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A Year in Review- 2019

Dr. Alex Huff – Dr. Eric Bracy – Clark Wooten - Tom Hart



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 with four shapers in our community, Dr Alex Huff, Sampson County Schools' Superintendent Dr Eric Bracy, Clinton City Manager Tom Hart and Sampson County Commissioner, Chairman Clark Wooten. The show today was divided into four segments. **2019, see P. 5**

Airport Expansion Aids Economic Development



City and County leaders recently came together for a ribbon cutting at the Clinton-Sampson County Airport (CTZ) after the purchase of 10 acres adjacent to the airport. The land was needed to expand the facility that had been landlocked.

According to City Manager, and Airport Manager, Tom Hart, the expansion will likely be developed with airplane hangars. "CTZ has an Airport Layout Plan, a 20-year development and growth plan for the airport which is currently being put through a periodic update."

Hart explains, "The ALP identifies all the major projects proposed for the airport with particular emphasis on where certain facilities and airport infrastructure will be located."

"The plans," say Hart, "include large expenses related to maintaining the existing infrastructure like the runway and taxiways. There are also fairly extensive plans relating to adding more hangars to house airplanes. We believe the growth of the airport has been slowed due to a lack of suitable hangar locations which was a driving motivation behind the latest purchase expanding the airport property."

Hart say that the cost of the expansion was shared by the City and County. "The property was purchased by the County and the City with general government funds from both entities. The airport generates funds through taxing the airplanes based at the airport and from facility leases and access agreements. Most airport expenses are paid by the NCDOT Division of Aviation and FAA funding administered by NCDOT." **AIRPORT, see P. 3**

WEATHER

Fri Cloudy
20%

Hi: 76° Lo: 62°

Sat AM Rain
90%

Hi: 67° Lo: 37°

Sun Partly Cloudy
0%

Hi: 52° Lo: 36°

Mon Sunny
10%

Hi: 62° Lo: 34°

Tues Partly Cloudy
10%

Hi: 60° Lo: 39°

Wed Partly Cloudy
30%

Hi: 51° Lo: 29°

Sword Attack Leads to Charges



A disturbance call on Autryville Road in Autryville leads to multiple charges against a Sampson County man. Donnie David Davis, 54-year-old white male, was placed under arrest near his home in Autryville Sunday, December 29th 2019. He has been charged with Resisting a Public Officer, Assault with a Deadly Weapon on a Government Official and Communicating Threats.

The Sunday night incident involved a sword of unknown description as the weapon. According to Lt. Marcus Smith with the Sampson County Sheriff's Office, the suspect Davis threatened law enforcement personnel and threw the sword at responding deputies.

"Deputies responded to a disturbance on Autryville Road," explained Smith. "Upon arrival they encountered the Davis subject armed with a sword, which he threw at the deputies and refused their commands to stop resisting while trying to take him into custody."

"The suspect also verbally threatened officers," added Smith. "Deputies deployed a taser on the suspect and took him into custody."

Smith did add that no deputies were injured during the incident.

Davis was placed in the Sampson County Detention Center under a \$25,000 secure bond. His first appearance in court is scheduled for January 10th.

The Sheriff's Office has stated in the past that they have invested in various types of less-lethal alternatives for deputies to use in situations like these.

WEEKLY VERSE

He [the Word, Jesus] was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. John 1:2-3

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LOCAL NEWS

South River EMC Employees Celebrate 415 Years Of Service

South River EMC recognized 22 employees for their combined 415 years of service with the Cooperative recently.

With specialties ranging from customer service to linework, and many others in between, South River EMC employees have a breadth of knowledge and service.

Celebrating this year with 35 years of service is Dale McLamb and Danny McLaurin. Those with 30 years are: Jeff Carroll, Andy Howard, Craig Jackson and Lisa Uleck. Marking the 25-year milestone is Troy Dailey, Kim Gonzales and Kevin Hall. Hitting the 20-year mark is Ray Love and Debbie Shride. Andy Garris, Maribel Gonzalez, Robin Jackson, Kacey Johnson and Gary Tyndall all marked 15 years of service. Nathaniel Lucas celebrates a decade at the Cooperative while Mike Colletti, Tucker Martin, Daniel Purvis, Tim Tart and Chris Spears all commemorate 5 years. It should be noted that CEO Chris Spears boasts a total of 24 years committed to electric cooperatives overall.

South River EMC is a locally-owned and operated electric cooperative, which provides electric service to 43,000 homes, farms and businesses in parts of Harnett, Cumberland, Sampson, Johnston and Bladen counties.



Fayetteville Inside (back): Kevin Hall; (front l-r): Robin Jackson and Debbie Shride.



Fayetteville outside (l-r): Danny McLaurin; Gary Tyndall; Troy Dailey; Nathaniel Lucas.



Dunn inside (back l-r): Jeff Carroll; Andy Howard; Lisa Uleck; Andy Garris; Tucker Martin; Chris Spears. (front l-r): Maribel Gonzalez; Kacey Johnson; Kim Gonzales. (not pictured: Ray Love)



Dunn outside (l-r): Tim Tart; Craig Jackson; Dale McLamb; Daniel Purvis. (not pictured: Mike Colletti)

• NOTICE •

SAMPSON COUNTY TAXPAYERS

The 2019 property tax on real estate and personal property listed in January will be delinquent after January 6, 2020. After this date, by state statute, interest will be added.

Foreclosure, garnishment, bank attachment and levy procedures on real estate and personal property will begin on January 7, 2020. No exceptions or payment arrangements will be made.

If paying by mail, the US Postmark must be dated no later than January 6, 2020. The County Tax Department is located at 126 West Elizabeth Street, Clinton, NC 28328.



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LIEAP Applications to be Accepted Through March 31st

The Sampson County Department of Social Services will begin taking applications for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) on December 2, 2019, at their office located at 360 County Complex Road, Suite 100, Clinton, N.C. Applications will be taken through March 31, 2020, or until funding is exhausted.

The Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) provides for a one-time vendor payment to help eligible households pay their heating bills.

Households must meet the following requirements:

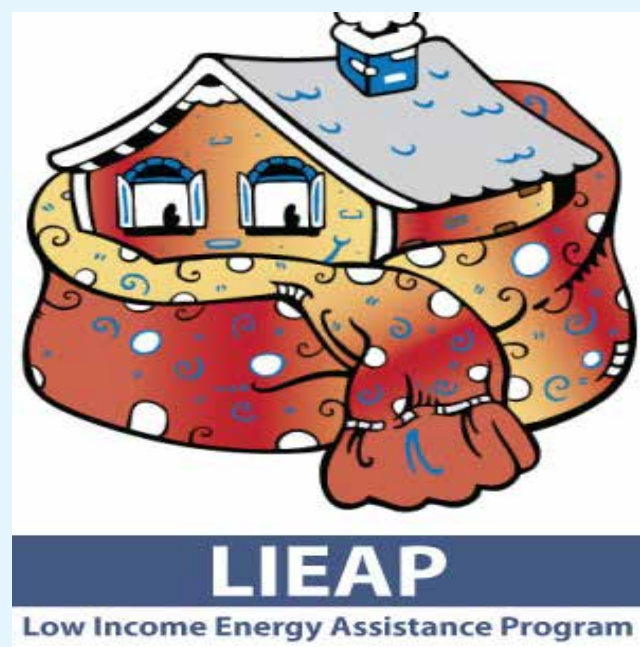
- An income test
- Be responsible for its heating bills
- Cannot have resources over \$2,250
- Must include a U.S. citizen or an eligible alien

There is no automatic eligibility; all interested households must make an application. Priority is given to households containing at least one disabled person (person receives Social Security Disability, SSI, or VA Disability) that is also receiving services through the Division of Aging and Adult Services, or to a household in which at least one member is age 60 and older. Only these priority type households that meet all other eligibility requirements will be eligible from December 2, 2019 through December 31, 2019, or until funding is exhausted.

til funding is exhausted. Any household may be potentially eligible from January 2, 2020 through March 31, 2020, or until funding is exhausted.

Funding is limited, and all potentially eligible households may not be approved. At a minimum, applicants should have the name of the household's heating vendor and the account number when applying. Proof of Income must be provided and verified.

If you have any questions, please Sampson County Department of Social Services at 910-592-7131.



WIC Program Provides Nutrition Counseling and Education

By Erin Ellis, RN

WIC is a federal funded program that serves pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, infants and children up to age 5 years.

The WIC program provides a combination of nutrition counseling and education, supplemental foods, breastfeeding promotion and support, and referrals to health care. Studies have shown that the WIC program plays a vital role in improving birth outcomes. Pregnant women on WIC have fewer premature births, lower incidents of low birth weight babies, as well as, fewer infant deaths. Other studies have shown improved diet outcomes in children and their parents, infant feeding practices, regular schedule of immunization rates, and improved cognitive development for young children whose mothers participated in the WIC program.

This program is separate from FNS (food stamps) and only nutritious foods are offered such as: fruits, vegetables, whole grains, yogurt, and low fat milk.

North Carolina WIC Programs have moved from a paper based method of WIC benefit issuance to an electronic benefit transfer system (eWIC). Instead of paper food instruments, WIC food benefits are issued into an electronic benefits account at the local WIC clinic. Families use their eWIC card and PIN to access their food benefits

at authorized vendors. Each family is issued one card, except foster children receive their own eWIC card. Participants buy only the foods they need when they shop. A receipt is given that shows the account balance and the dates to buy their WIC foods. Clients are also able to use an app on their phone to see if foods are WIC approved. Sampson County is currently using eWIC.

To apply for WIC the applicant must meet all of the eligibility requirements, which includes: Categorical, Residential, Income, and Nutrition Risk. WIC is an equal opportunity provider.

WIC is so much more than people realize, the nutrition education and healthy foods that are provided really give children a healthy start in life, which is so important. "Good food and good advice", that's what WIC is all about.

The WIC Program is available at the Sampson County Health Department at 360 County Complex Road Suite 200 Clinton, NC 28328. You may apply Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm. For more information about WIC or to make an appointment please call (910) 592-1131.

AIRPORT, cont. from P. 1

According to a 2009 report the Clinton-Sampson County Airport averaged 84 aircraft operations per week. Hart says a more recent 2016 report puts that number at 100 aircraft operations per week. Nearly 77% of the operations were classified as general aviation and over 12% are classified as military.

With growth comes the need to expand. But who uses the Airport? Hart says, "Travel intensive executive professionals, crop dusting operations, hobbyists, people traveling personally by private charters. The airport plays a role in military training and its notable it was used extensively by Duke Energy when responding to Florence."

"Some people interact more directly with the airport than others," adds Hart. "We really want everyone to understand the value of the airport as a part of our local infrastructure."

"Whether directly or indirectly, airports connect local businesses to the global economy. We see the airport as playing a critical role recruiting business and industry to the area."

Hart concludes, "Another facet is the airport's role in expanding our tax base. Planes are taxed as property and even a small jet engine plane can generate as much tax revenue as a commercial shopping center or medium sized residential subdivision. Accordingly, we see expanding the airport so we can base more planes there as a worthy pursuit."



ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX LISTING NOTICE 2020 SAMPSON COUNTY 2020

All persons who own or control business, farm/agri-business and/or any personal property subject to taxation in Sampson County, OR made improvements to real property, must list all such property and/or improvements to real property for year 2020 from Thursday, January 2, 2020 through Friday, January 31, 2020.

If you filed a listing form in 2019 with the county, you will automatically be mailed a new form at the owner's address on record as of January 1, 2020. Please review the information, make necessary additions/corrections, sign & return listing forms postmarked by USPS no later than January 31, 2020 to avoid 10% late listing penalty to: Tax Administration, PO Box 1082, Clinton, NC 28329 (Or bring to 126 W. Elizabeth St.) Unsigned forms will be considered late if received after January 31, 2020.

PLEASE CALL 910-592-8146 FOR LISTING ASSISTANCE.

REAL ESTATE	BUSINESS, FARM/AGRI-BUSINESS & OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY	PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAMS
<p>Sampson County has a permanent listing system for real estate; property owners are responsible to annually list any improvements to real property only.</p> <p>Failure to list those improvements to real property is subject to the penalties imposed by NCGS 105-308 and NCGS 105-312.</p> <p>Taxpayers owning only real property will not receive a listing form. If you need to list improvements to real property, please SEE BELOW FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS.</p>	<p>ALL BUSINESSES and/or persons owning or possessing personal property used or connected with a business or other income-producing purpose, must list such property with the tax administrator every year, <i>including but not limited to:</i> copiers, computer equipment, signs, supplies, leasehold improvements, furniture, fixtures, machinery, spare parts, etc. IRP (International Registration Plan) plated vehicles must be listed annually during the regular listing period. ALL FARM/AGRI-BUSINESSES must list annually all income-producing personal property, <i>including but not limited to:</i> tractors, combines, combine headers and platforms; motors; bailers; harvesters; tobacco equipment; plows; planters; sprayers, irrigation equipment; supplies; compressors; etc. ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY must be listed, <i>including but not limited to:</i> all unlicensed & permanently tagged motor vehicles; untagged trailers; aircraft; motorcycles; campers; RVs & truck bodies; mobile homes; all boats & all boat motors; jet skis; all household rental personal property; etc. ALL LICENSED vehicles will be billed automatically by the NCDMV. SEE BELOW FOR FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS.</p>	<p>Elderly or Totally and Permanently Disabled Exclusion: North Carolina excludes from property taxes the greater of twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) or fifty percent (50%) of the appraised value of a permanent residence owned and occupied by a qualifying owner. A qualifying owner is an owner who meets all of the following requirements as of January 1 preceding the taxable year for which the benefit is claimed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Is at least 65 years of age or totally and permanently disabled. 2) Has an income for the preceding calendar year of not more than Thirty one thousand (\$31000). 3) Is a North Carolina resident. <p>Income is defined as all moneys received from every source other than gifts or inheritances received from a spouse, lineal ancestor, or lineal descendant. For married applicants residing with their spouses, the income of both spouses must be included, whether or not the property is in both names.</p> <p>Disabled Veteran Exclusion: This program excludes the first forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) of the appraised value of a permanent residence owned and occupied by a North Carolina Resident, who is an Honorably Discharged Disabled Veteran, or the unmarried surviving spouse of an Honorably Discharged Disabled Veteran. A disabled veteran is defined as a veteran whose character of service at separation was honorable or under honorable conditions and who has a total and permanent service-connected disability or who received benefits for specially adapted housing under 38 U.S.C. 2101. Contact the Sampson County Tax Office for specific details and applications.</p> <p>Circuit Breaker Property Tax Deferment: This program allows taxes billed each year to be limited to a percentage of the qualifying owner's income. However, taxes in excess of the limitation are deferred and remain a lien on the property. The three most current years of deferred taxes prior to a disqualifying event will become due and payable, with interest, on the date of the disqualifying event. Age 65 or older, with an income not exceeding \$46,500. You must file a new application for this program each year. Contact the Sampson County Tax Office for specific details and application. Application time period for property tax relief programs is January 2, 2020 to June 1, 2020.</p>

- **ALL BUSINESSES** requesting an "Extension to file" until April 15, 2020 must be on company letterhead, & must be received or *postmarked by U.S.P.S. by January 31, 2020 per G.S. 105-311(b), 360(d).* The N.C. Statutes do not recognize private postage meter dates; mail early to avoid the 10% late list penalty on listings received/postmarked after January 31, 2020.
- Business Personal Property Listings may be filed electronically at eListings@southdata.com. If filing electronically an "extension to file" request until April 15, 2020 must be submitted online by January 31, 2020.
- **NEW AND/OR UPDATED APPLICATIONS** for all other property tax exclusions & deferrals, such as religious, charitable, cultural and present use valuation (Agriculture, Horticulture, Forestry & Wildlife) including updates for all changes in usage, ownership, income and qualifying parcel size must be filed by January 31, 2020.
- **FOR LISTING FORMS & INSTRUCTIONS:** Contact the Sampson County Tax Office at 126 W. Elizabeth St., Clinton, NC MONDAY-FRIDAY 8am-5pm, Phone 910-592-8146.
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2019, cont. from P. 1

The first guest is Dr. Alex Huff of Huff Orthopedics and Sports Medicine. Dr. Huff has been in the Sampson County community for 21 plus years and has treated over 15,000 people in our community. JW Simmons begins this segment asking Dr Huff to use his hindsight and discuss 2019.

