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Clinton High Graduate Bobby Purcell to be Inducted into the NC Sports Hall of Fame



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The North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame is honored to announce its 2020 induction class. The new members, listed alphabetically, are Debbie Antonelli, Tyrone "Muggsy" Bogues, Mack Brown, Dennis Craddock, Dr. Charles Kernodle, Mac Morris, Trot Nixon, Julius Peppers, Bobby Purcell, Judy Rose, Tim Stevens and Donnell Woolford.

They will be enshrined during the 57th annual induction banquet on the evening of Friday, May 1, at the Raleigh Convention Center. An afternoon news conference will be **PURCELL, see P. 3**

Barwick Receives Eagle Scout Honor



Local resident and Asheville School junior John Barwick believes that giving back to his community is important and that is exactly what he thought about when deciding what to do for his Eagle Scout project.

Barwick has been part of the pack for a long time, as long as he can remember, being a Boy Scout is just second nature to him. "I joined the Cub Scouts of Pack 27, based out of Graves Memorial, when I was in first grade. When I was eleven, I became a Boy Scout and joined Troop 80, based out of the First Baptist Church. I wanted to become an Eagle Scout because I knew that it would be a great opportunity to help the community and learn valuable leadership skills."

Some of our most accomplished Americans were Boy Scouts but only the brightest, smartest and hardest working reach the rank of Eagle Scout. Barwick is in the field of the "Best of the Best" including notables like President Gerald Ford, NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg, renowned film director Steven Spielberg, Supreme Court Justice Stephen **BARWICK, see P. 3**

Blood on Short Supply, Donors Needed



Sampson Regional Blood Donor Center Celebrates National Blood Donor Month

The New Year often prompts people to make resolutions -- in other words, change. A new resolution is to be a better, healthier, happier individual. Finding a resolution and sticking to it proves difficult for many. While resolutions are made with good intent, it's sometimes hard to keep with them. This year, Sampson Regional Medical Center (SampsonRMC) encourages community members to resolve to help their neighbors right here in Sampson County by donating blood. Donating blood takes less than an hour, and blood donors are eligible every eight weeks to give again. A resolution you can keep by giving just one hour and a pint every eight weeks -- sounds doable, right?

Sampson Regional Medical Center is only one of three hospitals in the state of North Carolina that draws its own blood and supplies about 90% of blood needed for hospital patients. That means life-saving measures are taken every single day with donations made by someone from our community -- maybe a neighbor, a friend, a church member, or a co-worker.

Blood donations help those fighting life threatening illnesses, suffering from rare blood disorders, or trauma victims in need of a lifesaving transfusion. The hospital's AABB-accredited blood bank is not affiliated with the American Red Cross. The Sampson Regional Blood Donor Center relies on blood donations from people who live or work in Sampson County and who give directly to SampsonRMC. When community members give, their donation is used locally at SampsonRMC to help patients in need.

January is recognized as National Blood Donor Month to raise awareness of this vital, lifesaving need. This month, Sampson Regional's Blood Donor Center hosted an Open House on Tuesday, January 14th, 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. to bring awareness to the vital need of donors and to recognize current donors for their ongoing support.

According to SampsonRMC's Director of Laboratory Services, Natalie Lamb, the new year brings a time to reflect on successes from the previous year and look for ways to grow the existing program. "We are very fortunate to collect between 1,300-1,400 units each year from donations drawn at our Center and at onsite blood drives hosted by local businesses and schools. However, with each year, the patient need steadily increases, which is why we are con- **BLOOD, see P. 4**

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WEEKLY VERSE

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1 Peter 1:23

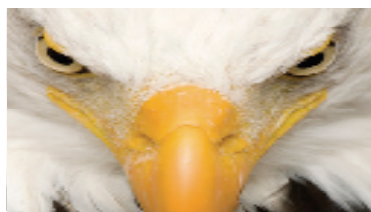
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Final Week

LOCAL NEWS

From the Desk of Senator Brent Jackson



I hope you had a great week thus far. I am honored to announce that I have been appointed to serve as co-chair of the Agriculture/Natural & Economic Resources and Program Evaluation Committees. I will also be serving as a member of the EDGE, Environmental Review, Governmental Operations, and Legislative Services Committees as well. I am humbled by this honor and I look forward to continuing to represent and work on behalf of our district in Raleigh.

Last week, both the House and Senate returned to the General Assembly in order to continue to work on outstanding legislative matters. Both bodies passed S.B. 560, which appropriated funds for the NC Scholarship for Children of Wartime Veterans. The Senate also held two unsuccessful veto override votes on S.B. 553 The Regulatory Reform Act of 2019 and S.B. 354 The Strengthen Educators Pay Act. The conclusion of legislative business on the 14th signaled the official end of the long session. The General Assembly will reconvene Tuesday, April 28, 2020.

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

Legislative Recap- Senate Bill 384

This week, another bill passed this session receive a brief explanation. Senate Bill 384 is a bill dealing with motor vehicle laws and makes several important changes to our code to clarify and update some of the rules governing our state's motor vehicle dealers. The bill deals with everything from simple updates to definitions to performance standards. The bill also revamps a few legal matters such as audits, protecting data, and unfair competition.

The motor vehicle laws passed by the General Assembly have become an annual affair and the need for updates like these is clear. With over 3.5 million registered automobiles in North Carolina alone, we cannot afford to fall behind. It seems likely that our laws will continue to adapt over time as this complex industry grows and changes in our state.

From the District-Roseboro Honors Parade Winners

Congratulations to both ZOAR Church for receiving first place for their float in the Roseboro Christmas parade and Roseboro Church God of Prophecy, who won second place for their float in the Roseboro Christmas parade. Thank you for your hard work and creativity on the fantastic floats! They were enjoyed by all!

District Spotlight- HCA Geography Bee Winners Announced

The 26th annual Harrells Christian Academy Geography Bee was held on Tuesday, Jan. 14, in the school auditorium.

The competition was open to all fourth through 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 on-stage competition.

Early Voting for March 3, 2020 Primary Election will be offered at the following location in Sampson County beginning on February 13, 2020 through February 29, 2020. Days and hours listed below:

Sampson County Board of Elections Office
120 County Complex Road
Building F; Suite 110
Clinton, NC 28328

Monday – Friday Voting Hours
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Saturday, February 29, 2020 Voting Hours
8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Any Sampson County resident may vote early at the above location during the hours indicated above.

Each participant received a certificate of participation as well as a \$10 gift card to Barnes and Noble.

This year's winner was seventh-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 gift card, Hudson also received \$25, a medal, 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.



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

Local Scouts Help Sheriff Department



Local Cub Scout and Boy Scout Troop, chartered by Salemburg Baptist Church, recently held a Christmas fundraiser to help the Sampson County Sheriff Department. Matt Parker is the Scoutmaster for Troop 38 and Megan Strickland is the Cubmaster for Pack 38.

According to Megan Strickland, "We partnered with a local Scentsy representative to sell Scentsy Buddies, which we then donated to the Sheriff's Department. Jimmy Thornton came out to collect them for us. We were able to donate 40 of the Buddies!"

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BARWICK, cont. from P. 1

Breyer, Astronaut Neil Armstrong, all-star baseball player Shane Victorino, Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, just to name a few.

Being a Boy Scout and reaching Eagle Scout has a positive effect on a young person's life. According to Barwick, he has been impacted greatly by his scouting experience.

To reach his goal as an Eagle Scout, Barwick had to complete a project that benefited the community. The project he decided on was a 15' X 30' fenced in play pen area at the Sampson County Animal Shelter.

Barwick explained his project, "It is meant to be a place where prospective dog adopters can interact with dogs outside of the actual shelter. The shelter can be a noisy and stressful place, so hopefully this provides a space where people can meet and play with a dog in a more comfortable environment. Through my project, I hope that the animal shelter, as a whole, will become a more inviting place. There will always be animals out there that need adopting, so I'd love it if my project helped to make a difference in the number of animals that find homes."

Barwick obviously has a passion for animals, "Both of my

family's dogs came from the shelter. They're a mother and daughter pair that we've had for more than ten years. My mom has always been a big advocate of animal adoption, so by extension so have I. Anna Ellis is the manager out there and I first contacted her about a year ago saying I'd love to do an Eagle project for the shelter. She was a great person to work with to organize what they needed. Allen Tyndall and Roy Sessoms were the contractors who helped lay the concrete pad that was the base of the pen and set up the chain link fence, respectively. Tommy Tucker is a man who goes to my family's church and is a huge supporter of animal rescue and adoption. He was a big supporter of the project."

Barwick raised the money for the project through family and friends, as well as fellow scouts. He raised over \$1000 to complete the project. "I raised money by sending letters asking for donations to family and friends." John wanted to thank everyone that had a part in helping him, "I am very grateful for all who helped in the fundraising process."

John Barwick exemplifies what it means to be an Eagle Scout: Eagle Scout is the highest achievement or rank

attainable in the Scouts BSA program of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). Since its inception in 1911, only four percent of Scouts have earned this rank after a lengthy review process. The Eagle Scout rank has been earned by over 2.5 million youth.

Requirements include earning at least 21 merit badges. The Eagle Scout must demonstrate Scout Spirit, an ideal attitude based upon the Scout Oath and Law, service, and leadership. This includes an extensive service project that the Scout plans, organizes, leads, and manages. Eagle Scouts are presented with a medal and a badge that visibly recognizes the accomplishments of the Scout. Additional recognition can be earned through Eagle Palms, awarded for completing additional tenure, leadership, and merit badge requirements."

John Barwick surely represents Sampson County in an exemplary fashion. Keep up the good work!

John is currently a junior in high school at Asheville School, a boarding school in Asheville, NC. He writes for the school newspaper and plays lacrosse in the spring season. His family are members of Graves Memorial Presbyterian Church.

PURCELL, cont. from P. 1

held on April 30, at 4 p.m., at the North Carolina Museum of History, 5 East Edenton Street.

"This year's class encompasses all fields of athletics, including professional, collegiate, high school and special achievements," said Nora Lynn Finch, president of the Hall. "This 58th class of inductees and their outstanding accomplishments continue to build on the rich sports heritage of North Carolina. We look forward to celebrating this special time in our state's sports history."

The Sports Hall of Fame was established in 1963. A permanent exhibit, the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame is located on the third floor of the state Museum of History in Raleigh and features a significant collection of memorabilia donated by inductees. The museum is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

One of these acclaimed athletes has a special connection with Sampson County and the City of Clinton- Mr. Bobby Purcell. Purcell, who was born in Laurinburg, was raised in Clinton and graduated from Clinton High School. While at Clinton High, Purcell was a first baseman in baseball and

a tight end in football.

Purcell humbly remarked of his induction into the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame, "It's unbelievable really. I'm probably the least deserving of all these people. I don't feel like I deserve it like the others, but I'll appreciate it more, I assure you of that."

The NC Sports Hall of fame says of Purcell's accomplishments, "He has served in many capacities at NC State since joining the athletics department staff in 1981, including assistant football coach and recruiting coordinator under Monte Kiffin, Tom Reed, and Dick Sheridan. But Purcell's legacy will also include his tenure as executive director of the Wolfpack Club, where he oversaw construction of the Wendell H. Murphy Football Center and C. Richard Vaughn Towers (which overlook Carter-Finley Stadium) and led a number of successful financial campaigns, which included the funding of nearly 300 student-athlete scholarships annually."

Purcell gives credit to those that helped him along the way especially those people from Clinton. He noted that growing up in the Clinton area had a lot to do with his success. He wanted to give credit to the many people who directly

influenced him, his coaches, teachers, his minister. "I'd be nowhere near what I am without all those people in Clinton encouraging me to follow my dreams."

Biography of Bobby Purcell (provided by the NC Wolfpack Club):

Bobby Purcell has served in a number of capacities since joining the NC State athletics department staff in 1981. He has been Executive Director of the Wolfpack Club since 1991. During his tenure as Executive Director, the Wolfpack Club has averaged raising over \$15.7 million per year for 25 years. The Wolfpack Club finished the 2014 year with 20,077 donors. Purcell has overseen the successful completion of the \$45.2 million Wolfpack Pride Campaign, the \$50 million Goal Line Drive Campaign, the \$2.6 million Batter Up Campaign, the \$1.6 million Advantage Wolfpack Campaign, and the \$14 million Building Futures initiative. The Wolfpack Club is currently in the \$200 million Championship Commitment Campaign. He served as National Association of Athletic Development Directors President in 2004-2005 and was named their University Division Fund Raiser of the Year in 2007. In 2014, he was recognized with their Lifetime Achievement Award.

Purcell's influence is widespread in college athletics, as eighteen (18) former staff members serve at other universities, including three (3) athletic directors: Jimmy Bass at UNC-Wilmington, Karlton Creech at Maine, and Joe Hull at College of Charleston.

Purcell is also very active in the community, having served on various boards including the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, the NC State Alumni Association Board, the NC State Friends of the Library Board, and the Triangle Chapter of the National Football Foundation.

Purcell, a native of Clinton, NC, joined the Wolfpack football coaching staff in 1981 as a part-time assistant football coach under Monte Kiffin. He helped coach running backs, special teams, and the defensive scout team. He also served as academic coordinator for the football program under Kiffin. When Tom Reed became head football coach in 1983, he named Purcell as recruiting coordinator/assistant coach, and Purcell quickly gained recognition as one of the ACC's top recruiters. Among his signees was Erik Kramer, the 1986 ACC Player of the Year. When Dick Sheridan became the Wolfpack's head coach in 1986, he named Purcell as his recruiting coordinator. Purcell also handled many administrative duties for Sheridan, including coordinator of the Dick Sheridan Football Skills Camp. Purcell became Assistant Director of the Wolfpack Club under Charlie Bryant in July, 1987 and coordinated fundraising efforts in 49 North Carolina counties, directed the Courtesy Car Program, and oversaw management of the Stroud Wolfpack Center.

Purcell is a third generation NC State alumnus. Both his father and grandfather attended NC State. Bobby attended NC State and North Carolina, where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration in 1977. Following two years with the Whirlpool Corporation, Purcell returned to school and received a master's degree in Sports Management at the University of Georgia. During his tenure in Athens, he worked as a volunteer graduate assistant football coach under Vince Dooley and later served as an intern with the Atlanta Falcons.

Purcell is married to the former Lori Williams and they have a son, John, who is a student at NC State, and a daughter, Paige, who graduated from NC State and is currently in medical school at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Purcell made an announcement in December that he would be retiring as the executive director of N.C. State's Wolfpack Club in 2020. He is expected to remain with the Club through June 30, 2020

Congratulations to Bobby Purcell for his many accomplishments and Clinton is proud to call you our own!

**NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION
SAMPSON, NORTH CAROLINA**

A primary election will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 in Sampson County to vote in the following contests: Presidential Preference, US Senate, US House of Representatives District 07, NC Governor, NC Lieutenant Governor, NC Attorney General, NC Auditor, NC Commissioner of Agriculture, NC Commissioner of Insurance, NC Commissioner of Labor, NC Secretary of State, NC Superintendent of Public Instruction, NC Treasurer, NC House of Representatives District 021, NC House of Representatives District 022, NC District Court Judge District 04 Seat 07, Sampson County Board of Commissioners District 04, Clinton City Schools Board of Education, and Sampson County Schools Board of Education.

Voters will not be required to show photo ID when they vote in the primary election on March 3, 2020. In a December 31 order, a federal district court blocked North Carolina's voter photo ID requirement from taking effect. The injunction will remain in place until further order of the court.

Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the day of the election, Tuesday, March 3. One-stop early voting will be held at the Sampson County Board of Elections office. One-stop early voting will be open from 8:00 am Thursday, February 13 until 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 29. The one-stop early voting schedule can be found at <https://vt.ncsbe.gov/ossite/>. Canvass will be held in the Sampson County Board of Elections office at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 13, 2020.

Absentee voting by mail is available. Requests for an absentee ballot must be made on an absentee request form (available on the State Board of Elections website and at the county board of elections office) and must be received in the Sampson County Board of Elections office or any one-stop early voting site by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25. Completed request forms may only be returned in person to the Sampson County Board of Elections by the voter, the voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian, or by a Multipartisan Assistance Team, or delivered by the U.S. Postal Service or designated delivery service (DHL, FedEx, or UPS). Absentee voting requires the voter to complete an application on the return envelope that must be witnessed by two qualified persons or a notary public. Completed absentee ballots must be returned to the Sampson County Board of Elections by 5:00 p.m. on Election Day (ballots received by mail after this time will be timely if received within three business days and postmarked by Election Day). Voters may receive assistance voting a mail-in absentee ballot from a near relative or verifiable legal guardian, or by a qualified person of their choice if a near relative or legal guardian is not available. If the voter lives in a facility such as a nursing home, and the voter's near relative or legal guardian is not available, the voter or the facility can arrange to have the county board of elections schedule a visit by a Multipartisan Assistance Team to provide assistance and serve as witnesses.

All persons who are registered to vote with the Sampson County Board of Elections may vote in this election. In a partisan primary, voters who are affiliated with a political party may only vote in their party's primary and on any nonpartisan contests. Unaffiliated voters may choose to participate in the Democratic, Libertarian, or Republican primary or if available, may vote a nonpartisan ballot. Unaffiliated voters may not vote in the Constitution Party or Green Party primary.

Persons who are not already registered to vote in the county must register by Friday, February 7 to be eligible to vote in this election. Voters who are not registered in the county by that deadline may register and vote during onestop early voting only and will be required to provide documentation of their identity and residence. Voters who wish to change party affiliation or who have changed name or address must do so by the registration deadline. Voters who fail to timely make a change in name or address in the county must update the information when presenting to vote and may be required to vote a provisional ballot.

Voters voting in person are entitled to assistance by an election official, or, if assistance is needed due to disability or illiteracy, by a qualified person of their choice. Voting sites are accessible to all voters. Curbside voting is available for voters who are not able to enter voting sites.

Persons with questions about registration, polling places, early voting, absentee ballots, a Multipartisan Assistance Team visit to a facility, or other election matters may call the Sampson County Board of Elections Office at 910-592-5796.

Horace Bass- Sampson County Board of Elections

LOCAL NEWS

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usually looking to grow our donor base,” said Lamb. By becoming a blood donor, you become part of a larger movement that is helping others right here in Sampson County. “Each blood recipient is someone’s daughter or son, mother or father, brother or sister, friend or loved one. Help us make sure our blood supply is adequate when you or someone you know needs blood,” Lamb continued.

“We want to thank our donors and celebrate their support of our mission in helping our local community. Please join us as we celebrate you, our donors,” she said.

Just on the heels of the open house, Sampson Regional Medical Center will hold an on-site, walk-in blood drive on Thursday, January 30th, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the 3rd floor classroom. Any community donors are invited to attend. A blood donor visitor pass can be obtained in the hospital’s front lobby at the reception desk.

Both events are themed as “Giving in a Winter Wonderland.” “When it’s chilly outside, donating blood will warm your heart,” explained Allison Strickland, Marketing & Community Relations Coordinator. Step into a SampsonRMC Winter Wonderland and give the gift of blood to your Sampson County neighbor. Donors will enjoy refreshments, receive a free “Winter Wonderland” themed gift after donating, and walk away with a positive feeling that their small action has made a big difference in the life of someone.

Donations are in short supply during winter months due to holidays, illness, inclement weather, and travel, but that doesn’t mean that the need is any less. While SampsonRMC is not ex-

periencing an extreme shortage at this time, it is imperative that a consistent supply is readily available for patients at any time.

For those who cannot attend these special events, donor appointments can be made at other times convenient to the donor. Donors can visit www.SampsonRMC.org/blooddonor to submit a request for more information on blood donor services, schedule an onsite blood drive, or schedule a request for an individual donation time.

Sampson Regional Medical Center’s Blood Donor Center is conveniently located inside the Outpatient Diagnostics Center at 233 Beaman Street and is open Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. with extended hours on the second Tuesday of each month until 7:00 p.m. While appointments are not necessary, it is recommended to reserve a donor time to reduce wait.

Donors must meet the following requirements:

- Be in good general health
- Weigh more than 110 pounds
- Be at least 16 years of age (persons younger than 18 may only donate with parental consent)

Another way to help is by participating in or coordinating a community blood drive. Blood drives are held throughout Sampson County frequently and are announced on Sampson Regional Medical Center’s social media pages with consent of the hosting organization. Community blood drives take place at businesses, churches, schools and other organizations. For more information, contact Natalie Lamb, Director of Laboratory Services, at 910-590-8708.

From the Vine: Friends of Horticulture

By Brad Hardison- Horticulture Agent



If you are like most of your friends or neighbors, you have had numerous problems the past few years with your lawn, garden, or landscape. Problems have ranged from bad weather, to insect pressure, to poor plant health. Before you throw in the towel on your home landscape or garden, why not try learning up to date and research-based information that can help manage these problems better?

The Sampson County Friends of Horticulture are a series of classes and hands-on workshops designed to help beginner and advanced home gardeners learn the basics of gardening

and landscaping. Participants will learn how to grow their own food supplies, test soils for nutrients, proper plant selection, pruning, pollinators, care and maintenance of existing landscape plants and trees.

In 2019 participants learned a wide range of landscaping and gardening techniques to help improve their home landscape. Some of the more popular classes were:

- How to properly prune and care for Crape Myrtles
- Selection, pruning, care and maintain blueberries
- Growing new potatoes in container gardens
- Fall lawn care
- Garden mistakes to avoid
- Making sense of Pesticides

All the information, demonstrations, and hands-on activities are from the latest research-based information from NC State University and surrounding land grant universities. Classes are presented by Brad Hardison, Sampson County Extension Horticulture Agent, and other area County Extension Agents. While the information is researched-based, N.C. Cooperative Extension exists specifically to transfer knowledge to the citizens of North Carolina in a manner that is practical and easy to understand.

Classes will be offered from January through October on the third Thursday of each month. The class will begin at 10am and last until 12pm. The classes will be taught at the Sampson County Extension Center, 55 Agriculture Place, Clinton NC 28328 in the livestock facility conference room, greenhouse, and demonstration gardens.

COST

The cost of a yearly membership is \$20. If you forego a yearly membership, classes are \$5 for each individual class. Please make checks payable to “The County of Sampson”. If you are attending individual classes, please arrive a few minutes early to pay for the workshop. All fees are non-refundable and checks are subject to a \$25 insufficient fund fee.

REGISTRATION

To register, call the Sampson County Extension Office at 910 592-7161 and ask to register for the Sampson County Friends of Horticulture.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Workshop	Date	Time	Cost
Growing Pecans in NC	January 16	10am	\$5
Early Spring Lawn Care	February 20	10am	\$5
Growing Vegetables from Seed	March 19	10am	\$5
Planting and Growing Summer Vegetables	April 16	10am	\$5
Landscaping plants for NC	May 21	10am	\$5
Harvesting Rainwater	June 18	10am	\$5
Attracting Pollinators to your Landscape	July 16	10am	\$5
Growing Healthy Soils and Soil Testing	August 20	10am	\$5
Strawberries for the Home Garden	September 17	10am	\$5
Soil analysis and amendments	October 15	10am	\$5

**Class topics are subject to change due to the availability of supplies.*

Sampson County Retirees Recognized



Lethia Lee, Cooperative Extension: January 2012 – November 2019



Patricia Burch, Cooperative Extension: October 1981 – November 2019



Helen Kaleel, DSS: July 1992 – December 2019



Olympia Lamb, DSS: June 1997 – November 2019

At the January Sampson County Board of Commissioners meeting, the board recognized the recent county retirees and their service to Sampson County Retirees as of November & December 2019:

- Patricia Burch, Cooperative Extension: October 1981 – November 2019
- Annie Fennell, Health: Nov 1993 – Dec 2003; November 2005 – December 2019

- Helen Kaleel, DSS: July 1992 – December 2019
- Olympia Lamb, DSS: June 1997 – November 2019
- Lethia Lee, Cooperative Extension: January 2012 – November 2019
- Debbie Tyson, Tax: August 1989 – December 2019

Patricia Burch with the Cooperative Extension was also presented a separate plaque for her recent retirement from CES with more than 10 years.

We Should Know . . .



Jonathan Chavous and Beverly Weeks 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 about human trafficking and the guests are Beverly Weeks and Jonathan Chavous with Wayne Pregnancy Center and Cry Freedom Missions. Beverly Weeks is Executive Director of Wayne Pregnancy Center and Cry Freedom Missions and Jonathan Chavous is Chief Operating Officer.

JW Simmons begins the show stating that human trafficking is a complicated issue and while many don’t believe it can happen to them or their family, Beverly Weeks can debunk those misconceptions quickly.

“Human trafficking,” explains Weeks, “is a \$150 billion dollar industry right now. Second only to drugs. Let me put it this way, you can sell a bag of drugs just one time, but you can sell a young girl or young guy over and over and over.”

Jonathan Chavous adds, “And I think we see movies like Taken and we see those things happening overseas. That was for me as well. I was overseas doing work in the Philippines throughout Asia, Japan and China so, I didn’t think it was going on here to the degree that it was. But when I came back about 3 years ago and began to work with Cry Freedom and Wayne Pregnancy Center, I was shocked at the level it was happening in our back yard.”

“Literally down the road from us, across the street in middle class neighborhoods, upper class neighborhoods, lower class neighborhoods; there was no real division of oh It’s just happening to this group of people. It is happening across the board. That was the shocking thing for me, and I was an individual working in trafficking since 2008.”

“I was in Peru doing a leadership conference and the gentleman I was with shut the door at a nice 5 star hotel and on the back of the door was an infant with a circle around it and a dash that said ‘No sex with infants’. And I can remember the level of grief and shock all at the same time. Me and him talked about it for a few minutes as I can’t believe this is a reality. I can’t believe that’s a thing.”

“So, I kind of dismissed it as though it was something really wrong in the culture. Maybe that was something that just happened in Lima but then I went to Tokyo about 6 months later. I was in a totally different area, different hotel chain and the exact same sign. It was

at that point that I knew I couldn’t ignore some of the things I was seeing.”

“We developed an organization called Hope for All Children and began working with rescuing kids and we actually have a rescue home in the Philippines for girls 15 and younger. And the shocking reality we found was there were even children being trafficked at birth.”

Chavous goes on to add, “And so, when I came back home, I thought I left that world so to speak. And there at the Pregnancy Center we began to see things that made us very aware that it’s happening here in our area.”

Next, Simmons says that much of the information in today’s show will be hard for listeners to hear and process. He asks Beverly Weeks if she experience that shock when she began working in this field.

“Yes,” says Weeks. “Most definitely. We’re not here to alarm anyone but what we want to do is wake up and bring awareness. Jonathan and I sat in a lot of meetings with City Council members, people within our community. What got us drawn into the sex trafficking or human trafficking side was we saw women that would come into the Pregnancy Center to get pregnancy test – and there’s pregnancy centers all over North Carolina – and they would never have any ID on them. They would sometimes be brought in by another gentleman and they would be reserved or guarded as to what they could say.”

“And so, I actually offered to take one of the young women home that day and give her a ride, and when I did, I remember distinctly walking in to a hotel that day and what I saw for me it changed everything. I walked into a room and I met the sweetest young girl and for today we’ll call her Amy. I began to build a relationship with her because we know it’s all about relationships so they girls and guys know that they can trust you.”

“And I met Amy that day, and she shared with me how she had been prostituted by her mother at the young age of 7. She had been prostituting her since age 7 because the mother had a drug addiction. So, if that is the only lifestyle you have ever known how would they know any different if we don’t show them.”

“Jonathan and I were sitting in meeting after meeting because right now our state is the 10th highest in human and sex trafficking. Well we would travel all across the state and we would hear people talk about sex education and training, which is very much needed. Awareness is key. But nobody was rescuing. Nobody was saying I’ll put my life on the line, I’ll go out in the middle of the night, build relationships with these men and women and actually offer to do rescues.”

Chavous adds, “And I think part of the reason people do that is because it’s just so easy to go to your church, go to your work place, go hang out with your friends and we turn a blind eye to the things we see on the side of the road. There’re neighborhoods we don’t go through, certain areas known for prostitution. Certain places we just don’t frequent that are out of mind, out of sight.”

“But,” adds Chavous, “our thing was we cannot ignore what we’ve already seen.”

For more information please visit www.cryfreedommissions.com or www.waynepregnancycenter.com.

