bullock, 43, Wilson. Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle. Bond \$500. Trial Date 02-04-20  
 01-06 Tori Jermaine Shipman, 44, Raleigh. Habitual Larceny, Possess Marijuana up to 1/2 Oz, Felony Larceny, Attempt Common Law Robbery, Larceny, Remove/Dest/Deact Compo. Bond \$75000. Trial Date 01-27-20  
 01-07 Bobby Ray Copeland, 49, Clinton. OFA-FTC-Child Support. Bond \$700. Trial Date 01-14-20  
 01-07 Michael Chase Mccarty, 29, Faison. FTA-DWLR Not Impaired Rev. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 01-24-20

01-07 Mitchell Lee Thornton, 66, Newton Grove. Possession of cocaine. Bond \$7500. Trial Date 01-24-20  
 01-08 Barbara Kistler Taylor, 65, Clinton. Warrant Service for other agency-Alter Title. Bond \$250000. Trial Date 01-10-20  
 01-08 Rodolfo NMN Patlan- Gonzales, 38, Clinton. Simple Assault, AWDWIKISI. Bond \$100000. Trial Date 01-23-20  
 01-09 Krystal Renee Morrison, 34, Clinton. Simple Assault. Trial Date 02-11-20  
 01-07 Nathon Thomas Jackson, 30, Clinton. DWLR not Impaired, Expired Registration, Possess Drug Paraphernalia, Possess Methamphetamine. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 01-10-20  
 01-07 Kevin Terrelle Owens, 21, Fayetteville. DWLR, FTA-Second Degree/Tresspass. Bond \$500. Trial Date 02-03-20  
 01-08 Wilberto Torres Roche, 29, Clinton. Fict/Alt Title/Reg Card/Tag, No Operators License, Operate Vehicle No Insurance, Drive/Allow MV No Registration, Fict/Alt Title/Reg Card/Tag, Expired/ No Inspection, DWLR not Impaired, Speeding Bond \$3500. Trial Date 01-08-20  
 01-07 Stephen Edward Townsend, 49, Clinton. Order for Arrest-FTA- Child Support. Bond \$728. Trial Date 01-14-20  
 01-07 Kimberly Howard, 35, Trenton. Driving While Impaired- FTA. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 01-29-20  
 01-08 Dustin O Edwards, 24, Clinton. Carrying Concealed Weapon, Poss Stolen Goods/Prop, Larceny After Break/Enter, Breaking and or Entering. Bond \$11000. Trial Date 01-21-20  
 01-08 Juan Manuel Chavez Trejo, 38, Clinton. Drive Without Two Headlamps, NOL. Trial date 02-11-20  
 01-08 Tommy Lee Ray, 42, Four Oaks. Larceny, Order for Arrest-FTA-Release Order. Bond \$17000. Trial Date 03-06-20  
 01-07 Juana Garcia, 42, Clinton. OFA-FTC-Child Support. Bond \$700. Trial Date 02-26-20  
 01-07 Rafael Rivera Bones, 40, Newton Grove. Fail to Comply, Fictitious Information to Officer, No Operators License. Bond \$2190. Trial Date 01-08-20  
 01-07 Dustin Jack Wiggins, 28, Clinton. Interfere Elect Monitor, Carry Concealed Weapon, Possess Firearm by Felon, Shoplifting Concealment Goods. Bond \$28500. Trial Date 01-24-20  
 01-08 Marcus Welby Vinson, 46, Dunn. Assault on a Female, Injury to Personal Property. Trial Date 01-10-20  
 01-08 Rebecca Walker, 28, Clinton. Sell/Deliver Cocaine, Sell Cocaine, PWISD Controlled Substance Cocaine, Contributing To Delinquency Of A Minor, PWISD Cocaine, Deliver Cocaine. Bond \$105000. Trial Date 01-10-20  
 01-08 Wilberto Torres Roche, 29, Clinton. No Operators License, Fict/Alt Title/Reg Card/Tag, Drive/Allow MV No Registration, No Operators License. Bond \$3500. Trial Date 01-08-20  
 01-08 Robert Gene Taylor, 41, Roseboro. DWLR Not Impaired Rev. Bond \$500. Trial Date 01-14-20  
 01-08 Marquese Moore, 20, Garland. Fail to Comply with Money, Second Degree Trespass, Consume Alcohol By 19/20. Bond \$4000. Trial Date 01-13-20  
 01-08 Dyonne Delavalate Overby, 49, Clinton. Simple Assault. Trial Date 02-11-20