Huff begins, “Looking back at 2019, we’ve been here since basically 1998 and things have evolved and changed over the years but 2019 was a good year in a lot of ways. One of the things that strikes me is the recent influx in our ability to see veterans, both active duty and retired military. That’s something that has been relatively new for me. I’ve always been enrolled in those programs that allow us to see those patients, but traditionally we haven’t seen that many of them because they’ve been treated through the Veterans Administration. But in June 2018, the President signed a bill that allowed veterans or active duty that had to drive more than 30 miles or wait more than 28 days to see private sector physicians of their choice as long as those physicians were enrolled in the program, and we are.”

“We’ve seen a tremendous increase, I would say more than 10% of my business over the last year has been active duty and retired veterans and that’s been a wonderful thing to get to know some of these guys and have them share stories with me that have been heartwarming, and to be able to serve them and help them has really been gratifying for us.”

“We’ve had patients coming from Jacksonville, Fayetteville and active duty guys from Fort Bragg that have bypassed several Orthopedics on the way to come to Clinton. And another interesting thing is we’ve treated them, we’ve operated on them and months later we’re seeing other family members with addresses like Hope Mills or Jacksonville and I ask them how they got to my office and they say you treated my son or my cousin who was in the military. When I ask why they drive an hour they say their family member speaks highly of the small, hometown feel of our practice and our hospital.”

Huff concludes his segment of the show stating that in the Spring of 2020, Midway High School and Sampson County will be hosting the state Special Olympic Games which will be a wonderful chance for the county to showcase our community.

The next segment of the show is with Dr. Eric Bracy of Sampson County Schools. Simmons asks Dr Bracy to discuss the past year in his reflection. Dr Bracy states, “2019 was a very interesting year and a challenging year, not only for us in Sampson County but for all school systems across the state. Reason number one, not having a state budget. It will always be in my mind the year we operated and closed our year without a state budget. That not only affects us as school leaders but most public departments across the state of North Carolina, we as a school system have been very conservative because we really don’t know what we have to spend yet.”

“It makes it very difficult to give our students and our teachers what they need to be successful. But we’re going to keep plugging at it. We have great teachers, great administrators and a great and supportive Board of Education. But it’s been very challenging.”

“I do thank the state for giving our teachers their STEP that they earned by accruing a year of credit as far as work service. We recently got them their retro pay for that and now they’re being paid at that level, but it’s been very difficult for us as a school system.”

Next, Simmons asks Bracy how he manages the vast diversity of a large rural system and funding for technology, and when it’s too late to keep up with technology. Bracy replies, “It’s funny that you mention technology because our technology needs in Sampson County Schools are massive. My technology director requested through me that our board purchase some machines for them, and our board was generous enough to put forward \$250,000 to purchase technology. Quite honestly, the machines were Windows 7 and they were going to be unusable very shortly. The budgetary constraints make it very challenging for us as a school system because we’re not in a wealthy area. We are in a low wealth district.”

The third segment of the show is with Clark Wooten, Chairman of the Sampson County Board of Commissioners. Simmons begins this segment asking Wooten to reflect on 2019

and any concerns that may propel into 2020.

Wooten begins, “Looking back on 2019, and really the last decade, the thing that comes to mind is we can’t stand still. We can’t be status quo. Agriculture has been wonderful to Sampson County and its people, but it’s changing and changing globally. The agriculture entrepreneurs that have been able to change have done well. So, we have to look to how we can support the global initiative of this world in Sampson County.”

“It comes through many things,” adds Wooten. “It comes through education. The county and city schools have made leaps and bounds to make sure that our children are as prepared as possible. County commissioners have worked to balance the funds and have increased the funds that go to each child.”

“But I hear from Sampson County residents of our generation that they want to find a way for their children to come back to Sampson County and make a good living. They want to entice the younger generation back here, and the way through that is change. Change in technology. Being connected to technology is a key. And what we do, the way we support that technology, and the way to bring our children back to Sampson County is to have a job that entices them.”

“When I ask my children what they desire, the thing that comes up every time is I want to do something that makes a difference. That’s what positively impacts. It’s not money. It’s not fame or fortune. It’s I want to make a difference. And bringing industry to this county that that generation can come back and make a good living at and make a difference, that’s our goal.”

The final segment of the “Looking Back at 2019” show is with Clinton City Manager Tom Hart. Simmons begins this segment asking Hart to discuss his observations from the past year. Hart begins, “We have a new team in the City of Clinton. A new city manager. I brought in a police chief that’s almost a 30-year veteran of that department. Hired a new fire chief. Hired, promoted someone in the Public Works position. Just hired a new HR director. I hope I’m not forgetting anybody, but we’ve got some old dogs and some new dogs, and I think we’re hitting our stride and starting to work well together. So, it’s been a good year for that.”

Next, Simmons asks regarding the public service aspect, how important is it for department heads to be able to work together to get things done. Hart explains, “I would say, pretty much, all of them are self-starters. They pretty much have to be. There’s too much going on for me to micromanage, just out of the gate it would be impossible.”

“If I were to dive down into one particular area it would very much be at the expense of other things I’m supposed to be doing. So yes, we have a lot of department heads that are self-starters. I’m sure they get frustrated with me when they come to me wanting to know how to handle something and I kind of throw it back at them, but the reality is they can come up with a better or as good of a solution as I can probably 10 out 10 times.”

Simmons next asks Hart to discuss the city managers role in today’s polarized environment especially in a small town where everyone seemingly knows everything that’s going on. Hart states, “I would say that even smaller communities like ours are not immune from polarization. It probably penetrates local issues less than some other issues. It’s easier to be upset with some abstract group and harder to be upset with your neighbor. So, I think locally we do a better job with it, but regrettably it occasionally does creep in.”

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
 -Larry Ervin Jackson
 -Bonnie Gail Kellum
 -Mollie Jane Lee
 -James L Marshall
 -Shurley Louise McCullen
 -Grady Elmon Naylor
 -Kenneth Ervin Oates
 -Altan Anthony Owens
 -Charles Lane Robinson
 -Debbie Carol Rich
 -Yusuf Vurgun

Marriage Certificates
 -Langston Blake Matthis to Hannah Lynn Bradshaw
 -Jackson Manuel Cordero Flores to Belinda Rodriguez
 -Sean Codyral Sampson to Victoria Shante’A Caldwell
 -Justin Wayne Brock to Lori Nicole Stewart
 -Briseida Yazmin Ramirez to Alberto Ismael Ramirez
 -Louis Marlin Larouche Sr to Heather Brooklyn Wood
 -Jose Fidel Gonzalez to Elena Luna Rodriguez
 -Jacob Lee Page to Kristine Madison Kolakowski
 -Dylan Shane Richardson to Candice Paige Honeycutt
 -Luke James Cason to Skyler Hope Simmons
 -Craig Javon Murphy to Kaneesha LaQuandra
 -Alejandro Gonzalez to Brenda Edith Renteria Carachure
 -Eric Wayne Brown Jr to Hanna Maria Culbreth
 -James Donald Clark Jr to Amanda Jean McLamb
 -Jona McKoy Clark to Zamaya Elise Michelle Lee
 -Latavious Lamont Durham to Thelma Denise Wilson
 -James McCullen Jr to Belinda Grady Deluca

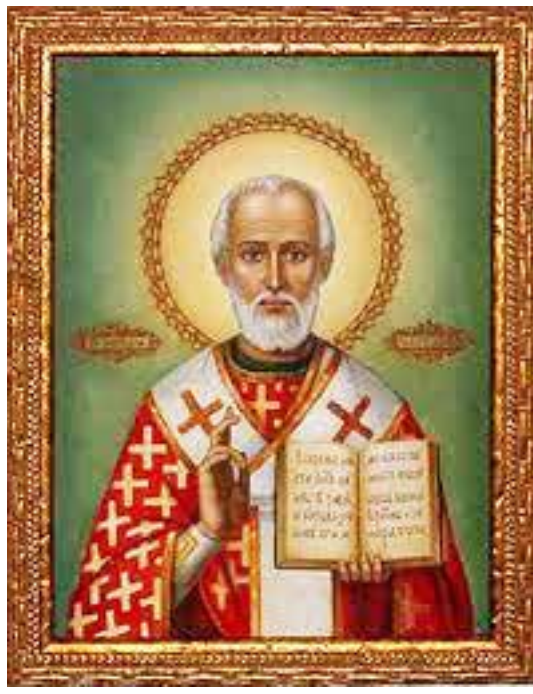
Births
 -Jayden Jeremiah Vasquez Maldonado born on December 7, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Jose Angel Vasquez and Rebeca Maldonado Nova
 -Harley Gray Mickens born on December 4, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Darius Atawne Mickens and Adrienne Ava Holder
 -Brantly Allen Richards born on December 5, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Brian Michael Richards Jr and Sarah Paige Williams
 -Amora Leigh Venable born on December 10, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Devin Leigh Burgess
 -Anthony James Morris III born on December 11, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Anthony Morris Jr and Cenita Schrell Pigott
 -Sadie-Lynn Christian King born on December 12, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Jason Stephen King and Morgan Christian King
 -Daniel Alexandre Reyes Lozano born on December 15, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Carolina Lizeth Lozano Valle
 -Grayson Isaiah Scott Tyndall born on December 15, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to

Alicia Faye Fisher
 -Kaylee Liliana Bravo born on December 17, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical center to Arnulfo Bravo and Virginia Verdin Flores
 -King Isaiah Omari Edwards born on December 17, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Aaron Bayshore Blue and Alison Juel Gwenne Edwards
 -Patrick Leon Rich III born on December 17, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Patrick Leon Rich and Jauteria Shanice Faison
 -Maddox Bryan Fleury born on December 19, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Adam Scott Fleury and Cody Gabrielle Jordan-Fleury
 -Jeyden David Gigueroa Arita born on December 20, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Christian David Figueroa Roman and Leidy Zamira Arita Chinchilla
 -Tyrone Antonio Hernandez Calero born on December 20, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Jose Antonio Hernandez Ascencio and Maria Serapia Calero Sanches

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FAITH

Church History in Two Paragraphs: *Nicholas of Myra*



By Will Matthews

In one of the great scenes from the TV Show, “The Office,” Dwight Schrute introduces the Scranton branch of the Dunder-Mifflin Paper Company to a character named Belsnickel. Belsnickel, a southwestern German tradition, comes into the office announcing “Judgment is nigh!” Belsnickel has traveled from a distant land to find children who have been misbehaving to spread fear into them at Christmastime. Although this German tradition was made famous in the TV show in a humorous way, it does show us that different cultures appear to approach Christmas with one central figure – one who judges behavior as good or bad, and accordingly gives gifts to the good. Nicholas of Myra, who was a pastor and bishop in modern day Turkey began, or is at least credited as being this central figure that many have based this Christmas centerpiece of gift-giving on. In reality, there is not much historical data on Nicholas, but many legends that may or may not be true have turned him into one pop-culture Christmas icon around the world: Santa Claus.

Nicholas may contribute more to secular history than church history, but we do know one thing about Nicholas: He was known as a fierce defender of the faith. Present at the Council of Nicea (Around 300 AD), Nicholas was reported to slap the heretic Arius in the face over his erroneous brand of theology! While Nicholas supposedly a man who did not put up with false doctrine, we know him better as a gift giver. Born into a wealthy family, those who knew Nicholas reported that he was infamous for giving away his wealth to those in need. While it’s unlikely he rode a sleigh with flying reindeer leading the way, we can appreciate that Nicholas stood for truth and lived a life of giving to others.



We Can Live Christmas Every Day

**PEACE ON EARTH
WILL COME TO STAY,
WHEN WE LIVE
CHRISTMAS EVERY
DAY.**

My Friends, think about it, we all are indeed so very BLESSED! We have just had the pleasure, the distinct privilege, of observing yet another Christmas. I do trust that you made some more precious memories to be cherished as part of your family’s Lasting Legacy. The opportunity to gather with loved ones and friends, not only to enjoy traditional festivities, but to commemorate and celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is absolutely priceless! These are gifts that cannot be purchased.

Over our past few months, Gene and I have been blessed by so many acts of kindness and we are very grateful for every single one. Recently the genuineness of this truth of unselfish giving was shown to us once again. William, a dear friend from Rose Hill, delivered some items he made for us in his woodworking shop. When we asked how much we owed him, I will never forget his answer. He very humbly said, “Mr. Gene, you paid that price many years ago. You spent time with me, you cared about me and you influenced me when I was a little boy!” Wow!

As has been our custom for many years, before opening any presents a family member reads the Christmas Story from the second chapter of Luke. It is such a sacred trust to hold our Daddy’s worn old Bible and reflect upon authentic Christian faith that will impact members of future generations for all eternity. As I said, we are indeed so very BLESSED!

Christmas books of all kinds are displayed in our home, and oh how I do enjoy sitting by the fire in my favorite chair and reading! Even being able to do that is a distinct privilege especially as aging begins to set in. This year I want to share with you some of the thoughts, poetry, or sayings I selected, each from an unknown author unless attribution is given.

“There’s more, much more to Christmas than candlelight and cheer;
It’s the spirit of sweet friendship that brightens all the year.

Shield of Faith

By Ken Smith



Ephesians 6:10–11, “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.”

I was amazed recently when researching about the shields of the Roman army during the time of Paul. The Roman shield of the time was called a scutum. This type of shield was as large as a door and would cover the warrior entirely. Such a shield was not just defensive but could also be used to push opponents. When fighting as a group, a phalanx of soldiers could position their shields so as to form an enclosure around themselves, called a testudo (“tortoise”). This was especially helpful to protect against arrows launched from the walls of cities they were attacking. Shields, often made of wood and then covered in hide, when wet, could extinguish flaming arrows.

The apostle Paul wrote that faith was one of the most needed pieces of armor in the spiritual battle. Ephesians 6:16, “In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one.” Paul saw faith as a door that opens opportunities for God to work in our lives, however faith is also a door that we go behind to shield us from the enemy’s destructive work. You might not see Christ, but by faith we can experience His protective power and provision. We can trust in Hebrews 11:1, “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” Faith believes in the power of God and acting on it. The result is fully trusting and obeying God.

The enemy has a deadly strategy to destroy your family, friendship and finances. How does your adversary plot in the darkness of this world? C. S. Lewis wrote, “When you go to church you are really listening-in to the secret wireless from our friends: that is why the enemy is so anxious to prevent us from going. He does it by playing on our conceit and laziness and intellectual snobbery.” Lewis knew that if a Christian could become distracted by the world their level of faith would decrease. When a soldier is separated from their fellow troops they become an easier target for the enemy. When we have the support of fellow Christians it will strengthen our faith in times of distress. How does your faith stand during times of trouble or uncertainty? The writer of Hebrews 11:6 stated, “But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.” With faith in Jesus our troubles and uncertainties are put in His hands. Regardless of the size of attacks that come, you have a Redeemer that loves you and will reward your faith. Faith is not trusting in our own power or resources, but trusting in the One that we can claim victory in.

This week I encourage you to memorize Psalm 28:7, “The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoices; and with my song will I praise him.” When you are weak praise Jesus for He is always strong. When you feel under attack call out to Jesus for He is your shield and hope.



It’s thoughtfulness and kindness, it’s our hope in Christ reborn again. For peace, for understanding, and for goodwill and love to all men!”

“Christmas began in the heart of God.

It is complete only when it reaches the heart of man.”

