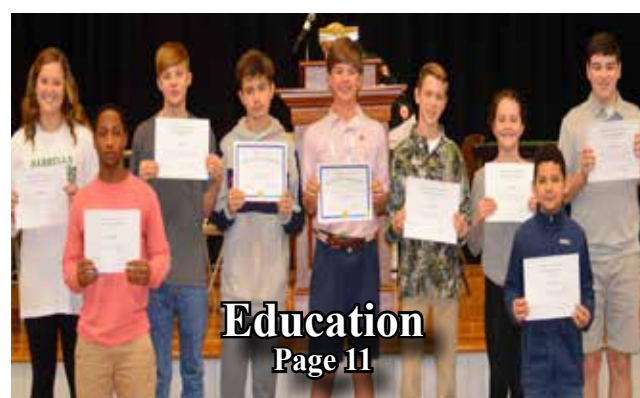




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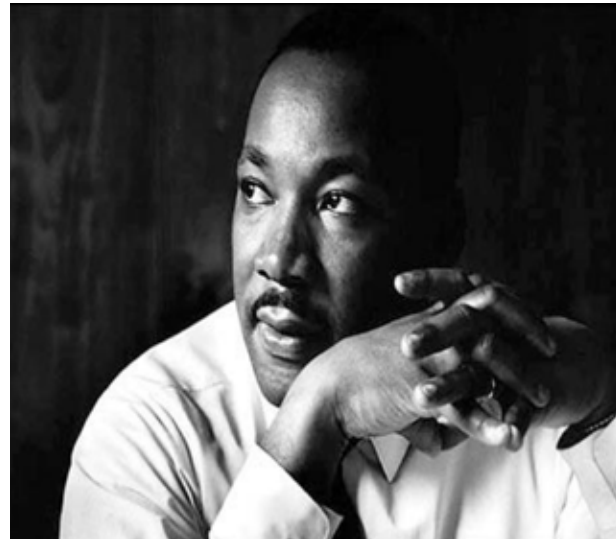
Union Intermediate School Pulls Together in Unity After Microburst Damages Gymnasium



On Monday around 2:00pm, Union Intermediate School suffered severe damage to the roof and outer walls of the gymnasium and auditorium. The damage was caused by a storm that was passing through the area that encompassed high winds and rain. On Tuesday the National Weather Service confirmed that the damage was

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20th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Luncheon



The Multi-Cultural Committee of the Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce will host their 20th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Luncheon on Monday, January 20, 2020 at the Sampson County Exposition Center on Warsaw Road in Clinton. The event starts at noon.

The Multicultural Business Committee consists of Patty Cherry, Janice Thomas, Dr. Rodney Sessoms and Dr. Ted Thomas.

Speaking for the committee Dr. Ted Thomas said, "For the past 20 years the Multicultural Business Committee of the Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce, has had the pleasure of presenting a luncheon for the citizens of Clinton and Sampson County. The purpose of this celebration is to reflect on Martin Luther King, Jr., who was an American pastor, activist, humanitarian, and leader in the African-American Civil Right movement."

According to Dr. Thomas, the Multicultural Committee and the MLK Luncheon was started over 21 years ago with "the vision to make the Chamber mor inclusive."

Thomas continued, "Over the past 20 years we have had prominent speakers ranging from Ministers, College Deans, and President of the NC NAACP, Physicians and Local Elected Officials. For the past 2 years, we have honored those who fought for freedom and equality, such as Rosa Parks and the Greensboro four." Last year the event focused on the re-enactment, "Letter from the Birmingham Jail", written on April 16th, 1963 from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He was incarcerated due to a civil rights march he was part of. Community volunteers will be performing the re-enactment. Narration was done by Dr. Ted Thomas.

This year's event will feature a skit highlighting the Selma to Montgomery March and what happened at the Edmund

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HOMICIDE

Homicide Investigation on Dunn Hwy



Deputies responded to a gunshot victim at 5423 Harnett Dunn Hwy. sometime after midnight on January 10, 2020. Upon arrival deputies located a deceased female victim, who was later identified as Belinda Davis, 29, W/F of the same address.

During the investigation, deputies discovered several hours earlier a male subject had been driven by personal vehicle to the Dunn Rescue Building and was then transported to Wake Medical Emergency Department by ambulance to be treated for a laceration that occurred at the same address.

Investigators worked through the night and following day to identify and charge Darrius Blue, 23, B/M of 100 Deerfield Ln., Dunn, NC with murder. Currently Blue is held in the Sampson County Detention Center with no bond.

At this time, the investigation is on-going and no further details or comments will be released. As the case develops further, more information may be released by a press release update to all media outlets.

"I am proud of the hard work deputies and investigators, have and continue to put into this case."
-Jimmy Thornton, Sheriff

WEEKLY VERSE

Ruth replied,
"Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you.
Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay.
Your people will be my people and your God my God."
Ruth 1:16

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LOCAL NEWS

Sampson Regional Medical Center Awarded Grant for Simulation Laboratory

Sampson Regional Medical Center (SampsonRMC) is elated to announce a long-awaited project in collaboration with Sampson Community College. This month, the partnering organizations will open a simulation center for hands-on healthcare training on the hospital's 2nd floor.

Birthered as a project of Sampson Community College (SCC), the hospital is proud to partner in creating a home for the new Simulation Center. The technologically advanced center will serve healthcare training needs for both organizations in our community.

This learning environment offers the opportunity for medical teams to function together, enhancing clinical skills but also developing in areas of communication, behavior, and leadership. Simulated training experiences will benefit both college and hospital learners through immersive medical scenarios, including a wide range of physiological and neurological symptoms and pharmacological responses. The experiences gained for both SampsonRMC staff and SCC students will be invaluable.

To help make this project possible, the Sampson Regional Medical Center Foundation applied for and received grant funding from The Cannon Foundation, Inc. The grant dollars support a portion of costs related to specific equipment essential to run the simulation lab. "We believe our Foundation provided a well-documented, fiscally responsible plan detailing how our hospital serves the healthcare needs of the community," stated Sherrill Allen, Fund Development Coordinator for Sampson Regional Medical Center. He elaborated how collaboration on this project with Sampson Community College will enable a stronger healthcare workforce for Sampson County.

Sampson Community College is as much excited for how this project impacts its mission. "Sampson Community College appreciates the investment The Cannon Foundation has made in this exciting joint venture," stated Lisa Turlington, SCC Dean of Advancement. "The grant helps defray the equipment costs and allows the



college to allocate limited state funding to other workforce training needs. We congratulate and thanks SampsonRMC for the work in helping procure this cutting-edge technology," continued Turlington.

In its announcement to Sampson Regional Medical Center, the granting organization acknowledged the impact this project will have in bettering healthcare for the community. "The Cannon Foundation supports organizations that strive to make their communities better and values higher education, healthcare, human services and community," wrote a representative of The Cannon Foundation, Inc.

Sampson Regional Medical Center is committed to providing excellent patient care. This unique training system will allow the hospital to continue offering the best care possible to its community. "We are grateful to The Cannon Foundation, Inc. for supporting the Sampson Regional Medical Center Foundation and we look forward to this collaboration with Sampson Community College that will offer strong training for future healthcare workers within our community," said Allen.

First birth of 2020 a Baby Boy



Clinton, NC, January 9, 2020: Sampson Regional Medical Center is pleased to announce the 1st birth of the New Year, a baby boy! He arrived January 2, 2020 at 2:49 am weighing 5 pounds, 14.2 ounces, and 19 inches long. Proud parents are Ana Carolina Moradel Andrade and Matias Pineda Flores.

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Pettus Bridge on March 7, 1965. This event is also known as “Bloody Sunday”. In all, 17 marchers were hospitalized and 50 treated for lesser injuries that day when they were brutally attacked. The main focus of this civil rights march was for voting rights for all people. By highlighting racial injustice, the nonviolent activists contributed to the passage that year of the Voting Rights Act, a landmark federal achievement of the civil rights movement.

Speaking of previous year’s luncheons, organizers were eager to express their gratitude for the support received from the community. “We thank all who have participated in the past years by helping to sponsor this event. We have been able to present this event for the past 20 years without having to charge the public. We give special thanks to our Mayor, The Honorable Lew Starling. He has been essential each year and very supportive of our event both with his presence each year and his monetary support.”

The MLK Luncheon is the largest event held in Sampson County in memory of Dr. King. Committee organizers en-

courage the community to attend this wonderful event this year to help celebrate Dr. King and his efforts to “bring us all together” and to support the youth of our community in their efforts to pay tribute in song. “We encourage Individuals, Businesses and Churches to help us support this event each year both by attending and providing financial support. This event is provided each year to bring UNITY to our community and assist us in remembering Dr. King and his contributions to our society. We are reminded, both old and young, that we did not get where we are in this race of life without forefathers like Dr. King taking a stand against inequality and for justice for all. We do not want Dr. King and his effort to get lost in the history books.”

The goal of the Multi-Cultural Committee of the Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce is to create opportunities to assist Multi-Cultural Businesses and Entrepreneurs new to our community to become more exposed and involved in the operations of the business community in Clinton and Sampson County. This luncheon gives the public, community members and busi-

ness members, an opportunity to interact and fellowship. It also provides an opportunity to network and hopefully form relationships that will assist in community cooperation and promote building a stronger relationship between all.

In closing Dr. Thomas stated, “We thank Dr. Martin L. King for all his strides and achievements, this day is set aside to honor him as well as the others that stood by him. Remember this is a day on and not a day off.”

“Please come fellowship with us on January 20, 2020 at noon at the Sampson Exposition Center. This event is sponsored by the Multi-Cultural Committee of the Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce. Tables are available for a donation of \$200.00 and sponsorships are always welcome. The event is free to the public, so come early to take a journey back into history because “You don’t know where you are going if you don’t know where you have been.”

For more information, you may contact the Chamber of Commerce at 910-592-6177.

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actually caused by a Microburst.

According to the National Weather Service, a microburst is a “localized column of sinking air (downdraft) within a thunderstorm and is usually less than or equal to 2.5 miles in diameter. Microbursts can cause extensive damage at the surface, and in some instances, can be life-threatening. There are two primary types of microbursts: 1) wet microbursts and 2) dry microbursts. Wet microbursts are accompanied by significant precipitation and are common in the Southeast during the summer months.” However, this happened during the winter-time on January 13th. The county had been seeing an exceptionally warm spell of weather.

What exactly causes a Microburst? The National Weather Service states, “It all starts with the development of a thunderstorm and the water droplets/hailstones being suspended within the updraft. Sometimes an updraft is so strong it suspends large amounts of these droplets and hailstones in the upper portions of the thunderstorm. There are many factors that can lead to evaporational cooling (sinking air) and therefore weakening of the updraft. Once this occurs, it is no longer capable of holding the large core of rain/hail up in the thunderstorm. As a result, the core plummets to the ground. As it hits the ground it spreads out in all directions. The location in which the microburst first hits the ground experiences the highest winds and greatest damage.”

And as seen at Union Intermediate School, Microbursts can cause catastrophic damage. The NWS says, “Wind speeds in microbursts can reach up to 100 mph, or even higher, which is equivalent to an EF-1 tornado! Winds this high can cause major damage to homes and other structures and level hundreds of trees. It is very important that you take Severe Thunderstorm Warnings just as seriously as Tornado Warnings!”

The National Weather Service has determined that the Microburst that wreaked havoc at the Intermediate School had winds that exceeded 85mph.

Shortly after the Microburst happened, local Emergency Responders were dispatched and once on the scene discovered three 5th grade students who were injured. They were actually in the gym when the Microburst hit, destroying the roof and outer back wall near the auditorium. They were transferred to Sampson Regional Medical Center and around 6pm, all three students were treated and released.

According to Union Intermediate School Principal Dondi Hobbs, all three students were at school on Thursday once the school reopened.

Principal Hobbs stated that at the time of the incident, she was actually at a faculty meeting at Penderlea School. She said that she immediately called front office staff member Angie Burley to make sure that everyone was ok. Hobbs noted that if she knew everyone was ok that everything else could be fixed in time. Once notified, she returned to the school immediately.

Principal Hobbs wanted to let everyone know that the quick response by front office staff members Angie Burley, Rebecca Lewis and Lora McLamb was crucial in getting the kids in the gym to safety. Hobbs stated, “The Front Office is trained to deal with emergency situations.” And obviously their training paid off in a huge way on Monday afternoon.

Hobbs went on to say that she is very thankful for the drills, safety measures and training that the staff have to go through. She said that they “helped to make things easier to handle. We were prepared as we possibly could be, considering this came out of nowhere.”

A surveillance video of the collapsing wall and roof of the gymnasium was released on Wednesday, vividly showing the children and the PE teacher scrambling to get out of the way of the falling rubble and debris. Quite a scary moment for the adults let alone 10-year-old 5th grade students.

Faculty and staff returned to work on Wednesday with counseling available to help them deal with the situation. According to Principal Dondi Hobbs, “We held a teacher work session where the teachers talked about the experience and gave praise to each other for their different roles in keeping the students and others safe.” Hobbs stated that she felt like the counseling work session really helped the teachers and staff return to some sort of normalcy.

Students returned on Thursday, with counseling available to not only the fifth graders who were in the gymnasium at the time but to the entire school. According to the Principal, the teachers and staff greeted students as they entered the building on Thursday with words of encouragement and with high fives. Hobbs said, “We really had a good day at school on Thursday. We were back on normal schedule.”

Hobbs also noted that since the incident, that a restoration crew was making quick work at cleaning up the damage and building a wall to close off the damaged section of the gym.

Principal Dondi Hobbs said that she is so grateful to everyone that helped during the crisis. She especially wanted to thank the Taylors Bridge Fire Department, the Sampson County Sheriff’s Office, Sampson County Emergency Management, Sampson Regional Medical Center, Sampson County EMS, Sampson County Communications, the Garland Fire Department, the NC Hwy Patrol and all others who came out to help.

Hobbs said in closing, “The quick response of the first responders and our staff at Union Intermediate School is what kept our children safe. I am deeply appreciative and grateful for that.”





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LOCAL NEWS

Sampson Partners Dedicate New Facilities



The Pridgen family and friends pose with portrait for the new "Pridgen Family Building" on Thursday night at the Dedication Service for the new Sampson Partners building

Originally Clinton United Churches Crisis Center started in 1986, on January 9th 2020, 34 years later, Sampson Partners dedicated a new facility to continue the work that Lee Pridgen and the United Churches of Sampson County began so many years ago.

"...for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me..."
~Matthew 25:35-36a (RSV)

History provided by Dr. Paul Viser (President, Sampson Partners Inc)

Initially a soup kitchen feeding once a week, eventually the Sampson Crisis Center evolved to better serve the needs of the county. Shortly thereafter, the Clinton Ministerial Association sought to establish a permanent organization through which the member churches could efficiently pool and administer local benevolent giving. This idea was given a physical home in September of 1986 when Mildred Powell donated the original building at 102 Sampson Street. The organization was founded on August 7, 1986 under the name Clinton United Services Crisis Center, Inc. The original Board of Directors included J.C. Pridgen, Sr., Bill Fulton, Lee Pridgen, James Pardue, and Leighton McKeithan.