**INCIDENT REPORTS**

12-16 Joshua Edward-Joseph Graham of Clinton reported a Breaking and Entering Residence.  
 12-16 Johnnie Ray Faison of Clinton reported Damage to Property- vehicle \$20.00.  
 12-17 Elem Woodrow Dudley of Clinton reported Larceny of charging block \$6.00.  
 12-17 Wesley Moore of Clinton reported Larceny of Laptop Computer valued at \$86.76.  
 12-18 Shirley Cottle of Clinton reported Larceny of wallet, cards and \$22 cash.  
 12-17 Octavia Chantly McKoy of Clinton reported a Breaking and Entering of Residence.  
 12-18 GoGas of Clinton reported Damage to Property- Exit Sign \$500.  
 12-19 Walmart of Clinton reported Shoplifting of ladies socks, clothing, oral care products valued at \$33.00.  
 12-20 Annie Madison Dixon reported Breaking and Entering Residence and Damage to Property. Stolen television \$100.00.  
 12-21 Walmart of Clinton reported Shoplifting of karaoke machine, childrens atv, toys valued at \$227.00.  
 12-22 Katina Renee Mosley of Clinton reported a Breaking and Entering and Larceny of hoverboard (\$78.88) and toys (\$34.99).  
 12-22 Jean Dimy Brutus of Clinton reported Breaking and Entering Residence. Stolen clothing, shoes, and television valued at \$600.00.  
 12-23 Walmart of Clinton reported Shoplifting of

hover board and karaoke machine valued at \$260.00.  
 12-23 Brianna Precia Wright of Clinton reported a Breaking and Entering- stolen television \$500.00.  
 12-23 Rodney Lee Bennett of Clinton reported Theft from Motor Vehicle- stolen motorcycle \$600.00.  
 12-24 Walmart of Clinton reported a Bomb Threat.  
 12-24 Walmart of Clinton reported Shoplifting of consumable goods, clothing, jewelry, purses valued at \$43.00.  
 12-24 Walmart of Clinton reported Shoplifting of HL 40 LED HE, camera, flashlight, dash cam, solar panels, pellets, pop, hoverboard valued at \$540.00.  
 12-25 WalGreens of Clinton reported Shoplifting of beauty products and other merchandise valued at \$520.00.  
 12-28 Belks of Clinton reported Shoplifting.  
 12-30 City of Clinton reported Damage to City Property. Bathroom floor and mirror at Royal lane Park valued at \$350.00.  
 01-02 Gwendolyn Smith of Clinton reported Larceny of Lap Top and Taurus 9mm valued at \$660.00.  
 01-02 Melanee Henderson of Clinton reported Damage to Property valued at \$100.00.  
 01-03 Green For Life Environmental of Clinton reported All Other Larceny of televisions valued at \$500.00 and Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property, Trespass of Real Property, Attempted Larceny- damage to fence \$200.00.  
 01-03 Yoges Peri Naidu of Salemburg reported Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property valued at \$250.00.  
 01-03 James Edward Stewart of Dunn reported All Other Larceny- drainage pipe valued at \$60.00.  
 01-03 Lewis Jones of Roseboro reported Burglary/Breaking & Entering- stolen televisions (\$1500) and tools (\$200).  
 01-04 Rita Leon of Godwin reported Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property- farm animals valued at \$460.00.  
 01-04 Lewis Steven Matthis of Clinton reported Larceny of Firearms valued at \$500.00.  
 01-04 Ashley Caitlin Tucker of Dunn reported Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property- damage of door \$150.00.  
 01-04 Elwood Duane House of Roseboro reported Theft From Motor Vehicle- money (\$25), flashlight (\$250), sports equipment (\$330), wallet (\$10), eye glasses (\$300).  
 01-04 Walmart of Clinton reported Shoplifting of consumable goods, shoes, and misc items valued at \$190.00.  
 01-04 Walmart of Clinton reported Shoplifting of food, clothing, baby items, etc valued at \$2000.00.  
 01-04 Belk of Clinton reported Embezzlement of money \$2,842.94.  
 01-05 Elma Juan Rojas Reza of Faison reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering- stolen televisions (\$1300), tablet (\$100), coins (\$500), household items (\$75).  
 01-05 Joseph Ted Hudson of Faison reported Burglary/Breaking & Entering, Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property- damage to door \$500.00.  
 01-06 City of Garland reported Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property- park sign \$50.00.  
 01-06 Damara Nieshia King of Clinton reported a Breaking & Entering into a Motor Vehicle, Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property, Larceny- car battery \$120, I Phone \$190.  
 01-06 Irma Tamayo-Mondragon of Garland reported Theft From Motor Vehicle- stolen purse and documents.  
 01-06 Gina Marie Rose of Roseboro reported Larceny of Gift Card valued at \$150.  
 01-07 Timothy Bass of Clinton reported All Other Offenses- stolen NC Dealer Tag.  
 01-07 Holly Pulley of Dunn reported Larceny of Xbox valued at \$500.00.  
 01-08 Marian Garner of Faison reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering- stolen television (\$500) and computer (\$500).