“Peace on earth and goodwill to men will come to stay,

Only when we genuinely love others and live Christmas every day.”

“It is Christmas...every time you let God love others through you.

Yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand.” Mother Theresa

“So, remember while December brings the only Christmas Day, In the new year let there be Christmas in the things you do and say. Wouldn’t life be worth the living, wouldn’t dreams be coming true If we kept the Christmas spirit all the whole year through?”

“You can never truly enjoy Christmas until you look up Into your Heavenly Father’s face and tell Him

You have received His Christmas Gift.” John Richard Rice

And my favorite is: The Joy of Giving
Somehow, not only at Christmas, But all the long year through,
The Joy that you give to others, Is the Joy that comes back to you;
And the more you spend in blessing The poor and lonely and sad,
The more of your heart’s possessing Returns to make you glad.

John Greenleaf Whittier

Henry Van Dyke closes his classic poem “Keeping Christmas” thus: “Are you willing to believe that LOVE is the strongest thing in the world... stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death...and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago is the image and brightness of the Eternal Love? Then you can keep Christmas. And if you can keep it for a day, why not always? But you can never keep it alone!”

So very profound, all of the above. In Love, through Prayer, and with the guiding hand of our Heavenly Father we can, yes... We Can Live Christmas Every Day!



Martha M. Pierce

ENTERTAINMENT

What's Happening

By Angela Martin

at **SCT**



Welcoming into the new decade, we are ready to serve the people of Sampson County and beyond with our new exciting season. Our 2020 Season is filled with musicals and plays that will make you excited about auditioning, performing and viewing our shows. We will begin our first show of the season with the Disney musical, The Little Mermaid. Auditions for this production will take place, Saturday, February 1 at 1 pm and will feature people of all ages for this wonderful ensemble cast. The audition will be a lot of fun - just come into sing, read and possibly move some onstage. This musical will be a fun way to spend your spring and a great way to perform for your friends and family. If you have any questions about the audition please text Angela Martin - 910-379-8737 or email: alm2sing@yahoo.com

If you would like to be part of our 2020 season we have an exciting opportunity with our Patrons of the Theatre program. This program allows you or your business name to be listed in all of our programs for the year and you receive two tickets to each of our six productions during the year. You can attend any of our shows on any day and the tickets will be there waiting for you. The cost is \$100 and this is tax-deductible and every dollar helps us to put on quality shows for the year. You also receive a \$20 savings with our gift of tickets. It is a wonderful way to support the arts. If you would like to be a Patron for the season, please contact our Chairperson - Brenda Martin, 910-990-4510.



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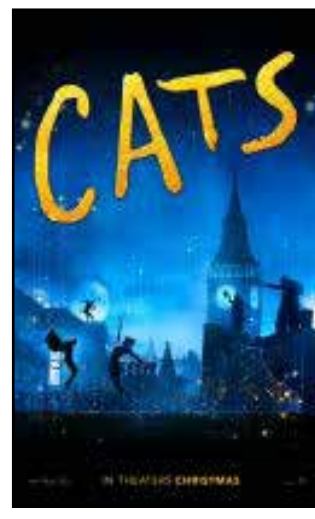
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Based on the classic novel and the writings of Louisa May Alcott, the author's alter ego, Jo March, reflects back and forth on her fictional life. Directed by Greta Gerwig, this is the story of the March sisters -- four young women each determined to live life on her own terms.

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Super spy Lance Sterling (Will Smith) and scientist Walter Beckett (Tom Holland) are almost exact opposites. Lance is smooth, suave and debonair. Walter is... not. But what Walter lacks in social skills he makes up for in smarts and invention, creating the awesome gadgets Lance uses on his epic missions. But when events take an unexpected turn, Walter and Lance suddenly have to rely on each other in a whole new way.

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Tues-Wed 6:30p



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Winter Warm-Up

Recipes and Tips Rooted in Goodness

FAMILY FEATURES

When cold weather hits, it's natural to seek comfort in a variety of forms: warm blankets, layers of sweaters and delicious, hearty meals. Winter is the perfect season for spending time indoors honing cooking skills to take your culinary creations to the next level.

Simple Recipes for Shorter Days

With less daylight hours during the winter, many people tend to get sleepy earlier. Quick weeknight dinner recipes are usually ideal, especially when they take only 30 minutes or so to prepare. Easy dishes are perfect for those nights when you want something savory and delicious, but you also want to get into pajamas and onto the nearest couch as soon as possible. Few things are better than a warm bowl full of flavor like this taste-tempting curry recipe bursting with caramelized onion and roasted garlic notes.

Chickpea, Spinach and Coconut Curry

Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 12 minutes
Servings: 6

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon ginger, freshly grated
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 large yellow onion, chopped
- 1 tablespoon turmeric
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper, plus additional, to taste
- 1 can (29 ounces) chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 1 jar (24 ounces) FarmToFork Caramelized Onion & Roasted Garlic Sauce
- 1 can (15 ounces) light coconut milk
- 4 cups baby spinach
- 1/2 cup non-fat plain Greek yogurt, stirred
- 1/2 cup cilantro, coarsely chopped
- 2 naan flatbreads, toasted and sliced

In large skillet over medium heat, heat olive oil, ginger, garlic, onions, turmeric, salt and 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper. Cook 6-8 minutes, or until onions begin to brown, stirring frequently. Add chickpeas, sauce and coconut milk; cook 3-4 minutes, or until heated through. Add spinach; cover with lid. Simmer 3-4 minutes, or until spinach is wilted. Mix well.

Spoon mixture into six serving bowls and top each with spoonful of yogurt, pinch of cilantro and additional crushed red pepper, to taste. Serve with flatbread slices.

Find more winter recipes at farmtoforksauce.com.



Chickpea, Spinach and Coconut Curry



Gnocchi with Hearty Mushroom Bolognese

The Perks of Passive Cooking

Wintry weekends call for warming meals that bring an extra sensation of coziness through the wafting aroma of slow-cooked dishes. Wintertime is the perfect season to break out your slow cooker or put your stove on low heat and let fragrant dishes such as Savory Harissa-Roasted Chicken and Vegetables simmer slowly and fill your home with enticing smells.

Savory Harissa-Roasted Chicken and Vegetables

Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 50 minutes
Servings: 6

- 1/3 cup harissa paste, divided
- 1/3 cup olive oil, divided
- 1 large red onion, cut into 1/2-inch thick slivers
- 1 small head cauliflower, cut into small florets
- 1 jar (24 ounces) FarmToFork Marinara Sauce, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt, divided
- 3/4 teaspoon ground black pepper, divided
- 6 bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs (about 2 pounds)
- 1 pound rainbow carrots, trimmed and peeled
- 1 lemon, juice only, divided
- 1/4 cup finely chopped fresh herbs such as dill, mint or cilantro, divided
- 1 1/2 cups plain Greek yogurt

Heat oven to 425 F. In large bowl, whisk 2 tablespoons harissa and 2 tablespoons oil. Add onions and cauliflower; toss to combine. Spread vegetable mixture in single layer on 17-by-12-inch foil-lined rimmed baking sheet.

In same bowl, whisk remaining harissa, 2 tablespoons oil, 1 cup marinara sauce, cumin, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon pepper. Add chicken; toss with tongs until well coated. Arrange chicken atop vegetables on baking sheet. Bake 50-55 minutes, or until chicken is deep golden brown and internal temperature reaches 165 F.

Use vegetable peeler to create long ribbons of carrots. In bowl, toss carrots with 1 tablespoon lemon juice, 2 tablespoons chopped herbs and remaining oil, salt and pepper. In separate bowl, mix yogurt, remaining lemon juice and remaining herbs.

Serve each chicken thigh with roasted vegetables, dollop of herbed yogurt, carrot mixture and 1/4 cup warmed marinara sauce.



Savory Harissa-Roasted Chicken and Vegetables

Opt for Seasonal Produce

While the days of peaches and watermelons may be over, dropping temperatures bring a slew of seasonal produce made for cool-weather cooking. Think winter squash, apples, root vegetables and cauliflower. Try using a seasonal food guide to learn what produce is in season in any state at any time of the year. Cooking with seasonal produce helps ensure your food is in peak form at its most nutritional and flavorful state.

Find Comfort in Your Favorite Foods

Almost nothing beats pasta and sauce on a chilly night. When craving warm and filling meals during winter, a quality, jarred pasta sauce like FarmToFork can add simple goodness to hearty dishes like Gnocchi with Hearty Mushroom Bolognese. Made with sustainably grown, vine-ripened tomatoes and fresh garlic, basil and onions, the sauce brings rich, distinctive flavor to a variety of cool-weather favorites from traditional pasta recipes to soups and oven bakes. During the season of giving, comfort and warmth can also be found in doing good for others, which is why FarmToFork supports Big Green, a national nonprofit organization that partners with low-income schools around the country to bring garden-based learning and food literacy curriculums to children.

Gnocchi with Hearty Mushroom Bolognese

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 25 minutes
Servings: 6

- 1 yellow onion, coarsely chopped
- 1 carrot, coarsely chopped
- 2 ribs celery, coarsely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 pounds button, cremini or portobello mushrooms
- 1 jar (24 ounces) FarmToFork Marinara Sauce
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1 pound refrigerated or frozen gnocchi
- 1/2 cup pecorino Romano cheese, grated
- 1/4 cup Italian parsley, coarsely chopped

In food processor, pulse onions, carrots, celery and garlic until finely chopped. In large pot over medium-high heat, heat olive oil. Add chopped vegetables, salt and pepper. Cook 10 minutes, or until softened, stirring occasionally.

In food processor, pulse mushrooms until coarsely chopped. Add to large pot with vegetables. Cook 10-12 minutes, or until most liquid is evaporated, stirring occasionally. Stir in marinara sauce and butter.

Cook gnocchi according to package directions; drain. Add to sauce mixture; mix gently. Sprinkle with cheese and parsley.

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Clinton's Reid Walters Leads Horses On and Off the Field



Photo By Mike Carter

**Clinton High School senior Reid Walters is enjoying his final year of high school*

"I am trying to enjoy it," the 17-year-old captain said. "It's kind of stressful, but I am enjoying it."

The standout goalkeeper for the Dark Horse soccer team was named East Central Conference Soccer Player of the Year; All Region; All County; All Conference and was elected to the All-State Team (one of only 8 players in the East).

"It was rewarding," Walters said of his final season as a Dark Horse. "It was really good."

In addition to playing in the 33rd Annual Powerade State Games High School Soccer Showcase (with Mauricio Llamas and Axel Ramirez) that was held last summer at the Queens University Sports Complex in Charlotte, Walters was voted and won the Heisman Award for Clinton High School. He also finished his high school soccer career with 259 saves and 35 shutouts.

"(He's been) the driving force behind our program the last three seasons," said Clinton High School head soccer coach Brad Spell. "Extremely humble young man who has been a joy to coach and watch grow through his four years at CHS. Clinton High School is lucky to have his talents come through our program."

Born and raised in Clinton, Walters said that he has been playing soccer since he was three years old.

"I started at the rec," he said. "I played soccer right away and then I played T-Ball too."

Growing up in Clinton, Walters, who is also a third baseman for the Dark Horse baseball team, said that he enjoyed giving back. Since his junior year, he has helped out with Dark Horse Camp.

"I like being part of it," he said of the popular summer camp that helps younger Dark Horses

prepare for their season of soccer. "I enjoy helping the kids out."

That kind of thing is something that Walters will miss when he leaves Clinton High School. He said leaving the only school system he has ever known will be difficult.

"I think it will be bittersweet," he admits. "You just have to keep going. But I think it will hit me hard once I'm gone."

Although he is undecided on what college he wants to go to or what he will study, Walters said he does want to attend college and hopefully, play.

"I want to try and play club ball," he said. "If one of the two works out then that will be okay."

A PGC Student Senior Advisor, Walters said that he wants to finish out his senior year strong.

"I just try to do what my parents taught me, to do my best in the classroom and in everything else I do," he says.

His coach says that he personally can't wait to see what is in Walters' future.

"Reid is a very dedicated individual who shines when the moment is needed," said coach Spell. "I really hate to lose a player of his caliber but can't wait to witness what the future holds."

When asked if there is anyone he would like to thank, Walters said, without hesitation, "I want to thank my parents, my coaches, my community and my fellow teammates for always pushing each other on and off the field."

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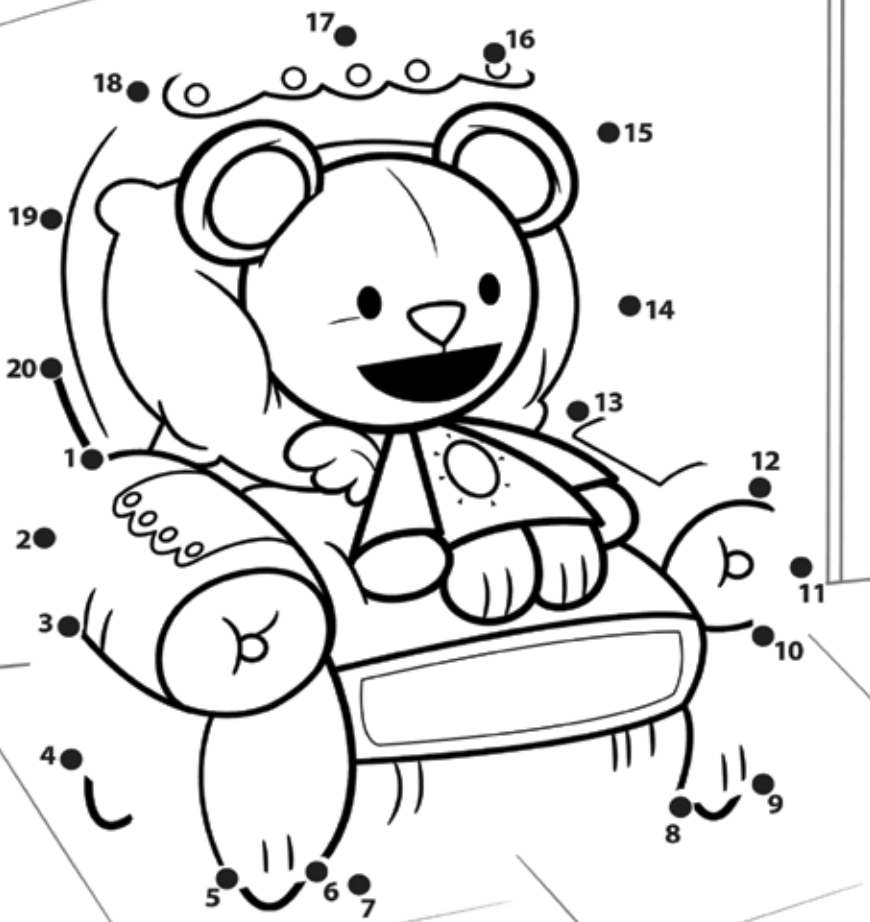
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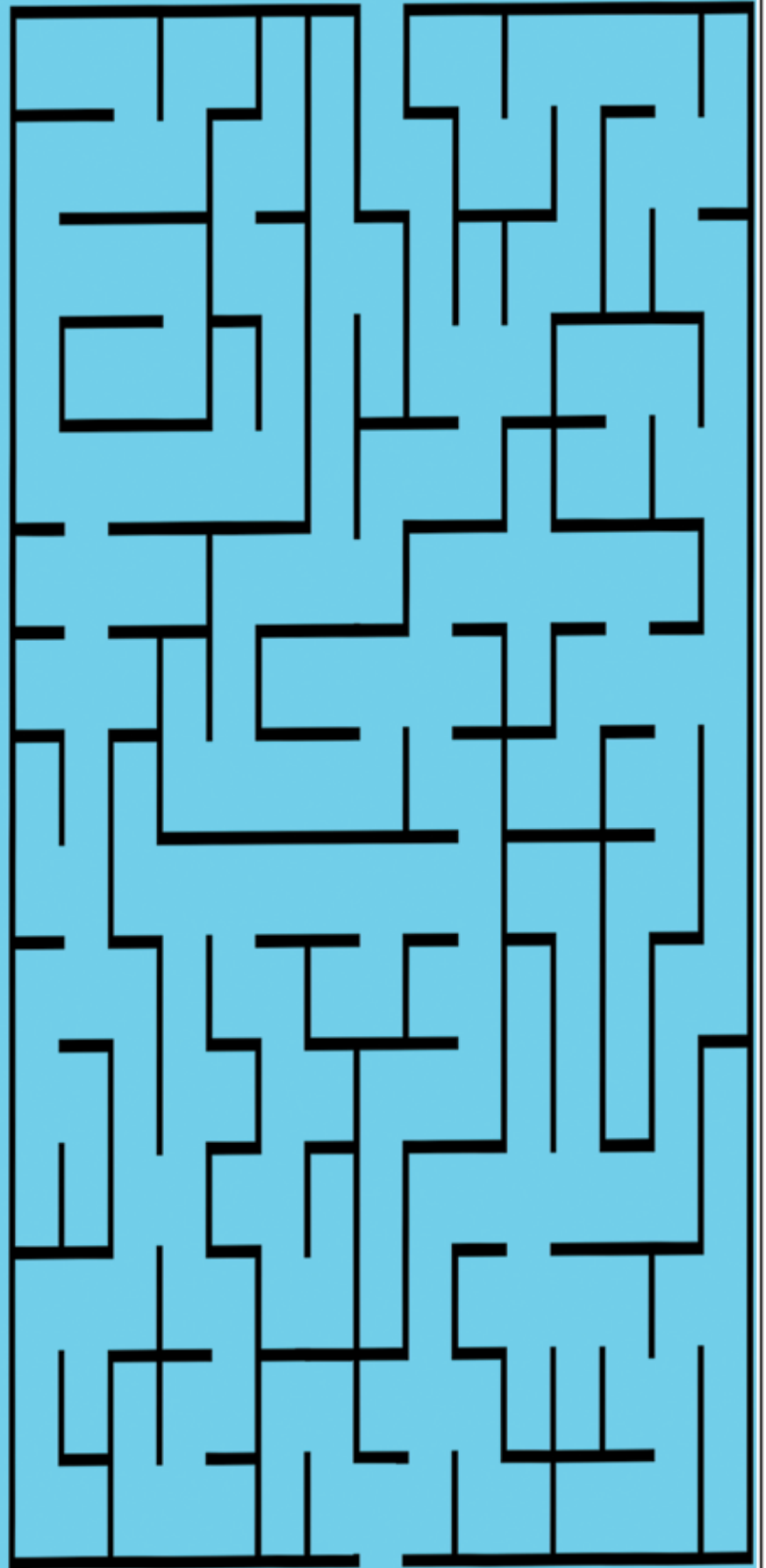
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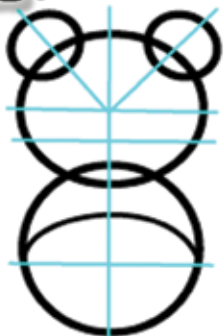