On March 16, 1988, the name was changed to Sampson Crisis Center to reflect its countywide church membership and outreach. Soon after, the adjacent building at 104 Sampson Street, donated by Ms. Powell's estate after her death, provided space for the Thrift Shop. Marie Monroe managed the shop during those early years, increasing revenue from \$2,000 annually to \$33,000 by the time of her retirement in 1996.

During the first two decades of the Sampson Crisis Center, funding sources included United Way, FEMA, Thrift Shop revenue, member church donations, and individual cash gifts. Services expanded to include emergency client services, scheduled food distribution, and logistical assistance with county-wide charity activity. Thrift Shop activity became difficult to carry out in the small buildings on Sampson Street, particularly with limited parking.

In 1997, the Center purchased three contiguous buildings on 309 Main Street, doubling its physical size to 6304 square feet. The cost was \$34,500 plus \$123,000 in renovations, all of which was paid within three years.

Between 2000 and 2014, the Sampson Crisis Center was challenged by growing demand for client services. Climbing staffing costs and slowly declining outside revenue made the Center increasingly dependent upon Thrift Shop earnings. Though gross revenue at the Thrift Shop exceeded \$90,000 during this period, the funding proved insufficient to continue the breadth of services for which the Crisis Center had been known for over 28 years. After a lengthy meeting of all past board chairs, led by Johnny Pridgen and Thomas Farrow of First Baptist Church (900 College St.), the decision was made to discontinue food and emergency services. The Center was nearly insolvent.

The Thrift Shop, however, continued to generate positive cash flow. Operating hours were never curtailed or interrupted. The Thrift Shop chugged along quietly and successfully with a low public profile. Due to the loyal cadre of volunteers, and to the modest compensation of store co-managers Gloria Lee and Margaret Spivey, the shop's gross revenues of \$300 to \$500 daily were sufficient to provide monthly profits in the range of \$2,000. More important, Thomas Farrow and Johnny Pridgen were able to direct financial support to human service organizations across Sampson County. Over these four years, about \$30,000 was disbursed to United Way, U-Care, Sampson Community College Foundation, and many others.

Recent Years and a Renewed Vision

In July 2018, with Thomas Farrow having accepted a call outside of the region, and with Johnny Pridgen pondering the long-term future of the organization, another

meeting was held. The group again included past chairs. Options included liquidation versus business changes that would position the organization to serve for decades into the future. The group in attendance was mindful of the rich legacy of the Crisis Center going back thirty-two years. Another contextual factor in the discussion was the solid financial status of the organization: \$160,000 cash on hand, fully owned real estate, and a successful business model producing reliable monthly profits.

The consensus was to reaffirm their Christian mission of service to people within Sampson County. They also felt strongly that a working board of directors -- chosen by the board itself -- would provide the nimble energy needed to propel it into the next decades of service. Tim Howard provided legal assistance in adjusting the by-laws. Gary Rouse provided accounting expertise and financial advice. The new six-member Board of Directors was established: Peggy Melvin, Willie Mitchell, Johnny Pridgen, Margaret Spivey, Paul Viser, and Rhonda West.

On August 8, 2018, the name was changed to Sampson Partners to mark a metamorphosis. This change also reflects the partnership with local like-minded organizations with missions aligned with their own, simply that of Christian service and support.

The current brisk rate of change was fortuitously electrified further by the availability of two contiguous lots on Main Street. Lew Starling sold these lots to Sampson Partners for \$45,000, which was below the appraised value. Due to a strong financial position, they were able to move quickly and cleanly on this opportunity, simply writing a check for the land purchase.

"This doubling of square footage would mean nothing were it not for its role in our purpose and mission," says Dr Paul Viser. "Following the example of the Habitat for Humanity Restores and drawing from our own firsthand experience with the Thrift Shop -- now newly named The Shop on Main - our plan is to dedicate the new building to the sale of furniture and other household items. We have every expectation that we can increase our cash generation multi-fold, all of which will be returned to the people of Sampson County in a focused, mission-driven manner."

Regarding the new space, Dr Viser states, "The new space became available when Johnny Pridgen and I approached Lew Starling in July 2018. At that time, he was the owner. He responded that he had not planned to sell the property, but he would be happy to sell the property to us because he wanted to support the work that we were doing through Sampson Partners. We paid \$45,000 from our cash reserves. The appraised value was around \$70,000. At that time, the property consisted of two brick walls and a pile of dirt."

"In January 2019, we had a public unveiling in downtown Clinton. Our plan was to build and occupy the building by the end of the year, which we did. Further, our plan was to pay for the \$349,000 building by mid-2020, and we reached that goal six months ahead of schedule. This has been possible because of a broad and devoted base of supporters across the county. The total cost of the project was \$410,000."

"We have two part-time employees, our co-managers of our thrift shop, The Shop on Main," adds Viser. "Everyone else works on a volunteer basis. We currently have about one hundred volunteers."

"The Pridgen family, and Johnny C. Pridgen, Jr. in particular, were, and remain, absolutely essential to our ongoing success. That is why we named our building the Pridgen Family Building. I have served as president throughout the past eighteen months."

Regarding the newly appointed partnership with Sampson Community College, Viser states, "Our relationship with SCC is twofold. First, we are leasing space to Sampson Community College which was our plan all along. The space has been modified to the needs specified by Dr. Starling, President of the College. Second, we are a significant donor to the SCC Foundation, underwriting

scholarships."

"Other fronts and initiatives include an active internet presence. We have established a web site www.sampsonpartners.org that went live on March 12, 2019. Our Facebook page has been active since late 2018 and our presence there is still evolving. We need to buttress the current team of volunteers, including men who are now under-represented and are especially needed for our augmented furniture business."

Dr Viser says a wish list for the new facility include:

- Seeking candidate for Director of Furniture Operations
- Good furniture donations
- Expand internet operations to include eBay sales
- Sampson Community College to occupying 1190 sq. ft. of the new building; expectation is heavy use for classes, certificate programs, and public events; this relationship with SCC will represent synergism with Sampson Partners and will generate vibrant foot traffic in downtown Clinton
- Four-year plan: renovation of original buildings; complete upgrade of front windows and doors; consider concrete pad to replace current crawl space; the plan is to do this in sections to avoid/minimize interruption of thrift shop; funding through cash flow
- Goal of annual financial outreach support: \$100,000

Viser adds, "Our organization does not depend on cash donations, but many generous people have made cash donations during our building construction. That will enable us to accelerate our focus upon disbursements to Sampson County nonprofits. Our business model is simply this: We receive donated furniture, clothing, and other household items. We process these items using our many volunteers who work on site on a regular and predictable basis. After meeting our modest business expenses, our profits are disbursed to local nonprofits whose activities and services fall within the definition of Christian outreach and humanitarian relief. This definition is broad and includes United Way, Boy Scouts, Kiwanis, Sampson Community College scholarships, Salemburg food bank, First Baptist soup kitchen, Backpack Buddies, and UCare."

"At this point in our 34-year history, we are strongly positioned to handle a large inventory of items for sale, especially furniture. Our expenses are very low, largely due to the fact that we have only two part-time paid positions. The volunteers consider it a privilege to work within this Christian organization for the benefit of citizens here in Sampson County."

"Our governance is a Board of Directors: Johnny Pridgen, Paul Viser, Rhonda West, Peggy Melvin, Margaret Spivey, and Rodney Sessoms."

Of course, none of the present or past could be possible without the generous support of donors. To see the full list of donors, visit the new facility at 309 E Main Street, Clinton, NC.

Donations may be made by check and sent to: Sampson Partners, Inc., 309 East Main Street, Clinton, NC 28328. Or give online at our website: www.sampsonpartners.org. Click on "Donate" and give via PayPal.

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The new building dedicated on Thursday night Sampson Partners



Dr. Paul Viser, President Sampson Partners, along with Johnny Pridgen, Board Member

We Should Know . . .



Wellie Jackson 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 Agriculture in our community and the quest today is Wellie Jackson, CEO at Toy Farms of Keener.

Wellie Jackson grew up in the Keener area and attended Hobpton High School prior to studying Business Administration, Trust Management, Financial Planning at Campbell University. He is married to Tara Britt Jackson and the couple have three children. Toy Farms of Keener and the Jackson family recently reached national attention as a pair of Turkeys raised by the family, Bread and Butter, were pardoned by the White House on Thanksgiving.

“I got to grow the Presidential Pardon Turkeys for 2019,” says Jackson. “We carried them to Washington and presented them to President Trump. That was a very, very good, unique experience.”

JW Simmons states that this process of sending turkeys to the White House has been a long-standing tradition, but the pardon process has not always been part of the process. “Yes sir,” agrees Jackson, “but ours were not. Ours were pardoned and they are at Virginia Tech now.”

Simmons says the process for these turkeys were very different from a normal turkey. They don’t just grab a couple off the farm and send to DC. “Not true,” says Jackson. “These were very trained turkeys. I spent a lot of time with these turkeys and if you were to come down there and see me some of these mornings you would have thought I lost my mind. I got in the house with them. We built a special house for them and I would get in there and read books to them. I would walk around with them. We had a soccer ball there and I would kick the soccer ball and watch them run from it. And watch videos with them just trying to get them acclimated to people and the media. I would get them out and walk them in the yard to get them use to walking on grass, rocks and stuff like that.”

It was about a four-hour day from 8-weeks on until they were 20 weeks old, so about 12 weeks,” adds Jackson.

Next, Simmons asks out of thousands of turkeys, how does someone select two. Jackson replies, “All Butterball turkeys are Presidential turkeys. We basically bred these turkeys

on my farms, which is basically like a nursery. Then we move them to a finishing farm. When we moved them, we just selected 30 turkeys and moved them into the house and that’s where they stayed.”

Jackson explains that the 30 turkeys eventually became four with two going to Governor Roy Cooper and two going to the White House. “The Governor’s presentation was not as grand, but there were a lot of school children there and we were proud to be there,” says Jackson. “We were proud to do the governor and the president.”

Simmons states that Jackson and Toy Farms of Keener produces turkeys for Butterball headquartered in Gardner, NC who produces 1.3 billion pounds of turkey. “They are the world’s largest poultry producer,” states Jackson.

Simmons suggests that there must have been a lot going on in the background to make all this happen. “Yes,” says Jackson. “I had to go through media training. I’m just a regular farmer. I’m not used to being in front of the camera. Right here (on We Should Know) is all new to me too. But it was very, very good people and that’s one thing I learned, just being a farmer on the live ops side once I got to meet the people on up in the corporate world, these people are just as passionate and compassionate about what I do as I am. Even though they’re not there every day getting their hands dirty, they’re really into Ag and trying to promote Ag. It just been a lot of really good people. I was really impressed with our leadership.”

“And then I met some people in other companies, Prestage, Nash Johnson around here that I didn’t know and they’re good families and good people. All the way from the leaders all the way down to the farmer they’re very compassionate people and that’s one of the best things I could take from this is just seeing how people from the top to the bottom just care about agriculture.”

Next, Simmons asks once Jackson narrowed the birds down the process, they had him follow was just to allow the birds to adjust better. “Yes,” says Jackson. “You know to get them use to loud noises. The turkeys in Raleigh and Washington you know were celebrities. They had kids coming up to them wanting to pet them and rub them, and that’s just not what a turkey is used too. So, we just got them acclimated to being a good friendly bird. You don’t want them to get spoked by noise, so you have a radio playing. All of them like classical rock. They listen to NASCAR races. It was a good experience and all four turkeys did well.”

“To begin with they were kind of skittish and then all of a sudden you walk in there and they kind of ignored you. I would sit on a bucket in there and they would come up and peck at you and then you could rub them and then it was like I wasn’t there. And that’s what you wanted to get them used too.”

“We had them at Trump’s press secretary’s office, and they had a fire there. Butter was just mesmerized by the fire and had he not been acclimated I don’t know what he would have done.”

A statement on the White House website reads, “On November 26, 2019, President Donald J. Trump continued the time-honored White House tradition of officially pardoning the National Thanksgiving Turkey!

After polls were open for 24 hours for Americans to vote online, this year’s honoree, “Butter,” won a close vote over his competitor, “Bread.”

Both turkeys will be joining last year’s contestants, Peas and Carrots, for some much-deserved rest and relaxation at Virginia Tech’s Gobblers Rest exhibit in Blacksburg, Virginia.

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

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

Sampson County VITAL STATS

Deaths

- Johnnie Roscoe Autry
- James Paul Burch
- Lakawsak Venkinie Dixon
- Francisco Javier Gabriel Rodriguez
- Retha Hayes
- Theresa Ann Hayes
- Rose Joyner
- Ben McFadden
- Algernon Dean Norton
- Janice B. Oppenhiemer
- Louis Ray Pate
- Sylvia Jean Sessoms
- Shelbe Sasser
- William Curtis Spell
- James Robert Vann
- Anthony Dale Williams
- Charlie Walker

Marriage Certificates

- Fulton Wayne Brock to Johnny Lynn Barnes

Births

- Winter Rose Bryant born on December 30, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Octavious Lamont Bryant and Jacquelin Robinson Bryant
- Miryam Elizeth Sanchez Ventura born on January 3, 2020 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Vicente Sanchez Ramirez and Veronica Ventura Antonio
- Leah Grace Foster born on January 4, 2020 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Devante Lajuan Foster and Monica Lasha Smith
- Ian Jared Meza Acosta born on January 4, 2020 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Cristian Javier Meza Orellana and Rosely Dariela Acosta Meza
- Henry Drake Osborne born on January 5, 2020 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Dustin Drake Osborne and Carrie Anne Lamb Osborne
- Cameron Jayce McNeil born on January 6, 2020 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Carl Ray James McNeill III and Alexandria Monique Herriott
- Otto Elijah Dailey born on January 8, 2020 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Elijah Trey Dailey and Breanna Nichole Britt
- Ny’Yahn zamir Tyrone Matthews born on January 8, 2020 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Nakihya Chanelle Autry
- Sabrina Valentina Valencia born on January 9, 2020 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Ronnie Valencia and Monica Evans

Land Transfers

- Donald ONeal Stegal, Virginia Carter Stegal to Bryson Newton Worley, Camillia McLean Worley- Lot 1 2.00 Acres Lot 2 1.06 Acres Lisbon
- Lynn McLamb Godwin/ADMR, Brenda McLamb, Joe McLamb II Estate to RA McLamb, McLamb Family Trust U/W/O RA McLamb- 9.03 Acres Mingo
- Industrial Homes Inc to Sanju Varghese, Judy Vathalloor- 1.5 Acres Franklin
- Davide Brian Weeks, Donna O Weeks to Madison Strickland Melvin, William Garrett Melvin- Lot 41 Greenwood Park Subdivision North Clinton
- W Max Pope to Pelmon Jart Hudson III, Pelmon Jart Hudson Jr- Lot 2 w/exceptions and 32.8 Acres Turkey
- Carl Wesley Gaddy Jr to David M Hendrickson, Patty P Hendrickson- Tract 1 37.43 Acres and Tract Two 1.68 Acres Honeycutts
- Millard Owen Revocable Living Trust, Deborah S Owen/Tr, Millard T Owen III/TR to Deborah S Owen, Millard T Owen III, Millard Theodore Owen IV, Robin M Owen- Tract 4 0.49 Acres South Clinton
- Millard Owen Revocable Living Trust, Deborah S Owen/Tr, Millard T Owen III/TR to Deborah S Owen, Millard T Owen III, Joseph Burrell Dixon Jr, Wendy Diana Owen Dixon- 3 Tracts South Clinton