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

-Dixie Bullard
-William Henry Burney
-Jonathan Bowden
-Rudolph Anthony Cox
-John Marion Daly
-Robert Lathan Fisher
-Raheem Laquon Johnson
-Paula Doris Jackson
-Kendric Emmanuel Johnson
-Rudolph Murphy
-Johnny Melvin
-Edgar Morris McDaniel Jr
-Kenneth Ervin Oakes

Marriage Certificates

-Shawn Patric Baillargeon to Rhonda Lynette Brock
-Tony Lee Spell Jr to April Nicole Sinclair
-Sheldon James Shale to Hannah May Pratt

Births

-Hazel Ella San Miguel was born on January 13, 2020 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Miguel San Miguel and Jenny Tong Woo

Land Transfers

-Joni Elkins DeLee, Marcus DeLee, Kelly Lynn Elkins Roman to Johnny Elkins Jr- 5.0 Acres w/exceptions South Clinton
-Donald R Pope/AGT, Rhonda Kay Thompson/By AGT to Bobby E Mason, Sarah G Mason- Lot 3 0.49 Acres Little Coharie
-Sallie Elaine Williams to Regina Monique Barden, Sallie Williams- 1 Acre Turkey
-Jesus Antonio Alvarado, Maria C Martinez Dominguez to Joaquina Vilorio Liviano, Felix Angel Taveras Ogando- 0.83 Acres North Clinton
-Celesta McLamb Honeycutt Testamentary Trust, Celesta McLamb Honeycutt Estate, Lyndall Clark Honeycutt/TR to The Point Christian Academy LLC- 12.3 Acres w/exceptions Honeycutts
-DiTech Financial LLC Successor in Interest, Green Tree Servicing LLC to Johnny Wayne Pope, Rebecca Tucker Usher- Fifty Six hundredths of an Acre
-CMH Homes Inc to Brittany Zeledon, Jeffrey Zeledon- Lot 3 5.85 Acres
-AE Carter Farm LLC, John V Matthews Jr/MGR to Peggy Carter, Richard A Carter- Tract 2 9.70 Acres South River
-AE Carter Farm LLC, John V Matthews Jr/MGR, John V Matthews Jr/MGR to Peggy Carter, Richard A Carter, Annie C Matthews, John V Matthews Jr, Freddie L Simmons, Vivian Simmons- Tract 1 36.07 Acres South River
-Asa M Evans, Letitia L Evans to Rene Martinez Hernandez- Lot 4 of the Dr. JB Powell Subdivision Section V South Clinton
-Christopher Bradley Anders, Rachel Anders, Rachel N West/FKA to Laura Marina Herrera Sanchez, Eldac Victor Herrera Sanchez- Tract 8 & 10 Halls
-Connie Dudley, Janice Fray Dudley, Ronnie Lynn Dudley, Brenda Jackson to

Christopher Bradley Anders, Rachel Anders- 1 Acre Herring
-Denise Colville Kolman, Mark Kolman, Denise Colville Williams/WATA to Donald N Dyste, Marla K Dyste- Lot 13 0.75 Acres Country Meadows Subdivision Plainview
-Cynthia M Talbert, John T Talbert III to JTT Associates LLC- 4 Tracts w/exceptions Sampson and Pender
-Cynthia M Talbert, John T Talbert III to JTT Associates LLC- 242.95 Acres w/exceptions Taylors Bridge
-Nancy G Meeks to Jose Antonio Alvarado Bonilla, Bety Carlos- Lot 11 rabbit Run Subdivision Section two
-Walter E Peterson Jr, Kimberly Peterson Phipps, Michael Wynn, Sherri Peterson Wynn to Gregory Dixon Jackson- Tract 2 9.13 Acres Taylors Bridge
-Mary Ann Hill/TR, Mary Ann Hill Revocable Trust to Carol Melvin Knowles-Lot 132 0.92 Acres South River Landing Subdivision Section Two Little Coharie
-Sandra J Carter, Tom Norman Carter Jr to Donald R Carter- 1.33 Acres Lot 8 Percy Simmons Lands South Clinton
-Angela Lynn Williams, Timothy Maurice Williams to Thomas J Bersuder, Agnes Hope Williams- 2 Tracts Dismal
-Lynell Autry Martin to Jennifer Martin Matthews- Lot 4 mill Ridge Subdivision Phase I Dismal
-Lynell Autry Martin to Christopher Edward Martin- 2 Tracts Dismal
-Ronald Brent Warren, Vickie C Warren to Samantha Denise Edwards, Quinlan Charles Rackley- Parcel A 1.05 Acres Mingo
-Lattie B Faircloth to Betty Pearl Faircloth, Lattie B Faircloth- Little Coharie
-Gertrell Pope Hudson to Donna Hudson Johnson- 9.41 Acres Tract A Honeycutt
-Brenda S Killett, Roscoe Killett to Schneider Jean Baptiste- 0.33 Acres North Clinton
-Mary Ann Hill/TR, Mary Ann Hill Revocable Trust to Floribertha A Rodriguez- Lot 15 Rabbit Run Subdivision Section Three 1.0 Acre
-Nancy Jean Bradshaw/AIF, Peggy B Brock/By AIF, Peggy B Brock/ADM, Peggy Lee Boyette Brock/By AIF, Mary Sue Estate Shipp to Pedro Gonzalez Reyes- 0.22 Acres North Clinton
-Robin Chestnutt, William Chestnutt to Emily Pope, Jamie R Pope- 2 Tracts
-Joseph D Smith, Shannon A Smith to Lynn Edward Best- Lot 7 1.42 Acres Halls
-Brink Family Co LP/PTNR, Craig A Van Matre/Gen P, Laura J Van Matre/Gen P to Allen Family Farmland LLC- 2 Tracts South River
-Aubrey Newkirk to David Allen Long, Janet Jaeggli Long- Tract 1 18 Acres Franklin
-James H Register Jr, William J Register to James H Register Jr, William J Register- South Clinton
-Arnold Sandy, Caroline Sandy to Danny Pate Holland II- 3 Tracts w/exceptions Little Coharie
-Teresa Zahran, William Davide Vaught to Noah Markus Percy, Joshua Edward Stachler- 2 Acres
-Martha Crumpler, Richard Edward Crumpler to Jose Guadalupe Blanco De La Cruz- Turkey
-Jose Luis Gonzalez Bahena to Kaven Barco- Tract 1 8.18 Acres Halls
-Lillie Bell W Dickerson to Kermit Atkinson, Kendall Linda Atkinson- 12.36 Acres Lot 3 and 4 Willie Wilson Division
-2019 Castel LLC, Victor Naar/MGR to Eva Suzanne Zarate, Juan Zarate- 0.56 Acres Lot 2 Belvoir
-John Kevin Gantt, Karen Darlene Gantt to Jeffrey Adrian Howell, Nancy Wise Howell- Tract 12 12.17 Acres Lisbon/Taylor Bridge

MEET YOUR CANDIDATES

Sampson County Register of Deeds



Graham "Freddie" Butler



Q- Tell the voters about your family, your education and your experience?

A- I am a lifelong resident of Sampson County. I am the son of the late Sheriff Graham Ruffus Butler and the late Dorothy Aylene Tart Butler. I have been happily married to Melody Lynn Butler for soon to be 40 years. I have one sister, Marcia Jackson who is married to John Jackson. I have one Brother, Scott Butler who is married to Donna Butler. I graduated from Clinton High School in 1976. I then attended Sampson Community College studying Criminal Justice, preparing myself for a career in Law Enforcement. In 1986, 1987 and 1988 I served on the Board of Directors for the North Carolina Wildlife Federation. I have been a Mason at Hiram Lodge no. 98 since 1998. I have been a Sudan Shriner since 2004 and joined the Sudan Roadsters in 2012. Over the past 30 years, I have been directly involved in agriculture business as a partner in our areas pork production. Lynn and I attend First Baptist Church at 408 College Street where I have served as chairman of the deacons.

I have been dedicated and committed to a life of service to the citizens of North Carolina and wish to continue that commitment here in the county in which I was born and raised! I began my career in law enforcement in 1983 as a uniformed DMV process officer, then on to working with the Motor Carrier Division, a position I was known by most as "the weight man" because the job involved the weighing of trucks on the state's highways.

In 1992, I was promoted to the rank of Inspector in the "plain clothes division." This position involved investigating and making arrests for auto theft, driver license and identity theft, motor vehicle dealer violations as well as odometer and title fraud.

In April 1994, I was recognized by the state Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission with the Basic and Intermediate Law Enforcement Certificate.

In 1995, I was called to the Raleigh headquarters to work what later turned out to be the largest odometer rollback case in the history of the DMV. Because this investigation crossed over into several states, I was sworn as a U.S. Marshal and made numerous arrests, seizing thousands of dollars in assets that were divided with agencies in other states.

In 2003, I was promoted to the rank of 1st Lieutenant for District II in Cumberland County, where I later served as the District II Captain. This district was made up of 12 counties.

In August 2005, I earned the Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate from Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission.

In 2006, I was called to the Raleigh headquarters to serve as the Assistant Supervisor in the Internal Affairs Unit. Later in that same year I was promoted to the Assistant Director of IA. That job eventually led to another promotion, this one as Assistant Director over the Eastern portion of North Carolina, consisting of 51 counties. I was responsible for the supervision of personnel of four districts encompassing those 51 counties. A year later, I was asked to work the Western part of the state, which encompassed the remaining 49 counties.

In the summer of 2008, I was promoted to the Deputy Director of Administration. This position placed me in charge of finances and budgetary issues. In this position I worked closely with legislators to secure the funding needed for the day to day operations of DMV.

In 2009 I was promoted to the position

of Deputy Director over all personnel and field operations. I oversaw all operations throughout the state as well as ensuring that we had adequate personnel in place to achieve the goal of a successful completion for each assignment. I remained in that position until I retired in January 2012.

In 2012, the Governor awarded me with the exalted and most prestigious award, the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, for service with integrity, commitment and dedication to the Great State of North Carolina.

Throughout my career I received hundreds of hours of specialized training relating to criminal investigations. The last 10 years of my career I continued with all training requirements but also received countless hours of training relating specifically in the areas of supervision and management of personnel as well as the operations for all 100 counties of North Carolina. My 30 years of dedicated service to the citizens of North Carolina is important to this position. I feel that successfully managing and supervising all operations and personnel for the oldest Law Enforcement Agency at the State level, uniquely qualifies me for this position as Register of Deeds.

Q- How does your experience help you in the elected position you are pursuing?

A- I made a career in Law Enforcement and the last 10 years of that career was at the level of a Supervisory Position. I managed all the personnel in the 100 counties of the great State of North Carolina for the Department of Motor Vehicles. As the Deputy Director for the DMV, I worked with other agencies, departments and legislatures on a regular basis to solve problems that citizens are faced with daily. I managed personnel and the day to day operations to ensure that every concern was addressed in a legal and proper manner. As Register of Deeds, the position is of a much smaller scale territorial wise but just as important. There are interactions with Registrar's in every county across the state on a regular basis. The position of Registrar manages the operation of the office as well as it's staff. I am blessed to have a very proficient and effective staff that works very hard each day to provide the best of service to each person who comes through our doors or calls on the phone.

Q- Why did you decide to run for political office?

A- I was asked back in the beginning of 2019 if I would

be interested in completing the remaining time of then Register of Deeds, Eleanor Bradshaw, upon her retiring. I thought about it, prayed about it and later submitted my name for consideration of the position. I went through the interview process and was notified I had been selected for the position and began the first of August. The position of Register of Deeds is all about the history of our county. The documents of the citizenry of Sampson County are housed in our vault and at various locations for security reasons. These records date back to 1784, which is the inception date of the Sampson County Register of Deeds. In our Vital Records section, we issue documents such as birth, death and marriage certificates; all of which are recorded. In our Real Estate section, we record Deeds, Deeds of Trust, Mortgages, Foreclosures, Restrictions, Right of Ways, Easements, Survey Maps, Leases, Covenants, Agreements and Fixture Filings just to name a few! This vault houses the history of our county and serves as the archive for every citizen of this county! Which ultimately assist each one of us at some point in our day to day lives! It is a privilege and a pleasure to serve the citizens of Sampson County! On December 18th, 2019 I filed to continue my service as Sampson Counties Register of Deeds!

Q- What are your goals, if elected?

A- To continue the advancement in the ever-changing technologies that make the services offered by our office more accessible and user friendly to the public. Upon taking on this responsibility, I wanted the staff to know that this was not just all about me but was all of us working together to provide the best possible service for the public. I wanted all the staff to know that their concerns are important to me and that decisions made would be through our discussions as a group. Communication is the key ingredient to being successful in any endeavor we take part in! One of the first discussions my staff and I had was that of the new phone system being installed. I personally don't like the automated phone systems and after feedback from the staff, we all agreed and prefer the personal touch. When you call our office, you are going to speak to a person ready to assist you with your need. The only time you are going to receive a recorded response is if you phone us after 5 p.m. That recording will advise you of the times of operations and ask that you call us during those times. Speaking with everyone directly is the first of the many things we do each day to assist the public.

Q- Please tell the voters why they should vote for you?

A- I have lived in Sampson County all my life and I have committed my life to one of service to the citizens of North Carolina. I wish to continue in the position I currently hold as Register of Deeds serving the citizens of Sampson County! The work is both rewarding and very satisfying knowing that I am continuing in preserving the history of our county but helping the citizens with their needs in the process! "Serving the Citizens is our No. 1 Goal!" So on November 3rd, 2020, I would greatly appreciate your votes!



Graham F. Butler
**Sampson County
Register of Deeds**



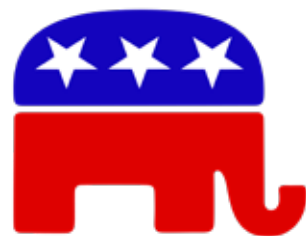
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MEET YOUR CANDIDATES



Sampson County Register of Deeds

Anita Honeycutt Lane



Q- Tell the voters about your family, your education and your experience?

A- My name is Anita Honeycutt Lane. I was born and raised in Sampson County and never had the desire to live anywhere else. I love this area. I am the daughter of the late Clyde & Linda Honeycutt. My husband Randy and I have been married for 36 years and we have two sons, Jonathan and wife Sarah, Justin and wife Rachel. We have two grandchildren Kenner (6) & Wiley (3). My greatest passion is my family. Randy and I have been active members of Grove Park Baptist Church in Clinton for over 26 years where we both continue to serve in various roles. We love our church and our church family. I am currently a GA leader and I teach extended session on Sunday mornings to a group of precious little ones.

Q- How does your experience help you in the elected position you are pursuing?

A- I have worked with the citizens of Sampson County for over 20 years in various roles. I worked with our farmers at the Farm Service Agency for over 6 years. I worked in the Register of Deeds office for over 13 years and 12 of those years served as the Assistant Register. During my time at the Register of Deeds, in an effort to expand my knowledge and efficiency to our customers, I pursued and received my certification from UNC Chapel Hill School of Government. I am currently serving Sampson County as the Senior Planner at the Sampson County Planning & Zoning Department. I once again attended UNC Chapel Hill School of Government in 2018 and received certification in Foundations in Planning & Development Regulation and again in 2019 for Zoning Practice. I have also received certification in FEMA IS 100,200,300 & 400 and ICS 300 & 400. My experience at the Farm Service Agency, the Register of Deeds office and currently Planning & Zoning has allowed me to expand my knowledge of Sampson County in many ways.