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Midway Elementary School



The following students received Student of the Month for December at Midway Elementary School. The character trait was kindness: Banks Pope- Not pictured, Jayceon Rogers, Jessica Royal, Cheyenne Jackson, Cash Rogers- Not pictured, Laney Williford, Callie Jo Bryant, Kyana Stewart Pinnock, Levi Silvey, Blaire Baggett, Braylen Williams, Bonnie Bard, Lillian Glunt - Not pictured, Kathryn Strickland, Brayan Pina, Regina Florido Lopez, Makenzie Blackburn, Tyshawna Taylor, Adriana Pina, Dylan Jackson, Will Baggett, Malik Rhodes, Cayden Bass, Mary Nora Harris, Ava Hijma - Not pictured, Rayquan Owens- Not pictured

SCC Celebrates the Latest Truck Driving Graduates



Sampson Community College has produced its latest graduating class from its top-ranked Truck Driving Program. Congratulations to the graduates!

PHOTO/CREDIT: Back Row (Left to Right): Uriel Renteria, Luis Requena-Gonzales, Barry Reynolds, Jodeci Terry, Tiarra Woodard, Eric Gupton. Front Row (Left to Right): Gabriel Lira, Matthew Elmore, Brad Few, Mikal Leach, Lashaunda Murray

SCC Hosts Pinning Ceremony for EMS Graduates



PHOTO/CREDIT: Front row (Left to Right): Marshal Michaela Lazo, Kimberly Owens, Christopher Dunham, Alba Bautista, Ian Callahan, Megan Fisher, Beverly Gunter, Program Director Angela Magill, Marshal Daniel Tew. 2nd row (Left to Right): EMT Lead Instructor Zachary Odum, Melissa Griffin, Ana Reyes-Sanchez, Lauren Pope, Karen Williams, Santana Highsmith, Emily Maynor, Kierston Brady, Lead Instructor/Clinical Coord. Jim DeMay, 3rd row (Left to Right): AEMT Lead Instructor William Sykes, Aaron George, Victoria Johnson, Kyli Hartman, William Marley, Brittany Carroll, Mackenzie Thompson, Tony Spell, Instructor Justin Beasley. Not pictured: EMT students Tyler Matthis, Bailey Register, and Keshia Harrington.

On Wednesday, December 17, 2019, Sampson Community College celebrated its Emergency Medical Science graduates at the annual Fall 2019 EMS Pinning Ceremony. 20 graduates were present, composing one of the largest EMS graduating classes that SCC has ever produced. Congratulations to the graduates!

SCC Foundation Awards Grants



Alisha Carwise and Jacqueline Ammons are recipients from the Nursing Faculty. (Photo by Ruthie Brock)

Congratulations to the following staff who were awarded Sampson Community College Foundation mini-grants for the fall semester. Jacqueline Ammons and Alisha Carwise of the Nursing Faculty received mini-grants for continuing education required for accreditation. Marleen Powell, Director of Financial Aid, received the mini-grant for financial aid awareness efforts and Betsy Lloyd for purchase of graduation regalia to help students in need. The purpose of the SCC Mini-Grant program is to provide funds to faculty, staff and student organizations that will enhance the educational mission of Sampson Community College.

“The Foundation is pleased to be able to support faculty and staff who creatively work to serve students,” says Lisa Turlington, Executive Director of the Foundation and Dean of Advancement. “The Financial Aid event will encourage more people to take advantage of resources, and the regalia project will allow more students to celebrate success by participating in the graduation ceremony. Nursing faculty must complete continuing education to better serve students, so we are happy to help defray some of the tuition costs.”

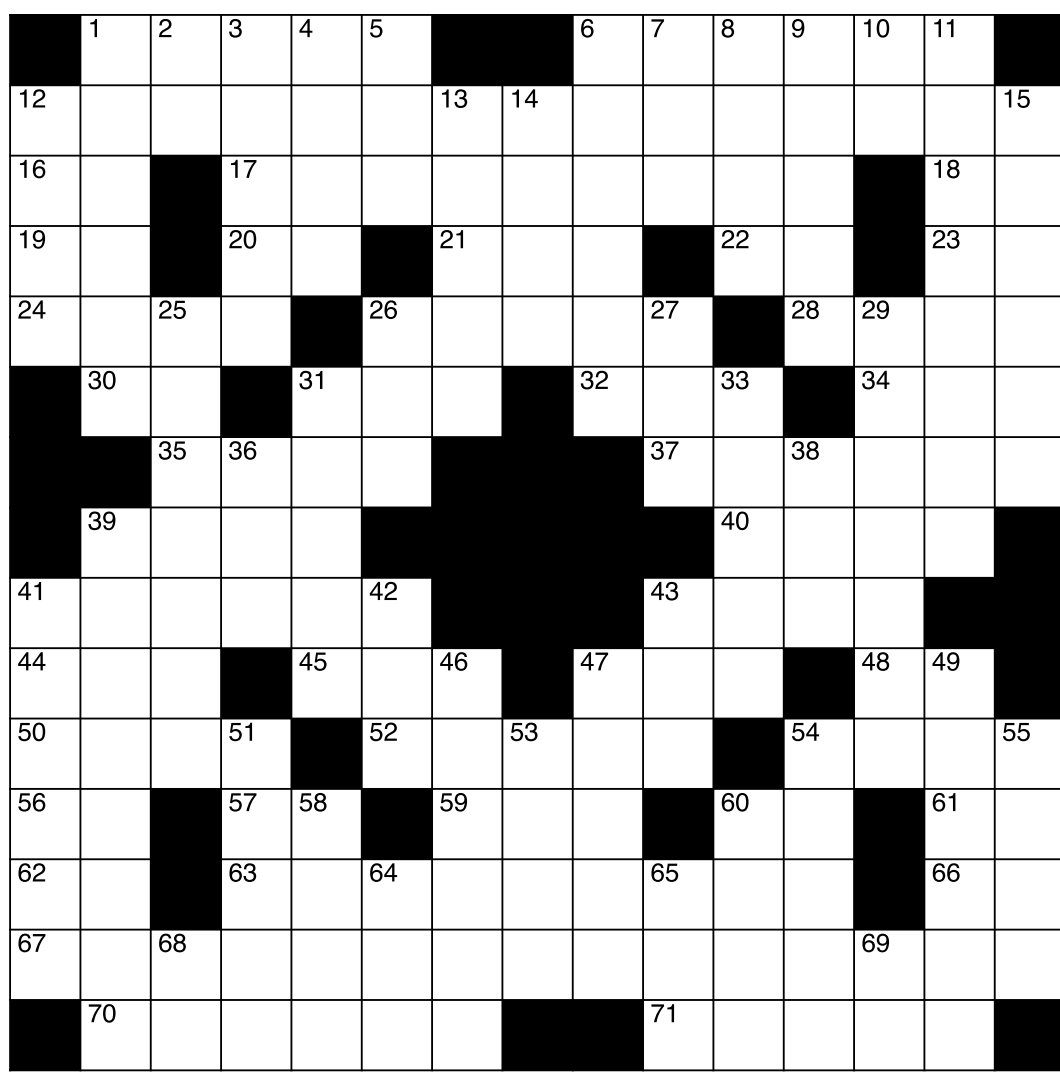
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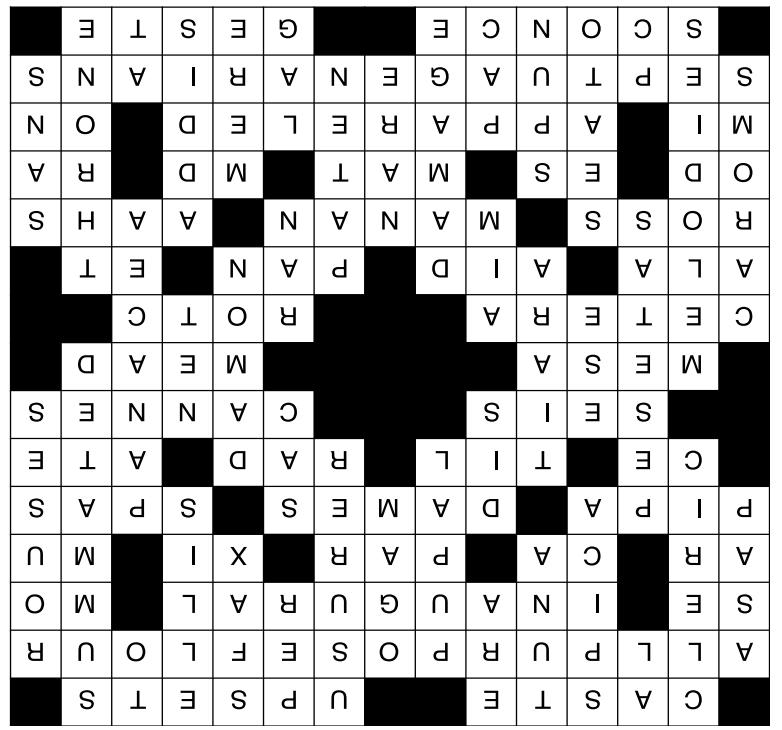


CLUES ACROSS

1. Hindu social class
6. Hassles
12. Pillsbury best seller
16. Midway between S and E
17. A President's 1st address
18. The 24th state
19. Atomic #18
20. Most abundant mineral in the body
21. Golf score
22. 14th Greek letter
23. 12th Greek letter
24. 4-stringed Chinese instrument
26. Order of the British Empire women
28. Watering places
30. Atomic #58
31. '___ death do us part
32. Radioactivity unit
34. Consumed food
35. Six (Spanish)
37. Hosts film festival
39. S.W. plateau
40. Made of fermented honey and water
41. Et-___
43. College army
44. Flower petals
45. Assist
47. An open metal dish
48. And, Latin
50. Supreme singer Diana
52. Gaelic name (morning)
54. Expresses pleasure
56. Overdose
57. Spanish be
59. A border for a picture
60. Doctor
61. Ancient Egyptian sun god
62. Lansing is the capital
63. Clothed
66. In contact with the surface
67. 70 year olds
70. Wall bracket for candles
71. Metrical romance (archaic)

CLUES DOWN

1. A member of the clergy
2. Gangster Capone
3. The brightest star in Virgo
4. Starkist's Charlie
5. Amount of time
6. Loaner
7. Prefix denoting "in a"
8. 2nd largest Tunisian city
9. Schenectady Hospital
10. Toward
11. Totaled
12. As fast as can be done (abbr.)
13. Nonfeeding stage for insects
14. Old Irish alphabet
15. Brings out of sleep
25. Old Spanish monetary units
26. Roman God of the underworld
27. Pouch
29. For all ills or diseases
31. Jewelled headdress
33. Hostage for Pythias
36. Midway between E and SE
38. Financial gain over time
39. Tunes
41. In a way, ricochets
42. Direct a weapon
43. Stood for election
46. Harm to property
47. Plate for Eucharist
49. Monarch's ceremonial seat
51. Southeast Asia Treaty Organization
53. A nostril
54. ___ Adaba
55. Without (French)
58. Wound fibers to make yarn
60. Nothing more than
64. Political action committee
65. Fail to keep pace
68. Personal computer
69. Indicates position