- Sherry L Lane to Jeffrey R Lane- Parcel 1 3.97 Acres with exceptions Plainview
- Jimmy Lee Waymon, Lillie Waymon to Glenn M Spearman, Minnie B Spearman- 4.5 Acres Lisbon
- Bradford McLean, Chris Kasandra McLean, James Robert Warren, Henry Williams, Ruby Williams to James Robert Warren- Lots 9, 10, 11, 12 Warren Brothers Subdivision Section II Plainview
- James Robert Warren, Nicole Denise Williams to James Robert Warren- Lot 8 Warren Brothers Subdivision Section II Plainview
- Glenda C Lovell/WATA, Glenda L Underwood to Michael Anthony Fisher- South Clinton
- George E Wilson Family Enterprises LLC, George E Wilson/MBR/MGR to Grace Honeycutt Frakes- Lot 27 0.21 Acres Village on Sunset North Clinton
- Richard W Jaite to Jennifer Hosking, Lee Allen Hosking II- 0.37 Acres Little Coharie
- Annabelle L Fetterman Estate, Annabelle L Fetterman Revocable Trust, Annabelle L Fetterman, Mabel May F Held/TR/EXR to Mabel K Held- 3 Parcels South Clinton
- Nickie N Lucas/EXR, Robert J Lucas Estate to Nickie N Lucas- Seven Tracts w/ exceptions Piney Grove
- Beaver Dam Farms LLC, Lee A Hosking II/MBR to Jennifer Hosking, Lee A Hosking II- 2 Tracts Little Coharie
- Jose Luis Torres, Raquel C Torres to Elodia Berrones De Pineda- 1.25 Acres South Clinton
- Raeford Daughtry, Willa Dean Daughtry to Kinna LLC- Newton Grove
- Mary H Hill to Humberto Lora Rosales, Elvia Hernandez Trejo- 1.14 Acres South River Seafood Little Coharie
- Lawrence H Sanderson/MGR, Warren Realty LLC to Talib E Williams- Lot 4 0.17 Acres Villas at Birch Cove North Clinton
- Bear Stearns Asset Backed Securities I Trust 2004-B01/By AIF, PHH Mortgage Corporation/AIF, Wells Fargo Bank NA as Trustee/By AIF to Loovens Louis Jeune- Lot 14 Butler Avenue West Lot Subdivision
- Debra S Owen, Millard T Owen III to Willie Mae Monk- Lot 15 Bluegrass Ridge Subdivision Little Coharie
- Angela Murphy Underwood, Darrick Ray Underwood, Sylvia H Underwood, Julius Williams, Tonya Underwood Williams to Dewey Thomas Giddens, Pamela Britt Giddens- Tract 3 12.72 Acres Halls
- Angela Murphy Underwood, Darrick Ray Underwood, Julius Williams, Tonya Underwood Williams to Sylvia H Underwood- Tract One 3.63 Acres Halls
- Barbara Ann Naylor Carter, John Louis Carter III, Linda Sue Naylor Driver to Fann Farms Land Partnership LLC- 93.03 Acres Honeycutts
- Kristen B Davis, Wesley Allen Davis to Cary Tanner, Robbie Tanner- 2 Tracts Little Coharie
- Betty Cashwell Sutton, Larry O Sutton to Autryville Area Fire Department Inc- Lot Little Coharie
- Mirna Merilu Rivera Gamaz, Jose Miguel-Angel Molina Tabora to Lelys Sagastume- 0.50 Acres
- Heather Lynn Brock, Kevin Wayne Brock to Kenneth Ray Moore, Shameekala Trece Moore- Lot 15 Pineroft Subdivision
- Thornton Homes Co to Annie O Fort, Lewis J Fort- North Clinton
- Thornton Homes Co to Ilda Suyapa Zaldivar Mejia- Lot North Clinton
- Jesus Edgardo Meja to lelys Sagastume- Lot 8 Serenity Lake
- A Lee Royal Trust, Meredith R Jackson/TR, A Lee Royal, Gertrude P Royal/TR, Martha R Shafer/TR to KS&L Fann Family farm LLC- 60.03 Acres Honeycutts
- A Lee Royal Trust, Meredith R Jackson/TR, A Lee Royal, Gertrude P Royal/TR, Martha R Shafer/TR to Fann Farms Land Partnership LLC- 45.52 Acres Honeycutts
- Rickey L Moorefield to Scotty Ray Dixon, Kiona Shanta Lewis- 0.24 Acres
- Douglas Neal Pope, Kimberly L Pope, Sara Warren Pope to Fallon Giddens Pope, Joshua Ryan Pope- Tract 1 11.36 Acres Lisbon

FAITH

A Christian View of Celebrity Culture



By Will Matthews

Admittedly, I don't watch many awards shows that celebrate the best of television and movies like the Golden Globes or the Oscars, but generally I do believe there is something entice about watching them. We get to see actors and actresses, directors and producers living in their own little bubble in Hollywood. We get to see how they interact with one another, with the media and how they respond to winning or not winning an award. We always gain the useless knowing in their speeches that every single person they work with is "genius" or "brilliant." We also get to see what the buzzworthy cultural and social issues Hollywood deems as important as winners use their platform to go on political rants.

So while I don't watch many award shows, I did happen to catch the first ten to fifteen minutes of the Golden Globes this week, and it was the most riveting quarter hour on television in the last few years. The 5-time host, Ricky Gervais opened his monologue by telling the Hollywood elite how they are out of touch with the reality. "You're in no position to lecture the public about anything," he declared. "You know nothing about the real world. Most of you spent less time in school than Greta Thunberg."

Gervais was not only right, but was prophetic. The first award went to Russell Crowe, who was not present to win his award as he was home in Australia due to the wildfires raging in that country. Jennifer Anniston delivered his acceptance speech, saying absolutely nothing about the reward, but rather admonishing the viewers to do something about climate change.

At some level, we all get frustrated with Hollywood. We know that indeed they live in their own little bubble out of touch with what is happening in the rest of the country; that's why it is so refreshing when we see some celebrities like Chris Pratt or Ashton Kutcher in recent years say or do something publicly that is grounded in humility and common sense.

How though, as Christians, should we view this subculture of celebrity? Perhaps we should start at the proper place: Genesis 3. In Genesis 3, sin entered into the world through the deception of Adam and Eve. The serpent presented God's rules and authority as something subjective and Eve was tricked into thinking that God was more interested in preserving his own power than acting in the best interest of His Creation. Through envy and resentment, Eve ate of the forbidden fruit and passed it along to her husband who also ate. Since that time, humanity has had this insatiable longing for freedom; freedom from God and his law. Yet still, as humans who were created to worship, we turn to other things that we can pour ourselves into that will not limit our maximum happiness and pleasure.

Fast forward in time to the big empires of the world through history, like the Babylonians, Egyptians, Greeks and the Romans. All were empires that were foundationally built on some sort of worship. The ancient empires worshipped creation itself – the sun, the rivers, the trees, the mountains. The Greeks and Romans turned that into created things through storytelling. Philosophers like Plato and Aristotle criticized these mythical gods as "too human," but praised virtues like acquiring fame and fortune. During the Enlightenment, people turned from institutional religion toward reason, and reason became their object of worship.

By advocating for a reason based understanding of the world and the human condition, the celebrity culture was born. A celebrity, someone who has captured fame in the eye of the public, creates an exaggerated image and then projects that image into society. Just like Adam, Eve, you and me, celebrities are created to worship and at their core are a religious people. Soon enough, a celebrity can fall into the trap of believing and worshipping their own false image. The praise of the media and fans who have already bought into the false image spoon feed it back to the celebrity. The desire for glory and power continues in an endless cycle.

In the same way Adam and Eve wanted freedom from God's rules, many celebrities aim to live a life of pleasure and desire free from any obstacle that would impede their happiness. This necessarily includes rules and regulations, like God's moral commands. Take movie star Scarlett Johansson for example. In a recent interview for Cosmopolitan, Johansson defends her having multiple sexual partners by saying, "Just having a healthy sexual attitude, you are labeled as loose, wild, a slut. You have no morals, and you're seen as some kind of sexual deviant or someone who can't be in a monogamous relationship. The minute you talk about enjoying yourself, being curious, that is still taboo."

Ricky Gervais, a celebrity in his own right, gave us all a moment of clarity regarding Hollywood. But we have to be careful to see the speck in Hollywood's eye while watching their movies with the plank in our own. Like celebrity culture, we too fall short of the glory of God. We all will worship something, and tend to justify our actions when they contradict God's moral standards. This is why the gospel is good news – our efforts will always fall short, but Christ's death on the cross give us hope and the assurance that we are forgiven.



Death of a Goldfish

By Ken Smith



Psalm 90:12, "Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."

With the recent release of the movie, *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*, Tom Hank's portrayal of Fred McFeely Rogers, has renewed an interest of our favorite children's television personality. Mr. Rogers, a Presbyterian minister, who died in 2003, often addressed love and loss. In the episode "Death of a Goldfish," Rogers discovers a dead fish in his aquarium and commits to burying it in his yard. He later divulges his boyhood feelings when his dog died; assuring children that sadness isn't forever. "My dog Mitzi got to be old and she died," Mr. Rogers says in his bright blue sweater. "I was very sad when she died, because she and I were good pals. When she died, I cried."

Mr. Rogers then pulls out a picture of Mitzi and shows viewers her "prickly" fur. He then breaks into song. "The very same people who are sad sometimes are the very same people who are glad sometimes," Rogers sings. "It's funny, but it's true. It's the same isn't it, for me? Isn't it the same for you?" If you have ever had a family member, friend or even a pet die you could instantly relate to the pain that Mr. Rogers described.

Death has been mankind's greatest enemy throughout history. The statistics are pretty overwhelming; every single person will face death. Despite this bleak reality, those around us seem to be in a state of denial regarding their own mortality. There are gyms, health products and book shelves full of diet plans that change like the seasons. However, this is not the first generation to try to turn back the course of the inevitable.

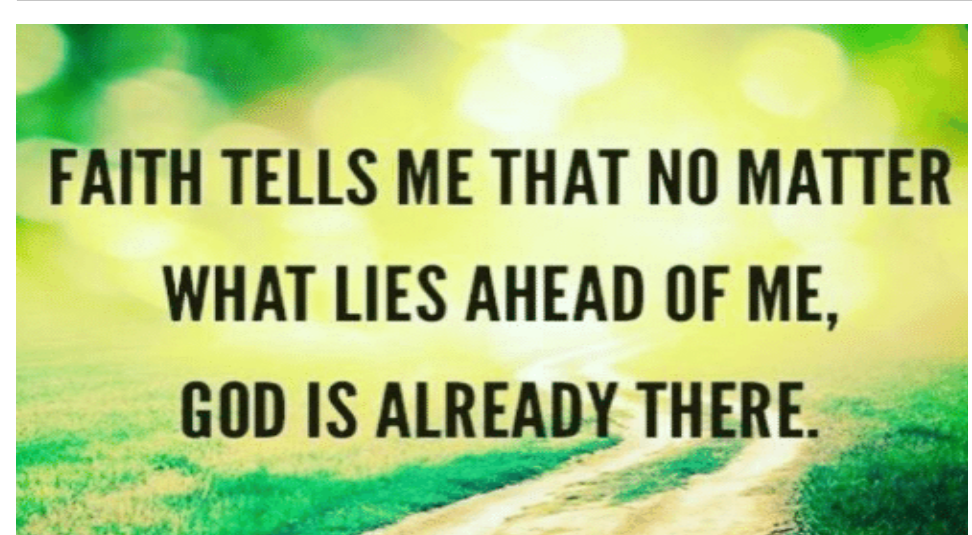
History is strewn with the evidence of mankind's battle with the enemy of death. The Egyptians stored up their riches in the pyramids so that the journey would be pleasant to the next world. Hindus chose to believe that death is just another cycle in the wheel of unending life through reincarnation.

The Jewish approach to death is starkly realistic in comparison to the many world views that have existed throughout history. The Jewish approach does not allow one to deny or escape the reality of death. Death is certainty and even in tragic situations, a part of life that is ordained by God.

Genesis described death as a part of the judgement associated with the spiritual fall of humanity. After Adam and Eve failed their test of moral obedience in the Garden of Eden, certain new conditions prevailed in the world. God declared in Genesis 3:19, "By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return." Adam was taken from the dust of the earth and would return to the dust. Disobedience and sin have brought physical death to all because of the sin of Adam and Eve.

Many individuals have always held out hope for a better life and for the world to come. Although the body is under the curse of physical death, every Christian will be resurrected and experience a spiritual everlasting life. Even in the Old Testament we discover a view that the body will return to the dust, but the spirit within will live forever. The writer of Ecclesiastes reflected on death, "The dust returns to the ground it came from and the spirit returns to God who gave it" (Ecclesiastes 12:7). Although this is a mystery, we can believe this truth because it is in the Bible.

I encourage you this week to remember the words found in Job 19:25-26, "I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God." Death will come, but thanks to the work of Jesus we know that death has also been defeated. If you mourn because of the death of someone you knew, please trust that you can take that pain to the Lord.



What's Happening

By Angela Martin

at **SCT**



Auditions for Disney's The Little Mermaid

Disney's The Little Mermaid will be swimming your way in April and we can't wait to bring this show to life for you. Disney's The Little Mermaid will be directed by Angela Martin. We will have auditions beginning on Saturday, February 1 at 1 pm. The auditions are for everyone - ages 4 and up. We are looking for people of all ages to portray the roles in this wonderful production. All you need is to come out and fill out the audition form and try out. We would love to see you in our cast.

For any questions about the audition please email - alm2sing@yahoo.com

We are also still taking businesses and people as our Patrons of the Theatre. The Patrons of the Theatre is a program where you and your business can be displayed in our program and you receive two complimentary tickets for each of our six shows. It is a great way to support the arts in Sampson County and you will have a bonus of tickets to all of our shows. Please contact Brenda Martin - 910-990-4510 for more information.

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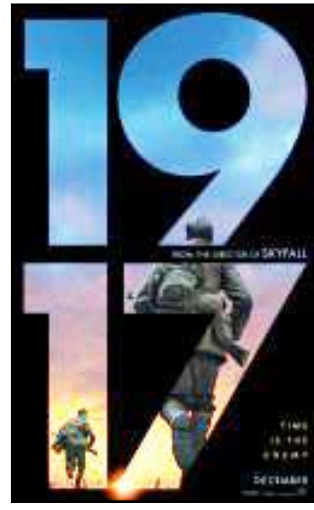


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**Fri 7:00p Sat-Sun 1:30p 4:30p 7:30p
Mon-Wed 6:30p**



**JUMANJI THE NEXT LEVEL
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Rated PG-13 for adventure action, suggestive content and some language

The gang is back but the game has changed. As they return to Jumanji to rescue one of their own, they discover that nothing is as they expect. The players will have to brave parts unknown and unexplored, from the arid deserts to the snowy mountains, in order to escape the world's most dangerous game.