I believe this office to be a vital part of our community. It's where our legal documents such as our birth & death certificates, marriage license as well as our deeds and deeds of trust, military DD214's & power of attorney just to mention a few, are recorded, housed and protected. The experience & knowledge that I have obtained while working with Sampson County and our citizens is only part of the reason that I feel that I am qualified for the Register of Deeds position. What I feel is the most important is my love for this county and our citizens. I truly do feel that I am dedicated, qualified with a HEART to serve.

Q- Why did you decide to run for political office?

A- I was asked, why did you decide to run for the Register of Deeds? My dad passed away February 22, 2019. Prior to his death, while I was working at the Register of Deeds my dad told me that he would love to see me run for that position. He knew how much I enjoyed working there. My dad asked me several times if I would ever consider running for that office. My response was always maybe one day daddy, when and if the time is right. As time passed and things began to fall into place, I decided that it was time. The very day that I was headed to his house to tell him of my decision, my husband called and told me

that I needed to come home that my dad was not doing well and he passed before I got to him. I still believe in my heart that he knows.

Q- What are your goals, if elected?

A- I was also asked what were my goals if I won the Register of Deeds election? Technology is always changing. There are constantly things that need to be upgraded and I would do that. I was an active part of the e-recording process that is currently happening at the Register of Deeds. But my heart is for the people. I have a special place in my heart for all of our citizens, including our Veterans. I would love to see more things done for them as they come in to record their DD214 military discharge papers. My main goal is to serve the people, the way I would want to be served.

Q- Please tell the voters why they should vote for you?

A- I have a passion to serve the people of this county. I love and respect the service that this office provides. I would be honored to serve Sampson County as your next Register of Deeds. I would truly appreciate your prayers, your support and your vote.



- Serving Sampson County Citizens for over *Twenty* years.
- *Six* years with the Farm Service Agency.
- *Thirteen* years in the Register of Deeds Office, *Twelve* of those years as assistant Register.
- Currently the Senior Planner with Sampson County Planning Department.

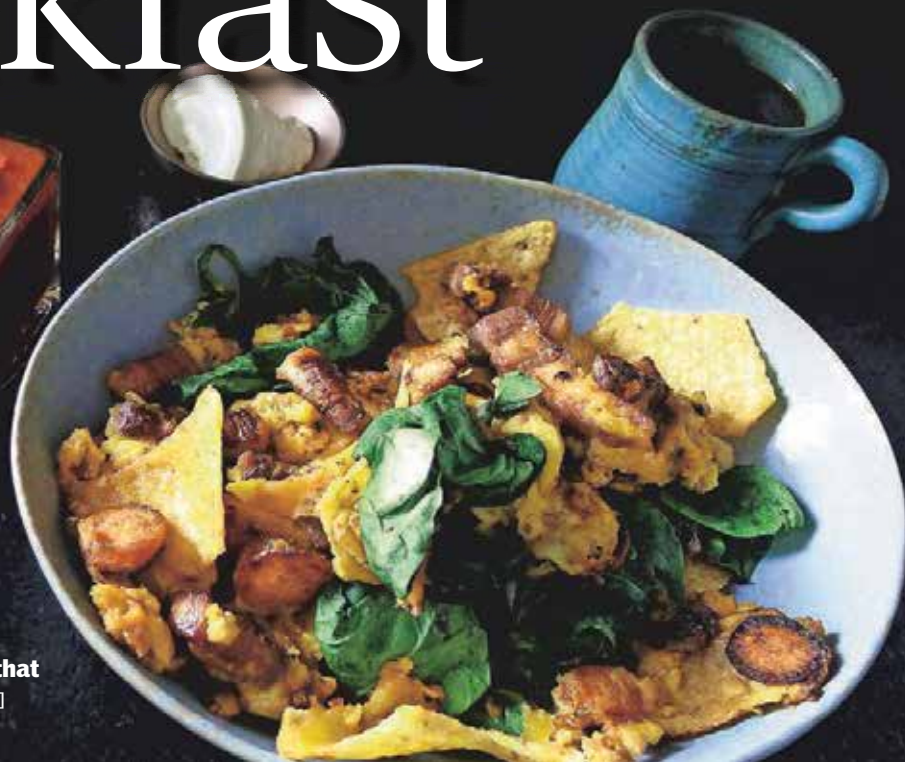
Anita Honeycutt Lane for Register of Deeds

Dedicated and Qualified with a
Heart to Serve

FLASH IN THE PAN

Nachos for breakfast

Just add eggs and veggies



Migas are about improvisation, and that spirit lives on in this dish. [ARI LEVAUX]

By Ari LeVaux
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Migas are a delicacy as old as tortillas. The word is Spanish for “crumbs” — specifically the crumbs of tortillas of a certain age. In the U.S., the tortilla fragments are usually served with salsa, beans and sour cream.

The basic concept of cooking old chip shards has been independently invented countless times by folks who are weary of dipping increasingly smaller chips into their bowl of salsa, and wish for some way to use those tasty, unwieldy crumbs at the bottom of the bag. That weary tortilla eater was me when I “invented” migas.

I found myself staring down the dregs of a bag of La Cocina de Josefina tortilla chips, determined to not allow that resource to go to waste. Taking the obvious route, I fried the little crumbs with bacon. The eggs followed the bacon, and the salsa followed everything. After that, and ever since, the bottom of a bag has been a time to rejoice.

These days, I sometimes don’t wait for the crumbs. Instead, I make a migas variation with whole, unbroken chips. Breakfast Nachos, as I call them, are for when migas just aren’t big enough.

I soak the chips in beaten egg, and pan fry them with vegetables. This treatment gives the formerly crunchy chips a moist, pliable

texture that’s somewhere between a tamale and a cheesy enchilada.

This eggy tortilla matrix can absorb whatever vegetables and proteins you could think to add, with each addition cooked as needed so as to be ready when the eggs are done. Bright green broccoli florets may not be a typical topping for nachos, but the egg helps it fit in. Fry ground meat ahead of time. Add leftover pulled pork at the last minute.

Ultimately, migas are about improvisation, and that spirit lives on in my Breakfast Nachos. I’ve even swapped the corn chips for potato chips, and would do it again if necessary. But one thing I won’t be doing is waiting for the end of a bag to make my migas.

Breakfast Nachos

Breakfast Nachos are pan-fried like migas, rather than baked like nachos. You need a pan with a tight-fitting lid, preferably a heavy pan that can hold heat. Unless it’s a really big pan you should prepare this dish one serving at a time, as you would an omelet.

In today’s rendition I’ve included carrots and spinach, as they are currently in season, but you could prepare it with whatever vegetables you care to eat with breakfast. Jalapeños are good. Mushrooms, too.

Makes 1 large serving

- 2 eggs
- ¼ cup milk
- 2 cups whole corn chips (shake the cup so they settle)
- 1 carrot, sliced into ¼-inch thick rounds
- 2 tablespoons oil (or bacon or side pork, chopped)
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 handful spinach or baby bok choy
- ½ cup (loosely packed) grated cheese
- Serve with: salsa, coffee

Beat the eggs and milk in an oversized bowl. Add the chips and gently toss them so they are completely coated, and sitting in a pool of egg wash.

Heat the pan on medium. Add the carrot and oil or chopped bacon, everything scattered so each piece makes contact with the pan. Give it a stir after about 4 minutes. After another 2 minutes, add the garlic, stir everything around, add the spinach on top and cook another minute. Add the soggy chips and quickly give them a gentle stir to mix them with the carrots, garlic and spinach. Spread the chips evenly around the pan, then add the remains of the egg wash, sprinkle the cheese on top, and cover.

Cook for a minute with the lid on, then take a peek. If it looks like it’s setting up, with the egg on top looking close to cooked and the cheese melting, then turn it off and let it finish in place on the hot stove. If it’s not quite there, cook another 30 seconds with the lid on and check again. Repeat until it’s almost there, then turn off the heat and let the pan sit covered for about 10 minutes.

Stack it all into a steaming pile, and serve with copious amounts of salsa and coffee.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

TIP OF THE WEEK Brown foods can be healthy addition to diet

Numerous studies have shown brown foods are superior in nutritional value than their white counterparts. Foods such as brown rice, brown flour and brown sugar are deemed to be healthier because the process of milling and refining (white foods) strips the grains of its nutrients, while brown foods retain the minerals and vitamins that are present in the outer bran or husk.

Along with gaining more nutrients, brown foods can also help fight obesity and disease. For example, evidence has been found that eating brown rice instead of white can help people maintain their weight, and white rice intake increases the risk of type 2 diabetes.

While brown rice, brown flour and brown sugar are ingredients that can be used to get more nutrients in your diet, here are a few other brown foods you can use, according to Firstpost.com.

Walnuts: For skin and hair health. Walnuts have also been shown to fight diabetes

and heart disease.

Almonds: Fights cholesterol and diabetes; helps prevent kidney stones.

Chickpeas: Available in several varieties, chickpeas can be a source of protein and minerals.

Potatoes: Provide essential carbohydrates and are a source of vitamin B6.

Dates: High in iron content and may reduce the risk of anaemia and heart diseases.

Flaxseeds: Provide healthy fats, antioxidants and dietary fiber.

Jaggery: Can help flush out toxins from the body, while may fight signs of aging, indigestion and liver damage.

Brown spices: Cinnamon, nutmeg, cumin and star anise are rich in antioxidants and contain anti-inflammatory benefits.

DRINK Drinking coffee on an empty stomach

According to HealthLine.com, although coffee increases the production of stomach acid, research has shown that drinking on an empty stomach doesn’t appear to cause digestive issues for most people.

FUN FACT One banana, two bananas

A cluster of bananas is formally called a “hand,” while a single banana is called a “finger.”

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FLEUR DE LOLLY

Break out the air fryer for this recipe



Laura Tolbert

I’m sure some readers received an air fryer as a gift this past Christmas season. A few months ago, I was given a PowerXL Air Fryer Pro for testing purposes and to share the results with the readers of my blog. This appliance is not only an air fryer, but also has a rotisserie option along with skewers for kebabs.

If you’re like me and grew fresh herbs this past summer, it’s always sad when the frost comes and destroys them. PowerXL Air Fryer Pro to the rescue! I was able to dehydrate my aromatic plants to use over the winter season.

The air fryer doesn’t need oil for cooking, but instead uses dry heat like a convection oven. The hot air rotating around the food gives it a crispy exterior without all the added calories from oil frying.

Cajun Chicken Wings

Instead of shaking and baking, we’re going to dip, coat and air fry! Use whichever flavor you prefer. I added Cajun seasoning into the wet batter and also into the dry mix for the coating to really amp up the flavor.



Cajun Chicken Wings. [LAURA TOLBERT]

- 4 pounds chicken wings, separated and tips removed and discarded
- 1 box chicken fry mix
- 2 tablespoons Cajun seasoning
- ½ cup water

Mix ½ cup fry mix, 1 tablespoon Cajun seasoning and ½ cup water in a medium bowl. Pour about 1 cup fry mix onto a plate or into a plastic bag along with 1 tablespoon Cajun Seasoning.

Spray the airflow racks lightly with non-stick spray.

Dip chicken wings, one piece at a time, in the batter. Shake off excess. Roll chicken in fry mix until evenly coated. Discard any remaining mixture and fry mix.

Place chicken wings on racks in a single layer. Place trays into air fryer and turn the unit on. Press the “chicken leg” icon, increase the temperature to 400 degrees and increase the cooking time to 40 minutes.

Halfway through cooking time, rotate the racks so that the top rack goes to the bottom, and the others move up one level. Continue frying until the time is up, and the internal temperature of the chicken is 165 degrees.

We preferred not to toss these in sauce, but to enjoy the ultimate crunchy coating on the wings. The spice level was “just enough heat.” Still, you could certainly increase the amount of Cajun seasoning used or omit it entirely.

Laura Tolbert, also known as Fleur de Lolly, has been sharing recipes and advice for fellow foodies and novices on her blog, fleurdelolly.blogspot.com, for more than eight years. She won the Duke’s Mayonnaise 100th Anniversary nationwide recipe contest for her Alabama White BBQ Sauce. You can contact her at facebook.com/fleurdelolly.5, on Instagram, and at fleurdelolly@yahoo.com.



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Harrells' Lekea Boney

Has High Hopes for Her Junior Year



12-15 points per game.

This week, Boney has been named the Sampson Weekly/Performance Auto Star Athlete of the Week.

"I am really surprised," she says. "But I am honored that I was thought of this much to be nominated."

Born in Duplin County, Boney started playing basketball when she was 7.

"I was watching television with my dad," she explains. "And I asked if I could play. I just kind of stuck with it."

Two years later she was playing softball and in sixth grade she started playing volleyball. "But basketball is my favorite," Boney said. "I like the competitiveness of the game. It's a team sport and one you can make relationships in."

Boney said that it feels like one big happy family at Harrells Christian Academy and she likes being a captain on the team. "It makes me feel like I've done something right," she said. "They see something in me and that is a great thing."

Although she has almost two years left of high school, Boney said she is already thinking about college.

"I plan on going to UNC-Chapel Hill," she said. "I want to be a pediatrician. I love kids and I want to be in a position to help them."

Will she play sports in college? "I will play any sport," she said. "My dream would be to play in the WNBA. I like Candace Parker from the L.A. Sparks."

A straight 'A' student, Boney said that Math and Chemistry are her favorite school subjects. "They both just come easy to me," she says.

One thing that comes easy to her is playing basketball - Boney's work ethic is second to none.

"Whenever I have time I go out and work on my game," she said. "Me and my dad will go out and scrimmage against each other and that helps me out ... I am really close to my family - I am a family girl- it feels good to have that."

When she does get free time, Boney said she likes to paint and draw.

"I also work," she said. "At MeMa's Chicken and Ribs in Burgaw, Myra and James McDuffie have really been supportive of me and helped me grow."

When asked if there was anyone else she would like to thank, Boney said, "My parents -Lewis and Kema Boney - My older brother, Lewis Boney, Jr.; My teachers for always helping me get caught up and my teammates who have always given me encouragement and always told me to keep my head up. And, of course, God. I do everything in the glory of Him and without Him, I wouldn't be who I am today."

The Harrells Christian Academy girls' basketball team are currently 3-12 overall and 0-2 in the conference, but to hear junior shooting guard Lekea Boney tell it, the team is taking things "game-by-game".

"It's about the love of the game of basketball," the 16-year-old said. "Winning is also great."