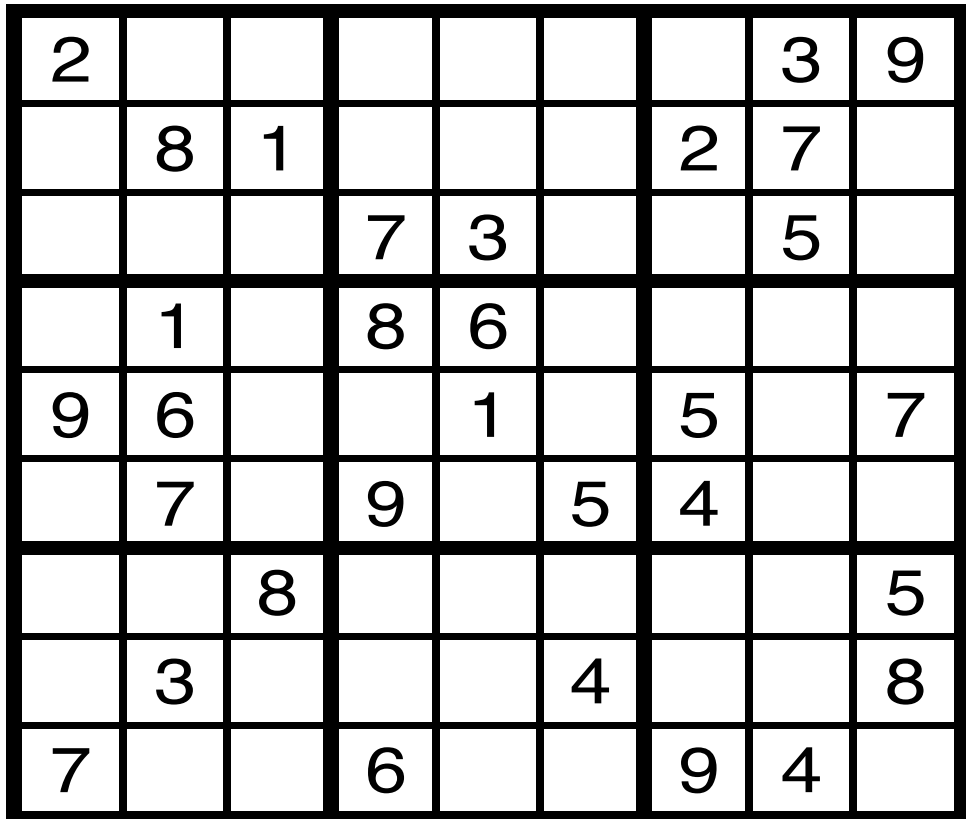


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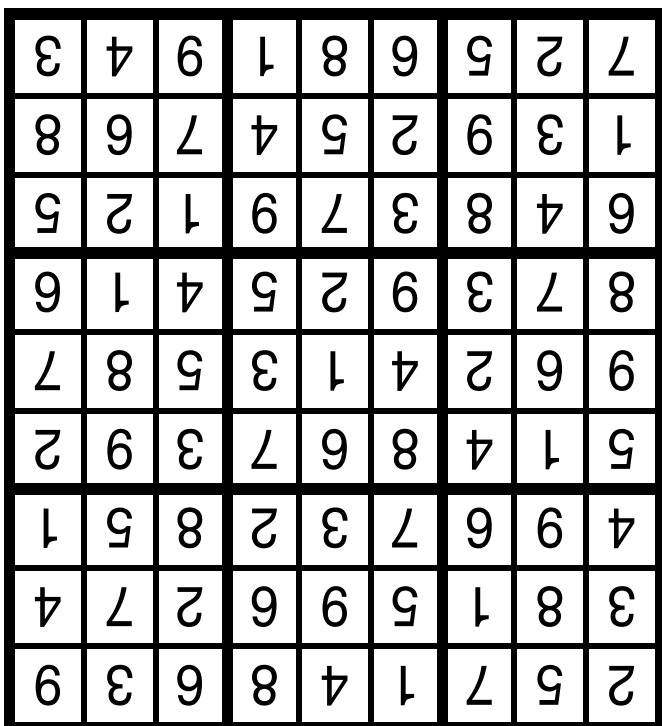
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

WORDS

- ACTOR
- AD-LIB
- AUDIENCE
- BEAT
- BIT
- BODY LANGUAGE
- BOMB
- CHUCKLE
- CLOSING
- CLUB
- COMEDY
- COMIC
- FLOPPING
- FUNNY
- GAG
- GIG
- HAPPINESS
- HEADLINER
- HUMOR
- IMPROVISATION
- JOKE
- KILL
- LAUGH
- MICROPHONE
- OPEN MIKE
- PUNCHLINE
- REGULARS
- RIFFING
- ROUTINE
- SEGUE
- SHOWCASE
- SHTICK
- SKETCH
- STAGE
- STORYTELLING
- TAKE

CRIME

Crime Reports

12-19 Patrick Bennett, 57, Wilmington. Open Container After Consuming Alcohol 1st- FTA, DWLR Not Impaired, Rev - FTA, Fict/Alt Title/Reg Card/Tag - FTA, Operate Vehicle No Insurance - FTA. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 01-09-20
 12-19 Sierra Danielle Spears, 30, Raleigh. Felony Possession Sch VI CS. Bond \$30000. Trial date 01-06-20
 12-19 Harry Love Nunnery, 39, Salemburg. Possess Drug Paraphernalia - FTA. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 01-16-20
 12-19 Sierra Chantel Williams, 24, Fayetteville. DWLR not Impaired, Parole Violation. Trial Date 02-04-20
 12-20 Rodney Lee Crumpler, 57, Mount Olive. Breaking or Entering- FTA. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 01-22-20
 12-20 Myisha Kennedy Wiggins, 23, Dunn. FTA - Expired Registration Card/Tag, FTA - DWLR Not Impaired REV. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 01-23-20
 12-21 Martha Keene, 38, Roseboro. Larceny. Bond \$500. Trial Date 01-23-20
 12-21 Jamie Ray Byrd, 27, Turkey. Fail to Apply for New Title, Give/Lend/Borrow Tag, Fict Tag, No Insurance, DWLR. Bond \$500. Trial Date 01-16-20
 12-21 William Edward Harlow, 49, Fayetteville. DWLR. Bond \$200. Trial Date 01-21-20
 12-21 Milton Gerald Brown, 62, Ivanhoe. Uttering Forged Instrument, Forgery of Instrument, Obtain Property False Pretense. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 01-23-20
 12-21 Tijaun Terrill Campbell, 22, Harrells. Alter/Remove Gun Serial Number, Carrying Concealed Gun. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 01-10-20
 12-21 Christopher Rodriguez, 19, Clinton. No Operators License, Carry Concealed Gun (2nd Offense). Bond \$5000. Trial Date 01-10-20
 12-21 Jamie Ray Byrd, 27, Turkey. Give/Lend/Borrow Tag, DWLR No Insurance, Fict Tag, Fail to Apply for New Title. Bond \$500. Trial Date 01-16-20
 12-21 Jamie Ray Byrd, 47, Turkey. DWLR, Fail to Reduce Speed, Hit and Run. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 01-13-20
 12-22 David Edward Bryant, 49, Roseboro. Child Support. Bond \$3000. Trial Date 01-14-20
 12-22 Tammy Sue Peterson, 48, Roseboro. Assault with a Deadly Weapon. Trial Date 01-21-20
 12-23 Luis Daniel Arria, 32, Columbia SC. DWLR Not Impaired Rev-FTA. Bond \$500. Trial Date 01-13-20
 12-23 Gabrielle Shanice Graham, 32, Garland. Child Abuse. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 01-06-20

12-23 Jasmine Annette Simpson, 28, Roseboro. DWLR Offense Expired Registration. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 01-08-20
 12-23 Michael Grant Farabee, 29, Beulaville. Worthless Check, Boat Access Area- Other Purpose. Bond \$250. Trial Date 01-06-20
 12-23 Aaron Michael Tadlock, 26, Newton Grove. Possession of Firearm by Felon, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Simple Possession of Schedule VI CS, Possession of Methamphetamine. Bond \$20000. Trial Date 01-10-20
 12-24 Christopher Owens, 20, Roseboro. Assault on a Female, Damage of Property, Larceny. Trial Date 01-23-20
 12-24 Jerry Terrell Williams, 30, Clinton. OFA-Fail to Comply with Monies. Bond \$2030. Trial Date 01-22-20
 12-24 Heather Chavis, 32, Clinton. DWLR, Speeding. Trial Date 02-18-20
 12-24 Chastida Odum Levita- Gonzalez, 47, Mount Olive. Expired/No Inspection, DWLR Not Impaired Rev, Expired Registration Card/Tag, Drive/Allow MV No Registration, Fict/Alt Title/Reg Card/Tag, Operate Veh No Ins, Fail To Wear Seat Belt-Driver Bond \$500. Trial Date 01-09-20
 12-24 Matthew Thomas Denton. FTA- Second Degree Trespass. Bond \$600. Trial Date 01-07-20
 12-24 Aaron Michael Tadlock, 26, Newton Grove. Simple Possession of Schedule VI CS, Possession of Firearm by Felon, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Methamphetamine. Bond \$20000. Trial Date 01-10-20
 12-25 Justin Emmanuel Elliott, 23, Linden. Following Too Closely, Drive Left of Center, Driving While Impaired. Bond \$3000. Trial Date 02-13-20
 12-25 Terry Lynette Melvin, 54, Garland. Communicating Threats, Resist Public Officer. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 02-11-20
 12-25 Benjamin Flores, 26, Turkey. Order for Arrest. Bond \$30000. Trial Date 01-24-20
 12-25 Jeffery Allen Hobbs, 43, Roseboro. Order for Arrest- FTA-Release Order. Bond \$4500. Trial Date 01-16-20
 12-25 Tamala Tasha English, 32, White Oak. Larceny, Contributing to the Del of Juvenile. Bond \$500. Trial Date 02-05-20
 12-25 Terry Lynette Melvin, 54, Garland. Resist Public Officer, Communicating Threats. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 02-11-20
 12-25 Benjamin Flores, 26, Turkey. Order for Arrest. Bond \$30000. Trial Date 01-24-20
 12-26 Paul Cameron Lambert, 28, Clinton. Order for Arrest. Bond \$100. Trial Date 02-20-20
 12-27 Bryan Sentario McClean, 30, Wallace. DWLR Not Impaired Rev, Speeding. Bond \$500. Trial Date 01-08-20
 12-27 Brandon Neil Faircloth, 32, Roseboro. Expired Registration Card/Tag - FTA, DWLR Impaired Rev -FTA. Bond \$500. Trial Date 01-15-20

12-28 Eric Brandon Bullard, 39, Roseboro. Criminal Summons/Fail to Return Rental Property
 12-29 Meiyun Sprow, 47, Roseboro. Speeding. Trial Date 02-04-20
 12-29 Jeremy Lee Hudson, 38, Newton Grove. Failure To Wear Seat Belt - FTA, Felony Probation Violation, Exceeding Safe Speed - FTA, DWLR Not Impaired Rev - FTA, Speeding - FTA, Expired Registration Card/Tag Expired/No Inspection -FTA, Drive Left Of Center - FTA. Bond \$31000. Trial Date 02-14-20
 12-27 Kiva Janea Godley, 23, Fayetteville. Tresspass, Breaking and Entering. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 01-21-20
 12-28 Thomas Edward Brigman, 33, Roseboro. Assault on a female, Resisting Public Officer. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 01-16-20
 12-28 Tara Nicole Wilson, 22, Clinton. Simple Possess Sch IV CS, Possess Marij Paraphernalia, Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 02-03-20
 12-29 Wanda Larue Long, 37, Newton Grove. DWLR. Trial Date 02-13-20
 12-29 Brandon Scott Jones, 37, Dunn. Felony Probation Violation. Bond \$30000. Trial Date 01-15-20
 12-27 Merissa Tyer, 43, Jacksonville. No Operators License -FTA, Possession of Marijuana Paraphernalia, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Simple Possession of Schedule VI CS, Felony Possession of Cocaine. Bond \$8000. Trial Date 01-10-20
 12-28 Kevin Corneilus Whitted, 39, Garland. FTA- Speeding FTA- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. Bond \$500. Trial Date 01-31-20
 12-28 Rolando Alexander Torres, 26, Fayetteville. DWLR. Trial Date 02-03-20
 12-28 Steven Nmn Owens, 33, Clinton. Felony Probation Violation, Misdemeanor Larceny. Bond \$35500. Trial Date 01-06-20
 12-29 Christopher Sean Melvin, 44, Garland. Drive Left Of Center, Hit/Run Fail To Stop Prop Damage. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 01-10-20
 12-29 Leonard Ray Anthony, 38, Sumter SC. Exceeding Safe Speed, Driving Left of Center, Noise Ordinance Violation. Bond \$250. Trial Date 01-17-20
 12-28 Megan Elizabeth Smith, 30, Kinston. FTA- DWLR Not Impaired Rev, FTA- Expired Registration, FTA- Shoplifting Concealment Of Goods, FTA- Misdemeanor Larceny, FTA- Unauthorized Use Of Motor Vehicle. Bond \$16000. Trial Date 01-07-20
 12-28 Justo Escobar Lopez, 29, Wallace. Assault On A Female, Communicating Threats. Trial Date 01-14-20
 12-27 Johnattan Alberto Salazar, 33, Clinton. DWLR Not Impaired Rev- FTA. Bond \$500. Trial Date 01-09-20
 12-29 Donnie Davis, 54, Autryville. Resisting Public Officer, AWDW Government Official, Communicating Threats. Bond \$25000. Trial Date 01-10-20
 12-30 Glenn Kelly Simmons, 28, Clinton. Animal

Cruelty. Bond \$7500. Trial Date 01-22-20
Incident Reports
 12-19 Carl James Dudley of Bread of Life Worship Center reported a Breaking & Entering, Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property, Larceny. Stolen television (\$400), DVD player (\$50), Yamaha Sound System (\$4500), GE Refrigerator (\$200), GE Stove (\$200), Freezer (\$400), Chairs (\$6000).
 12-19 Penny Arlene Cash of Autryville reported Motor Vehicle Theft of Red Chevy Cobalt valued at \$1500.
 12-20 Sheila Michelle Bryson Herring of Clinton reported Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property valued at \$100.
 12-20 Dallas Henry Pridden of Ivanhoe reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering, Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property. Damage to door frame \$200.
 12-20 Daisy Horne Cash of Autryville reported Breaking & Entering, Damage to Personal Property, Theft From Motor Vehicle. Car radio (\$50), Car window \$40), Ignition Switch (\$50).
 12-21 Carlie C's IGA of Roseboro reported Larceny.
 12-21 David Anthony Vasquez of Newton Grove reported Simple Assault, All Other Larceny. Stolen clothing valued at \$260.
 12-22 Dimonah Faison of Turkey reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering. Stolen heaters (\$80) and Hoverboard (\$150).
 12-23 Alexia Amerson of Godwin reported a Breaking & Entering. Stolen televisions (\$292).
 12-25 Natasha Tratt of Garland reported All Other Larceny. Playstation (\$1000).
 12-25 William Marshall Bagley of Salemburg reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering, Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property. Stolen grill (\$300), Weed Eater (\$30), damage to door and window (\$200).
 12-26 Olvin Enrique Argueta-Cedillos of Clinton reported Motor Vehicle Theft. Trailer (\$3000) and license plate (\$40).
 12-26 EAN Holdings of Garland reported Motor Vehicle Theft. Vehicle valued at \$30000.
 12-27 Teretha McNeil of Rose Hill reported Larceny of a Firearm. Stolen firearm (\$250), AC Unit (\$200), Powerwasher (\$400).
 12-28 Jessica McLamb of Clinton reported Misdemeanor Larceny of cell phone \$950.00.
 12-29 Esther Jimenez of Clinton reported Motor Vehicle Theft \$9500.

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

OBITUARIES

GARLAND

Mr. Nathaniel Bailey, 88, of 1045 Gibbs Road, Garland died Friday, December 20, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center in Clinton. Mr. Bailey was born March 30, 1931 in Bennettsville, SC. Mr. Bailey is preceded in death by his parents Sidney and Queens E. Floyd Bailey, one son Bob Bailey, one sister Helen Gregory, four brothers James Bailey, Clemont Bailey, Sydney Bailey and Johnny Bailey. Mr. Bailey was retired from Turlington Lumber Company, Clinton, NC. Funeral service was held at 1:00 P.M. Saturday, December 28, 2019 at Garland First Baptist Church. Burial followed at Gibbs Cemetery, Garland, NC. Mr. Bailey is survived by his wife Mittie Belle G. Bailey of Garland, five daughters Mildred "Peaches" Boone (Joseph) of Clarksville, TN, Natherline B. Blue (Reginald) of Harrells, NC, Barbara Bailey of Clinton, NC, Sandra K. Bailey of Raleigh, NC, Joette Bailey of Clarksville, TN, one son Kenneth N. Bailey of Garland, NC, two boys Rico Richardson, Telly Kojak, one brother Fred Bailey, Sr. (Louise), Hamlet, NC, four sisters Edith Bears, Laurel Hill, NC, Dorothy Green (Otis), Bennettsville, SC, Betty Sue Bailey, Laurel Hill, NC, Louise Brown, New York, NY, 15 grandchildren, a host of great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. A public viewing was held on Friday, December 27, 2019 from 1:00 P.M.-7:00P.M. with the family present from 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at Carter Funeral Home. Service by Carter Funeral Home of Garland.



and Mattie Clayton; a brother, Layton Bunce; and a son-in-law, Johnny Jackson. Toby was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and friend. He loved his family, his church and also loved doing many different kinds of projects. He was owner and operator of Bunce Builders where he remodeled many houses and built many churches in the area that include, Magnolia Baptist Church, which he was a member of, Cedar Falls Baptist Church, Autryville Baptist Church, the first Northwood Temple, remodeling of Concord Baptist Church and a playhouse for his great-granddaughter. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Ruth Bunce; daughters, Martha Faircloth & husband, Terry and Jill Jackson; grandchildren, Randall Faircloth & wife, Candace and Johnathan Jackson & wife, Sarah; great-granddaughter, Ellie Jackson; and sisters, Cornelia Stewart and Maxine Carpenter. In lieu of flowers, donation may be made in Toby's honor to Magnolia Baptist Church, 1021 Magnolia Baptist Church Road, Stedman, NC 28391 or to Concord Baptist Church, 7591 Concord Church Road, Autryville, NC 28318. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home of Stedman.