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

**Sampson County VITAL STATS**

**Deaths**

-Kenneth Boomer  
 -Nathaniel Bailey  
 -James Paul Burch  
 -Daniel Gordon Carroll  
 -Theresa Ann Hayes  
 -Ronnie Layton Jordan  
 -James L Marshall  
 -Ruby Dudley Matthis  
 -Shurley Louise McCullen  
 -Ben McFadden  
 -Grady Elmon Naylor  
 -Algernon Dean Norton

-Kenneth Ervin Oates  
 -Alten Anthony Owens  
 -James Edwin Parks  
 -Lois Robinson  
 -Marilyn Gail Simpson  
 -William Curtis Spell  
 -Shelbe Sassel  
 -James Malcolm Tanner  
 -Yusuf Vurgun  
 -Angela faye Van Rooyen  
 -James Robert Vann  
 -Charlie Walker

**Marriage Certificates**

-Tyler Wayne Braun to Danielle Grace Eldridge  
 -Ross Michael Miller to Sarah Betts Kirven  
 -Henry Waldemar Juarez Pascual to Aracely Elizabeth Lopez Lopez

**Births**

-Carter Lee jay Beasley born on December 21, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Rodney Dean Beasley II and Jasmine Rosalia Connors Beasley  
 -Hazel Lynn Barnes born on December 13, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Joe Nathan Barnes and Kimberly Ann Romanger  
 -Londyn Adel Brunson born on December 13, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Shakia Adel Brunson  
 -Saied Mohamed Elwir born on December 13, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Mohamed Said Elwir and Mya Asad Elwir  
 -Zander Israel Meza born on December 23, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Francisco Israel Meza and Gabriela Beatriz Meza Hernandez  
 -No'Va Arielle Collins born on December 24, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Keyshawn O'Quentin Collins and Nydia Juaniesha Parker  
 -Messiah Joel Smith born on December 24, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Gregory Antoine Smith and Ashley Renee Dixon  
 -Alexander Ramirez born on December 25, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Erik Alberto Ramirez and Jennifer Castro Romero

-Jabari Da'Mikal Brothers born on December 27, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Wornell Brothers Jr and Ashley Nicole Brunson  
 -Austyn Mae Lawson born on December 27, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Nathan Edward Lawson  
 -Zhara Monae Moore born on December 27, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Daniel Tajh Moore and Latoya Charlene Simmons

**Land Transfers**

-Arthur Pritchard Horne, Charlotte House Horne to Harold Cordell Horne- 2 Tracts Dismal  
 -Rashida Tanica King, Robert Edward King to Michael Lynn Chestnutt- 2 Tracts w/exceptions South River  
 -Comfort Homes Inc to Richard Lee Smith- Lot 22 Phase 2 Hudson Farms Subdivision  
 -Denise Hall Deland, Norman B Deland to Matthew H Norris, Sara Morgan Norris- 10.11 Acres  
 -Coble McFayden Investments LLC to Derly Roblero Rivera- 1.11 Acres Taylors Bridge  
 -Jared N Barrier, Jessica Barrier to Teresa W Smith, Timothy Dean Smith- Tract 42 Stagecoach Estates Section One 0.44 Acres Little Coharie  
 -David Dwight Hudson Sr to Angela Dawn Hunt, Jason Matthew Hunt- Lot 70 Belfield Acres Third Section North Clinton  
 -Bobby Denning Properties LLC to Hector Manuel Torres- Lot 23 0.56 Acres Magnolia Acres  
 -Cecil Butler/AKA, Cecil B Butler/By AIF, Ruby J Butler/AIF to Ruby J Butler- 3 Tracts w/exceptions  
 -Ida L Johnson Estate, James A Kelly, Kay Johnson Kelly/ADMR, Kay Johnson Kelly, Becky Johnson Lail/AKA/ADMR, Harold Lail, Rebecca Johnson Lail to Brittany Weeks McQuirt- 2 Tracts w/exceptions North Clinton  
 -Ida L Johnson Estate, James A Kelly, Kay Johnson Kelly/ADMR, Kay Johnson Kelly, Becky Johnson Lail/AKA/ADMR, Harold Lail, Rebecca Johnson Lail to Brittany Weeks McQuirt- North Clinton  
 -Sheldon Devone Black, Gloria Jean Draughon, Kristy Michelle Draughon, Shimmel Kevin Draughon, Addisa Goldman, Addisa Bianca Goldman, Jay Adam Goldman, Julie Goldman, Lillie Wanda Goldman, Regina Chaya Goldman, Daneya Anthony Mayid, Jasmine Brianna Pryor, Saqoya Danielle Pryor to Floyd Lee Jones Jr, Kimberly B Jones - 32 Acres w/exceptions  
 -James Mitchell, Penelope R Mitchell, Penelope R Rivenbark/AKA to April Walton- Lot 48 0.72 Acres  
 -James Leonard Cauthen, Juanita Jewell Lee Cuthen to Doran Bouchard, Laura Bouchard- 1.3 Acres Halls  
 -Billy Jack Faulk Jr, Jeannie Brewer Faulk to Jennifer L Kirby, Shaun C Kirby- Lot 2B 0.69 Acres  
 -Gloria Jean D Turner to Gloria Ellen Turner, Gloria Jean D Turner- 3.00 Acres w/exceptions South Clinton  
 -Gloria Jean D Turner to Gloria Ellen Turner- 2 Tracts w/exceptions South Clinton  
 -Arthur Phillip Dudley to Gloria Ellen Turner- 2.31 Acres South Clinton  
 -Charlotte B Carter, Willie T carter to Bryson Newton Worley, Camillia McLean Worley- Lot 3 0.23 Acres Lisbon