However, the Lady Crusaders have had their work cut out for them this season. The team has only one senior, 5 juniors, 2 sophomores and 1 freshman currently on the team. For her part Boney, who is a captain, is averaging

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EDUCATION

Harrells Christian Academy Names Terrific Kids Award Winners



Terrific Kids from top right: 1st grade Colton Carr of Clinton, 3rd grade Landon Pusey of Ivanhoe, 4th grade Lathen Cashwell of Garland, 4th grade Luke Weeks of Clinton, 5th grade Noah Tanner of Garland, Kindergarten Charleigh Anna Naylor of Clinton, Kindergarten Livie Martin of Clinton, 1st grade Gibson Hill of Clinton, and 2nd grade Savannah Matthews of Clinton

Mr. Bobby Spell of the Clinton Kiwanas Club presents HCA Kindergarten Livie Martin with a Terrific Kids certificate.

During weekly chapel time on Thursday, January 9th, nine Harrells Christian Academy students were named Terrific Kids for the 2nd nine-week grading period. These students stood out to their teachers for being especially inquisitive, energetic, and curious. Mr. Bobby Spell from the Clinton Kiwanis Club presented each student with a certificate of recognition.

ROSEBORO ELEMENTARY AWARDS

Second Nine Weeks Awards

Second Grade: Superintendent's List: Ryder Faircloth, Daniel Fernandez Bonilla

Second Grade: Principal's List: Delanie Fernandez, Gabrielle Haynes, Wallace Strickland, Abigail Cole, Ashton Faircloth, Albert Lopez Trujillo, Karter Mathis, Aniyah Tillery, Sophia Melvin, Tavion Pitt, Ryder Smith, Sondra Brown, Abraham Corral, Tyson Faircloth, Carrington King, Olivia McDuffie, Eduardo Miranda, Jr., Jordyn Rivera, Tavion Williams.

Second Grade: Honor Roll: Za'Briah Blue, E'Nilia Carlisle, Leilani Cromartie, Peyton Edge, Kayden Rich, Kevin Yanes, Izyon York, Montrail Blue, Shymeer King, Yahira Telles Cortes, Rodney Thompkins, Melanie Dominguez Jimenez, Aniyah Ingram, Payton Lewis, Daniel Morales, Ja'Miyha Chestnutt, Kadaren Cooper, Karmen Rupert, Alma Ventura Cruz, Tony Waddy.

Third Grade: Principal's List: Hope Ballentine, Arianna Ortiz-Diaz, Kloie Beasley, Ariel Faison, Neli Rico, Chloe Stokes.

Third Grade: Honor Roll: Aaron Watson, Nolon Register, Jasmine Crumpler, Heiress King, Mary Odum, Amelia Rich, Jaycie Stokes, Oscar Torres, Thomas Jones, Jr., Sierra Johnson, Madison Flores, Kendra Young, J'Lynn Williamson, William Tarplee, Makayla Downes, Brandon Martinez, Erica Reyes, Richard Rogers, Leon Tanner, Legacy Tatum, Izerion York.

Fourth Grade: Superintendent's List: Burroughs Strickland

Fourth Grade: Principal's List: Takiyah Carr, Sophia Dailey, Dajuan Sellers, Caryngton Stanford, Tyler Yang,

Fourth Grade: Honor Roll: Nicholas Austin, Cole Beatty, Jennifer Bullard, Kaleigh Cromartie, Jordyn Ellis, Seth Faircloth, Jazlynn Frederick, Alex Gonzalez, Brylee Honeycutt, Braeden Ingram, Joshua McDuffie, Keimiah Walker, Tyler McLaughlin, Joshua Owens, Jayla Warren, Trevon Tillery, Abigail Martinez, Antonio Chestnutt, Dylan Drake, Ryder Dudley, Jerell Thomas-Smith, Avery Tanner, Noah Gassaway, Tyson James, Kaitlynn Martinez, Michaela Royal.

Fifth Grade: Principal's List: Reuben Hogan, Jr., William Ortiz, Allegro West, Tayler Fye, Makila Rich.

Fifth Grade: Honor Roll: Ernest Brown, Brintney Dominguez, Currie Faircloth, Caleb Garcia, Andrew Hall, Dakota Hall, Irving Martinez, Zoey Pope, Jahmai Rich, Knyla Rivera, JaDen Simpson, Irhiyana Thompson, Mavens Jean Gilles, Jimmy Johnson, Luis Jose Morales, Gabriel Louis, Marquis Owens, Jecomas Pone, Alejandra Torres.

Sampson Middle School Principal's List



6th grade

Parker Anderson, Mady Avery, Cullen Brewer, Aylin Cardenas Hernandez, Trenton Correia, Dazarian Daughtry, Jackson Gunnells, DeAsia Hicks, Emery Johnson, William Johnson, Nina Jordan, Ciara Marshall, Sydney Mathis, Brandon Matthis, Jaylen McLamb, Eduardo Midence Flores, Ximena Moore, Camden Parker, Madeleine Reeves, Meng Gi Ruan Huang, April Sinclair, James Sinclair, Holden Spell, Brandt Sumner, Charly Tapia, Karina Torres-Lopez, Derin Travers, Cullen Warren, Alexis West, Macielynn Zand, Dylan Zuniga



7th grade

David Acosta-Lopez, Oskar Adasiak, Yadhira Alvarez, Kimberly Ayala Chicas, Gracin Bass, Eben Best, Haley Best, Larkin Best, Marcoandre Beteta Quinonez, Hayden Boney, Makenna Brewen, Aleksa Chavez, Britney Diaz-Escobar, Emily Edgerton, Mirabella Edwards, Ryan Freeman, Evan Gillespie, Rebeca Gomez, Gabriela Guerrero, Deryck Hildago, Jacey Hilburn, Hayden Hill, Brittany Hodges, Brianna Jackson, Jose Jimenez, Ayden Lamb, Dylan Mairena, Ethan Matthis, Jazlyn Orona, Kailee Parrish, Ariana Rivera, Elisabeth Rivera, Evelyn Rojas-Rodela, Lilybeth Sanchez, Yahir Serrano-Mejia, Evely Simonson, Moriah Stevens, Dalsyn Tew, Bailey Waters, Griffin Williams, Lilly Williams, Makell Wright



8th grade

Matthew Altier, Lorelei Bellanger, Rylee Blackmon, Lensey Cabral, Daria Chavis, James Darden, Madison Espinoza, Alexander Evans, Sofia Fleury Mendible, Sheyla Hernandez-Zelaya, Carolinee Holland, Sophia Jackson, Evyn Johnson, Javier Joyner, Shayla Lassiter, Jackson Lowe, Veronica Menendez-Amaya, Joel Oliver, Ainsley Parker, Courtney Parker, Ruth Pierre, Mackenzie Pope, Kensley Puryear, Katlyn Quinn, Christian Rivas, Isis Ruiz-Nunez, Ny'Shawn Sampson, Emily Sims, Talen Skipper, KymReanna Smith-Ashley, Walker Spell, Emma Stone, Kimberly Torres, Brittany Tran, Ava Williford, Dexter Wilson, Kamryn Worley, Charleigh Wynn, Kenzy Yang, Wendy Zelaya-Lizardo



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ENTERTAINMENT

What's Happening

By Angela Martin

at **SCT**



Auditions for Disney's The Little Mermaid

The musical, Disney's The Little Mermaid will be taking place this spring and we are thrilled to bring this classic fairy tale to life for you. Disney's The Little Mermaid will hold auditions on Saturday, February 1 at 1 pm and if you cannot make it to the Saturday audition we will have a makeup audition on Sunday, February 2 at 1 pm. We are looking for singers, dancers and actors of all ages to fill the large cast. Angela Martin is the director and if you have any questions about auditions please email her at alm2sing@yahoo.com.

There are four lead roles in this production - two male and two female roles: Ariel is the mermaid princess who longs to be out of the sea - she is a mezzo-soprano. Ursula is the Sea Witch who is looking to take Ariel's voice - she is an alto. Prince Eric is the charming Prince that Ariel falls in love with and he is a baritone.

Sebastian is the crab assistant to King Triton and sings in a tenor voice. Other supporting roles include: King Triton, Grimsby, Flounder, Scuttle, and Pilot - who are all male roles.

Our female supporting roles include: our 6 mermaid MerSisters and a number of supporting roles that are male or female. With plenty of chances to perform and entertain in this production, we hope you consider auditioning.

UMO to Host Broadway, Ballads, and the Blues



MOUNT OLIVE- The University of Mount Olive (UMO) will host a musical event "Broadway, Ballads, and the Blues" on Sunday, February 2, at 3 PM in the Hazel Waters Kornegay Assembly Hall.

"Broadway, Ballads, and the Blues," is an exploration of three music genres. Theatre Arts Instructor John Clifton, with the help of his students, and a few surprise guest artists, will perform songs and demonstrate emotion through the performance arts. This night promises to be great fun for music and theatre enthusiasts of all backgrounds. The event is free and the public is invited to attend. For more information contact Mr. Clifton at John.Clifton@moc.edu.

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Fri 7:00p Sat-Sun 1:30p 4:30p 7:30p

Mon-Wed 6:30p



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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.

Fri 6:30p Sat-Sun 2:00p 5:00p 8:00p

Mon-Wed 6:30p



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Sat-Sun 2:00p 5:00p 8:00p

Fri 7:00p 8:30p Mon-Wed 6:30p



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

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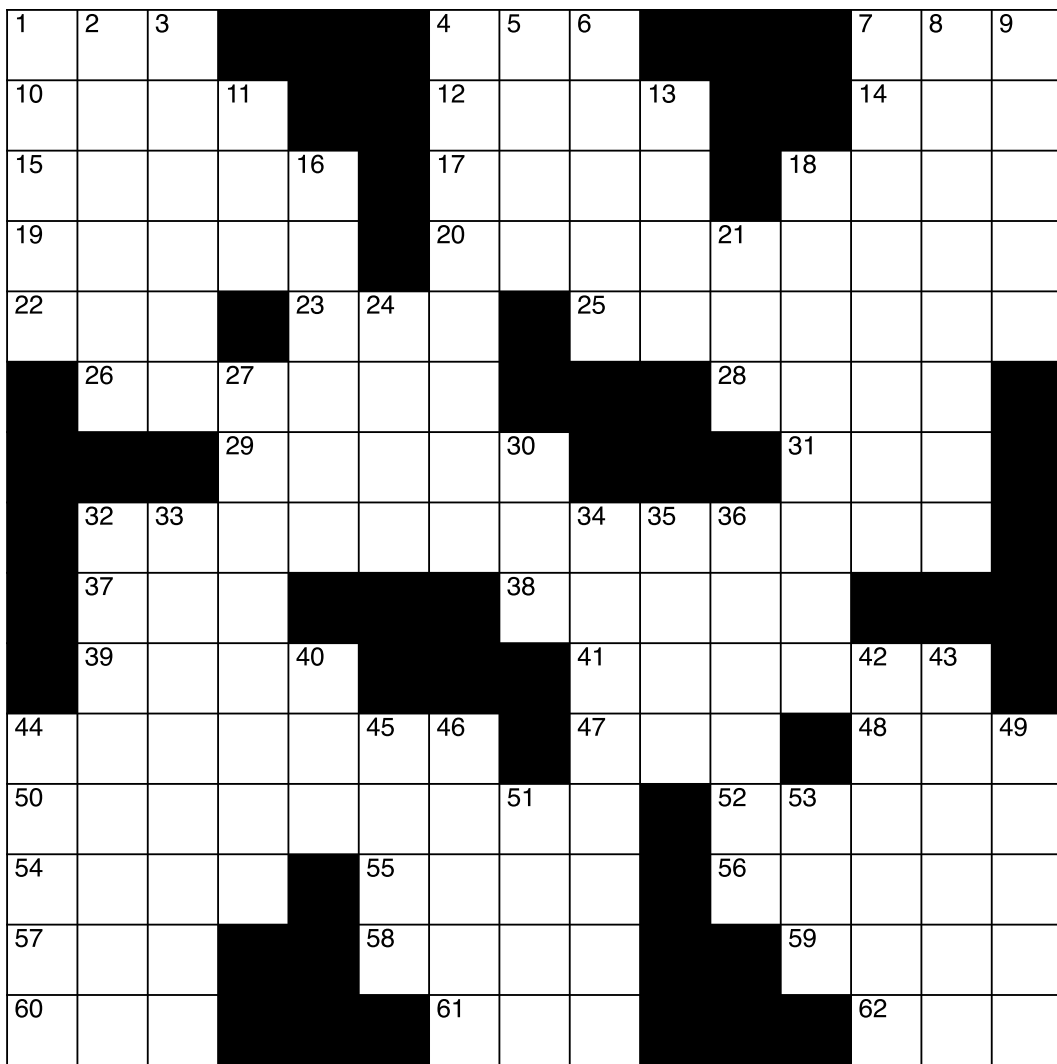
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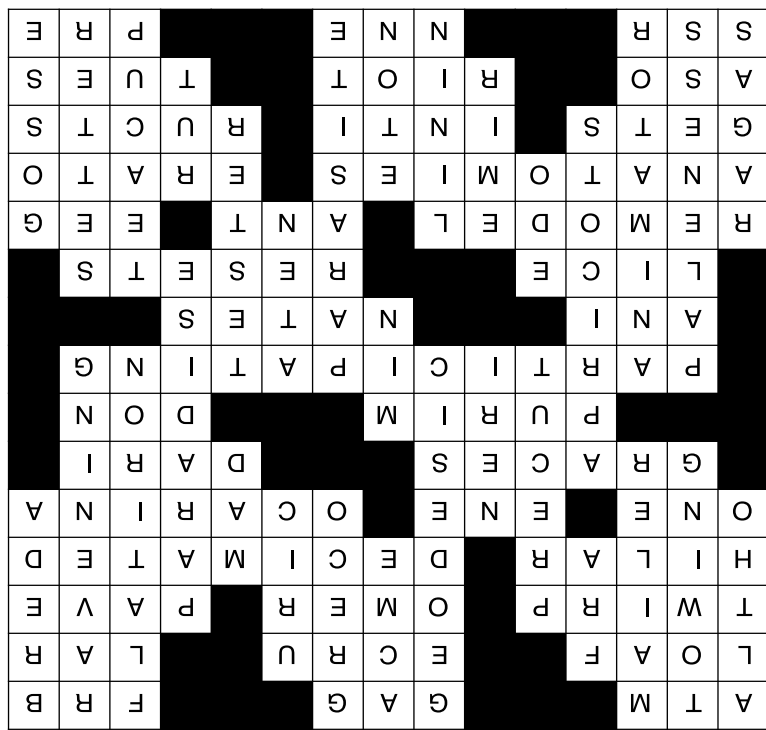