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LIKE A BOSS

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Rated R for language, crude sexual material, and drug use

Best friends Mia and Mel are living their best lives running their own cosmetics company they've built from the ground up. Unfortunately, they're in over their heads financially, and the prospect of a big buyout offer from a notorious titan of the cosmetics industry Claire Luna proves too tempting to pass up, putting Mel and Mia's lifelong friendship in jeopardy. The beauty business is about to get ugly.

**Sat-Sun 2:00p 5:00p 8:00p
Fri 6:15p 8:15p Mon-Wed 6:30p**



DOLITTLE

NOW SHOWING

Rated PG for some action, rude humor and brief language

After losing his wife seven years earlier, the eccentric Dr. John Dolittle famed doctor and veterinarian of Queen Victoria's England, hermits himself away behind the high walls of Dolittle Manor with only his menagerie of exotic animals for company. But when the young queen falls gravely ill, a reluctant Dolittle is forced to set sail on an epic adventure to a mythical island in search of a cure, regaining his wit and courage as he crosses old adversaries and discovers wondrous creatures.

**Sat-Sun 1:30p 3:45p 6:00p 8:15p
Fri 6:15p 8:30p Mon-Wed 6:30p**



BAD BOYS FOR LIFE

NOW SHOWING

Rated R for strong bloody violence, language throughout, sexual references and brief drug use

The Bad Boys Mike Lowrey (Will Smith) and Marcus Burnett (Martin Lawrence) are back together for one last ride.

**Fri 6:15p 8:45p
Sat-Sun 2:00p 5:00p 8:00p
Mon-Wed 6:30p**

**Senior Day Every
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When the clock ticks down toward game day and you're putting together a snacking plan of attack, turn to recipes like these that you and your guests can savor for all four quarters of action.

With different choices to draft from, there's no need for a superstar main course at the center of the meal. Instead, rely on options like customizable brats and pulled pork sandwiches, baked chicken wings and game-day dips for winners all around.

Find more recipes for hosting game day at Culinary.net.



Photo courtesy of Getty Images

Top Your Tailgate

Take your tailgate or home viewing party to the next level by setting up a topping station with a variety of both traditional and unexpected condiments and garnishes to let your fellow fans customize their grilled fare. Include options such as:

- Ketchup and mustard (with flavor variations for added zing)
- Sauerkraut or cole slaw
- Chopped fresh and grilled onions
- Chili (homemade or from a can)
- Pickle spears and relish
- Barbecue sauce
- Sriracha
- Assorted shredded and crumbled cheeses
- A variety of peppers

Chow Down on Championship Snacks

A Game-Day Winner

Game time is no time to mess around when it comes to fast, savory snacks. Crispy and light, tangy and bold, these wings have you covered for all your game-day needs. These spicy hot wings pair perfectly with Litehouse Chunky Blue Cheese or Homestyle Ranch Dressing and may result in another game day rivalry: blue cheese vs. ranch. Whether you're hosting the game-day party or bringing a dish to a friend's bash, these wings can make mouths water from the opening kickoff to the final whistle. Find more game-day recipes at litehousefoods.com.

Crispy Baked Buffalo Chicken Wings

Total time: 1 hour, 25 minutes

Serves: 8

- 4 pounds chicken wings
- 2 tablespoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- nonstick cooking spray
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 1/2 cup hot sauce

1/2 cup Litehouse Chunky Blue Cheese or Homestyle Ranch dressing

1/3 cup Litehouse Blue Cheese Crumbles
carrots
celery

Lay wings on rack on rimmed baking tray and let dry in refrigerator overnight, or pat dry with paper towels.

Heat oven to 250 F. Put one oven shelf in lower quarter of oven and one in top quarter.

Place wings in large re-sealable bag. Add baking powder and salt. Shake bag to coat wings evenly.

Line tray with foil. Spray rack on baking tray with nonstick spray. Place wings skin side up on rack. Bake on lower shelf 30 minutes.

Move tray to higher shelf and turn oven up to 425 F. Bake 40-50 minutes, rotating tray halfway through. Wings are done when they are dark, golden brown and skin is crispy.

While wings bake, whisk together butter and hot sauce; keep warm.

Remove wings from oven and toss with hot sauce; sprinkle immediately with blue cheese crumbles.

Serve with blue cheese or ranch dressing, carrots and celery sticks.



Crispy Baked Buffalo Chicken Wings



Bruschetta-Topped Hummus

Dip into Game Day

Game day is about huddling up with friends and family, and feeling good about the food you share. Kick off the big game with Sabra, the official dip of the NFL, and help the crowd go wild when you put a twist on traditional hummus by topping it with bruschetta. Available in more than a dozen flavors, Sabra Hummus is made with fresh chickpeas, a touch of garlic and smooth tahini, making it a wholesome and delicious accompaniment for your favorite game-day chips, crackers and veggies. Find more big-game recipes at sabra.com.

Bruschetta-Topped Hummus

Prep time: 5 minutes

Bruschetta:

- 2 cups multi-colored cherry tomatoes
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 10 fresh basil leaves, chopped
- 1 tablespoon olive oil, plus additional (optional)
- salt, to taste

- 1 container Sabra Classic Hummus (10 ounces)

To make bruschetta: Cut cherry tomatoes into quarters or eighths, if large. Place in small mixing bowl. Stir in garlic, basil and olive oil, and season with salt, to taste.

Scoop hummus out of container and swirl onto serving plate. Top with bruschetta and drizzle with touch of olive oil, if desired. Serve with fresh vegetables or pita chips.

A Heaping Handheld

Snack like a champion during the big game with recipes that please palates without overfilling like these Smoked Pulled Pork Sandwiches. Since guests can pile their sandwiches as high as they like with sweet pork and optional toppings, there's no need to worry about serving sizes. Find more honey-infused recipes for tasty meal solutions at honey.com.

Smoked Pulled Pork Sandwiches with Honey Barbecue Sauce

Recipe courtesy of the National Honey Board
Servings: 8-10

Pork Rub:

- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 2 teaspoons paprika
- 1 1/2 teaspoons seasoned salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 1 1/4 teaspoons onion powder

- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper

- 1 bone-in pork shoulder roast (4 pounds)
- 2 cups hickory chips
- 1 cup water
- 1 1/2 cups barbecue sauce
- 1 1/2 cups honey
- 1 cup ketchup
- 8-10 rolls
- chopped jalapeno peppers (optional)
- chopped onion (optional)
- chopped pickles (optional)

To make Pork Rub: Stir together sugar, chili powder, paprika, seasoned salt, garlic powder, onion powder, salt, cumin, pepper and cayenne pepper.

Massage Pork Rub over surface of pork and let stand 30 minutes.

Soak hickory chips in water; drain well. Wrap chips in foil; punch holes in foil and place on top of gas grill set on high.

When chips begin to smoke, place pork on grill and cook until well browned on all sides with lid closed, about 30-45 minutes.

Heat oven to 300 F.

Remove pork from grill and place in turkey-size oven bag set in large, shallow baking dish. Add water and seal well; pierce bag several times with small knife. Cook 3-3 1/2 hours, or until meat is tender and pork bone can be removed easily. Remove from oven. Remove bone and set aside until cool enough to handle.

Shred meat into small pieces, removing fat. Add juices from cooking bag, skimming off excess fat.

In separate saucepan, stir together barbecue sauce, honey and ketchup, cooking until hot and honey has dissolved. Stir most of sauce into shredded pork and mix well.

Serve on rolls and drizzle with remaining sauce. Top with jalapenos, onions and pickles, if desired.



Smoked Pulled Pork Sandwiches

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Sampson Middle School Dark Horses Undeclared, Named Athletes of Week



Sampson County has some die-hard basketball fans, whether it be Carolina, Duke, State, Dark Horses, etc. But there is no more dedicated fans than those that support the Dark Horses of Sampson Middle School. And no wonder, with an undefeated team so far this year, sitting at 8-0 for the season.

And that is exactly the reason why the Sampson Middle School Dark Horse basketball team is named the Performance Automotive/Sampson Weekly Athletes of the Week.

According to Head Coach Dwight Horne, this is his first year coaching the team, but he feels a strong connection to the team members already. Coach Horne is assisted by Blake Davis. Coach Horne stated that he is very proud of his team, "We are a good defensive team. Plus, we have 15 players on our team and every player has played in every game." Horne went on to tout that the Dark Horses have had a very successful year so far. He said, "We have held our opponents to only 25 points per game."

Noting that teamwork has been the driving factor behind the team's success, Horne said, "We try to support each other on and off of the court. We like to see ourselves as a family."

Even though team captains Landen Pearson, Jymick Sampson, and D.J. Matthews have held the court steady, Horne explained that team effort is crucial and that the team not only works together collectively but each player does their part in improving individually from game to game.

Captain Landen Pearson has been the lead scorer for the year, sinking the most baskets for the Dark Horses.

"We had 76 young men try out for this team," stated Horne. "The fifteen players that we picked have worked very hard to improve. Some of our players also work on their skills on their own time to improve. I also hear that some of the young men that did not make the team this year are working very hard to make the team next year."

In 2017, the Sampson Middle School basketball team were co-champs of the regular season and tournament champs with a record of 11-2. In 2016, the Dark Horses had a record of 13-3 which placed them as co-champs of the regular season and they went on to win the tournament as well.

The Dark Horses have easily defeated every rival so far this season.
2019-2020 Season

SMS 52 - UNION 20
 SMS 53 - MIDWAY 20
 SMS 67 - UNION 20
 SMS 52 - ROSEBORO-SALEMBURG 38
 SMS 39 - HOBBDON 17
 SMS 51 - MIDWAY 22
 SMS 43 - ROSEBORO-SALEMBURG 30
 SMS 48 - HOBBDON 33

Thursday January 23rd- Midway (HOME)
 Monday January 27th- Union (AWAY)

Tournament Game- Thursday February 6th- (HOME)
 Championship Game- Monday February 10th- Held at Midway

The Sampson Middle School team consists of:
 Aaron Matthews, Broderick "BJ" Bennett, Camden Davis, Dexter Wilson, Ekeilysis "Keys" Thomas, Holden Spell, Javier Joyner, J'Kaeshi Brunson, Jymick Sampson, Landen Pearson, NyDarion Blackwell, Nyshawn Sampson, T.K. Raynor, Walker Spell, Zocarian (Zi) McNeil, Zach Pope (Manager), Dillon Matthews (Score Keeper), Talen Skipper (Game Film), Brandon Reyes (Manager & Game Film).

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POWERED BY GANNETT CONFERENCE COVERAGE: Stay locked in on all the conference action as teams make their push for March Madness.

STORY OF THE WEEK

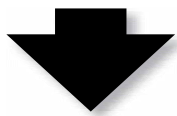
The fall of the Tar Heels: How significant was Clemson's overtime win on Saturday? It was the first time in 60 trips to Chapel Hill that the Tigers came away with a win. It gave coach Brad Brownell a total of 177 victories at the helm, tying him with Cliff Ellis for the most as a Clemson coach. But even more, it marked the absolute bottoming out of a North Carolina program that is fighting to stay out of the ACC basement. Few saw this scenario playing out, one in which Roy Williams would insist that this is the least talented team he's coached.

STOCK RISING



Virginia Tech: The Hokies had won six of seven at the week's start, taking care of business in games they're expected to win. The schedule is fairly soft for the next few weeks, and could get coach Mike Young's team feeling good enough to hang around near the top of the standings come season's end.

STOCK FALLING



Notre Dame: Sure John Mooney is a force, but the Irish need to pull off a signature win and the home loss to Louisville was a golden opportunity lost. Mooney posted 10 straight double-doubles, but Notre Dame needs to capitalize on his efforts.

WEEKEND SPOTLIGHT



Louisville's Steven Enoch, left, grabs a rebound over Notre Dame's Juwan Durham. [ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO]

No. 11 Louisville at No. 2 Duke

Saturday, 6 p.m., ESPN

Two teams hoping to make deep runs come March, this should be a showcase to see the ACC's true pecking order. These are the league's top two in terms of scoring margin as Duke is outscoring teams by an average of 21.5 points per game while Louisville is second in the ACC with a positive margin of 13.5 points per game.

Weekend slate All times Eastern

Time	Game	TV
SATURDAY		
Noon	North Carolina at Pitt	ESPN
Noon	Syracuse at Virginia Tech	RSN
1 p.m.	Florida State at Miami	ACCN
2 p.m.	Clemson at NC State	RSN
8 p.m.	Virginia at Georgia Tech	ACCN
SUNDAY		
6 p.m.	Boston College at Wake Forest	ACCN

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

• **G, Tre Jones, Duke:** Jones led the way for the Blue Devils in a pair of victories over Georgia Tech and Wake Forest, scoring or assisting on 44 percent of his team's baskets. The sophomore had a game-high 23 points, five assists and no turnovers against the Demon Deacons.

• **F, Aamir Simms, Clemson:** Simms scored Clemson's final 10 points of regulation as the Tigers defeated North Carolina in Chapel Hill. He finished with a total of 20 points in the contest, and added a career-high four blocks.

• **G/F, Landers Nolley II, Virginia Tech:** For the fifth time this year, Nolley was named the Newcomer of the Week as he Nolley averaged 21 points and six rebounds in a pair of wins.

RANKING THE LEAGUE Through Jan. 13



1. Duke (15-1): Soft preseason schedule won't do Blue Devils any favors, but they're still the class of the conference.



2. Florida State (14-2): Seminoles had won four straight ACC games by 10 or more points for the first time since coming to the ACC in 1991-92.



3. Louisville (13-3): Cardinals can get hot — they lead the league in 3-point shooting efficiency with 37.5 percent.



4. Virginia (11-4): Jay Huff likes playing Syracuse. His only two career doubles-doubles have come against the Orange.



5. Virginia Tech (12-4): Guard Wabissa Wade keeps making good decisions. He started the week with 100 assists to go with just 27 turnovers.



6. NC State (11-5): Wolfpack entered the week splitting their last six games.



7. Pitt (11-5): Panthers have been surviving despite their rebounding — Pitt has won the battle on the boards just once in its last eight games.



8. Miami (10-5): Hurricanes are fun to watch due to their outside shooting, but they've struggled on the glass — they have the fewest offensive rebounds per game and rank third-worst in defensive rebounds.



9. Notre Dame (10-6): Sharing is caring — the Irish lead the ACC with 18.19 assists per game, more than one whole assist than second-best Duke.



10. Syracuse (9-7): Orange are leaning on freshman Joseph Girard III, who has posted 10 or more points in eight straight games.



11. Clemson (8-7): You can see the improvement in the Tigers, who have played three overtime games this year.



12. Boston College (9-7): Steffon Mitchell is Mr. Consistency on the glass — he's pulled in 10 or more rebounds 27 times in his career.



13. Georgia Tech (8-8): Tech entered the week the only ACC team with a losing record at home (3-4).



14. North Carolina (8-8): Heels' losing skid isn't Brandon Robinson's fault — he hit a career-high five 3-pointers in the loss to Clemson.