# OBITUARIES



## NEWTON GROVE

**Brenda Nell Tart Barefoot** was born April 11, 1940. She was the daughter of Elijah and Rovene Jones Tart. Brenda was brought up in a loving catholic family and was the eleventh of fourteen children. The children are as follows: Gertrude Spencer (deceased), Winnifred Cooley (deceased), Rena Moss, Percy Tart (deceased), Francis Jackson (deceased), Evelyn

Galeo, Ellen Jackson (deceased), EP Tart (deceased) Steven Tart (deceased) Kenneth Tart (deceased), Carmel Harts, Jeanette Thornton, and Johnny Tart (deceased). Brenda was raised with a foundation of faith, love, and hard work. She lived the rest of her life with these strong convictions and it was evident in all that she did. Brenda married Lee Barefoot after he returned home from the Korean War where he served as a paratrooper in the army. They farmed and raised four sons, Kent, Daniel, Chris, and Brad. She became a hairdresser after graduating from Hank Hannah's Beauty School in Dunn. Lee built her a beauty shop, The Golden Lady, next to their home so she could be with their boys when they got off the school bus and when they worked long days on the farm. When Lee passed away very suddenly in 1984 Brenda took on the role of farmer as well. She loved her daughter-in-laws Debbie, Kathryn, Sheila, and Tammy. She always said her boys picked good ones! Brenda adored her sisters and brothers and spent many happy times visiting and supporting her numerous nieces and nephews and their extended families. She enjoyed traveling to see all of her siblings and sitting around the table drinking coffee, playing cards, and fellowshiping in those close ties she had with her family. Brenda had many hobbies and passions in her life that she was devoted to. Some of these included her career as a hairdresser, her flower garden, her bulldogs, her church family, quilting, and always helping others. She taught young adults Sunday School for many years and always enjoyed a rousing theological debate! She ministered to many young people with her wisdom, life experience, and knowledge of scripture. Her Christian faith was undeniable and she lived her values daily. She loved her customers and was devoted to them and their families as well. Brenda was also an outspoken advocate for the hardworking people of her community, the family farm, and farmers. When the grandchildren came along Brenda was elated. First the little girl she had been waiting for arrived... Adrian Barefoot followed by Jared Barefoot, Hunter Barefoot, Kayla Barefoot, Lee Barefoot, and Caroline Barefoot. Brenda adored her grandchildren, especially when they came to spend long hours with her working in her yard, canning and freezing, and just having fun. As they became adults she welcomed in her new members with delight. Nicole Huff Barefoot, Caroline Hines Barefoot, Brandon Johnson, and Andrew Baker married into her family with love and affection. As the great-grandchildren arrived her heart was overjoyed. First came Elijah Barefoot followed by Sallie Estrella, Brantley Baker, Elliott Barefoot, Julian Barefoot, and Noah Barefoot. Brenda felt that each child was a gift from God, precious and beautiful. She was Grandma Brenda, Grandma B, a shining example of love and affection for her little ones. Brenda will be missed by so many in her family, friends, community, and church. She leaves a legacy that will be carried on for generations to come. She touched many lives with her faith journey, her wisdom, her wit, and her advocacy. She was a unique and remarkable individual that loved the life that God so richly blessed her with. Online condolences may be made at [www.westanddunn.com](http://www.westanddunn.com). Services have been entrusted to West & Dunn Funeral Home, Newton Grove, North Carolina.



## CLINTON

**Dixie Bullard, 52**, passed away at The Magnolia assisted living facility on Wednesday, January 1, 2020. Dixie was born in Sampson County, NC on August 20, 1967 to the late Roy Carson Bullard and Mary Donna (Spell) Bullard. In Dixie's spare time she enjoyed drawing and Native American artistry, butterflies, styling her hair, and most importantly loved spending time with her family and friends who she loved dearly. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her two daughters: Holly McFarland and Krystal Bullard, and one brother: Marty Bullard. Dixie is survived by her three daughters: Samantha McFarland, Molly McFarland, and Memorie Bullard, one sister: Genia Tanner, and three grandchildren: Jasmine Bullard, Mariona Melvin, and Skylar Acker. A funeral service was held on Friday, January 3, 2020 at 4:00PM at Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Chapel located at 1246 Hobbton Highway, NC 28328 with Pastor David Bays officiating.