NEWTON GROVE



Cameron Neil Thornton, 18, of Newton Grove passed away on Tuesday, December 24, 2019. Cameron's funeral service was held on Sunday, December 29, 2019 @ 3:00 PM at the West & Dunn Funeral Home Chapel in Benson. The Rev. Greg Tart officiated the service along with Joey Johnson. The family will receive friends at the funeral home 1 hour prior to the funeral service beginning at 2:00 p.m. Cameron's survivors include his parents, Timothy Neil and Kelly Thornton of Newton Grove; a brother, Skylar Thornton of Clinton; his sister, Maggie Thornton of the home; paternal grandfather, James Thornton of Newton Grove; maternal grandmother, Shirley Holstein and husband Larry of Newton Grove; and his maternal grandfather, Thomas Dale of Goldsboro. Cameron was preceded in death by his paternal grandmother, Claudia "Sam" Thornton. Memorials may be made to West & Dunn Funeral Home @ 208 West Main Street, Benson NC 27504 to help defray funeral expense. Condolences may be made at www.westanddunn.com. Services have been entrusted to West & Dunn Funeral Home of Benson, North Carolina.

CLINTON



Mr. Bobby Jones Faircloth, 86, of 6373 Bonnettsville Road, passed away on Sunday, December 22, 2019 at Brookstone Living Center in Pollocksville. Funeral Services were held on Monday, December 30, 2019 at 2:00 PM at White Oak Baptist Church with Rev. Ray Wells and Rev. Jerry Wayne Carter officiating. Interment with military honors followed in the church cemetery. Mr. Bobby was born on September 12, 1933 in Sampson County, where he was raised in Bonnettsville, working hard on the farm throughout his childhood before joining the United States Army in 1954. He served in Company "B" of the 856th Engineer Aviation Battalion and served during the Korean Conflict. After serving for his country, he continued working at Fort Bragg Army Baser, retiring as a Civil Service employee. Bobby was son to the late Alton Wayland and Eva Kate Robinson Faircloth and widower to the love of his life, Barbara Ann Jones Faircloth. He was a long-time member of White Oak Baptist Church, where he attended faithfully, up until his health would not allow it. He was a kind-hearted, jovial man who didn't know a stranger and would help anyone in need. He had many friends and a loving family who will all miss him dearly. Survivors include a son, Stephen Cooper Faircloth; two sisters: Jane F. Robinson of Clinton; Julianne F. Wells and husband, Ray of Rock Ridge; one grandson, Jason Michael Faircloth and wife, Carrie of Dunn; granddaughter, Joanna Faircloth Carr and husband, Ben of Trent Woods; and two great-grandsons: Cooper Alton and Waylon Oliver Carr. In addition to his parents and wife, he was predeceased by a son, Tony Michael Faircloth; his brother, Harmon "Ben" Faircloth; and two sisters: Elizabeth Faircloth Ewing and Doris Faircloth Henley. Visitation for family and friends was held on Sunday evening, December 29, 2019 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Royal-Hall Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to White Oak Baptist Church, 310 White Oak Road, Clinton, NC 28328. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Faircloth Family.

SALEMBURG

STEDMAN

Mr. Ernest "Toby" Ayscue Bunce, Jr., 87 passed away Thursday, December 26, 2019 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. Funeral service was held at 3:00pm Sunday, December 29, 2019 at Magnolia Baptist Church, officiating will be Rev. Jerry Parsons and Rev. Travis Hoke. Burial followed at the church cemetery. The family received friends from 1:00pm to 2:45pm Sunday at the church prior to the service. He is preceded in death by his parents, Ernest Askew Bunce, Sr. and Mary Jones Bunce; sisters, Douglas Bunce, Myrtle Autry, Alreta Culbreth



TURKEY



Daniel Gordon Carroll (Danny), 61, of 1185 New Hope Church Road, passed away Sunday, December 29, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center with his family by his side. Funeral was held at 7 PM, Thursday, January 2, at New Life Baptist Church, 2605 Southeast Blvd, Clinton, NC, with the Rev. Dave Page officiating. The family received friends from 5 PM - 7 PM, at the church just before the service and at other times at the home. There will be no graveside service following the funeral and Danny will be reunited with his family at his home. Danny, born August 4, 1958 in Wayne County, was the son of Henry Gordon Carroll and the late Dolly Knowles Carroll.

OBITUARIES



Mrs. Retha Knowles Hayes, 94 of Salemburg passed away on Friday, Dec. 27, 2019 at her home. The funeral service was held at 2:00 PM Monday, Dec. 30 at Holland's Chapel Pentecostal Holiness Church with Rev. Billy Hall and Rev. Christi Christianson officiating. Burial followed in the Sunrise Memorial Gardens. Mrs. Hayes was a native of

Sampson County, the daughter of Wiley C. and Chellie Holland Knowles. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Lewis "Bill" Hayes; son, Billy Ray Hayes; sister, Frances Guinn; and brothers, Mixton, Earl, Wiley Dixon, Sam, David and C. T. Knowles. She was a homemaker. She is survived by her daughter, Helen Hayes of the home; sister, Zola Crumpler of Clinton and several nieces and nephews. The family received friends from 6-8 PM Sunday evening at Butler Funeral Home in Roseboro and at other times at the home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Holland's Chapel Pentecostal Holiness Church. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.

AUTRYVILLE

Ms. Genelda Faye Honeycutt, 84 of Autryville passed away on Sunday, Dec. 29, 2019 at the Highsmith Rainey Specialty Hospital. The funeral service was held at 11:00 AM Friday, Jan. 3, 2020 at Clement Baptist Church, 6020 Maxwell Rd., Autryville with the Rev. Paul Honeycutt officiating. Burial followed in the Piney Green Baptist Church Cemetery.



Ms. Honeycutt was a native of Sampson County, the daughter of Roscoe and Ola Kate Chestnut Honeycutt. She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Charles Kermit Honeycutt and Fredrick Thomas Honeycutt. She was a retired rural mail carrier for the U. S. Postal Service. She was also a homemaker and seamstress. She is survived by a daughter, Donna Jackson and husband, Jimmy of Autryville; a son, Charles Wayne Jackson of Autryville; brother, Kenneth Honeycutt and wife, Lynda of Roseboro; sister-in-law, Opal Honeycutt of Autryville; three grandchildren, Jamey Scott and wife, Loree of Hope Mills, Amelia Dawn Elmore and husband, Caleb of Salemburg and Tina Diane Good of Chesapeake, VA; six great grandchildren, Kali Jo Good, Tyler Good, Taylor Armstrong, Kam Scott, Haley Scott and Aubree Scott; and two nephews, Carlton Honeycutt and Jamie Honeycutt. The family received friends from 6-8 PM Thursday evening at Clement Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 8180 Greensboro Drive, Suite 400, McLean, VA 22102. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.

AUTRYVILLE

Mr. Johnnie Roscoe Autry, 73 of 626 Irvin Road, Autryville went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, December 31, 2019. The funeral service will be held at 3:00 PM Saturday, Jan. 4, 2020 at the Clement Baptist Church with Rev. Alan Roberts and Dr. James Dees,



Jr. officiating. The family will receive friends from 1:00 - 2:45 PM prior to the service. Mr. Autry was a native of Sampson County, the son of John Irvin and Christine Page Autry. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife of 43 years, Sharon H. Autry and his brother, Michael L. Autry, Sr. Johnnie was a carpenter for 57 years with John I. Autry & Sons Builders and later Autry Builders. He was a member and deacon of Clement Baptist Church of Autryville. He was also an avid fan of NASCAR, basketball, baseball, hockey and football. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He is survived by three daughters, Sharon A. Walker and husband, Eugene and Karen A. Edge and husband, Jerry all of Autryville and Kelly A. Lucas and husband, Wade of Godwin; six grandchildren, Ashley House and Joshua Walker both of Autryville, Johnnie Walker and JJ of the home, Katelyn Ruffin, Matthew Ruffin and Jenna Lucas all of Godwin; four brothers, John D. Autry and wife, Sue of Louisiana, Bobby R. Autry and wife, Julia of Virginia, Larry W. Autry and Robert L. Autry and wife Helen all of Autryville. In lieu of flower, memorials may be made to the Clement Baptist Church Maintenance Fund, 6020 Maxwell Road, Autryville, NC 28318. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro St., Roseboro, NC.

ROSE HILL

Mrs. Jenny Annie Lou Mott Johnson, 88 of 2179 Register Sutton Rd., passed away Thursday, December 26th, 2019 at Day Springs of Wallace. Funeral Services were held on Sunday, December 29th at 2:00PM at Royal-Hall Funeral Home Chapel with Mr. Dennis Hicks officiating. Burial followed in the Peterson-Matthews Cemetery in Harrell's. Born in 1931 in Sampson County, Annie was the daughter of the late William and Annie Odell Smith Mott and the widow of Tommy Pearson Johnson. She was a member of Clear Run Baptist Church and was a homemaker who cared and loved for her family. Annie is survived by her daughter, Judy T. Tyndall and husband, Larry of Clinton; two sons: James Elbert Johnson of Rose Hill and William Earl Johnson and wife Mary of Chinquapin; three sisters: Eva Mae Atkinson of Sneads Ferry, Carolyn Cox of Wilmington and Nellie Ray Carter of Tennessee; two brothers: J.W. Mott and wife, Linda of Harrell's and Robert Mott and wife, Marilyn of Mocksville. She is also survived by her seven grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren who she loved very much. In addition to her parents and husband, Annie was preceded in death by her two sons: Robert Lee Johnson and Thomas Johnson, Jr.; two daughters: Patricia J. Hicks and Lucille J. Tyndall; two sons-in-law: Danny Hicks and Billy Tyndall. The family received friends on Sunday prior to the service beginning at 1pm at Royal-Hall Funeral Home Chapel. Condolences may be sent by visiting www.royalhallfuneralhome.com.



and sisters, Repsey Spell, Maude Thornton, Elizabeth Millen and Eleanor Jordan. Survivors include; daughter, Janet Anderson and husband Tim; brothers; Jackie Lane and Tommie Lane; brother-in-law, John Ed Jordan; grandchildren, Amy Anderson, Zachary Anderson and wife Jannette and Brittany Bradley and husband Brian; great grandchildren, Tyner Anderson, Chasity Garcia, Alexia Sasser, and Alejandro Garcia; special friend, Margaret Kearns; and the great grand doggies, Laney Rose and Jasmine. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com. Arrangements are by Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville St., Clinton, NC 28328.



CLINTON

Percy Eugene Lane, 87, of 313 Jesse Lane, passed away Monday, December 30, 2019 at Rex Hospital. Graveside service was held at 11 AM, Wednesday, January 1, 2020 at Beulah Cemetery, Beulah Road, Clinton, NC, with Rev. Tony Moore officiating. Percy, born August 15,

1932 in Sampson County, was the son of the late Jesse Lane and Maggie Parker Lane. He was a farmer. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife, Pauline Myers Lane; daughter, Ida L. Williams; brothers, Clyde, Jesse and Martin Lane;

and sisters, Repsey Spell, Maude Thornton, Elizabeth Millen and Eleanor Jordan. Survivors include; daughter, Janet Anderson and husband Tim; brothers; Jackie Lane and Tommie Lane; brother-in-law, John Ed Jordan; grandchildren, Amy Anderson, Zachary Anderson and wife Jannette and Brittany Bradley and husband Brian; great grandchildren, Tyner Anderson, Chasity Garcia, Alexia Sasser, and Alejandro Garcia; special friend, Margaret Kearns; and the great grand doggies, Laney Rose and Jasmine. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com. Arrangements are by Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville St., Clinton, NC 28328.

ROSEBORO

Mr. Marvin Keith Sessoms, 62 of Roseboro passed away on Saturday, December 21, 2019 at the UNC Rex Healthcare. The funeral service was held at 3:00 PM Friday, Dec. 27 at Butler Funeral Home with Rev. Andy Wood officiating. The family received friends from 2:00 - 2:50 PM prior to the funeral service. Mr. Sessoms was a native of Sampson County, the son of Eulie Marvin and Alice Jane Lockamy Sessoms. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Faye Bullard and Brenda Sessoms. He was a painter and Deputy Chief of the Roseboro Fire Department. He is survived by his companion of 32 years, Marie Norris of the home; son, Brandon Sessoms and wife, Amy of Clinton; daughter, Shannon Sessoms of Clinton; step daughter, Tammy Oliver and husband, Leonard of Clinton; sister, Julie Starling and husband, Grady of Fayetteville; brother, Ronald Sessoms and wife, Sue of Roseboro; three grandchildren, Macailynn Sessoms, Joel Oliver and Brandi Sessoms; several nieces and nephews and several great nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Sampson County Firemen Assoc., Attention: Matthew Booth, 308 Plainview Hwy., Dunn, NC 28334. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.



and sisters, Repsey Spell, Maude Thornton, Elizabeth Millen and Eleanor Jordan. Survivors include; daughter, Janet Anderson and husband Tim; brothers; Jackie Lane and Tommie Lane; brother-in-law, John Ed Jordan; grandchildren, Amy Anderson, Zachary Anderson and wife Jannette and Brittany Bradley and husband Brian; great grandchildren, Tyner Anderson, Chasity Garcia, Alexia Sasser, and Alejandro Garcia; special friend, Margaret Kearns; and the great grand doggies, Laney Rose and Jasmine. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com. Arrangements are by Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville St., Clinton, NC 28328.

CLINTON

Mrs. Ruby Dudley Matthis, 95 of 2910 Union School Rd., passed away Sunday, December 22nd, 2019 at Southwood Nursing Center in Clinton. Funeral Services were held Monday, December 23rd at 3:00PM at Holly Grove Christian Church with Rev. Raeford Carter, Jr. officiating. Burial followed in the Church Cemetery. Born in 1924 in Sampson County, Ruby was the daughter of the late Alda Craven and Lucille Clifton Dudley and the widow of the late Monk Matthis. She was a member of Holly Grove Christian Church. She loved music, working in her garden and preparing meals for her family. She is survived by her brother, Wilbert Dudley of Clinton; her daughter-in-law, Mildred Matthis of Clinton; her four grandchildren: Larry Matthis, Jr. and wife, Brenda, Don Matthis and wife, Robin, Eddie Matthis and Amanda Worley and husband, Jeff; seven great-grandchildren: Kayla Matthis, Emily Warren, James Matthis III, Edwin Matthis, Jr., Amberly Howell, Madeline Murphy and Bryson Worley; nine great-great grandchildren: Reece Warren, Sumerlynn Matthis, Preston Warren, Elise Matthis, Avett Matthis, Myles Matthis, Caroline Howell, Luke Howell and Asher Murphy. In addition to her parents and husband, Ruby was preceded in death by her two sons: James Donald Matthis and Larry Thomas Matthis; her brother, James Lendell Dudley. The family received friends one hour prior to the service on Monday beginning at 2:00PM at the church and other times at her grandsons' home, Don Matthis, 2910 Union School Rd. Clinton, NC. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Holly Grove Christian Church, C/O Pam Booth, 640 Moseley Ave. Clinton, NC. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.royalhallfuneralhome.com. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Matthis family.



and sisters, Repsey Spell, Maude Thornton, Elizabeth Millen and Eleanor Jordan. Survivors include; daughter, Janet Anderson and husband Tim; brothers; Jackie Lane and Tommie Lane; brother-in-law, John Ed Jordan; grandchildren, Amy Anderson, Zachary Anderson and wife Jannette and Brittany Bradley and husband Brian; great grandchildren, Tyner Anderson, Chasity Garcia, Alexia Sasser, and Alejandro Garcia; special friend, Margaret Kearns; and the great grand doggies, Laney Rose and Jasmine. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com. Arrangements are by Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville St., Clinton, NC 28328.