15. Wake Forest (8-7): Demon Deacons lose back-to-back games against Top 10 teams, but without guard Chaundee Brown (lower-leg injury) there's a significant void.

NUMBER OF NOTE

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That's how many times the road team has won in overtime games this year. The home team has yet to score an overtime win.



Syracuse forward Bourama Sidibe, left, and Virginia forward Mamadi Diakite battle for a rebound during Saturday's game in Charlottesville, Va. The Orange won in overtime. [ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO]

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CLEARANCE EVENT

Clinton's Jalen Owens Making His Way In College



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Clinton High School recent graduate Jalen Owens has spent his first few months of his freshman year at William Peace University enjoying campus life but admits the transition from high school to college is a big step.

"At times, it can be tough," the guard said. "You have to expect different things ... but I think I have transitioned well."

He has made the Dean's List of Distinction and is a member of the Black Student Union and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

"My parents made sure I did the work in the classroom," Owens says of his parents, Chris and Valerie. "But I love playing basketball too, I mean, 24-hour access to the gym, you can't really ask for anything better."

Owens has also done something a lot of freshman don't get to do - start for the Pacers. In 11 games, Owens has been a spark plug for the team. Last week verses Southern Virginia, Owens scored 6 points in just 11 minutes of work.

A lot of that success has to do with Owens' work ethic - it is second to none. When he's not in the classroom, he is working on his game.

"It just shows me that all the coaches (at WPU) have true confidence in what I am doing in the classroom and on the court," he says. "By having me play, it really demonstrates and shows me the different type of confidence they have in me which is a great thing."

During his final 26 games as a Dark Horse, Owens amassed 264 points, 33 rebounds, 30 steals and 23 deflections. The team finished with a 13-14 record (5-7 in the conference) falling 69-59 to Goldsboro on February 26, 2019 in their final game.

However, that game wasn't the end of Owens' high school basketball career.

Owens also made an appearance in the 2019 McDonalds All American Games that was held in Atlanta last summer. It was an incredible achievement since he was just one of 10 players selected from the state of North Carolina that was nominated to appear in the game.

The Dark Horse standout was handpicked by scouts to appear in the elite game. Officials from the event sent scouts to games around the nation, who then selected players from each state to participate in the games. It was an exciting way to end his high school basketball career.

In college, Owens is just as excited to be part of a team of players and coaches that support him while getting plenty of playing time.

"It has been rewarding for me," he says. "It has been a great testament to what I have been doing in my lifetime. To be on this team, it goes beyond the record- it's what we put in before and after the games."

The Pacers are currently at 6-8 overall and 4-2 in the conference and will host Averett University on January 17 in the Hermann Athletic Center.

"We definitely have playoff hopes," he says. "But as a team, we are taking it game-by-game."

Although he is currently 'undeclared' he plans on majoring in business administration at the school.

When asked what people should expect to see from him this season, Owens says, "Stay tuned. I have three or four starts already. I just want to focus on getting to be very consistent part of this team. If it doesn't happen this year, it will next year."

HCA Geography Bee Winners



Hudson Griffin of Clinton, NC - 1st place Geography Bee Winner

The 26th annual Harrells Christian Academy Geography Bee was held on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 in the school auditorium. The competition was open to all fourth – eighth grade students. After seven preliminary rounds administered to all fourth through eighth grade students and a tiebreaker round, nine remaining finalists went on to compete during the onstage competition. Each participant received a certificate of participation as well as a \$10.00 gift card to Barnes and Noble.

This year's winner was 7th grader Hudson Griffin of Clinton. The winning question was Jasper and Banff [BAMF] National Parks are located in the Rocky Mountains in what Canadian province? The answer was: Alberta. In addition to the \$10.00 gift card, Hudson also received \$25.00 CASH, a medal,



HCA Geography Bee Finalists (left to right): Georgia Pope, Tyler Johnson, Rhodes Spears, Evan Boussias, Hudson Griffin, Joesen Pope, Kailey Pope, Luis Funes, and Josh deAndrade

and will have his name engraved on a plaque displayed in the HCA media center. Hudson will take a written test to determine if he can advance to the state level bee usually held in Raleigh or Charlotte. The state level winner will advance to the national level, where a \$25,000 scholarship will be awarded by the National Geographic Society.

HCA's event was coordinated by Mrs. Joy Usher, the librarian, who also served as judge during the competition. The moderator was Mr. Will deAndrade, HCA Senior. The scorekeeper was Mrs. Cheryl Braswell, HCA 3rd grade assistant. The timekeeper was Mrs. Debbie Raynor, 2nd grade assistant and 2nd, 4th & 5th grade Bible teacher. The Geography Bee is sponsored annually by the media center as a way of gaining a better understanding of the world in which we live.



Winners: Evan Boussias (3rd place), Hudson Griffin (1st place), Joesen Pope (2nd place)

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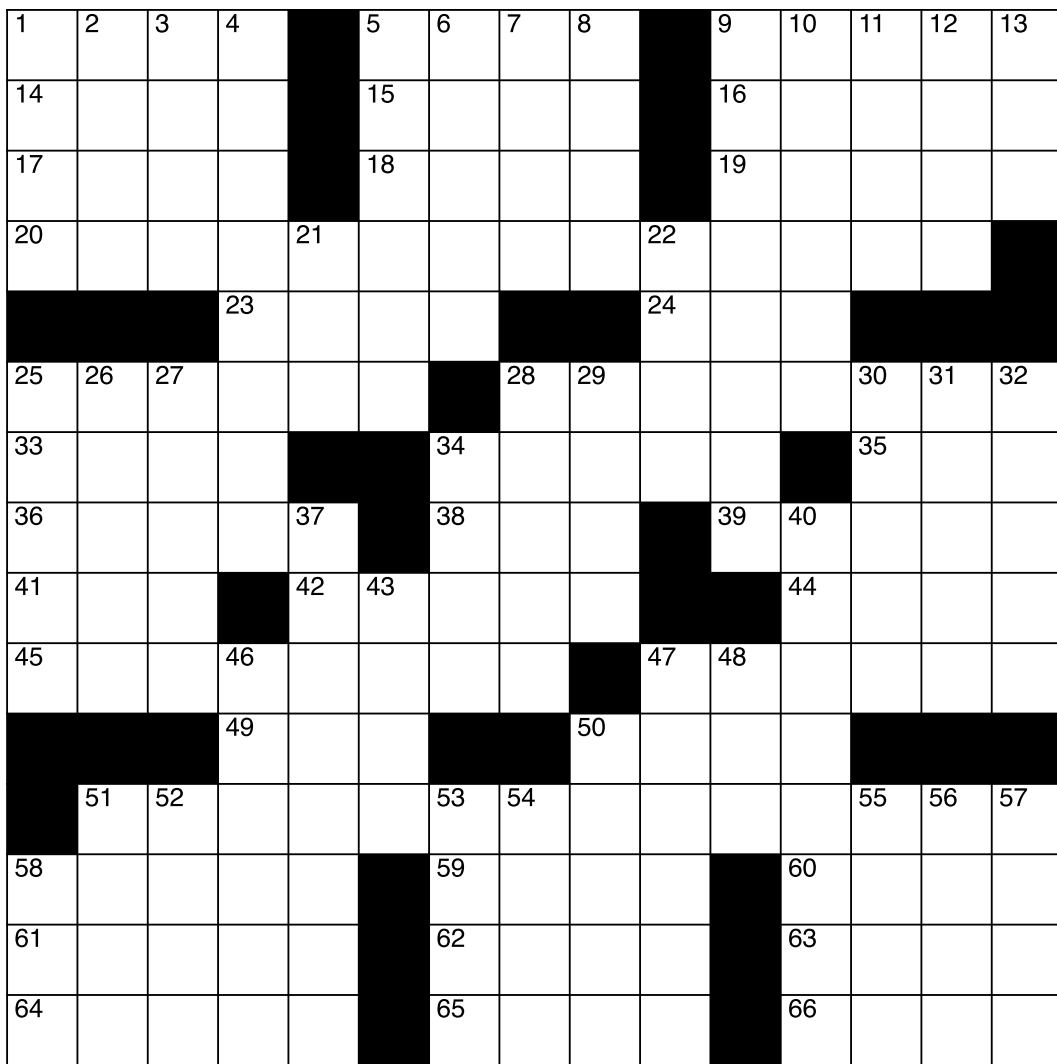
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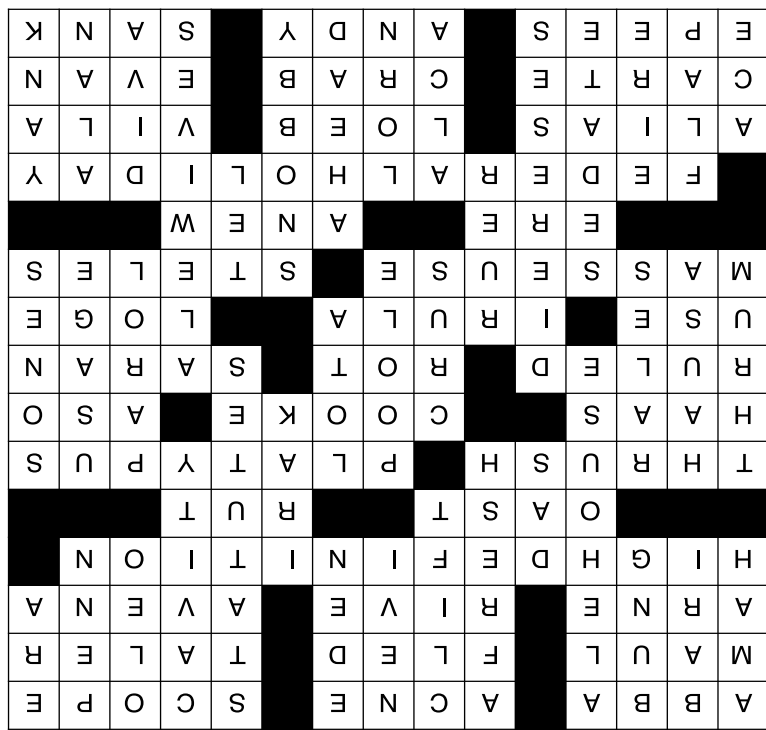


CLUES ACROSS

1. Swedish rock group
5. Teen skin disorder
9. An instrument that magnifies
14. Sledgehammer
15. Ran away from
16. Old European silver coin
17. "Rule Britannia" composer
18. Rend or tear apart
19. Oats genus
20. Greater TV resolution
23. Kiln
24. A furrow in the road
25. Family Turdidae
28. Duck-billed mammal
33. German tennis star Tommy
34. "You Send Me" singer Sam
35. Volcanic mountain in Japan
36. Governed over
38. Process of decay
39. Clear wrap brand
41. Put into service
42. Snake catcher tribe of India
44. Best section of the mezzanine
45. Masseur
47. Funereal stone slabs
49. Before
50. Again
51. 1 of 10 official U.S. days off
58. Alternate name
59. One of Bobby Franks' killers
60. Port capital of Vanuatu
61. Individual dishes are a la ____
62. Shellfish
63. Welsh for John
64. Fencing swords
65. Griffith or Rooney
66. Titanic's fate

CLUES DOWN

1. Far East wet nurse
2. Apulian seaport
3. Barrel hole stopper
4. Tavern where ale is sold
5. Anew
6. Actor Montgomery
7. Pigmented skin moles
8. Adam & Eve's garden
9. Legislative acts
10. Pit
11. Butter alternative
12. Actor Sean
13. A major division of geological time
21. Hyrax
22. Country of Baghdad (alt. sp.)
25. Repetitive strumming
26. West Chadic
27. Rattling breaths
28. Savile Row tailor Henry
29. Burbot
30. Christmas lantern in the Phillipines
31. Utilization
32. Sound units
34. Leg shank
37. Umlauts
40. Female owners of #4 down
43. One who regrets
46. Serenely deliberate
47. Stuck up
48. Cablegram (abbr.)
50. In advance
51. Envelope opening closure
52. Ireland
53. Australian Labradoodle Club of America (abbr.)
54. Poetic forsaken
55. Female operatic star
56. Actor Alda
57. An American
58. Highest card

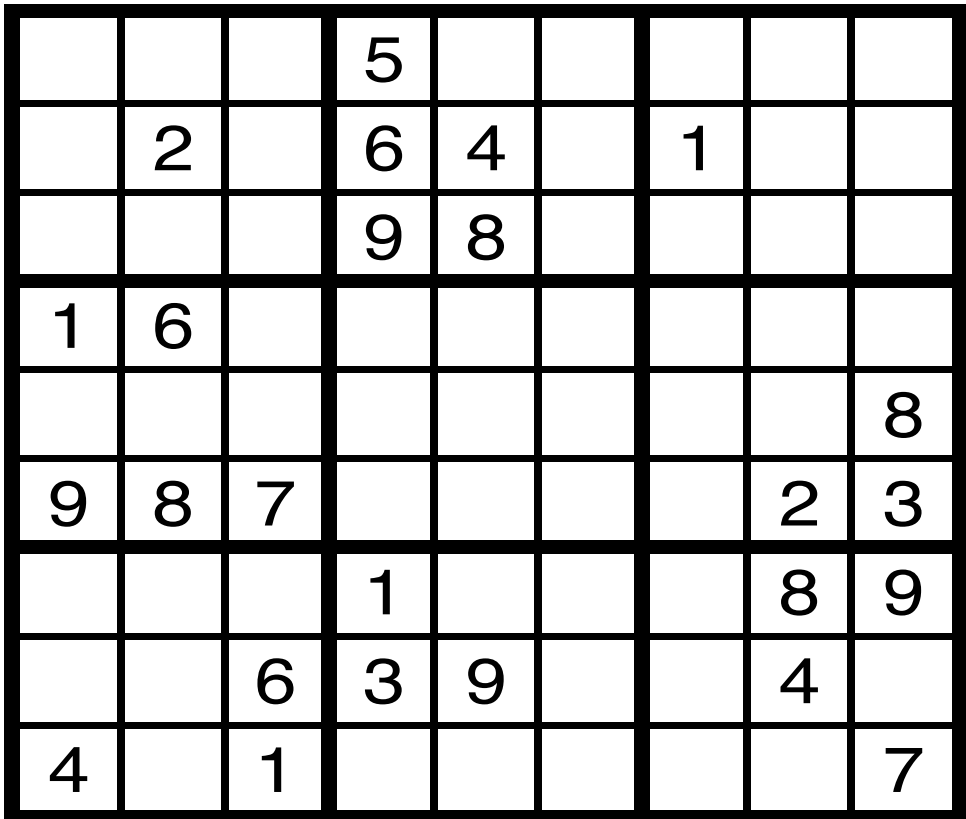


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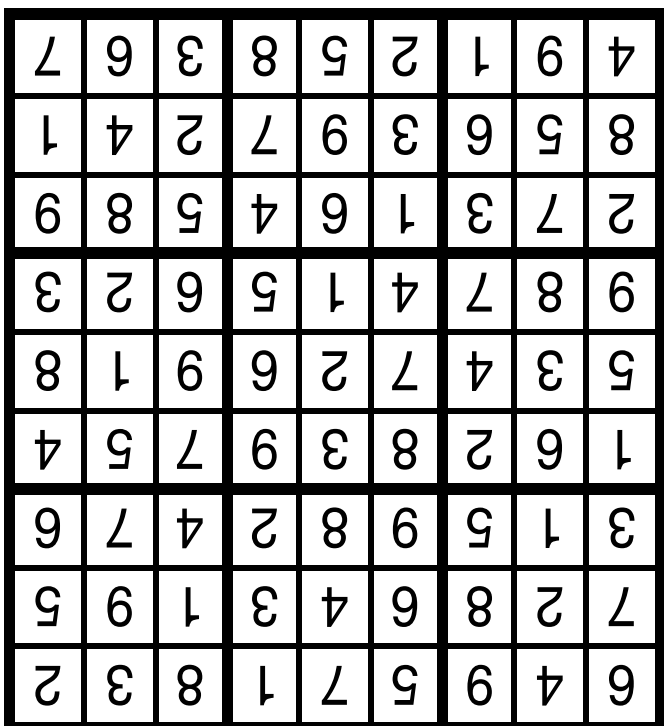
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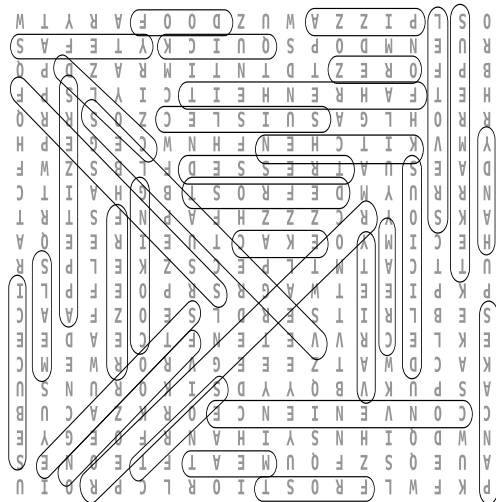
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WORDS