## CLINTON

**Mrs. Shelby "Lynette" Sutton Carr, 82**, of Hobbton Hwy, passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 4, 2020 at Sunrise of Raleigh. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 7th at 2:00 pm at the Royal-Hall Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Penny Ziemer officiating. Burial followed in the Clinton Cemetery. Born on April 18, 1937 in Sampson County, Lynette was the daughter of the late Leon Evans and Mallie Mae Creel Sutton and widow of Stanley Carr. She was a member of Carr Memorial Christian Church and farmed with her husband throughout their marriage. She took pride in the farm, her flower garden and her home. She enjoyed nothing more than spending time with her family, whom she adored. She is survived by her son, Lynn Stanley Carr and wife, Jackie of Clinton; daughter, Karen C. Gearing and husband, John of Raleigh; and two brothers: Don Scott Sutton of Holly Springs and William Rose Sutton of Youngsville. She was blessed with four grandchildren: Joshua Ryan Pope (Fallon), Camryn Olivia Carr, Matthew Carr Gearing, Emma Sydney Gearing; and two great-granddaughters: Taylor Marie Pope and Sara Kate Pope. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by three brothers: Dewey Lee Sutton, Bob Steele Sutton and Ferrell "Sam" Sutton. Visitation was held prior to the service on Tuesday, beginning at 1pm at Royal-Hall Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Transitions Hospice of Wake County, 250 Hospice Circle, Raleigh, NC 27607. Royal-Hall Funeral Home is honored to serve the Carr Family.



## CLINTON

**Ms. Lakawsak Vekine Dixon, 30**, affectionately known as "Piggy" was born on November 22, 1989 in Sampson County. She transitioned Friday, January 3, 2020 in Clinton, NC. Piggy received her education in the Clinton City school system. Piggy loved hanging out with her friends and having a good time. She loved her family and working. She was an employee at Hard Hats in Four Oaks, NC. Piggy was a beautiful, unique soul. She will be missed. Piggy was preceded in death by her brothers: Herbert "2 Shot" Dixon and Jeremy Robinson. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 2:00 PM

at Running Branch Disciples Church located at 354 Running Branch Road in Clinton, NC with Pastor Elder Thomas Raynor and Rev. Doc Louie Boykin, officiating. She leaves to cherish her memories, her children: My'asia, Robert (Jr), and Aniya, brothers: DeVonte (Skeeter), Henry (Cadedra), Jalen, Marquise, Lyndell, James, and Damion, one sister: Ashley Dixon, her parents: Henry and Reta Hobbs, grandmothers: Shirley Dixon and Retha Hobbs, and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Special friends: Joy, Vallice, and Kurtis. A visitation will be held on Friday, January 10, 2020 at Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Chapel located at 1246 Hobbton Hwy, Clinton, NC from 2:00 PM - 6 PM with the family present from 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM.



## WILMINGTON

**Ms. Carolyn Sue Sessoms Hersey, 71** of Wilmington passed away on Saturday, January 4, 2020 at her home. The funeral service was held at 1:00 PM on Thursday, Jan. 9 at Butler Funeral Home in Roseboro with Rev. Bryan Strickland officiating. Burial followed in the Roseboro Cemetery. The family received friends from 12 - 12:50 PM prior to the service. Ms. Hersey was a native of Cumberland County, the daughter of the late Alton Wade and Sybil Marshburn Sessoms. She is survived by a son, Jay Loring Hersey of Jupiter, FL and two brothers, Frank Sessoms of Hampstead and Ray Sessoms of Georgia. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC

## SOUTHERN PINES

**Charles Hill, Age-83** of 14 Woodland Ct., Southern Pines, NC formerly of Roseboro, NC died Sunday, January 5, 2020. Memorial Service will be held Friday, January 10, 2020 at 11 am at Butler & Son Funeral Home, Inc., Roseboro, NC. Butler & Son Funeral Home, Inc. Roseboro, NC.



## WALLACE



**Mr. Jeffery Dean Johnson, 59**, of 2350 Wallace Hwy, died Wednesday, January 01, 2020 at Wayne Memorial Medical Center, Goldsboro, NC. Mr. Johnson was born May 03, 1960 in Duplin County. Mr. Johnson is preceded in death by his parents Jerry and Emmie Johnson, two sisters Sue J. Allen and Janet Arnette. A Memorial Service was held at 3:00 PM Saturday, January 04, 2020 at Wells Chapel Baptist Church in Wallace. A visitation was held prior to the service from 2:00-3:00 PM. Mr. Johnson is survived by his son Joseph Johnson of Largo, FL, two brothers Charles Johnson and wife Sharon of Wallace, NC, Allen Johnson and wife Kim of Harrells, NC, a friend Janet Johnson of Wallace, NC, his faithful companion "Harley" and several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