CLUES ACROSS

1. Bank machine
4. Prevent from speaking
7. Prints money
10. Lollygag
12. Light beige
14. City in India
15. Weak tweet
17. 40-day Jewish season
18. Coat a highway
19. Where nerves and blood cells attach to an organ
20. Destroyed
22. Smallest whole number
23. Point midway between NE and E
25. Egg-shaped wind instrument
26. Seemliness
28. Iranian language
29. 14th of Adar
31. Funnyman Knotts
32. Taking part in
37. Type of Cuckoo bird
38. Burkus and Bargatze
39. Scalp infecting insects
41. Corrects a clock
44. Do over, as of a house
47. Formicidae
48. Records brain waves
50. Body structures
52. The Muse of lyric poetry
54. Acquires
55. Peruvian monetary unit
56. Makes folds
57. Volcanic mountain in Japan
58. Unrestrained revelry
59. 2nd weekday (abbr.)
60. Soviet Socialist Republic (abbr.)
61. Point midway between N and NE
62. Before

CLUES DOWN

1. Even though
2. A way of pulling
3. One who sends letters
4. B. Fuller's dome
5. The culminating point
6. El _____, painter
7. Building at 175 5th Ave.
8. Vulturine
9. Charles II's home in exile
11. Italian monk's prefixed title
13. Type of acid
16. Sized before using or selling
18. A heavenly place
21. Angry
24. Filippo _____, Saint
27. Yellowish pinks
30. Unit of time (abbr.)
32. Deficiency in color
33. Pixar cartoonist
34. Tapeworm, for example
35. Egyptian Sun god
36. A bed canopy
40. Yeddo
42. Orange Pekoe container
43. English, Irish or Gordon
44. Traditional Hindu music
45. An independent ruler or chief-tan
46. Connects cellular granules
49. 19th C. naturalist Philip Henry
51. British school
53. Road groove CW109210

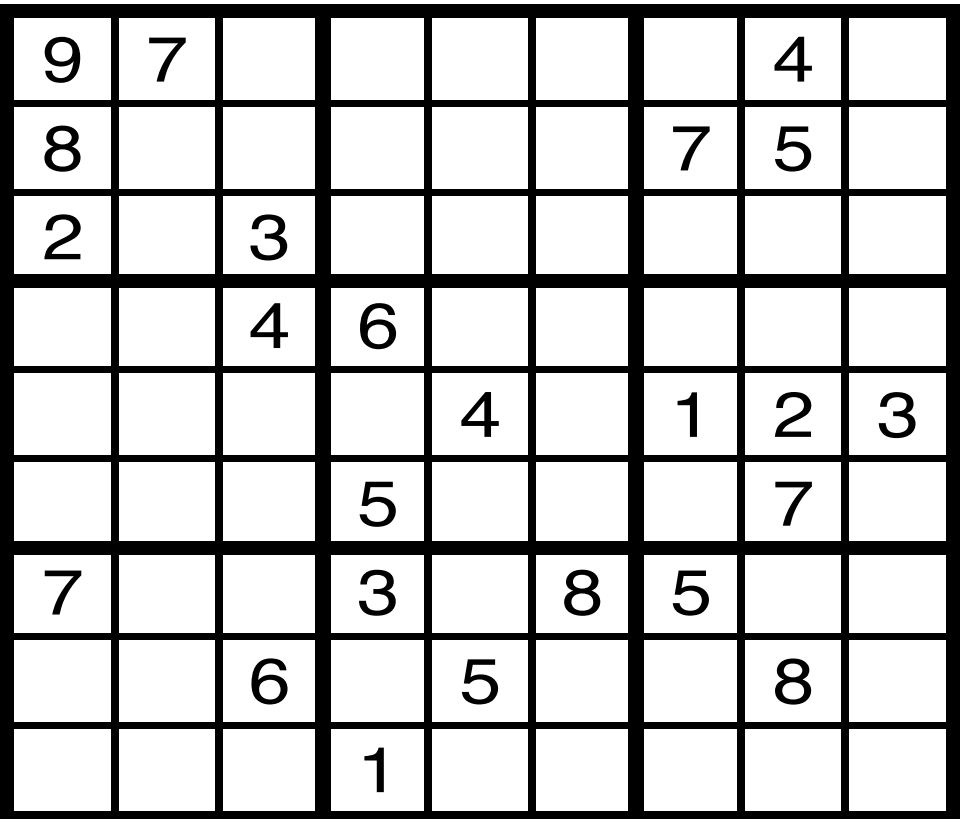


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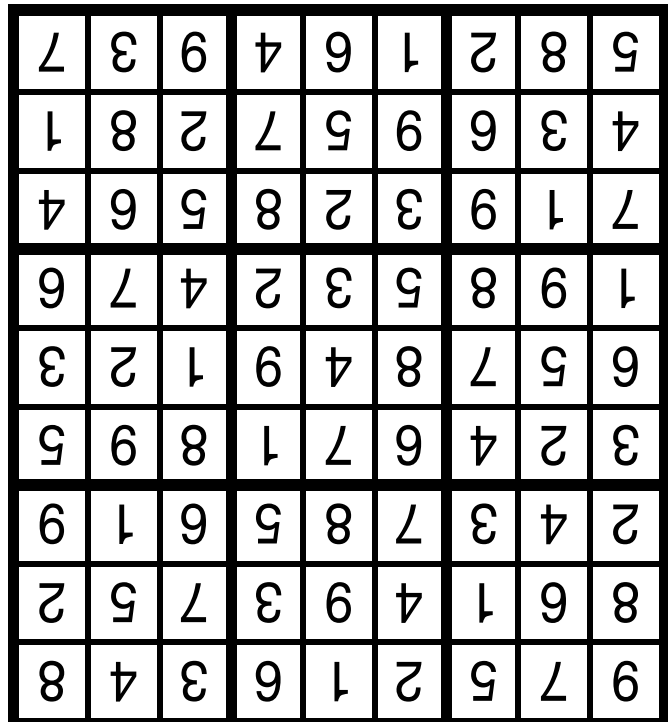
Fun By The Numbers

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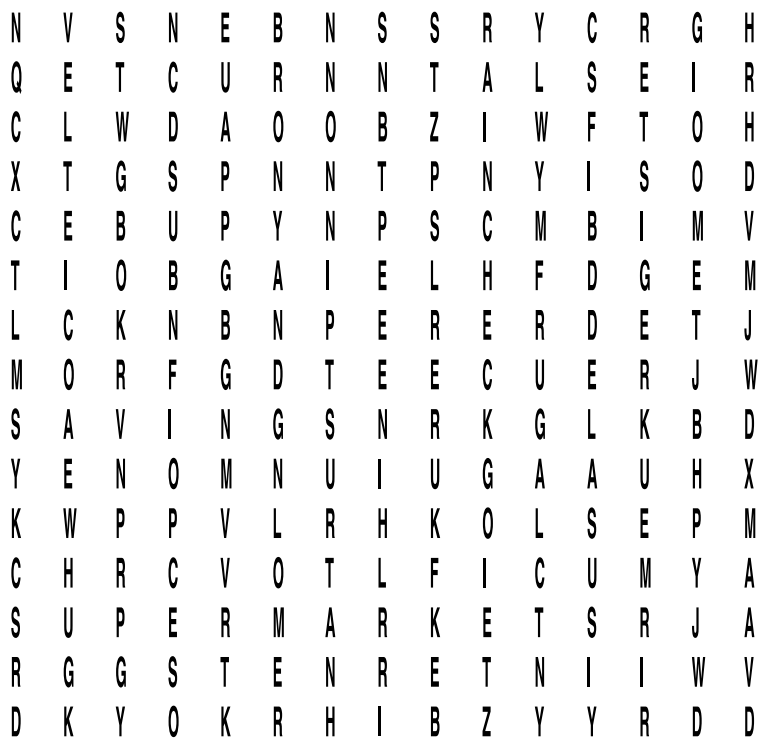


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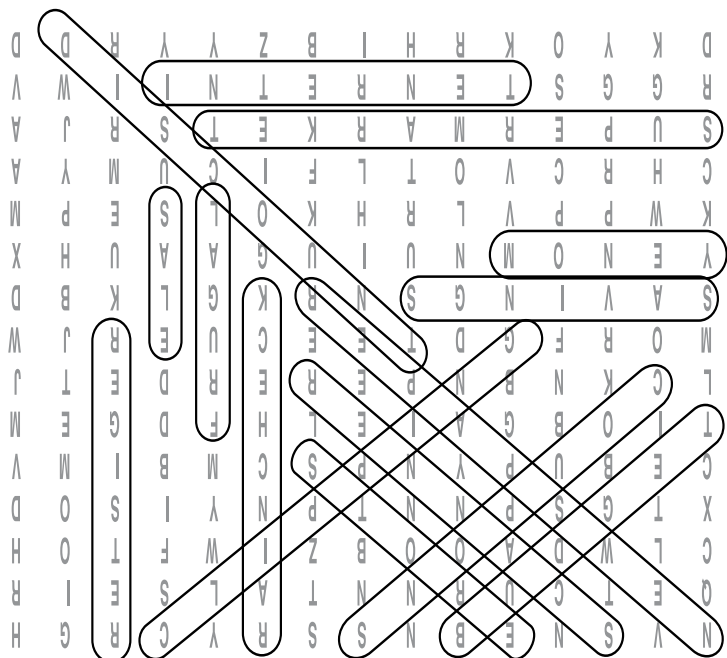
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- budget
- discount
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- clipping
- frugal
- newspaper
- sale
- store
- coupons
- internet
- raincheck
- savings
- supermarket



CRIME

CRIME REPORT

01-17 Robbie Clifton Owens, 56, Roseboro. Misdemeanor Probation Violation, Located Wanted Person. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 01-22-20

01-17 Earl Bernard Singleton, 49, Clinton. Order for Arrest-FTA- Child Support. Bond \$530.

01-17 Toney NMN Wilson, 43, Durham. Obtain property false Pretense, Att Obtain property false pretense, Forgery of Instrument, Possess Drug Paraphernalia, Maintn veh/dwell/place CS, Obtain property false pretense, PWIMSD SCH II CS, Possess Drug Paraphernalia, Uttering forged instrument. Bond \$70000. Trial Date 02-12-20

01-17 Sherry Fredrick, 48, Clinton. No Operators License, Unsafe Passing Yellow Line. Bond \$500. Trial Date 02-11-20

01-17 Scott Eric Strickland, 50, Garland. Criminal Summons Service for other agency. Trial Date 03-16-20

01-17 James Jeffery Garner, 37, Clinton. Trespass. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 02-13-20

01-17 Jovan Keon Cogman, 24, Clinton. Larceny. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 02-06-20

01-17 Chastida Odom Gonzales, 40, Mt. Olive. Obtaining Property by False Pretenses, Shoplifting, Possess Meth, Maintain a Veh/Dwell/Place CS (f) Bond \$15000. Trial Date 01-24-20

01-18 Cowran Martaz Fryar, 35, Teachey. Order for Arrest. Bond \$100000. Trial Date 02-03-20

01-18 Angel Gabriel Matute, 30, Myrtle Beach SC. DWLR not impaired rev, Speeding. Bond \$100. Trial Date 02-05-20

01-18 Ira Eugene Faircloth, 44, Clinton. Att Obtain Prop False Pretense, Uttering Forged Endorsement, Forgery of Endorsement. Bond \$15000. Trial Date 02-10-20

01-18 Teresa Ann Cooper, 52, Clinton. Expired Registration, Inspection Violation. Trial Date 03-19-20

01-18 Jorge Montejo, 30, Faison. Fictitious Information to Officer. Trial Date 03-18-20

01-18 Mildred Michelle Suggs, 38, Clinton. DWLR Not Impaired Rev, Expired Registr4ation Card/Tag. Bond \$500. Trial Date 02-11-20

01-18 Barry Demetrius Artis, 40, Clinton. Possess Marijuana. Trial Date 02-25-20

01-19 James Earl Blue, 49, Dunn. Speeding, DWLR Not Impaired Rev. Bond \$Blue, 49, Dunn. Speeding, DWLR Not Impaired Rev. Bond \$500. Trial Date 02-02-20

01-19 Sharon Amanda Carter, 38, Clinton. Felony Probation Violation. Bond \$25000. Trial Date 02-12-20

01-19 Gary Austin Owens Jr, 41, Clinton. OFA/Felony Poss Sch I, OFA/Felony Probation Violation. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 01-12-20

01-19 Sylyndrell Shenice Blanks, 40, Dunn. Worthless Check, Drug/Narcotic Violations sell Marijuana, False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence, Counterfeiting/ Forgery Check, Uttering Forged Instrument. Bond \$55000. Trial Date 02-07-20

01-19 Donald Watts, 40, Clinton. Poss Stolen Goods/Prop (M). Trial Date 02-18-20

01-19 Luis Fortino Ramirez, 18, Clinton. Possess Drug Paraphernalia, Possess Marijuana, No Operators License, Fail To Maintain Lane. Trial Date 03-19-20

01-19 Ann Jeannette Gillis, 70, Rose Hill. Trespass of Real Property. Trial Date 02-18-20

01-19 Katelyn Dawn Fore, 25, Autryville. Breaking & Entering. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 02-07-20

01-19 Shamar Khamisa Terry, 19, Clinton. Traffic. Trial Date 03-05-20

01-19 Shanice Terri Thomas, 27, Roseboro. Fictitious Registration, Expired Registration. Trial Date 03-05-20

01-19 Luis Fortino Ramirez, 18, Clinton. Possess Marijuana, No Operators License, Fail To Maintain Lane, Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Trial Date 03-19-20

01-19 Katelyn Dawn Fore, 25, Autryville. Breaking & Entering. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 02-07-20

01-20 Teira Shaquin Smith, 31, Dunn. Obtain Property Worthless Chk, Obtain Property False Pretense, Worthless Check Closed Account. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 01-23-20

01-20 Eddie Shane Wilson, 43, Godwin. Simple Worthless Checks. Bond \$492. Trial Date 02-04-20

1-21 Johnny Edward Lucas, 28, Clinton. DWLR Not Impaired Rev. Bond \$500. Trial Date 02-11-20

01-21 Hilario Eduardo Perez Salgado, 27, Clinton. Uttering Forged Instrument, Obtain Property False Pretense, Uttering Forged Endorsement. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 02-07-20

01-21 Raymond Lindell Pope, 36, Clinton. Second Degree Trespass. Trial Date 02-06-20

01-21 Benjamen Edward Pearce, 23, Knightdale. Possession Of Firearm By Felon, Flee/Elude Arrest With Motor Vehicle, Resisting Public Officer, Reckless Driving- Wanton Disregard, Possession Of Firearm By Felon, Injury to Trees/Crops/Land. Bond \$15000. Trial Date 01-24-20

01-21 Rashod Rasheen Loftin, 28, Clinton. FTA- Poss Marijuana >1/2 To 1 1/2 OZ. Bond \$500. Trial Date 02-10-20

01-21 Anthony Lewis Cole, 34, Newton Grove. DWLR not Impaired, Speeding. Trial Date 03-03-20

01-21 Antonio Maurice Jackson, 38, Alberson. DWLR not Impaired. Trial Date 03-03-20

01-21 Kiara Ceanna Allen, 30, Warsaw. Cyberstalking. Bond \$500. Trial Date 02-10-20

01-22 Joshua Whitney Turner, 35, Winston Salem. FTA- Break Or Enter A Motor Vehicle, FTA- Second Degree Trespass. Bond \$70000. Trial Date 01-27-20

01-22 Vanessa Star Royal, 35, Roseboro. Fict Tags, Felony Probation Violation Out of County, DWLR- Not Impaired Rev, Failure to Wear Seat Belt, No Insurance, Failure to Comply, Expired Tag. Bond \$26865. Trial Date 01-29-20

01-22 Vanessa Star Royal, 35, Roseboro. Larceny from the Person, Kidnapping. Bond \$500000. Trial Date 02-07-20

01-22 Trinity Ramonda Crawford, 20, Clinton. Inspection Violation, Expired Tags, DWLR-Not Impaired Rev. Bond \$500. Trial Date 02-13-20

01-22 Jerry Olin Pope, 42, Willard. Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle. Trial Date 02-19-20

INCIDENT REPORTS

01-17 VERIZON WIRELESS of Clinton reported a Breaking and Entering Business- stolen cell phone (\$100).