- APPETIZERS
- CAKE
- CELSIUS
- COLD
- CONVENIENCE
- COOKING
- CREAM
- DEFROST
- DELICIOUS
- DESSERT
- FAHRENHEIT
- FREEZE
- FRESHNESS
- FROST
- FROZEN
- HANDY
- ICE CUBES
- KITCHEN
- LEFTOVERS
- MEALS
- MEAT
- PANCAKES
- PIZZA
- QUICK
- REFRIGERATOR
- SAFETY
- SORT
- STORAGE
- SUPERMARKET
- VARIETY
- VEGETABLES
- WAFFLES
- ZERO



CRIME

CRIME REPORT

01-06 Crystal Antorinette Beard, 40, Clinton. Trespass. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 02-03-20

01-07 Cameran Stephon Wallace, 22, Clinton. OFA- Breaking and Entering Misd, OFA- Injury to Personal Property. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 01-13-20

01-07 Adrian David Merritt, 29, Clinton. WFA-Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$200. Trial Date 01-15-20

01-08 Dustin OBryan Edwards, 24, Clinton. Possess Stolen Firearm, Possess Firearm by Felon, Carry Concealed Gun, Possess marijuana, Simple Possess Sch IV. Bond \$25000. Trial Date 01-24-20

01-08 James Carlton Wilkes, 43, Garland. Driving Under the Influence. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 02-20-20

01-09 Braian Curtis Murphy, 35, Salemburg. Driving While Impaired, DWLR Not Impaired Rev, Child Support. Bond \$8320. Trial Date 01-28-20

01-09 James Richard Harper, 32, Salemburg. Larceny. Trial Date 02-03-20

01-09 Krystal Renee Morrison, 34, Clinton. Simple Assault. Trial Date 02-11-20

01-09 Floyd Patterson Rich, 60, Salemburg. Communicating Threats, Resisting Public Officer, Assault on a Government Official, Assault Physical Injury on a Law Enforcement Officer. Bond \$50000. Trial Date 01-24-20

01-09 Sue Ellen Jones, 37, Clinton. Trespass. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 02-06-20

01-09 Terry Smith, 45, Clinton. Trespass. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 02-06-20

01-09 Prentice Roland Jacobs, 27, Clinton. Possession of methamphetamine. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 01-24-20

01-10 Theresa Monique Sinclair, 28, Roseboro. Second Degree Trespass. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 02-06-20

01-10 Matthew Christian Guldán, 39, Linden. Cyberstalking, Communicating Threats. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 01-22-20

01-10 Raekuan Mureke Keels, 21, Lake City SC. Bond \$20000. Trial Date 01-15-20

01-10 Gregory O Boykin, 29, Clinton. Child Support. Bond \$900. Trial Date 01-14-20

01-10 Melvin Underwood, 46, Garland. DWLR. Trial Date 02-18-20

01-10 Don Christopher Smith, 28, Roseboro. Speeding, DWLR. Trial Date 03-03-20

01-10 Johnnie Elmer Williams, 47, Newton Grove. Misdemeanor Larceny, Possess Drug Paraphernalia, Poss Stolen Goods/Prop. Bond \$3000. Trial Date 02-03-20

01-10 Quanisha Bryant, 25, Clinton. Simple Assault.

01-11 Mildred Michelle Suggs, 38, Clinton. OFA- Intoxicated and Disruptive. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 01-27-20

01-10 Michael Jay Jones, 31, Clinton. Cancel/Revok/Susp Certif/Tag, DWLR Not Impaired Rev, Expired/No Inspection, No Liability Insurance, Drive/Allow MV No Registration, Operate Vah No Ins, Fict/Alt Title/Reg Card/Tag, Expired Registration Card/Tag, Fail to Wear Seatbelt. Bond \$500. Trial Date 02-06-20

01-10 Curtis Lee Pugh, 31, Roseboro. Child Support. Bond \$100. Trial Date 01-14-20

01-10 Wendy Maria Flores Mancias, 29, Clinton. No Operators License. Trial Date 02-13-20

01-11 Bryan Cortez, 18, Faison. Statutory Rape of Child Under 15, Statutory Offense With Child Under 15. Bond \$70000. Trial Date 01-24-20

01-11 Antwonie Lee Vinston, 34, Faison. Assault on a Female. Trial date 02-11-20

01-11 Michael Anthony Carroll, 39, Harrells. Resisting Public Officer -WFA, DWLR Not Impaired Rev -FTA. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 02-04-20

01-11 Michael Jermaine Pearson, 49, Dunn. Assault on a Female. Trial Date 02-04-20

01-11 Maurice Devone Herring, 27, Harrells. Communicating Threats, Assault on a Female Trial date 02-04-20

01-12 Tyresse Montrel Kerr, 28, Clinton. Fail To Comply. Bond \$315. Trial Date 02-06-20

01-12 Kasin Larobin Ma Montgomery, 18, Clinton. Simple Affray, Disorderly Conduct. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 02-04-20

01-12 Stephanie Nicole Mayorga, 27, Clinton. MO- Simple Assault. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 02-04-20

01-12 Stephanie Nicole Mayorga, 27, Clinton. OFA- Driving While Impaired. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 01-18-20

01-12 Devin James Butler, 18, Clinton. Domestic Violence Protection Order Violation. Trial Date 01-29-20

01-12 Gregory Woodward Ward, 25, Kenly. DWLR not Impaired, Fictitious/

Alter/Registration. Trial Date 03-03-20

01-12 James Carter, 33, Wallace. Assault By Pointing Gun, Communicating Threats. Bond \$500. Trial Date 02-04-20

01-12 Scott Wilbourne, 44, Clinton. Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Cyber Stalking, Possession of Methamphetamine. Bond \$10000. Trial date 01-24-20

01-12 Samantha Denise Burton, 30, Rose Hill. Speeding, DWLR not impaired rev. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 01-31-20

01-13 Alma Nava Villanoeva, 34, Dunn. Simple Assault, Resisting Public Officer.

01-13 Adrian David Merritt, 29, Clinton. Trespass of Real Property. Trial Date 02-06-20

01-13 Shatasia Keianna Pinckney, 20, Angier. Warrant Service for other agency. Bond \$500. Trial Date 03-13-20

01-13 Johnathon Ray King, 26, Newton Grove. Assault on a Female. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 02-11-20

01-13 Michael Jermaine Young, 43, Dunn. Carrying Concealed Gun, Poss Firearm by Felon. Bond \$15000. Trial Date 01-24-20

01-13 Marcial Bahena Delgado, 22, Dunn. Resisting Public Officer, Simple Assault. Trial Date 03-03-20

01-14 Melinda Staton, 46, Clinton. Second Degree Trespass. Trial Date 02-04-20

01-14 Robert Gene Taylor, 41, Roseboro. Prov Tobac/Vapor Prod. Inmate. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 02-04-20

01-15 Kenneth Wayne Bryant, 40, Clinton. Misdemeanor Larceny, Assault On A Female, Assault By Strangulation. Trial Date 01-24-20

01-15 Jessica Marie Shaffer, 42, Roseboro. Poss Drug Paraphernalia, Felony Poss Sch II. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 01-24-20

INCIDENT REPORTS

01-06 Natalia Samone Murphy of Clinton reported Larceny of Cell Phone \$700.00.

01-07 Mark Washington Barnes of Clinton reported Larceny of Money.

01-07 Jacquiline Michelle Castillo of Clinton reported Larceny of Prescription.

01-07 Rebecca Harris Robinson reported Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories valued at \$20.00.

01-07 Jaquita Wilson of Clinton reported a Breaking & Entering Residence.

01-07 Choka Kahn Shipp of Clinton reported Larceny of cell phone.

01-08 Murphys USA reported Larceny of Fuel \$31.02.

01-09 Bass Auto Sales of Clinton reported Stolen Property Offenses- License Plate.

01-09 Tropicana Supermarket of Clinton reported Obtaining Property by False Pretens-

es \$2950.00.

01-09 Sampson Building Supply of Clinton reported Damage to Property Windows \$400.00.

01-09 Burkes of Clinton reported Larceny and Aid & Abet. Stolen clothing and accessories valued at \$48.00.

01-10 Advance Auto Parts of Clinton reported Shoplifting of auto parts \$330.00.

01-10 Antoinette Moore of Clinton reported Discharge Weapon in Occupied Property and Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property. Damage to walls \$1000, Auto window \$500.

01-10 Sonya Williams of Autryville reported Larceny of rocking chairs valued at \$800.00.

01-11 Joan Benson Turnage of Dunn reported Larceny of Zero Turn Lawn Mower valued at \$4800.00.

01-11 Waste Industries, LLC of Clinton reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering. Stolen computer hardware and radio.

01-11 Geek IT of Clinton reported Damage to Property- front window \$300.00.

01-12 Brooke Lauren Carothers of Clinton reported Simple Assault, Damage to Property. Back Door \$50.00.

01-12 Royal Lane Apartments of Clinton reported Damage to Property valued at \$500.00.

01-12 Maribel Aguilar Habrego of Clinton reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering. Stolen television (\$400).

01-14 Lisa Raynor Hudson of Roseboro reported Burglary/Breaking & Entering and Damage to property. Damage to window \$500.00.

01-13 Keep It Nice Auto Detail reported Larceny of Pressure Washer and tools valued at \$2650.00.

01-13 James Thomas Williams of Newton Grove reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering. Stolen money \$494.00.

01-13 Donald Lee Bryant of Garland reported Larceny of a firearm valued at \$300.00.

01-13 Jesus Lopez of Newton Grove reported Larceny of License Plate.

01-14 Rashaun Tremain Moore of Clinton reported Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property. Damaged window \$400.00.

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

OBITUARIES



STEDMAN
Mrs. Almeta Page Core Autry, age 92, went to be with the Lord on Sunday night, January 12, 2020. She was with her family at her home at the time of her death. Mrs. Autry was the oldest of the children of Mr. Joe & Mrs. Ola Page. Her siblings were Leo Page (Reba) Wylene Page Matthews (Irettis), & Lois Page Lindsay (Dave). After graduating

from high school at 18 years old, Almeta left the area to work with the Railroad in Myrtle Beach and Conway, SC. She was a Morse Code Expert and worked many years in that field. In a recent conversation, she told one of her caretakers that she was very happy she still remembered a lot of the Morse Code. At the age of 14, she met Marshall Lloyd Core, Sr. and she said that he walked four (4) miles over to her house to see her during their "courtin'" years. She later married him and they were married for 25 years. Lloyd worked as a mechanic and during his career, he owned several "service" stations in the Stedman/Fayetteville areas. Lloyd and Almeta had two sons, Marshall Lloyd Core, Jr. (ML) and Steven Curtis Core. Later in life, she joined the staff of the Department of Social Services where she became a supervisor. She continued her career w/DSS until her retirement on December 31, 1989. Lloyd continued his career in auto mechanics and also became the first chief of Bethany Fire Department when it was established in 1961. Almeta served several years as president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the fire department. For the last few years, she has served as an honorary member of the fire department auxiliary. Lloyd & Almeta also served in their church, Magnolia Baptist. They worked hard and they loved and enjoyed their church, community, and family. Lloyd passed away suddenly due to a massive heart attack he suffered while at work on January 8, 1971. Almeta faced some very difficult years as she raised her two sons as a single parent. However, her faith in God never wavered and she fully relied on the Lord in every aspect of her life. In 1975 her path crossed

with that of a very nice widow in the community, Mr. Woodrow Autry. They both were confident the Lord brought them together and they married August 16, 1975. They enjoyed seven years together before Mr. Woodrow passed away unexpectedly while undergoing surgery on January 13, 1982. His death was a great loss to his and Almeta's family. Mrs. Autry is survived by her son, Steve Core and wife Brenda of Stedman. She is survived by her grandchildren, Alan Core & wife Tracy of Stedman & Adam Core & wife Monica of Benson. She is also survived by her great-grandchildren, Alan Bladen Core, Jordan Cashwell & friend Kelsey, Katie Cashwell, Hailey Core, Layna Core, & Bladen Clint Core. She is also survived by her sister, Wylene Matthews of Macclesfield. and her brother, Leo Page and wife Reba of Fayetteville. Other survivors are her step-children and their families: Wilson Autry & wife Kay of Kenansville; George Blackman Autry & wife Brenda of Stedman, & Carol Autry of Tarboro. Her step-grandchildren are: Heather Autry Faircloth of Autryville, Matthew Autry and Mitchell Autry, of Stedman, Robert Autry of Boone, John Autry and William Autry of Greenville, and Scott Autry of Mechanicsville, VA; 11 step-great grandchildren; sister-in-law, Lyn Autry of Stedman; brother-in-law, Charles Core of Chesapeake, VA; and numerous nieces and nephews. Almeta was pre-deceased by her parents, Mr. Joe and Mrs. Ola Page, her husband Lloyd Core and her husband Woodrow Autry; also by her son, Marshall Lloyd Core, Jr. (ML), his wife, Carolyn, their daughter, Marsha Lynn and great-grandson, Dustin Ray Adecock. She was pre-deceased by her sister, Lois Page Lindsay and her husband Dave, and by her mother- and father-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Core. Her step-son Claxton Autry of Tarboro also pre-deceased her. She is also preceded in death by sister-in-laws, Madeline Core and Reece Strickland Bright; and brother-in-laws, Boyce Core and Jerald Core. She also leaves behind her three exceptional caretakers, Wanda Kubiak, Sherry Starling, & Melissa Cannon. Their love and care for Almeta is deeply appreciated. A funeral service was held for Mrs. Autry at 12:00pm Thursday, January 16, 2020 at Butler Funeral Home Chapel, officiating was by Rev. Tommy Honeycutt, Rev. Jeff Burkhardt and Rev. Travis Hoke. Burial followed at Lafayette Memorial Park. The family

received friends from 11:00am to 11:50am Thursday at the funeral home prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Magnolia Baptist Church, 1021 Magnolia Church Rd, Stedman, NC 28391, Bethany Rural Fire Department, 2140 Wade-Stedman Road, Stedman, NC 28391 or to Bethany Historical Society, Attention: JF Hall, 6772 Faircloth Bridge Road, Stedman, NC 28391. Arrangements by Butler Funeral Home of Stedman.