## ROSEBORO

**Mr. Ben McFadden, 87**, 213 Forest Trail, formerly of Roseboro, died Thursday, January 02, 2020 at Magnolia Assisted Living Facility, Clinton, NC. Mr. McFadden was born October 25, 1932 in Pinewood, SC. Mr. McFadden is preceded in death by his parents Henry and Nomie McFadden, his wife Johnnie Mae McFadden and three brothers James McFadden, Henry McFadden and Joe McFadden. Funeral service was held at 1:00 PM Wednesday, January 08, 2020 at Robinson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Roseboro. Burial followed in the Roseboro-Snow Hill Cemetery. Mr. McFadden is survived by four step-daughters Ozzie (L. J. Jr) Robinson of Roseboro, NC, Julia Thompson of Asheboro, NC, Sharon (Fred II) Warren of Roseboro, NC, Doris (Daryl) Upchurch of Spring Lake, NC, two step-sons Harold (Cynthia) Matthis of Rockwell, GA, Lewis Matthis of Roseboro, NC, sister Margaret Canty, Pinewood, SC, brother John McFadden, Pinewood, SC, 14 step-grandchildren, and a host of step-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends. Visitation was held Tuesday, January 07, 2020 from 1:00 PM-6:00 PM at Carter Funeral Home in Garland, NC.



## RALEIGH

**Anna Marie McPherson 44** of 6109 Buffalo Road passed away on Saturday, January 4, 2020 in Raleigh. Funeral Services will be held on Sunday, January 12, 2020 at 3:00 pm at Clinton Community Church, 1901 Sunset Ave, Clinton with Pastor Dwight Dunning officiating, burial will follow in the Clinton City Cemetery. Anna leaves to cherish her memories: her Mother: Mary Elizabeth Vernon of Clinton, Brothers: Sam McPherson of Whispering Pines and Mark McPherson of Spring Lake, Sisters: Glenda McPherson of Houston, Texas and Mary Sandlin of Clinton. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service from 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm at Clinton Community Church.



## CLINTON

**Mrs. Janice B. Sanders Oppenheimer, 68**, of 108 W. Lee Street, Clinton, NC passed away Sunday, January 5, 2020 at home. Family and friends will gather at the residence at 1pm, Saturday, January 11, 2020 to honor her life. Mrs. Oppenheimer is survived by HUSBAND-Jamie "Jimmy" Oppenheimer of the home; SONS-Travis D. Sadler of Atlanta, GA and Aaron Oppenheimer of the home; SISTER-Emily L. Curtis of Raleigh, NC; four grandchildren. There will not be a funeral or viewing at the request of Janice.



## CLINTON

**Louis Ray Pate, 81**, passed away Saturday, 4 January 2020, at his home in Clinton, North Carolina. Louis (Ray) was born 30 December 1938 to Gilbert and Gladys Pate in Mt. Olive, North Carolina, the oldest of three children. He graduated from Hobbton High School in 1957 and earned his Associates in Applied Science in 1977 from the Community College of the Air Force. Ray is a Vietnam Veteran and served more than 20 years in the U.S. Air Force in multiple operational and strategic assignments across diverse locations in the United States and overseas. His service included assignments of increasing responsibility and expertise, including positions as a jet fighter mechanic, a recruiter, and instructor at the

Air Force Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy. He met his beautiful bride and wife of 62 years, Edna Kay Lee Hunter, in high school and they were later married in South Carolina. Following retirement from the Air Force in 1979, he began his journey into farming, which included the development, implementation and sustainment of a large hog farm in Sampson County that has continued to thrive since its groundbreaking in the early 1980s. His passion for farming later included turkeys and cows, the latter of which has been a tremendous source of personal satisfaction for both him and his family—his favorite cow, Raven, has become an extended and integral part of his family and legacy. Ray's passion for life and his approach to service, integrity and honor not only follow the AF values, but also embody the quote attributed to William Wallace, "Every man dies. Not every many really lives." Although he often joked that he—and his many friends—were suffering from A.G.E., he also was so thankful for the fullness of life that that can only be attained through introspection and action based on incorporation of higher-order values and character. He lived fully and in a way that demonstrated a virtuous and sincere approach to service to family and community that transcended self—his love of God, community, service, and living life fully is evident in the numerous stories and connections built not only in this small community, but also in the larger military and national communities that touch us all. If he weren't a farmer, it's likely that he would have also become a professional writer, as he has also shared some of his life-insights in short written and spoken stories with both family and friends with topics ranging from Pascal's philosophy on faith to proper management of hay fields! Ray is survived by his wife, Edna; daughters, Gina Pate and Cynthia (Pate) Stuppign; sons Christopher and Cliff; grandchildren Kristen, Connor, Christopher, and Jonah Pate, Taylor Hegler; Travis Pate, Amber Key, Trevon Pate; Jarrad, Kaylee, and Moriah Pate, Amanda Santos, Tracy Brink; Kai and Alyssa Stuppign; Camryn and Logan Pate; great grand-children Chase and Cooper Pate; Gage Carter, Ayden Salazar and "Max" Santos. Ray was preceded in death by his parents, Gilbert and Gladys Pate, his son, Kenneth Pate, his sister Gaynelle Autry, and his brother Frank Pate. Church service and visitation with friends and family will be held on Friday, 10 January 2020, at Carr Memorial Church, 91 Carr Church Road, Clinton, North Carolina with service commencing promptly at 6:00PM. Military funeral honors will be held on Saturday, 11 January 2020, at 11:00 AM at the Pate Family Cemetery, 2210 Hunter Road, Clinton, North Carolina with Pastor Charles Ray Jernigan officiating. Additional questions about arrangements should be directed to Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Homes at 910-592-2066.