01-17 Natalie Ramos Flores of Clinton reported Larceny of firearm (\$150) and ammunition (\$25).

01-17 Tawanda Denise Outlaw of Clinton reported Theft from Motor Vehicle.

01-17 Brandon Powell of Roseboro reported All Other Larceny of Computer Hard Drive valued at \$50.00.

01-17 Cynthia Denise Williams of Clinton reported Damage to Personal Property- automobile window valued at \$300.00.

01-17 Walmart of Clinton reported Obtaining Property by False Pretenses and Shoplifting. Stolen clothing, outdoor equipment and misc valued at \$130.00.

01-17 Annie Carr of Clinton reported Larceny of medication. \$40.00.

01-17 Arnold Sandy of Roseboro reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering.

01-17 Jorge Torres of Newton Grove reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering. Stolen refrigerator (\$500) and range (\$500).

01-17 Aric Michael Patterson of Roseboro reported a Breaking & Entering of a motor vehicle.

01-18 Apria Healthcare of Harrells reported a Larceny- oxygen tank \$80.00.

01-18 Everette Clark Hefner of Dunn reported a Larceny- electric guitar (\$6000), chainsaw (\$200), electric guitar (\$400).

01-18 Shamar Denton of Clinton reported Larceny of wallet and money \$11.50.

01-18 Annette Williams of Clinton reported Larceny, Counterfeiting/ Forgery of check.

01-18 Pizza Inn of Clinton reported Uttering forged instrument, Forgery of Check, Obtaining Property by False Pretenses valued at \$300.00.

01-19 Happy Mart of Clinton reported Obtaining Property by False Pretenses- \$1366.40.

01-19 Robert Allen Tanner of Autryville reported Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property- truck window \$1000.00.

01-19 James Ethan Stanley of Newton Grove reported a Burglary/ Breaking & Entering- stolen guitar (\$800), amplifier (\$500).

01-20 Matongo Daniel Mogoi of Dunn reported Theft From Motor Vehicle- stolen pressure washer (\$10000), wand and hose (\$1500), ladder (\$200).

01-20 Anita Phillips of Clinton reported Larceny of cell phone \$100.00.

01-20 Linda Jo Branton of Clinton reported Larceny of License Plate.

01-21 Arcadio Florido Ruiz of Clinton reported Damage to property- automobile \$500.00.

01-22 Carlie C's of Clinton reported Counterfeit Money- \$100 bill.

01-22 Lowes of Clinton reported Shoplifting of tools valued at \$3500.00.

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

OBITUARIES

NEWTON GROVE

Claudie Bennett, 85, of 464 Johnston Hwy, passed away Sunday, January 19, 2020 at his home. A funeral service will be held on Friday, January 24, 2020 at 12:00PM at White Oak Disciples of Christ located at 130 White Oak Street, Newton Grove, NC 28366 with Bishop CJ Williams Sr. officiating. Burial will immediately follow in the Hillside Cemetery located at 1900 Alex Benton Road in Newton Grove. A visitation will be held one hour prior to the funeral service from 11:00AM- 12:00PM.

MOUNT OLIVE

Mrs. Annie Ruth Norris Hurley, 89 of Mt. Olive passed away on Sunday, January 19, 2020 at the Vidant Duplin Hospital. Services will be held at a later date. Mrs. Hurley was a native of Sampson County, the daughter of Noah and Clennie Gladys Peterson Norris. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, James F. Hurley; two sons, Donald Hurley and James "Bud" Hurley and a brother, James D. Norris. She was a homemaker. She is survived by two daughters, Patricia Hurley Corey of Mt. Olive and Janice Hurley Daniel and husband, Perry of Harrells; eight grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.

HARRELLS

Mrs. Melva Jane "Susie" Jones Lanier, 80, passed away on January 15, 2020 at her home, surrounded by family. Born on April 19, 1939 in Sampson County, Susie was the

daughter of the late Willie and Mary Lou Matthis Jones and the widow of Amos James Lanier. She enjoyed nothing more than spending time with her family, especially her grandkids. They all loved to play video games together and listening to the bible on her iPad. She was a quiet, humble woman with a heart of gold and will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She is survived by her daughter, Marilyn L. Bond of Harrells; four sons: Leslie A. Lanier of Harrells, Tom Lanier and wife, Jodi of Harrells, Willie H. Lanier and wife, Kathy of Wallace, Mike Lanier and wife, Lisa of Castle Hayne; two brothers: Wilbert Jones of Wallace, Carl Jones of Texas; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents and husband, Susie was preceded in death by her sisters: Pauline Campfield and Mary Spell, and three of her brothers: James, J.D. and Buck Jones. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society by visiting www.cancer.org or by mail to: 2202 Wrightsville Avenue, Suite 111, Wilmington, NC 28403. Condolences may be sent by visiting www.royalhallfuneralhome.com. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Lanier family.

FAYETTEVILLE

Mrs. Jessie Mae Smith, 83 of Fayetteville passed away on Sunday, January 19, 2020 at the Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. A graveside service will be held at 12:00 Noon on Friday, January 24 at LaFayette Memorial Park in Fayetteville. Mrs. Smith was a native of Franklin County, NC, the daughter of the late John Alwyn and Margaret Marks Cooper. She was a retired secretary for the North Carolina State Probation Office. She is survived by a daughter, Rachel

Jackson of Fayetteville; brother, John Cooper of Newton Grove; sister, Louise Goodman of Fayetteville and five grandchildren, Erin Anders, Tiffany Stevens, Ryan Anders, Andrew Jackson and Austin Jackson. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.

FAYETTEVILLE

Robert Louis Strickland, 84, of 1110 Windmill Road, passed away Wednesday, January 22, 2010 at his home. Robert, born in 1935 in Sampson County, was the son of the late Robert Lee Strickland and Madge Alma Jacobs Strickland. He was a painter and attended New Bethel Baptist Church. In addition to his parents he was also preceded in death by his wife, Elieen Strickland. Memorial service will be held at 2 PM, Saturday, January 25th at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville St., Clinton, NC with Preacher Steve England and Preacher Tony Brewington officiating. The family will receive friends one hour before the service at the funeral home and at other times at the home of his grandson, Edward. Survivors include: son, Louis Strickland (Sharee); daughter, Donna Banks; step-daughter, Miriam Hopkins; siblings, E. R. Smith (Lawrence), Claudie W. Strickland (Rene), Ann Carter (Gary), Judy Jacobs, McDuffie Strickland (Linda); grandchildren, Christopher Strickland (Madas), Edward Strickland, Cynthia Banks, William Banks, Shalitha Banks, Derrick Hopkins, Tierani Hopkins and Mariah Hopkins; and several great-grandchildren. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com.

OBITUARIES



ASHEBORO

Elizabeth Cannady Allred, 92, of Asheboro, died Wednesday, January 22, 2020, at The Randolph Hospice House in Asheboro. Funeral services will be conducted 1:00 p.m., Saturday, January 25, 2020, at Ridge Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Anthony Cheek

officiating. Burial will follow at Randolph Memorial Park. A native of Sampson Co. NC, Mrs. Allred was born July 10, 1927, the daughter of the late Emerson and Matilda Jane Williams Cannady. She was retired from Klopman Mills after 36 years of service and enjoyed walking at Walmart. She enjoyed thrift shopping at the Salvation Army, she never met a stranger and was loved by all. The photos in her home were very special to her, bringing back memories of people and places that she treasured. Elizabeth was a "fighter" who always kept going and never gave up. She loved and was loved by her family and many friends. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Allred was preceded in death by her husband of 37 years, Lacy Eugene Allred; sisters, Flossie Voncannon, Lottie Chestnut, Clarice Owens, Christine Hall, Joyce West, Lula Pope; brothers, Anson Cannady, Lonnie Cannady, Sanford Cannady, Arthur Cannady, Robert Cannady, Cecil Cannady, Sam Cannady, and Roger Cannady. Mrs. Allred is survived by her sister, Loanie Cole of Asheboro special nieces and nephews, Max Cole and wife Dawn, Eddy Dean Cole, Judy Bullins and husband Don, Linda Chestnut, Hilda Faye Patterson, Larry Chestnut and wife Lucille, Carolyn West Sexton and husband Aubrey, Edward Glenn West and wife Theresa, Robert Lewis Cannady and wife Sherry, Quincy Cannady and wife Becky, Elbert Cannady and wife Janie; as well as other nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. The family will receive friends from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Saturday, prior to the service at Ridge Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Randolph, P.O. Box 9, Asheboro, NC 27204; or The Salvation Army, 345 N. Church Street, Asheboro, NC 27203.



CLINTON

Marion Glynn "Fat" Bass, 89, of 6141 Keener Road, passed away Saturday, January 18, 2020 at UNC Hospital, Chapel Hill, NC. Funeral was held at 2 PM, Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at Keener United Methodist Church with Rev. Leanne Calhoun officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery. The family received friends immediately after the interment in the sanctuary. Marion, born in 1931 in Sampson County, was the son of the late Mack Bass and Hazel Dail Bass. He retired from Royster Fertilizer, worked with the Sheriff's Department and worked as a car salesman. Marion was a member of Keener United Methodist Church and was a former fire chief with Halls Fire Department and President of the Fire Department Association. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a son, Gary Wayne Bass, a brother, Sherrill Bass and his twin brother, Mack Bass. Survivors include; wife of sixty-nine years, Joyce Brewer Bass; son, Richard Glenn Bass and wife Kathy; daughter, Shelia Steed and husband Anthony; brother, Henry David Bass of Gloucester, VA; grandchildren, Emily Mason, Michael Bass, Carrie Lane, Kevin Bass, Ashley Szulak and Morgan Steed; six great grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; and special caregiver, Debbie Smith. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com. Memorials may be made to Keener United Methodist Church, c/o Ann Hobbs, 4750 Hobpton Hwy, Clinton, NC 28328.

CLINTON

Jonathan "Jodie" Bowden, Age 92

of 213 Forest Trail, Clinton, NC died Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at The Magnolia in Clinton, NC. Funeral Service will be held Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 11 am at Western Assembly Disciples of Christ Church Headquarters in Newton Grove, NC. There will not be a repass. Interment: Hillcrest Cemetery, Clinton, NC. Public Visitation: Friday, January 24, 2020 from 1 to 6 pm at Butler & Son Funeral Services, Clinton, NC. Family present from 4 to 6 pm. Butler & Son Funeral Services Clinton, NC.



IVANHOE

Deacon William H. Burney, age 87 of Ivanhoe, NC Answered the Master's Call on Thursday, January 16, 2020 at his home with his Loving Wife, Mrs. Hazel W. Burney at his side. Funeral service will be 1:00pm Friday, January 24, 2020 at Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church, 9364 Wildcat Road, Ivanhoe, NC 28447. Invauntment with Military and Fireman's Honors will follow in the Pilgrim Rest M.B. Church Cemetery, Ivanhoe, NC. All viewing for relatives and friends will be 11:30am to 12:50pm prior to the 1:00pm service on Friday, January 24, 2020 at Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church, 9364 Wildcat Road, Ivanhoe, NC 28447.

AUTRYVILLE

Mrs. Julia Faircloth Cashwell, 66 of Autryville passed away on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at her home. The funeral service was held at 2:00 PM Wednesday, Jan. 22 at Evergreen Baptist Church with Rev. Charles Davis and Rev. Tommy Honeycutt officiating. Burial followed in the Beaver Dam Baptist Church Cemetery. The family received friends from 1:00 - 1:50 PM prior to the service. Mrs. Cashwell was a native of Sampson County, the daughter of George and Nellie Elizabeth Autry Faircloth. She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Agnes Home and Judy Bolton and one brother, Ruffin Faircloth. She was a transfer coordinator for the NC Dept. of Corrections. She is survived by her husband, Dannie R. Cashwell of the



home; two daughters, Victoria Melissa Cashwell, Danielle Cashwell Daw and husband, Lynwood all of Autryville; one grandson, Lucas Earl Daw; four sisters, Nan Sports and Bonnie Maxwell both of Hope Mills, Joyce Horne of Autryville and Faye Faircloth of Shallotte; one brother, Hicks Faircloth and wife, Mylinda of Clinton. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.

GRANTHAM

Mr. David Earl Underwood 55, of the Grantham Community passed away Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at his residence with his loving family by his side. His funeral service was held Sunday, January 19, 2020 at 2:00 P.M. in the chapel of West & Dunn Funeral Home, Newton Grove. The family received friends at the funeral home Saturday, January 18th from 6 till 8 P.M. Officiating the service will be Rev. Joseph Thornton. He was laid to rest in Hillcrest Cemetery following the funeral service. Left to cherish his memories are his wife Angie Underwood of the home, children; Chris Underwood and wife Christina of Fernandina Beach, FL, Jason Underwood of Jacksonville, FL, Kayla Underwood of Grantham, Morgan Giddens and husband Tyler of Grantham and Candace Tucker of the home. Grandchildren; Alina Overman and Nolan Giddens, sisters; Brenda Underwood of Fayetteville, Linda Jones of Newton Grove, Joyce Bisette of Princeton and Kay Hamilton of Goldsboro. He was preceded in death by his parents; Milton and Retha Underwood. Online condolences may be made at www.westanddunn.com. Services have been entrusted to West & Dunn Funeral Home, Newton Grove, North Carolina.