NEWTON GROVE

Ms. Willa Grey Warren Booth, 94, of Newton Grove passed away Thursday, January 9, 2020 at Rolling Ridge Assisted Living, Newton Grove. Her funeral service was held Saturday, January 11th at 2 p.m. at Oak Grove OFWB Church, Newton Grove. The family received family and friends from 1 till 2 p.m. prior to the funeral service and other times at the home of Bruce and Patsy Warren, 1292 Warren Mill Road, Newton Grove. Officiating will be the Rev. Corky Herring. Ms. Willa was laid to rest in the Warren - Oak Grove Cemetery, Newton Grove. Left to cherish her memories are her daughter-in-law; Pam Booth of Clinton, grandchildren; Matthew Booth and wife Andrea and Kirsten Booth, great grandchildren; Warren Naylor and Mason Booth, sisters; Shirley Tart of Newton Grove, Ida Ray Eldridge and husband Dillon of Newton Grove and LaRue Smith and husband Wayne of Dunn, brothers; Bruce Warren and wife Patsy of Newton Grove and Larry Warren and wife Faye of Garner, sister-in-law; Gail Herring Warren. Also, left to cherish her memories are numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; Ira M. and Arie L. Warren, son; Teddy Booth, brothers; Alvin, I.G., Harper and Bobby Warren. Sisters: Hilda Warren and Dorothy Holbrook. Memorials may be made to Oak Grove OFWB Church in her honor. The family wishes to extend special thanks to the staff of Rolling Ridge Assisted living for their kind and contentious

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care. Online condolences may be made at; www.westanddunn.com. Services have been entrusted to West & Dunn Funeral Homes, Newton Grove, North Carolina.



CLINTON
Mr. Rudolph "Rudy" A. Cox, 75, of Clinton, passed away Thursday, January 9, 2020. His funeral service was held Monday, January 13, 2020 in the chapel of West & Dunn Funeral Home, Newton Grove at 2:00pm. The family received friends at the funeral home from 1 till 2 p.m. prior to the funeral service. Officiating the service will be the Rev. Chris Butler. He was laid to rest in Hillcrest Cemetery. Left to cherish his memories are his sons; Ashley Kent Cox and girlfriend Michelle Lindahl of Clinton and Anthony Keith Cox and wife Tammie of Mt. Olive, grandchildren; Tyler, Nathan, Logan and Gunnar, great grandchild; Ryleigh and his brother; Darold Cox of Clinton. He was preceded in death by his parents; William F. and Nancy M. Cox and brothers; David Cox, George Cox and Perry Cox. Online condolences may be made at www.westanddunn.com. Services have been entrusted to West and Dunn Funeral Homes, Inc, Newton Grove, North Carolina.

CLINTON
Dr. John Marion Daly, Jr., 98, of 602 Sunset Avenue passed peacefully on January 10, 2020. He was born in Lagrange, NC on October 22, 1921 to the late John Marion Daly, Sr. and Mattie Herring Daly. He graduated from Kinston High School, Wake Forest University, and Illinois School of Optometry. In 1950, he began his practice of Optometry in Warsaw, NC. In 1953, he moved his family to Clinton, NC where he practiced Optometry for fifty-nine years. He retired at the age of ninety, after the passing of his loving wife, Fran. They shared a loving and happy marriage of seventy-two years. Dr. Daly was a member of the First Baptist Church in Clinton where he served as a Deacon and Youth Sunday School Teacher for many years. He and his wife Fran shared a love for Jacobean antiques, English tutor architecture and history. They took many trips to Williamsburg, Virginia collecting these antiques and enjoying the atmosphere of "Olde" Williamsburg. Their dear friend, Nan Woodside, was instrumental in guiding them in the love and collection of these antiques. He was a talented classical pianist and performed in several community concerts throughout the years. His favorite pastime was playing "Clair De Lune" for the love of his life - his wife, Fran. Dr. Daly was preceded in death by his parents, John Marion Daly, Sr. and Mattie Herring Daly; his stepmother, Annie Whitfield Daly; his brother, Dr. Roswald Bernard Daly; his sister, Mary Parrot Gray; and his stepbrother, Otha Herring. He is survived by his daughter, Marian Daly Kidd and husband, Harold Kidd of Fayetteville; his granddaughter, Dr. Angela Elizabeth Kidd of Fayetteville; and a stepsister, Marjorie Woodfin of Fuquay-Varina. The family wishes to express their heartfelt appreciation to his loving and dedicated caregivers, Libby Millen, Patsy Joyner, Valerie Guin and Kim Matthews, who became like family during his extended illness. Appreciation is also extended to his longtime friend, Freddie Thornton and dear neighbor, Mary Doyno. A Graveside Service was held on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 2:00 pm in the Springvale Section of Clinton Cemetery. The service was officiated by Dr. Ray Ammons, pastor of First Baptist Church in Clinton. In Lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 408 College St., Clinton, NC 28328 or to the Baptist Children's Homes of NC, PO Box 338, Thomasville, NC 27361. Service entrusted with Royal-Hall Funeral Home of Clinton.



NEWTON GROVE
Belinda Davis 29 of 3829 Goldsboro Hwy. passed away on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at her home. Belinda was born in Wake County to Jennifer Joyner and the late Dallas Wayne Davis. Belinda worked as a CNA for Clayton House. She is preceded in death by a son Cayden Perez, Maternal Grandmother; Elizabeth McCullen, Paternal Grandfather; Dallas C. Davis. Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 2:00 pm at Westbrook Grove Lighthouse PFWB Church, 173 Westbrook Grove Church Rd., Mt. Olive with Dr. Paul Montezinos officiating, burial will follow in the Hillcrest Cemetery in Newton Grove. Belinda is survived by her children: Jayden Perez, Zaiden Alford and Gavin Davis all of the home, Mother and Father: Jennifer and Jason Broadhead of Newton Grove, Brother: Spencer House (McKenzie) of Newton Grove, Maternal Grandfather: Johnny Joyner (Sandra) of Newton Grove, Paternal Grandmother: Elizabeth Evans of Zebulon, best friend; Adrian Goodman. Visitation will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2020 from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm at the church.



DUDLEY
Mr. Dallas R. Dixon, 69, of 101 C. Sunny Slope Road, passed away Thursday, January 9, 2020 at home. The funeral will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, January 18 at Lisbon Street Missionary Baptist Church, Clinton with Rev. Dr. Thaddeus Godwin officiating. The burial will follow in Sandhill Cemetery, Clinton. The visitation will be held from 11-1 p.m., Saturday, January 18 at the Church. Mr. Dixon is survived by his wife, Juanita Dixon of the home; daughters, Le'Trina Bears of Fayetteville, NC, Tonia Robertson of Midlothian, VA, Lisa Pearsall and Shenita King both of Mt. Olive, NC; son, Kevin Jones of Dudley, NC; sister, Jeanette "Cookie" Bryant of Clinton, NC; brothers, Norman "Dude" Dixon and Willie Dixon, Jr. both of Clinton, NC; 8 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Online condolences may be sent to worleyfuneralhomeinc.com.



AUTRYVILLE
Mr. Robert Lathan Fisher, 55 passed away Thursday, January 9, 2020 at his home. Funeral service was held at 2:00pm Sunday, January 12, 2020 at Butler Funeral Home Chapel, officiating was Pastor Larry McCormick and Pastor William Franklin Maness. Burial followed at Fisher Cemetery in Autryville. The family received friends from 6-9pm Saturday, January 11, 2020 at the funeral home. He is preceded in death by his parents, William James Fisher and Caroline Montine Horne Fisher; and a sister, Lonnie Marie Collister. He worked for over 34 years with ES & J Enterprise in Autryville. He is survived by his wife, Betty Sue Fisher of the home; sons, William M. Bagley & wife, Jamie and Robert Lynwood Fisher & wife, Tabetha all of Autryville; grandchildren, Brandon, David, Michael, Kaylyn, Rebekah and James; brothers, James Fisher, Jr. of SC and Donald Ray Fisher of Autryville; and a sister, Pam

Clark & husband, Richard of Stedman. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home of Stedman.

FAYETTEVILLE

Mr. Waldon "WK" Kelly Freeman, 77 passed away Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at his home surrounded by his family. A celebration of life service will be held at 1:00pm Friday, January 17, 2020 at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, 3934 Sunnyside School Road, Fayetteville, officiating will be Pastor G.C. Hughes and Pastor Gary Horne. Burial will follow at George Horne Cemetery in Autryville. The family will receive from 11:00am to 12:50pm Friday at the church prior to the service. He is preceded in death by his parents, Waldon Kelly Freeman, Sr. and Winsie Bryant Freeman; and his siblings, Roland and Eugene Freeman, Nila Jackson, Billy, Robert and Charles Freeman. He worked for the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department for over 18 years. He is survived by his loving wife, Helen Horne Freeman; children, Barbara Buie, Elizabeth Horne, Kelly Freeman & wife, Lou and Tracy Bunce & husband, Charlie; 10 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren; and sisters, Dorothy Bullard & husband, Jerry, Virginia Darden & husband, Bruce and Judy Darden. Arrangements by Butler Funeral Home of Stedman.



CLINTON

Mrs. Mary "Grace" Turner, 79, of 950 Harmony Church Rd., passed away at Bethesda Health Care Facility in Fayetteville on Wednesday, January 8, 2020. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 6:00 pm on Saturday evening, January 11th at the Royal-Hall Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor John Hobbs officiating. Born on September 6, 1940 in Sampson County, Mrs. Grace was the daughter of the late Amos and Janie Lucas Turner. She was retired from Prestage Farms, after working there twenty-six years. She was an Elvis Presley fan and loved playing corn-hole. The most precious thing to her was her family. Grace is survived by two daughters: Kathy Turner (Jessica Turner) of Fayetteville and Mary Alice Turner Perez of Smithfield. She also has two surviving brothers: William "Lee" Turner and Donald Turner, both of Clinton; and blessed with nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by five grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; two sisters: Janie Marie Parsons and Eloise Turner Lane; and five brothers: Bob Turner, Estel Turner, Amos Turner, Raymond Turner and John Turner. Visitation will be held prior to the service, beginning at 5:00 pm and other times at the home of her brother, Lee Turner, located at 189 Harmony Acres Ln, Clinton. Condolences may be sent by visiting www.royalhallfuneralhome.com. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Turner Family.



ERWIN

Dexter Herring, 29, of Erwin passed away on January 10, 2020 surrounded by his family. Dexter's funeral service was held on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 2:00 pm. The service was held at the West & Dunn Funeral Home Chapel in Erwin. The Rev. Bobby Herring will be officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Dexter will be laid to rest Hillcrest Cemetery in Newton Grove. Dexter's survivors include his father, James Earl Herring and step-mother Sandi of Lillington; his grandfather, Earl Herring of Erwin; brothers, Derek Earl Herring of Erwin and Alexander Herring of Troy, NY; as well as several cousins, nieces and nephews. Dexter was preceded in death by his grandmother, Elsie Jane Herring. Condolences may be made at www.westanddunn.com. Services have been entrusted to West & Dunn Funeral Home of Erwin, North Carolina.



CLINTON

Ms. Brenda G. Howard, 51, of 203 Dogwood Circle, passed away Friday, January 10, 2020 at Kenansville Health & Rehab Center, Kenansville, NC. The funeral will be held at 1 p.m., Friday, January 17 at Worley Funeral Home Chapel. The visitation will be held from 12-1 p.m., Friday, January 17 at the Funeral Home. Ms. Howard is survived by her daughters, Kim Howard and Deanna Howard both of Clinton, NC; sister, Betty Anderson of Clinton, NC; brothers, Gerald Anderson of Charlotte, NC and Cleo Howard, Jr. of Angier, NC; three grandchildren. Online condolences may be sent to worleyfuneralhomeinc.com.



NEWTON GROVE

Ms. Eunice G. Jernigan, 101, passed away Saturday, January 11, 2020 at Kitty Askins Hospice Center, Goldsboro, N.C. with her loving family by her side. Her funeral service was held Tuesday, January 14th at 3:00 P.M. at Jordan's Chapel Baptist Church, Mt. Olive. The family received friends at the church 1 hour prior to the service. Officiating was the Revs. Ray Smeltzer and Debora Stilley. Ms. Jernigan was laid to rest in the church cemetery. Left to cherish her memories are her daughter; Kaye Jernigan and husband Harry or Goldsboro, grandchildren; Kevin Jernigan and wife Susan of Fremont, Lance Jernigan and wife Valerie of Walnut Creek. Great Grandchildren; Mia Jernigan, Austin Jernigan, Hayley Jernigan and Anna Jernigan. She was preceded in death by her parents; Marvin P. and Lettie T. Graham, husband; Julius A. Jernigan, daughter; Elizabeth Ann Jernigan and grandson; Terence Davis Jernigan. Memorials may be made to; Jordan's Chapel Baptist Church 5663 US Hwy 13 South, Mt. Olive, N.C. 28365 OR Kitty Askins Hospice Center 107 Handley Park Ct., Goldsboro, N.C. 27534. Online condolences may be made at www.westanddunn.com. Services have been entrusted to West & Dunn Funeral Home, Newton Grove.



MAGNOLIA

Mr. Kendrick E. Johnson, 19, of 758 Peg Leg Road, passed away Wednesday, January 8, 2020 in Clinton. The funeral was held at 2 p.m., Thursday, January 16 at Lisbon Street Missionary Baptist Church, Clinton with Rev. Donte Murphy officiating. Mr. Johnson is survived by his mother, Katina L. Johnson of the home, sister, Makeyia Johnson of Magnolia, NC; brother, Tyree Johnson of Salemburg, NC. Online condolences may be sent to worleyfuneralhomeinc.com.



ROSEBORO



Johnny Melvin, age-78 of 205 E. Pinewood St., Roseboro, NC died Thursday, January 9, 2020 at his residence. Funeral service was held Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 11 am, Roseboro United Methodist Church, 300 N. Broad St., Roseboro, NC. Interment: Roseboro Cemetery, Roseboro, NC. Public Visitation: Wednesday, January 15, 2020 from 1 to 6 pm at Butler & Son Funeral Home, Roseboro. Mr. Melvin served two terms as a Sampson County Commissioner in District 4. He leaves to cherish his memories with his wife, Myra Melvin. Five sons: Roderick "Ricky" Melvin, Martin Young, Johnny "Papa" Melvin Jr., Carl McDowell Jr., and Jerald Lesane Jr.; Four daughters: Veronica "Raunnie" Edmond, Sherelle Morgan, Jennifer Melvin Sherman, and Lillian "Lee" Melvin; One sister, Ardesa Lewis; 11 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. Butler & Son Funeral Home, Inc. Roseboro, NC.