## NEWTON GROVE

**Mrs. Jackie Smith, 78**, of S. Church St., Newton Grove passed away on Wednesday, January 1, 2020. A memorial service was held Sunday, January 5, 2020 at 2 p.m. at Pleasant Union Christian Church, Newton Grove. The family received family and friends following the service. Officiating will be Rev. Debora Stilley. Left to cherish her memories are her husband; Victor Smith of the home, children; Lee Smith and wife Penny of Newton Grove, Doug Smith of Newton Grove. Neil Smith and wife Maria of Newton Grove and Amy Johnson and husband Roy Jr., of Meadow. Grandchildren; Crystal Jordan, Elise Childers, Ashley Tart, McKenna Smith, Royce Johnson, Amanda Smith, Tori Johnson and Tripp Johnson. Three great grandchildren. Brother; Sammy Giddens and wife Nida of Faison and sister; Susan Williford and husband Ricky of Newton Grove. She was preceded in death by her parents; Harvey W. and Esther J. Giddens and brother, Jimmy Giddens. Memorials may be made to Pleasant Union Christian Church, P.O. Box 1, Newton Grove, North Carolina, 28366 or Town of 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 Home, Newton Grove, North Carolina.



## CLINTON



**Mr. James Robert Vann, 86**, of Clinton, NC, passed away Sunday, January 5, 2020. Funeral service was at 2 PM, Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at Hopewell United Methodist Church, 4641 Church Road, Newton Grove, NC 28366 with Rev. Gregg Prenal officiating. Interment with Masonic and Military Rites followed in the church cemetery. The family received friends from 6 PM - 8 PM, Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home and at other times at the home. His survivors include; wife, Helen Bass Vann of the home; daughters, Helen Raye Vann Smith and husband, Billy of Salemburg and Robin Vann Heatherington and husband Paul of Raleigh; grandchildren, Sean Smith, Shea Smith, Van Heatherington, Rachel Heatherington and Anna Heatherington; niece, Linda McCullen; and nephew, Randy Vann. He was preceded in death by his parents, Freddie and Ora House Vann and brother, Gilbert Vann. Mr. Vann was a member of Hopewell United Methodist Church. He was a Mason for 56 years, a Shriner, and a Sudan Dunn clown for 53 years. He enjoyed helping children receive needed medical assistance in Shriners Hospitals throughout the US. This was a contentment in his life that will be remembered. Mr. Vann was a farmer and a former owner of Vann's Grocery and the Farm House Restaurant until his retirement. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.crumplerhoneycutt.com](http://www.crumplerhoneycutt.com). Memorials may be made to Hopewell United Methodist Church, 4641 Church Road, Newton Grove, NC 28366 or Shriners Hospitals, 403 E Front Street, New Bern, NC 28560.

## CLINTON

**Anthony Williams, 56**, of Chancey Rd., Clinton, passed away at his home on Monday, January 6, 2020 after a courageous battle with cancer. Arrangements for his service will be announced by the family on Tuesday. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Williams Family.



## SALEMBURG

**Mr. Clarence Earl Jones, 74** of Salemburg passed away on Wednesday, January 1, 2020 at Wake Medical Center. A graveside service was held at 2:00 PM Sunday, Jan. 5 at Sunrise Memorial Gardens with Rev. Chris Butler officiating. Mr. Jones was a native of Sampson County, the son of the late Sanford Robert and Annie Bell Thornton Jones. He was a mechanic. He is survived by his daughter, Tiffany Conner of Salemburg; a grandson, Nathaniel Jones of Clinton; two sisters, Lounell Crumpler of Clinton and Eldora Mitchell of Roseboro; one brother, James Jones of Salemburg. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.