CLINTON

Mrs. Peggy Lamb Davis, 71, of 804 College Street, Clinton, NC passed away Saturday, January 18, 2020 at Sampson Regional Medical Center, Clinton, NC. The funeral service will be held at 2pm, Saturday, January 25, 2020 at New Bethel AME Church, Magnolia, NC with Rev. James Sinclair officiating. Burial in Lamb Family Cemetery, Magnolia, NC. Mrs. Davis is survived by DAUGHTER-Nicole Davis-Taylor of Matthews, NC; SONS-Joseph Davis of Wilson, NC, Michael Davis of Ahoskie, NC and Albert Rickey Davis of Magnolia, NC; SISTERS-Patsy Johnson and Deborah McKeithan both of Magnolia, NC, Cathy Merritt of Rose Hill, NC and Yolanda Taylor of Memphis, TN; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Visitation at Worley Funeral Home Friday, January 24, 2020 Public: 1pm - 6pm, Family: 5pm - 6pm. Online condolences may be sent to worleyfuneralhomeinc.com.



CLINTON

Mrs. Paula Gore Jackson, 72, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, while surrounded by her loving family. Paula was born on April 11, 1947 to the late John Paul and Edna Doris Gore. She graduated from Hobpton High School in 1965, then received her degree in Elementary Education at Methodist University and earned her Master's in Elementary Education from Fayetteville State University. She was a dedicated teacher for thirty-six years, having taught kindergarten, first and second grades at both Turkey Elementary and Hargrove Elementary schools. She had a heart of gold and loved her students, and they loved her in return. She had a passion for the beach and loved spending time with her family there as much as possible. Paula was a loving, dedicated and selfless wife, mother, grandmother and special friend to many. She was a beautiful soul inside and out and loved by all who had the pleasure of knowing her. She is survived by her dedicated husband of fifty years, James Ray Jackson, of the home; her son, Wellie Jackson, his wife, Tara, and their three children: Daughtry, Channing and Sarah-John; her daughter, April Williams, her husband, Derrick, and their three children: Shirlee Ann, Olivia and Kaney; and her sister, Edna Faith Gore. Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, January 17 at Keener United Methodist Church with Rev. Leanne Calhoun officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends at her home located at 6607 Hobpton Hwy, Clinton. In memory of Paula's love for teaching, donations can be sent in her honor to Hargrove Elementary School, 7725 Faison Hwy, Faison, NC 28341. Condolences may be sent by visiting www.royalfuneralhome.com. Royal-Hall Funeral Home is honored to serve the Jackson Family.



ROSEBORO

Mrs. Blanche S. McLamb, 79 of Roseboro passed away on Friday, January 17, 2020 at her home. The funeral service was held at 2 PM Tuesday, January 21 at Zoar Pentecostal Freewill Baptist Church with Rev. Kelvin Blackman officiating. Burial followed in the Calvary Tabernacle Pentecostal Freewill Baptist Church Cemetery. Mrs. McLamb was a native of Sampson County, the daughter of Earl and Lula Hall Spell. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Nathan McLamb; and sister, Alma Doris Autry. She was a clerk with the Smith Oil Company. She is survived by her daughter, Sondra Tew and husband, Hal of Autryville; two grandchildren, Faron Davis and husband, Matthew of Autryville; grandson, Darren Tew and wife, Ashley of Autryville; two great grandchildren, Chelsea Tew and Mackenzie Davis; four sisters, Janet Thompson and Patsy Markham both of Fayetteville, Genevive Humbert of Hardeeville, SC and Cathy Baker of Dunn; three brothers, Delano Spell and wife, Betty of Autryville, Selby Spell of California and Woody Spell of Roseboro. The family received friends from 6-8 PM Monday evening at Butler Funeral Home in Roseboro and at other times at the home of her granddaughter, Faron Davis, 3656 Howard Rd., Autryville,



NC. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.

CLINTON

Mr. Walter Elwin (W.E.) Peterson, Jr., died Saturday, January 18, in The Veterans Administration Hospital of Fayetteville. A funeral was held 2:00 P.M. Monday, January 20, 2020 at Holly Grove Christian Church with the Rev. Ken Eanes officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery. Visitation followed the interment in the Church fellowship Hall. Walter, a native of Sampson County, was the son of the late Walter E. Peterson, Sr. and Margaret Powell Peterson. He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn Batts Peterson and his son Maurice Peterson. He was a Veteran of the US Army, a Mason, a Shriner, police officer and retired corrections officer at Sampson Correctional Facility. Mr. Peterson was also a retired turkey farmer and member of Holly Grove Christian Church. He is survived by two daughters; Kimberly P. Phipps of Clinton and Sherri P. Wynn and husband Michael of Wilmington; three grandchildren, Chandler Wynn, Michaela Wynn, and Rachel Wynn Meadows and husband Bryan of Wilmington and three great-grandchildren, Vella, Jaxton and Cade. The family received friends other times at the home.



KATY TX

Mrs. Selena Jane Boykin Reid, 90, of Katy, TX, formerly of Sampson County, NC, passed away Friday, January 17, 2020 at Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital, Katy, Texas. The service will be held at 11am, Saturday, January 25, 2020 at Morning Star Holy Church, Clinton, NC with Pastor Lena Clark officiating. Burial in Sandhills Cemetery, Clinton, NC. Mrs. Reid is survived by DAUGHTER-Cynthia Reid-Gates of Katy, TX. Visitation at The Church Saturday, January 25, 2020 10am - 11am. Online condolences may be sent to worleyfuneralhomeinc.com.

CLINTON

Mrs. Mildred Hobbs Rice, 94, of 733 Panhandle Road, passed away on January 18, 2020 at Mary Gran Nursing Center. Funeral services will be held Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 2:00 pm at Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 1818 N. McCullen Road, Faison. Visitation will be held in the church Fellowship Hall, one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow in the Clinton Cemetery. Born on November 28, 1925 in Sampson County, Mildred was a daughter of the late Mossette Lee and Nettie Boyette Hobbs and the widow of Clark Earl Rice. After attending business college in Raleigh, Mildred moved to Washington, DC where she worked for the FBI. It was there she met her husband, Clark, an FBI agent, with whom she raised three daughters. After residing in New York, Texas, and South Carolina, Mildred returned to the Hobbs Farm in Sampson County, where she and Clark enjoyed spending time with family and friends. Mildred is survived by two daughters: Kathryn Bass of Clinton, Brenda Greene and husband, Larry, of Greenville, SC; two sisters: Jane Hobbs Herring and husband, David, Jr., of Newton Grove, Lynette Hobbs Harrell and husband, Robert, of Winston Salem; two sisters-in-law: Harriett Hobbs and Jean Hobbs; seven grandchildren: Miriam Abney of New York City, NY, David Buckner of Savannah, GA, Melissa Wayne and husband, Gregory, of Wilmington, Susannah Carter and husband, Bryan, of Mount Pleasant, SC, Alexander Chisholm of Clinton, Matthew and Mary Beth Greene of Greenville, SC; and four great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents and husband, Mildred was predeceased by her daughter, Sharon Buckner, and brothers, Leslie Hobbs and Carroll Hobbs. The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to the staff and nurses of Mary Gran Nursing Center for their kindness and compassionate care. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Mildred Rice Memorial Fund at Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Royal-Hall Funeral Home is honored to serve the family.



CLINTON

Jerry Robert Underwood, 68, of 2928 N US Hwy 421, passed away Saturday, January 18, 2020 at Rex Hospital. A funeral was held at 11:15 AM, Wednesday, January 22nd at Grove Park Baptist Church with Rev. Mike Shook and Rev. Cameron Dunn officiating. Interment followed in Grandview Memorial Garden. The family received friends from 10 AM - 11 AM, at the church just prior to the service and at other times at the home. Jerry born in Sampson County in 1951, was the son of Robert Junius Underwood and the late Estelle Butler Underwood. He worked in sales with Clinton Appliance and Furniture and Dossenbachs Furniture. He was a member of Grove Park Baptist Church serving as deacon, head usher, RA leader, and Sunday school teacher. Jerry enjoyed golfing, fishing, talking and spending time with his family. In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Robert Lee Tew, Jr. and Thelma Parson Tew. Survivors include: wife of 47 1/2 years, Toni Sue Tew Underwood; father, Robert Junius Underwood; daughters, Heather U. Straughn and son Garrison Straughn and Amy U. Tyndall and husband Mark and sons, Cal and Hunter; brother, Mark Underwood (Linda); sisters, Deborah Lucas (Nick) and sister, Marlene Underwood (Keith); two brother-in-laws; two sister-in-laws; and multiple nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to Grove Park Baptist Church, 609 Northeast Blvd, Clinton, NC 28328 or to Tim's Gift, 108 Northeast Blvd, Clinton, NC 28328. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com.



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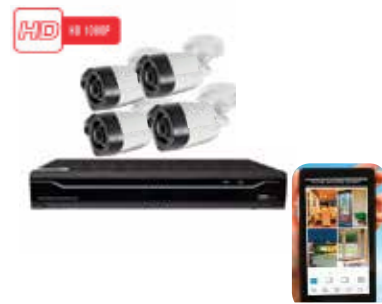
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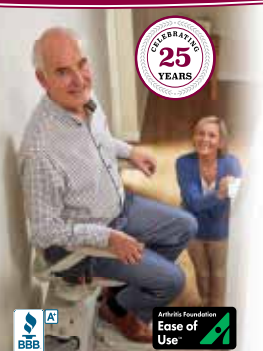
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Larson warms up



Kyle Larson (42) got caught in this mess during the 2019 Daytona 500 but still managed to finish seventh. [DOW GRAHAM/ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Chili Bowl win lifts his spirits before Speedweeks

By Godwin Kelly
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Kyle Larson captured one major Saturday night in Tulsa, Oklahoma and hopes to add another in less than a month at Daytona International Speedway.

Larson, 27, won the Chili Bowl Midget National in his 13th attempt.

Last year, he saw his Chili championship disappear when Christopher Bell pulled out a last-lap pass for the victory.

This time around Larson passed Bell with 17 laps left in the main event and gapped his younger rival, who will run for NASCAR Cup Series Rookie of the Year honors this season.

Bell had won the Chili Bowl three straight years before Larson broke his streak of triumphs. It was an emotional night for Larson, who let his feelings known after exiting his race car.

"It's a pretty different range of emotions 365 days later," Larson said. "I feel like I'm going to pass out."

"I'm sorry NASCAR, I'm sorry Daytona, but this is the biggest [expletive] race I've ever won. I hope to win Daytona in a few weeks but this is bad [expletive]."

During a recent visit to Daytona, Larson said his focus was on the Chili Bowl and not on stock-car racing.

"I stay so busy in the offseason that I really don't think about it [Daytona 500] too much," he said. "I shift gears after the Chili Bowl."

While other drivers get away from racing during the Cup Series short offseason, Larson embraces it. He has been competing on a regular basis since the 2019 NASCAR season finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

"After Homestead, I go do a bunch of dirt racing," he said. "I'll probably have done more than 20 races before the Daytona 500."

"It's hard to think about [Speedweeks] when you have other races you're looking forward to and are upcoming. I'm shifting back to thinking NASCAR."

Now that he has a Chili Bowl trophy, Larson can look forward to driving a car that promises to be more competitive. Chevrolet updated its body design with the hopes of being a bigger part of the championship discussion in 2020.

For the last two years, Chevy has failed to get a car into the

championship round at Homestead.

"We haven't been happy that Chevy hasn't won a championship now in a few years and we're all working hard to get better," he said. "It sounds like this new car will benefit us."

"Everything they learned in the wind tunnel has been good. I look for all the Chevy teams to be better this season."

In all his starts at Daytona, Larson has only one victory. He captured the summer NASCAR Xfinity Series race in 2018.

On deck for Larson will be his seventh attempt at the Daytona 500. He came oh-so-close to winning it three years ago.

"I almost won this race in 2017," he said. "I ran out of fuel on the last lap leading the Daytona 500. That was heartbreaking."

He will go for his second major of the season on Feb. 16 at Daytona.

"Everybody has an equal opportunity when you come to Daytona and this style of racing," Larson said. "I haven't had the best luck here. We're going to try to change some things up and not be so aggressive. We'll see. You want to get off to a good start here just to start your season off good."

Of course that Chili Bowl win will help take the sting out of any Daytona shortfall.

QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers



NASCAR's goal is to see more of this type of action on the shorter tracks.
[NASCAR/GETTY IMAGES]

So that's it, a short-track problem solved?

To hear everyone talk, yes, the racing at smaller speedways this year will be the stuff of video games. NASCAR rolled back some aerodynamic comfort for the shortest ovals (Bristol, Martinsville, Dover, New Hampshire and Phoenix) as well as the three road courses. The stated desire is to put more emphasis on the drivers' abilities and less on grip and engineering. Chopping the rear spoiler from 8 inches to 2.75 seems quite dramatic, don't you think?

Is there a "however" coming?

Of course. Like all golfers who claim to want a tough course, racers like to say they want cars that don't handle as well, which in theory separates the true talents from the mid-packers. In the past, though, it seems we've had a few instances where the cars were so ill-handling, drivers said they couldn't pass others, but instead had to wait on others to run out of grip. As with all things, we'll see.

Ken Willis, ken.willis@news-jrnl.com

WHAT'S ON TAP

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

Kyle Larson calls Chili Bowl win biggest of his career?

GODSPEAK: Larson has been chasing that Chili Bowl Midget National since he was a young teen. It might be his biggest win, until Feb. 16 rolls around.

KEN'S CALL: Funny that he apologized to NASCAR before saying it. Pure emotion, built up over 12 previous years of falling short.

Can Daniel Suarez put Gaunt Brothers Racing on the map?

GODSPEAK: This isn't a championship-form team, but maybe Suarez can help

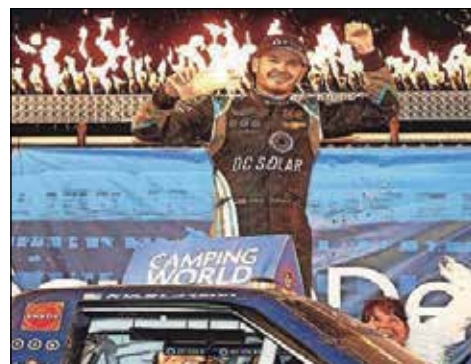
pull them from the lower ranks.

KEN'S CALL: Well, it appears he can provide them the funding needed to run the full season. That's where you start.

Will Kyle Busch make it through the Rolex 24 in a good mood?

GODSPEAK: It depends on how serious he takes this start. If this means something to him, then he will likely act like the Kyle Busch we all know and love.

KEN'S CALL: That's a lot to ask. Nice at the start, nice at the end. It's that middle ground that's risky.



Kyle Larson is certainly no stranger to winning on dirt, as shown here after his 2016 Truck Series win at Eldora. [AP FILE]

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