CLINTON

Shurley Gill McCullen, 76, of Clinton, passed away Thursday, December 26, 2019. A memorial service was held at 2 PM, Monday, December 30, 2019 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 110 W Main St., Clinton, NC with the Rev. Daniel M. Cenci officiating. Inurnment followed the memorial service in the church columbarium. The family received

friends in the Parish House immediately after the inurnment. Shurley, born in Mecklenburg County in 1943, was the daughter of the late William Shurley Gill, Jr. and Sarah Louise Cavin Gill. Shurley graduated from Clinton High School and East Carolina University. She retired after teaching 35 years from the Clinton City School system. She was chairman of the Clinton City ABC board for a number of years and a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Survivors are her husband, Allie Ray McCullen, daughter, Shurley Ray McCullen Weddle and husband Davis Weddle and brother, William S. Gill, III and wife Annastacia. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 110 W Main St., Clinton, NC 28328. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com. Arrangements are by Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville St., Clinton, NC 28328.

CLINTON



Mrs. Evelyn Beatrice Owens McDaniel 77, of 1631 W. Main St. died at Rex Hospital in Raleigh December 30, 2019. Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2:00 PM at Royal-Hall Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Luther Sanchez officiating. Burial will follow in the Clinton Cemetery. Born in 1942 in Sampson County, Beatrice was the daughter of the late Clarence

Brown and Ethel Alonza Boyette Owens. She was a member of The Apostolic Church and was a retired nurses Aid with Sampson Regional Medical Center. She was survived by her husband, Edgar M. McDaniel, Jr. who passed away Wednesday January 1st, 2020 and is survived by her two sons: Bobby McDaniel and wife, Carol of Clinton, William McDaniel and wife, Maria also of Clinton; brother, Clarence Owens of Fayetteville, her three Grandchildren: Anna Flores, Dustin Anderton & Derrick Anderton. She was preceded in death by two brothers: James Clayton Owens and John Walter Owens. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the funeral beginning at 1:00 PM at the funeral home and other times at the home of her son, William McDaniel. Condolences may be sent by visiting www.royalhallfuneralhome.com. Royal-Hall Funeral Home is honored to serve the McDaniel family.

CLINTON

Mr. Edgar Morris McDaniel, Jr. 71, of 1631 W. Main St. died at his home January 1st, 2020. Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2:00 PM at Royal-Hall Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Luther Sanchez officiating. Burial will follow in the Clinton Cemetery. Born in 1948 in Sampson County, Edgar was the son of the late Edgar Morris Sr. and Landis Warren McDaniel and the widower of Evelyn Beatrice Owens McDaniel. He loved life, his family and his lifelong career as a plumber. He is survived by his two sons: Bobby McDaniel and wife, Carol of Clinton and William McDaniel and wife, Maria also of Clinton; his sister, Sue McDaniel of Lorange and brother, Billy McDaniel of Clinton; his grandchildren: Anna Flores, Dustin Anderton and Derrick Anderton. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the funeral beginning at 1:00 PM at the funeral home and other times at the home of his son, William McDaniel. Condolences may be sent by visiting www.royalhallfuneralhome.com. Royal-Hall Funeral Home is honored to serve the McDaniel family.



and sisters, Repsey Spell, Maude Thornton, Elizabeth Millen and Eleanor Jordan. Survivors include; daughter, Janet Anderson and husband Tim; brothers; Jackie Lane and Tommie Lane; brother-in-law, John Ed Jordan; grandchildren, Amy Anderson, Zachary Anderson and wife Jannette and Brittany Bradley and husband Brian; great grandchildren, Tyner Anderson, Chasity Garcia, Alexia Sasser, and Alejandro Garcia; special friend, Margaret Kearns; and the great grand doggies, Laney Rose and Jasmine. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com. Arrangements are by Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville St., Clinton, NC 28328.

GARLAND

Mr. James "Mule" Daniel McKoy, 55, of 125 Clinton Ave., Garland, NC died Wednesday, December 25, 2019. Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Carter Funeral Home of Garland.

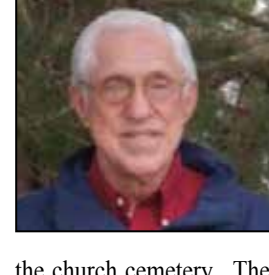


ROSEBORO



Mr. Joseph Fulton Melvin, II, 43 of Roseboro, passed away Friday, December 27, 2019 at his home. The funeral service was held at 2:00 PM Monday, Dec. 30 at Beaver Dam Baptist Church with Rev. Tim McQueen officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. The family received friends from

1:00 PM - 1:50 PM prior to the service. Mr. Melvin was a native of Cumberland County, the son of Joseph Fulton and Barbara Ray Melvin. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Gaiher and Evelyn Melvin, maternal grandparents, Reginald and Lucille Bullard and maternal grandfather, G. H. Ray. He is survived by a daughter, Savannah Melvin of Fayetteville; son, Isaiah Cooper of Roseboro; father and mother, Joe and Barbara Melvin of Roseboro; sister, April Maroschak and husband, Ernie of Salemburg; and cousin/caregiver Becky and Steve Harris. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.

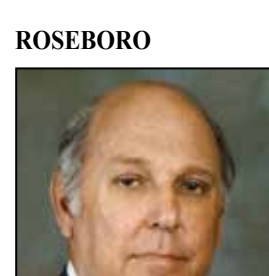


ROSEBORO

Grady Elmon Naylor, 89, of Roseboro, passed away Friday, December 27, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center. Funeral service was held at 3 PM, Sunday, December 29, 2019 at Hickory Grove Baptist Church with Rev. W. H. Calcutt and Rev. Matthew Creech officiating. Interment followed in

the church cemetery. The family received friends from 6 PM - 8 PM, Saturday, December 28th at Crumpler Honeycutt Funeral Home. Grady, born on January 21, 1930, in Sampson County, was the son of the late Berlie Elmon Naylor and Ila Corina Hinson Naylor. He was an aircraft inspector with Civil Service. He worked for 40 years at Air Force bases in Kinston, NC, Dover Delaware, Cherry Point, NC and retired from Simmons Air Force Base at Fort Bragg, NC. He was a member of Hickory Grove Baptist Church, a deacon and sang in the church choir. Grady was preceded in death by his son, William Keith Naylor. Survivors include; wife of 65 years, Berneice M. Naylor; children, Ricky Elmon Naylor (Cynthia) of Clinton and Connie N. Smith (Edward) of Roseboro; daughter-in-law, Barbara Lou Naylor of Clinton; grandchildren, Matthew Bryan Naylor, Amy Leah Naylor, Andrew Steven Naylor (Caroline), James Michael Naylor (Jennifer), Nicklaus Heath Smith (Katie), and Meghan Ivy Smith (Brentin); great grandchildren, Sadie Carol Naylor, Grayson Lane Naylor and Cullen Grady Naylor; sister, Melba Jean Batchelor (Bill); niece, Tracy Humston; nephew, Jeff Batchelor; and brother-in-law, Charles Matthews. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Hickory Grove Baptist Church, 11341 NUS Hwy 421, Clinton, NC 28328. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com. Arrangements are by Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville St., Clinton, NC 28328.

ROSEBORO



Dr. Robert Clyde Owen, Sr., 87 of Roseboro, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2019 at the Ayden Court. The funeral service was held at 2:00 PM Sunday, December 29 at Roseboro United Methodist Church with Rev. Bobby Herring officiating. Burial followed in the Roseboro Cemetery with Military Honors and Masonic rites. Dr. Owen was a native of

Sampson County, the son of Robert Calhoun and Maggie Gavin Owen. He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Lacey Bailey Harris Owen. He was a retired teacher, principal and Assistant Superintendent of the Sampson County Schools. He was a Commissioner of the Town of Roseboro for 12 years and was Mayor Pro Tem for 10 years. He was a member of the Roseboro United Methodist Church and also a past master of the Roseboro Masonic Lodge, #585. He was a United States Air Force veteran from 1953 - 1957. He was a Corporal in the North Carolina National Guard from 1957 - 1959. He is survived by two sons, Robert C. Owen, Jr. and wife, Deborah of Winterville and David B. Owen and wife, Jacqueline of Dusseldorf, Germany; three grandchildren, Bailey, Christian and Cody Owen; and a sister, Katie Earl Owen Morgan of Buies Creek. The family received friends from 5-7 PM Saturday at Butler Funeral Home in Roseboro and at other times at the home. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro.

SALEMBURG

Mrs. Alma Lee Owens, 81, of 586 Old Fayetteville Road, Salemburg, NC, passed away Friday, December 27, 2019 at Cape Fear Valley Hospital, Fayetteville, NC. The funeral service will be held at 2pm, Saturday, January 4, 2020 at Mingle Hill Disciples of Christ Church,



OBITUARIES

Salemburg, NC with Rev. Earl Johnson officiating. Burial in Howard Cemetery, Salemburg, NC. Mrs. Owens is survived by DAUGHTERS-Sherlethia Parker of Salemburg, NC and Kathy Morales of California; SONS-Charles Douglas Owens of Salemburg, NC; SISTERS-Joyce Ann Boykin of Salemburg, NC and Maggie Delois Burney of Clinton, NC; BROTHERS-Jimmy Williams of Salemburg, NC and Oscar Williams of Roseboro, NC; 13 Grandchildren and a host of great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Visitation at the Funeral Home Friday, January 3, 2020, Public: 1pm - 6pm, Family: 5pm - 6pm.

CLINTON



Mrs. Beverly Ann Sutton Puryear, 60, of 2580 Edmond Matthis Rd., passed away on Monday, December 23, 2019 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, with her loving husband by her side. Born on October 18, 1959 in Sampson County, Beverly was the daughter of the late Horace Ray and Mary Ann Bryant Sutton. She graduated from Mt. Olive College with a Business Degree; and obtained a Teaching Degree from Fayetteville State. She was a teacher for many years at Union Elementary and Hargrove Elementary and especially enjoyed teaching Pre-K and Kindergarten. She had a passion for children and was loved by all her students. Beverly's "world" was her daughter, Susan Leigh and she loved nothing more than supporting her in every way possible. Wherever Susan was, you could find her parents - cheering her on and being her #1 Fan. Beverly also loved to travel to antique shops, going all over the Carolinas to find new "treasures". She had a passion for Beach Music and loved to shag, and over the last several years enjoyed going on cruises. Beverly had many friends, co-workers and students who loved her dearly. She will be greatly missed. Beverly is survived by her husband, Tommy Puryear of the home; brother, Ray Sutton and wife, Angie of Georgia; and three nieces: McKenzie, Kylie and Leah Sutton; sisters-in-law: Wilma Osborne of Clinton (and her daughter, Nicole), Etta Maynard (Tom) of Garner and brother-in-law, Chris Puryear of Clinton. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Susan Leigh Puryear. Funeral Services were held on Saturday, December 28th at 2:00 pm at Royal-Hall Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Rodney Hall officiating. Burial followed at the Clinton Cemetery. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service at the funeral home; and other times at her home. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Puryear Family.

SALEMBURG



Mrs. Angela Faye Warren Van Rooyen, 64 of Salemburg passed away on Monday, December 23, 2019 at the Sampson Regional Medical Center. The funeral service was held at 2:00 PM Thursday, Dec. 26 at Salemburg Baptist Church with Rev. John Adams officiating. Burial followed in the Sunrise Memorial Gardens. The family received friends from 1:00 - 1:50 PM on Thursday prior to the funeral. Mrs. Van Rooyen was a native of Sampson County, the daughter of Joseph Aaron and Janice Larue Horne Warren. She was a retired school teacher. She is survived by her husband, Pete Van Rooyen of the home; daughter, Julie Van Rooyen of Richmond, VA; two sons, Jacob Aaron Van Rooyen and wife, Annie of Salemburg and Christopher Atkins and wife, Becca of Richmond, VA; brother, Joseph A. Warren, Jr. and wife, Linda of Salemburg; two grandchildren, Colby Van Rooyen and Jacob Wayne Van Rooyen; niece, Laural Faircloth and husband, Joel of Salemburg; nephew, Joseph Aaron Warren, III and wife, Hannah of Salemburg. Memorials may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, P. O. Box 4527, New York, NY 10163. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.

CLINTON

Ms. Marilyn Gail Simpson, 65, of 120 Southwood Drive, Clinton, NC, passed away Monday, December 30, 2019 at Mary Gran Nursing Center, Clinton, NC. The funeral service will be held at 1pm, Monday, January 6, 2020 at Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, Clinton, NC with Bishop Varnie N. Fullwood officiating. Cremation to follow. Ms. Simpson is survived by SONS-Juhan Simpson of Clinton, NC and Bryan "Buddy" Williams of Faison, NC; BROTHERS-Fred Simpson of Fayetteville, NC, Thomas Simpson of Atlanta, GA, Lester P. Simpson and Alton Simpson both of Roseboro, NC; six grandchildren. Visitation at the Church Monday, January 6, 2020 12pm - 1pm.



ROSEBORO

Mr. Harvey Nelson Smith, 58 of Roseboro, passed away on Monday, December 23, 2019 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. The funeral service was held at 2:00 PM Saturday, December 28, at Peters Creek Baptist Church with Dr. David Bays and Rev. Greg Smith officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. The family received friends from 1-1:50 PM prior to the funeral service. Mr. Smith was a native of Sampson County, the son of Thomas Gaston and Alene Peterson Smith. He was preceded in the death by his parents. He was an equipment operator with the City of Fayetteville and a farmer. He is survived by his wife, Sharon Lynne Smith of the home; sons, Blake Smith of the home, Ryan Smith of Roseboro; grandchildren, Kaylee Smith, Morgan Smith, Thomas Smith, Seth Smith, Kayse Taylor, Bradley Keene; sister, Joyce and Donald Williams of Stedman; brothers, Thomas and Rita Smith of Stedman, Robert and Sharon Smith of Stedman; numerous nieces and nephews; and his beloved dogs, Harlee, Lady. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Butler Funeral Home, PO Box 638, Roseboro, NC 28382 to help offset funeral expenses. Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro is serving the family.



SALEMBURG



Mr. William "Monk" Curtis Spell, 76, of 120 Southwood Dr., Clinton, formerly of Salemburg, died Saturday, December 21, 2019 at Mary Gran Nursing Center in Clinton, NC. Mr. Spell was born January 01, 1943 in Sampson County. Mr. Spell is preceded in death by his parents Noah and Evelyn Spell. A private ceremony was held for Mr. Spell on Saturday, December 28, 2019. Mr. Spell is survived by three sons Gary Spell, Joseph Spell both of Roseboro, Jamie Spell

of Colorado, CO., two sisters Lexie Jackson and husband Thomas of Roseboro, Ulanda Dale and husband Ronnie of Godwin, one brother Noah Spell of Clinton, four grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and a special friend Janice Tart of Salemburg.