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## CUP COUNTDOWN

# No. 2: Martinsville's playoff race ended in anger



**Martin Truex Jr. celebrates after winning at Martinsville and advancing to the NASCAR Cup Series Championship Round at Homestead. His win was overshadowed by a post-race fight on pit road.** [AP/STEVE HELBER]

**By Godwin Kelly**  
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*This is the fourth of a five-part series counting down our top five NASCAR Cup Series races of 2019.*

**T**he fight. If you talk about the First Data 500 – the second Cup Series race at Martinsville Speedway in 2019 – the altercation between playoff contenders Joey Logano and Denny Hamlin immediately springs to mind. A post-race verbal exchange between Hamlin and Logano started with the look of courtesy and ended in chaos. The point of contention was an incident on Lap 458 when Hamlin's Toyota and Logano's Ford made side-to-side contact off Turn 4 and Logano's car banged into the outside wall. Logano spun in Turn 1 to bring out the 10th caution, and he recovered to finish eighth, but he wanted answers from Hamlin after the race. "We were having a discussion," Hamlin said. "Everything was civil,

and then, like Joey does, he does a little push and then runs away. So that's Joey. Scared. He said, 'Do you want to go?' I said, 'Yes, I'm here.' But then he runs away."

"I just wanted to see what his thoughts were, and it wasn't quite the answer I was looking for," said Logano, who initiated the physicality with a light push to Hamlin's right shoulder.

There was pushing and shoving and such between the drivers and their pit crews. When all was said and done, only one crew member drew a suspension from NASCAR for foul play.

The fight took the focus off Martin Truex Jr. and his nearly perfect run to the victory, which put him in the Championship Round.

Truex led a career-high 464 laps in the 500-lap event.

"I can't believe we just won Martinsville, man," said Truex, who finished .489 seconds ahead of William Byron after a restart with 24 laps to go.

"I don't think anyone expected that," Truex continued. "This race-track, in general, you don't see that.

Hats off to my guys; pit crew was stellar, and we didn't make many adjustments. We adjusted on it early and it came to life, and that was a lot of fun."

After going years without a short-track victory, Truex swept both races at Richmond, then conquered Martinsville.

"I don't know, maybe now I've got this place figured out," Truex said. "Who knows? . . . I'm just proud of everybody for giving me a race car like that and being able to put it all together when it counted."

Byron chased the veteran until the laps were all gone.

"He was really strong," said Byron. "This isn't a place that I've loved coming to, and it just clicked; the things we did with the car going into qualifying and then obviously our race. Super excited, but second is not super fun, either. We'll try to get one spot better next time."

This race all but knocked Chase Elliott from playoff contention.

Elliott finished 36th, 55 laps down after his rear axle broke on Lap 180. He exited Martinsville 44 points below the cut line.

## QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers



**This is the type of racing many fans cut their teeth on.** [AP FILE]

### Should NASCAR take a cue from the Chili Bowl?

As happens every year, one NASCAR racer after another has put his name on the entry list for next week's down-and-dirty fun in Tulsa. Ryan Newman and Ricky Stenhouse Jr. were the latest to join Kyle Larson, Alex Bowman, J.J. Yeley, Christopher Bell and some 340 others at the 34th Chili Bowl Nationals. If an event is that popular with the racers, it should raise eyebrows in the corner offices.

### So ... a dirt race in "New NASCAR"?

The trucks have done it and done it well. The Xfinity Series might be next, and if scheduled properly you'd see some Cup regulars enter the race(s). Maybe what's best is for NASCAR to promote a race on Charlotte's dirt track the week of the Coke 600 in May but not with Cup or Xfinity cars. Run it on Thursday night and offer a big purse, then see if Kenny Schrader shows up to steal the show.

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## WHAT'S ON TAP

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

**Jan. 25-26:** Rolex 24 at Daytona

**Feb. 8-16:** Speedweeks at Daytona:

**Feb. 8:** ARCA 200

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

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

**Feb. 14:** Truck Series Next-Era Energy Resources 250

**Feb. 15:** Xfinity Series NASCAR Racing Experience 300

**Feb. 16:** Daytona 500

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## SPEED FREAKS — A few questions we had to ask ourselves

### Will it be a drama-free Rolex 24 for Kyle Busch?

**GODSPEAK:** Oddly enough, despite Busch's years of racing experience, this is all new to him. I've got a feeling he will have an opinion on "gentlemen drivers."

**KEN'S CALL:** Let's hope not. Things are always more interesting when he's irritated, so let's hope he gets hung up in traffic near the infield kink.

### Crazy question: Would NASCAR ever consider a Cup Series race on Daytona's road course?

**GODSPEAK:** It was under consideration for the summer race during the Daytona

Rising project, but no, it won't ever happen, not when you can "throw a blanket over them" at near 200 mph.

**KEN'S CALL:** I've been lobbying for the summer race to hit the Rolex course, so the answer is probably no. But never say never, they say.

### OK, is there anyone who hasn't entered the Chili Bowl?

**GODSPEAK:** I think for some NASCAR drivers, the Chili Bowl has become sort of a bucket-list item, you know, give it a try one time.

**KEN'S CALL:** Ryan Newman and Ricky Stenhouse added their names to the party



**Kyle got his sports-car feet wet during this past weekend's Rolex 24 test at Daytona.** [N-J/DAVID TUCKER]

list last week. The event seems to grow every year, and it's practically a convention of any racer who ever got his car dirty.

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