CLINTON



Lawrence Travis Tyndall 58 of 180 Southwood Drive died Sunday January 12, 2020 at Southwood Nursing Center. Lawrence was born in 1961 in Sampson County, NC to the late Lawrence B. Tyndall and Edna Avery Powell. A Celebration of Lawrence's Life will be held at 3:00 pm on Sunday, January 19, 2020 at Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Service, 1246 Hobbton Hwy Clinton, by Rev. Ricky Dalson, burial will be held privately at the family's request. Lawrence leaves to cherish his memories: Brother: Ricky Tyndall of Clinton, NC, Aunts Jo Ann Owens and husband John of Clinton, NC, Iris Tyndall Kennedy also of Clinton, NC 2 Special Cousins: Brooke Owens of Clinton, NC and Terry Avery of Clinton, NC Uncle Bobby Avery and wife Betty of Clinton, NC. The family would like to say a special Thank You to The Magnolia and also to Southwood Nursing Center.

GARLAND

Gladys R. Artis, 85, of 3665 Greens Ridge Road, Garland, NC, died Thursday, January 2, 2020 in her home. Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 1 o'clock PM at the Union Grove Disciples of Christ Church in Clinton, NC. Burial followed at Hillcrest Memorial Park, Clinton, NC. A viewing was held on Friday, January 10, 2020 from 2 PM to 6 PM at Summerville-Boykin Mortuary, Garland, NC.

FAISON

Mary Cecil Terry Atkinson, 93, of Faison, NC, passed away on January 8, 2020, in Concord, NC, from complications of Parkinson's disease. She was born on November 15, 1926, in Hamlet, NC, to the late Gaston and Irene Everett Terry. Mary grew up with her five brothers and one sister. She was married to Jake Atkinson in Hamlet when he returned from service in World War II. Mary was predeceased by her beloved husband of 54 years and their daughter Terry Ellis. Mary's loves were her family and her church. She gladly gave countless hours to the Faison Presbyterian Church. Mary was an ordained Elder, and for her service was designated a Presbyterian Woman. Her working career was spent in Rockingham County Schools as secretary to the superintendent of schools, in Kings Mountains Schools, in admissions at Mount Olive College and at Southern Furniture and Interiors in Mount Olive. Mary had many interests. She was an expert seamstress, a wonderful cook and a talented homemaker. As a helpmate to her husband, Jake, a coach, school administrator and teacher, she always had her door open to students and families. Mary washed football uniforms, scouted opposing teams, helped grade papers and painted lines on the basketball court. Her giving spirit and compassionate ear were a cornerstone in any community of which she became part. Mary created family wherever she went, never more so than in Faison. She and Jake became part of a unique town and community where they lived happily for more than 30 years. It was there she found her church and her dearest friends, people who cared for her and Jake and their family and with whom she was able to share her many special talents. Mary is survived by two daughters: Sandy Pettyjohn (David) of Concord, NC, and Kathy Allred (Steve), of Kings Mountain, NC; son-in-law, Pete Ellis (Carla) of Charlotte, NC; three grandchildren, Brandy Greene (Chuck); Chris Pettyjohn; Drew Ellis (Christine Friel); and three great-grandchildren; Erika Greene and Erin Greene; Scarlett Terry Ellis. Surviving are also three brothers: Bill Terry of Plumas Lake, California, Ray Terry of Roseville, California, and Paul Terry of San Jose, California. The family would like to express their sincere appreciation and gratitude to the loving and caring staff at St Andrews Assisted Living Center and to Hospice of Lake Norman. A graveside service will be held at 11am on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at Faison Cemetery, 100 Cemetery Drive, Faison, NC. Memorials can be made to Faison Presbyterian Church, 502 W. Main Street, Faison, NC 28341, the Mary Atkinson Endowment at the University of Mount Olive, 634 Henderson St., Mount Olive, NC 28365; St Andrews Assisted Living Center, 246 Cabarrus Ave West, Concord, NC 28025 or to Hospice & Palliative Care Lake Norman, 705 Griffith Street, Suite 203, Davidson, NC 28036.

CLINTON

Jonathan Bowden, Age 92, of 213 Forest Trail, Clinton, NC died Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at The Magnolia in Clinton, NC. Funeral arrangements are incomplete. Butler & Son Funeral Services Clinton, NC.

CLINTON

Mrs. Paula Gore Jackson, 72 of 6607 Hobbton Hwy., passed away with her family by her side Wednesday, January 15th, 2020 at Sampson Regional Medical Center. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time but will be announced as soon as possible. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Jackson family.

FAYETTEVILLE

Baby Kailer was born November 09, 2019 at 6:51 AM to Abelander and Nikkei Paul. He was born at Tripler Army Medical Center in Hawaii. Kailer was born at 23 weeks and 2 days of gestation, weighing 1 lb. and 8 oz. He was truly a little but mighty miracle. Kailer, which means "Little Warrior" truly lived up to his name. He gave his parents and everyone who knew him so much joy. On January 03, 2020 he was called home to rest in the Lord's arms. Though he will be forever missed we know that he is safe and happy playing in Heaven with Jesus. Baby Kailer's funeral will be held at 12:00 PM, Saturday, January 18, 2020 at Charity Church, 431 Neville St., Fayetteville, NC. Interment will be at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery in Spring Lake, NC. Baby Kailer leaves to cherish his memory, his loving parents Abelander and Nikkei Paul, paternal grandparents Alix Paul and Islande Charles, maternal grandmother Wilma DeVane Gray, uncles Alain Paul and Ronald Gray, aunt Cathriona Masslieno (Rheashaun Masslieno), godfather Donovan Myers, godmother Torri Gaines, great grandparents, a host of great aunts, great uncles, and cousins.

HARRELLS

Melva Jane "Susie" Jones Lanier, 80, of Harrells, passed away at her home on Wednesday, January 15, 2020. Arrangements will be announced by her family on Thursday. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Lanier family.

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CUP COUNTDOWN

No. 1: Race-ending chaos pushes Kansas to top

Playoff drama draped the closing laps, and then some

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This is the last of a five-part series counting down the top five Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series races of 2019.

Denny Hamlin led a race-high 153 of 277 laps to win the Hollywood Casino 400 in two overtimes at Kansas Speedway in October.

But the real story was happening behind him as three drivers were jockeying for the last two playoff berths for Round 3 of the postseason.

Chase Elliott, Brad Keselowski and Joey Logano were fighting for their playoff lives when they arrived at the 1.5-mile oval in late October.

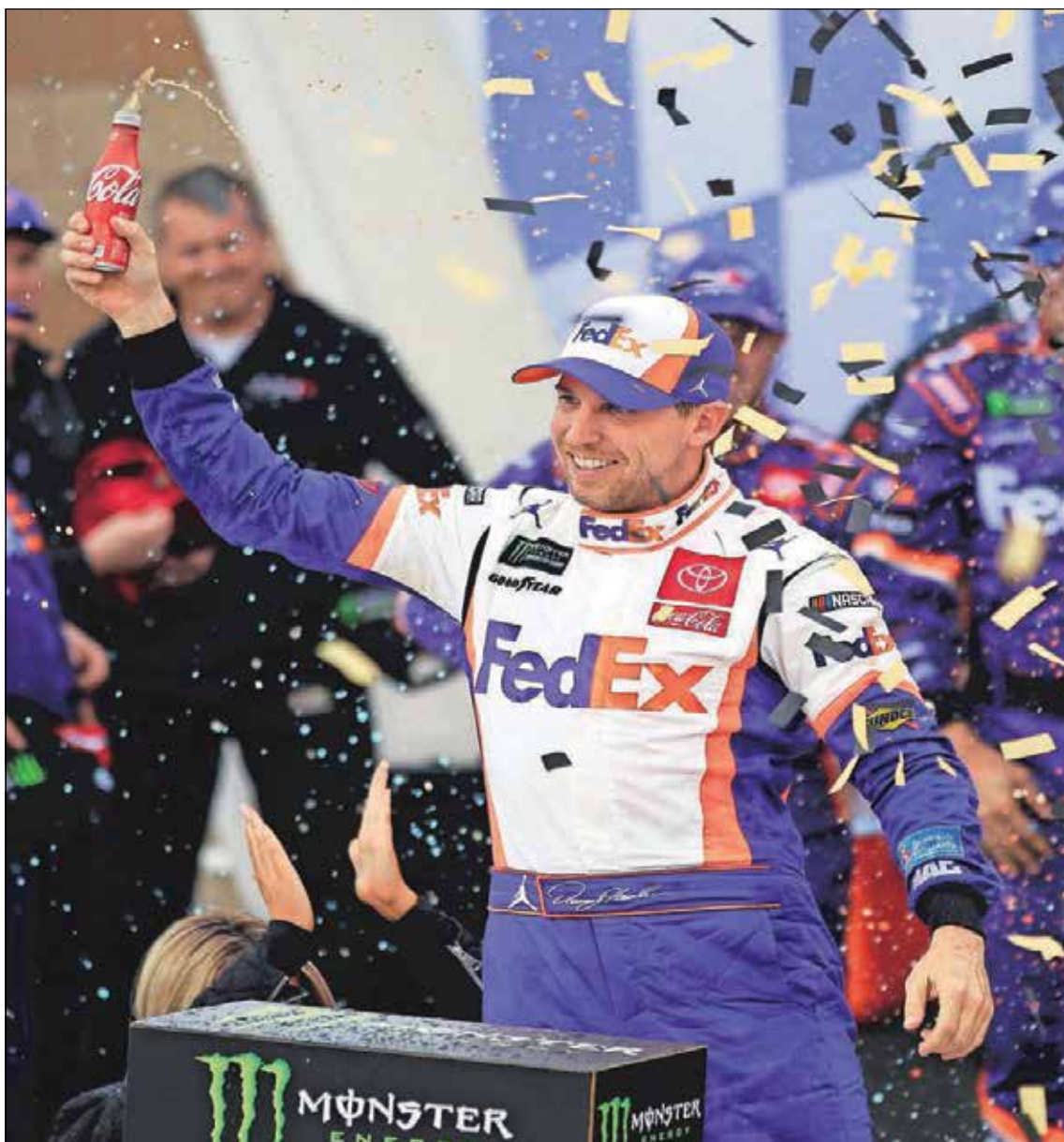
The race was supposed to end after 267 laps, but a rash of yellow flags over the last 25 laps scrambled the lineup and extended this critical playoff race by 10 laps, and it ultimately knocked Keselowski out of championship contention.

Keselowski, who entered the race with a 20-point advantage over Elliott, was bottled up on the final restart, fell from 13th to 19th in the running order and lost the final playoff berth to Elliott by three points.

Elliott finished second, only .128 seconds behind Hamlin, while Logano restarted 20th in his damaged No. 22 Ford and finished 17th to secure the last playoff position.

The dramatic finish sparked two celebrations along pit road, one for the race winner and another for Elliott, who staved off elimination in the closing laps of this postseason nail-biter.

"This is a great feeling," said Hamlin. "That car was awesome to dominate that



Denny Hamlin celebrates his victory at Kansas Speedway after a race that shook up the playoff picture. [AP/ORLIN WAGNER]

whole second half. I have to thank everybody who pushed me on the restarts, such as Kyle Busch and the No. 9 car (Elliott) at the end."

Elliott's second-place finish felt like a win after extending his playoff run.

"The good news was the bottom lane rolled good enough on the last restart to at least get back to second," Elliott said. "So I appreciate the effort. We were really struggling there at one point in the race. You have to stay fighting in these things, especially with these late race restarts."

"I'm just proud of the

effort. Just excited we get to fight another race. Back up against the wall, to come out here and battle for a win, that's what you have to do when you're in the position that we were in."

Elliott was the only driver from Hendrick Motorsports to survive the Round of 12. Teammate William Byron finished fifth but missed the next round by 16 points.

Alex Bowman suffered early damage and rallied to run 11th, but he finished the race 20 points behind Elliott for the last spot.

Clint Bowyer, who was racing the No. 14 Stewart-Haas Ford, was the fourth

driver eliminated from the playoffs in this round.

It was Keselowski who took the worst hit at this race. He was not happy with the result.

"We didn't make it," Keselowski said. "I pushed as hard as I knew how and didn't quite do good enough on the last restart, and that was it."

"We clawed as hard as we could, and there were times it looked like we were going to be fine and times it didn't. In the end it didn't work out."

There were seven caution periods during the race, but three yellow flags over the final 22 laps.

QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers



NASCAR's Whelen Modified Tour has a big following in the Northeast. [NASCAR/GETTY IMAGES]

Harvick in a modified?

You heard it right, but don't get overly excited. Or concerned. Apparently, Kevin Harvick is just helping Ryan Preece test a modified at Martinsville this month in advance of a May race at the track — a race that will run on the same weekend as Martinsville's springtime Cup Series race. That's right, modifieds on Friday night, the Cup race on Saturday, and I know what you're thinking ...

More modifieds in the future?

In all the chatter regarding how a NASCAR weekend might look in the future, it's embarrassing to say the possibility of modifieds as companion races hasn't come to mind. It's a very entertaining form of racing, and there are pockets of race fans — particularly through the Northeast — who insist it's the best short-track racing out there. NASCAR's Whelen Modified Tour is actually its oldest racing league, dating back to the beginning in 1948.

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WHAT'S ON TAP

Jan. 16-18: 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

MOTOR MOUTHS PODCAST

The Boys in the Pod are loosening the straps and about to pull the tarp off the Podmobile.

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SPEED FREAKS — A few questions we had to ask ourselves

David Ragan in the Daytona 500? Didn't he retire?

GODSPEAK: "Retire" is an interesting word. It means different things to different folks. Ragan retired as a "full-time" race car driver. The Daytona 500 is a mighty big carrot.

KEN'S CALL: Come on, now, a racer's retirement rivals a boxer's for its loopholes. Given the nature of Daytona pack racin', don't bet against Ragan making some noise in the 500.

And is that Ross Chastain being given keys to a capable Daytona car?

GODSPEAK: Chastain lost his Xfinity ride

before the 2019 season because the sponsor disappeared, and he made 70 starts across the NASCAR platform. He can play in this sandlot.

KEN'S CALL: A big sponsor (Advent-Health), a big-league team (Ganassi Racing) and a guy who knows his way around the draft (Ross the Boss). Like Ragan, don't be surprised if Chastain leads some laps in February.

Reviews of Penske's crew-chief shakeup?

GODSPEAK: There probably needs to be term limits set for drivers and crew chiefs. Those relationships can sour pretty quickly when things don't go the



David Ragan "retired" in November. He races again in February. [N-J FILE]

right way.

KEN'S CALL: These things are relatively normal in racing, but it's silly to render a verdict until early summer, at least.

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