SALEMBURG

Mr. Robert Louis Strickland, 82 of 2445 Bonnetsville Rd. passed away Monday, December 30th, 2019 at Rex Hospital in Raleigh. Funeral services were held Friday at 2:00PM at Salemburg Baptist Church with Rev. David Averette and Rev. John Adams officiating. Burial with Masonic Rites followed in Sunrise Memorial Gardens. Robert was born July 17th, 1937 in Sampson County, Robert was the son of the late Luke and Myrtle Lee Strickland. He was a member of Corinth Baptist Church, was a part of the National Guard and was a mason. Robert was retired with the North Carolina Department of Transportation where he spent 30 years as Shop Superintendent. He continued to farm and raise poultry in Sampson County until his passing. Robert was a dedicated and loving husband, father and grandfather who loved his family very much. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Dorothy P. Strickland of the home and his daughter, Anita Strickland Blosser and husband, Sean of Richmond, VA.; and his two grandchildren Alana Blosser and Devlin Blosser. In addition to his parents Robert was preceded in death by his three brothers: Frankie Strickland, Marion Strickland and Joseph Strickland; his three sisters: Betty I. Barefoot, Rebecca Wood and Ellen Pearsall. The family received friends one hour prior to the service beginning at 1:00PM in the Salemburg Baptist Church Family Life Center, and other times at his home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital by visiting www.stjude.org or by mail, 262 Danny Thomas Place Memphis, TN 38105. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.royalhallowerhome.com. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Strickland family.



AUTRYVILLE



Mrs. Sylvia Jean Faircloth Sessoms, 69 of Autryville, passed away on Friday, December 20, 2019 at her home. The funeral service was held at 2:00 pm on Monday, December 23, at Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, with Reverend George Terry officiating. Burial followed at Wiley Autry Cemetery, Autryville.

She was born on May 15, 1950 in Sampson County and was the daughter of George Vernon and Christelle Strickland Faircloth. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, James Payton Sessoms; and brother, G.V. Faircloth. She retired from Black and Decker. She is survived by her son, James "Jay" Sessoms, Jr. of Roseboro; grandson, James Payton Sessoms, III of Roseboro; granddaughter, Brittany Charlotte Brock of Roseboro; sister, Alda Faircloth of Autryville; and brothers, Tommy Faircloth of Autryville, and Mike Faircloth of Roseboro. The family received friends from 6:00-8:00pm on Sunday evening at Butler Funeral Home in Roseboro and other times at her home. Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro is serving the family.

SALEMBURG

Mr. James Malcolm "Jimmy" Tanner, 74 of Salemburg, passed away on Tuesday, December 24, 2019 at his home. A memorial service was held at 3:00 PM Sunday, December 29 at Butler Funeral Home in Roseboro with Stig Larson and Joel Faircloth officiating. The family received friends from 2:00 - 3:00 PM prior to the service. Mr. Tanner was a native of Sampson County, the son of the James Franklin Tanner and Lillian Crowson Tanner. He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, Tommy Tanner, Johnny Tanner, Ricky Tanner and Billy Tanner. Jimmy graduated from Roseboro-Salemburg High School in 1961. He went to Southwood College for two years and then transferred to Campbell University. He worked as a dog groomer and in drywall construction. He then went to work for the Sampson County EMS, where he retired. He was also a volunteer fire fighter. He is survived by four sisters, Shirley Childress of Clinton, Ann McLeod and Peggy Tanner both of Sanford and Elaine Larson of Salemburg; brother, Jerry Tanner and wife, Diane of Glenville, NC. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Roseboro Rescue, P. O. Box 891, Roseboro, NC 28382. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.



CLINTON

Hazel Carilee Adams Thornton, 91, of 114 Warsaw Road, passed away Friday, December 20, 2019 at her home. Funeral service was held at 2 PM, Sunday, December 22, at Grove Park Baptist Church with Rev. Mike Shook officiating. Interment followed in the Thornton Family Cemetery at Emmitt Thornton Road, Newton Grove, NC. The family received friends immediately after the service in the church and at other times at the home of her daughter, Pam, at 305 Deer Track Drive, Clinton. Hazel, born in 1928 in Johnston County, was the daughter of the late Monroe Adams and Lillie Raynor Adams. She along with her husband were owner and operators of Cecil's Shoe Store. She was a member of Grove Park Baptist Church. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Cecil Thornton. Survivors include; daughter, Pam T. Parsons and husband Gene; grandchildren, Walt Parsons and wife Summer of Sumter, SC and Jennifer Payne and husband Kevin of Apex; great-grandchildren, Breydan and Will Parsons of Clinton and Gracie and Lucy Payne of Apex; and sisters, Edna Matthis of Clinton and Christine Boone of Wilmington. Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or to the Shriner's Hospital for Children, 950 W Farris Road, Greenville, SC 29605. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com.



FAYETTEVILLE

Mrs. Loretta Dew Wheeler, 86 of Fayetteville passed away on Sunday, December 22, 2019 at her home. The funeral service was held at 11:00 AM Thursday, Dec. 26 at Butler Funeral Home in Stedman. Burial followed in the Fayetteville Memorial Park. The family received friends from 10 - 11 AM prior to the service. Mrs. Wheeler was a native of Sampson County, the daughter of Elbert Gilbert Roy Dew and Eva Ruth Strickland Dew. She was preceded



in the death by her parents, husband, Jack Vardell Wheeler, Sr. and four brothers and two sisters. She is survived by two daughters, Cheryl Bass (Kenneth) and Wanda Ross (Mickey) all of Fayetteville; two sons, Jack Wheeler (Janice) of Fayetteville and Sherwood Wheeler (Leslie) of Hesston, KS; four sisters, Delores Smith, Annette McCall, Betty Dew all of Fayetteville and Sue Marsh (Roy) of Texas; three brothers, James Dew of Greensboro, Thomas Dew (Beverly) and Jake Dew (Annette) all of Clayton; ten grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren and ten great great grandchildren. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 6535 Clinton Road, Stedman, NC.

CLINTON

Mr. Algernon Dean "A. D." Norton, 84 of Clinton and formerly of Salemburg passed away on Sunday, Dec. 29, 2019 at the Southwood Nursing Center. The funeral service was held at 3:00 PM Sunday at Butler Funeral Home in Roseboro with Rev. Andy Wood, officiating. Burial followed in the Sunrise Memorial Gardens. The family received friends from 2:30 - 3:00 PM prior to the service. Mr. Norton was a native of Sampson County, the son of the late James Walter and Rochelle Butler Norton. He is survived by two sisters, Frances Lane and Phyllis Baggett both of Virginia; and several nieces and nephews. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro St. Roseboro, NC.

CLINTON

Ms. Doris Ann Wells, 501 McKoy Street, Clinton, passed away Saturday, December 28, 2019 in Foxfire Village, NC. The funeral will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, January 4, 2019 at the Funeral Home. The burial in Sandhill Cemetery. Visitation at Worley Funeral Home Saturday, January 4, 2019 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

LILLINGTON

Sue Johnson Allen, 61, of Lillington, NC, passed away at Central Harnett Hospital on Friday, December 27, 2019. Sue loved spending time with family and friends and adored her grandbabies. She enjoyed playing video poker in her spare time. Sue is preceded in death by her parents, Emmie McCall Johnson and Jerry Johnson and a sister, Janet Johnson. She is survived by a daughter, Wendy Butler and husband, William of Lillington, NC; sons, John and wife, Maria of Long Island, NY and Jerry Lee Allen and wife, Carrie of Carolina Beach, NC; brothers, Allen Johnson and wife, Kim; Charles Johnson and wife, Sharon; and Jeff Johnson and wife, Janet, all of Harrells, NC; eleven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A visitation for family and friends was held on Tuesday, December 31, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Adcock Funeral Home in Spring Lake, NC. Online condolences may be made at adcockfuneralandcrematory.com.

WALLACE

Mr. Jeffrey Johnson, 59, of 2350 Wallace Hwy, Wallace, NC died Wednesday, January 01, 2020 at Wayne Memorial Medical Center, Goldsboro, NC. Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Carter Funeral Home of Garland.

CLINTON

Mr. Ben McFadden, 87, died Thursday, January 02, 2020 at Magnolia Assisted Living Facility, Clinton, NC. Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Carter Funeral Home of Garland.

SALEMBURG

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

CAROLINA BEACH, NC

Mrs. Elzola Ruth Padgett, 82 of Carolina Beach and formerly of the Ammon Community, Elizabethtown, passed away on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. The funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM Saturday, December 21, at Windsor United Methodist Church, 12863 NC Highway 242 N., Elizabethtown, with Reverend Neill Smith and Reverend Richard Smith officiating. Burial will follow at White Oak Baptist Church Cemetery. Mrs. Padgett was a native of Bladen County, the daughter of Owen B. Cain, Sr. and Annie B. Coble Cain. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Winford W. Padgett and seven brothers and sisters. She is survived by a daughter, Veona Hicks and husband, William Dean of Garland; son, Gary Padgett and wife, Christy of Carolina Beach; two grandchildren, Tabitha Ann Hicks and Nicholas Dean Hicks; three step grandchildren, Brittany, David and Alex; one step great grandchild, Brayden. The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 PM Friday evening at Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro. Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro is serving the family.

GOLDSBORO

Cecil Matthew Gregory, 90, passed away Sunday at Kitty Askins Hospice Center. He is the son of the late Fred and Lilly Langston Gregory, and was married to the late Marie Gregory. Mr. Gregory was a United States Army veteran, and a self-employed carpenter. A celebration of life service was held on Friday at 7:00 P.M. in the chapel of Shumate-Faulk Funeral Home. Mr. Gregory is survived by a son, Phillip Gregory and wife, Terry of Mt. Olive; sisters, Katie Benton of Raleigh and Mary Willis of Virginia; a nephew, Butch Gregory of Newton Grove; and special friends, Michael and Marcie Hof of Goldsboro. Mr. Gregory was preceded in death by a son, Glenn Lee Gregory. Shumate-Faulk Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the Gregory family and online condolences may be sent to www.shumate-faulk.com.



Romans 14:8

If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

CUP COUNTDOWN

No. 3: Charlotte Roval was full of surprises



Chase Elliott celebrates his unlikely Charlotte Roval victory. [AP/MIKE MCCARN]

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

It sure looked like Chase Elliott's day was done at Charlotte Motor Speedway when his No. 14 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet went head-on into the Turn 1 wall of the Roval road course.

Instead, Elliott drove the car to Victory Lane in one of the unlikeliest finishes of the 2019 NASCAR Cup Series.

But first, Elliott did a burnout near the spot his car hit the tire wall, exited his machine and tried to "surf" down a small embankment. Elliott jumped off and the car kept going.

The 2.32-mile, 17-turn Roval road course is the gift that keeps giving after a wild inaugural run in 2018.

The crash happened on Lap 65 of 109 when Elliott locked his brakes after a restart. When he got back to racing, he was listed as 37th in the running order and spent the 44 laps working his way back to the lead pack.

"Oh, my gosh, what a mistake, holy moly," said Elliott, who

picked up his third victory of the season, his first at the Charlotte Roval and the sixth of his career. "You talk about messing something up, right here — don't do that."

A mess of late yellow flags helped Elliott achieve that goal, and on Lap 104 he went to the front of the pack, passing Martin Truex Jr. and Kevin Harvick for the improbable triumph. "What a day," Elliott said.

"Such a fast Camaro ZL1, and honestly that was the only reason we were able to get back in it."

"I pretty well blew it and got the cautions at the right time and brought it home. But I don't think that I could have done anything more stupid."

The victory was important because it propelled Elliott into the second round of the NASCAR playoffs. The 16-driver field was reduced to 12 after the Roval race.

Elliott crossed the finish line 3.016 seconds ahead of teammate Alex Bowman, who made a heroic run from the rear of the field to finish second and wrestle the final playoff berth from Aric Almirola and Ryan Newman.

Bowman and Newman were locked in a tight battle for the final spot in the Round of 12 before Newman blew the backstretch

chicane with three laps left and dropped to 32nd at the finish.

That left Newman 14th in the standings and 15 points behind Bowman at the finish. Almirola finished 14th and left Charlotte five points behind Bowman and the first driver outside the top 12.

Kurt Busch (20th) and Erik Jones (40th after a Lap 23 crash) also were eliminated from the playoffs.

Bowman had an eventful day. His No. 88 Chevrolet was turned sideways in the six-car Lap 23 wreck that started when Kurt Busch slammed into the rear of Chris Buescher's Chevrolet as the cars slowed entering the corner. Then on Lap 42, Bowman turned Bubba Wallace at the exit of the backstretch chicane after a heated exchange that featured hand gestures from Wallace.

When the race was over, Wallace was still angry.

As Bowman sat exhausted with his back against the driver's side of his race car, Wallace threw water into Bowman's face and walked away.

"Obviously, that was just a mistake," said Bowman of the contact with Wallace. "And then I got flipped off every single straightaway on the entire racetrack for three laps."

QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers



Cole Pearn and Martin Truex Jr. had a great run, and now Pearn has gotten far away from the grind. [AP FILE]

What? Cole Pearn is actually following through?

Weird, huh? Most times, when a guy walks away from a high-profile job to "spend more time with the family," he's usually escaping a poisonous work relationship or angling for a better-paying gig elsewhere. When Pearn left Martin Truex Jr.'s team a few weeks ago, we thought the usual things, but as it turns out, the longtime crew chief followed through on his word.

He's going downhill?

In the best way possible. According to a recent article in the Toronto Sun, Pearn and his wife Carrie are new owner/operators of Golden Alpine Holidays, a ski-themed vacation company in British Columbia. Pearn, a native of Canada, is 37 with kids ages 7 and 5, so life on the back-country slopes of Western Canada seems like the perfect escape hatch from a pressure-filled career.

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WHAT'S ON TAP

Jan. 3-5: IMSA Rolex 24 three-day test at Daytona.

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

Jan. 25-26: Rolex 24 at Daytona

Feb. 8-16: Speedweeks at Daytona:

Feb. 8: ARCA 200

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

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

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

Feb. 15: Xfinity Series NASCAR Racing Experience 300

Feb. 16: Daytona 500

MOTOR MOUTHS PODCAST

The Pod's thermostat is inching up, but we're still weeks away from things heating up.

Tune in online at www.news-journalonline.com/daytonamotormouths



SPEED FREAKS — A few questions we had to ask ourselves

What are you most looking forward to in 2020 racing?

GODSPEAK: I can't wait for the Pocono doubleheader when NASCAR runs back-to-back Cup Series races on the same weekend.

KEN'S CALL: Easy one for me. The release of the 2021 Cup Series schedule should come in the spring, and it will usher in a new era, I'm thinking.

IMSA tests at Daytona this week. What's your excitement level?

GODSPEAK: There is some actual action. The fastest sports car gets first pick of garage area and pit stall

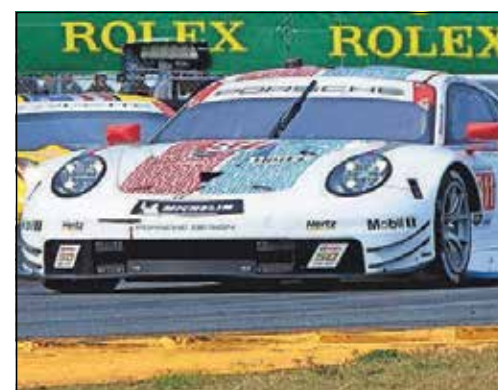
selection for the Rolex 24. There's also a three-hour Prototype Challenge race. Racing at Daytona!

KEN'S CALL: It doesn't get "real" until they come back in late January for the Rolex 24, but I gotta say I'm eager to see the new Corvette.

Is Kyle Larson still flipping in New Zealand?

GODSPEAK: That was one crazy ride. Hopefully, he will avoid that sort of thing at the Chili Bowl in a couple of weeks.

KEN'S CALL: Maybe he should look into a safer hobby. Something like hang gliding.



Sports cars hit the Daytona track this week for a three-day test ahead of the Rolex 24 in late January. [AP FILE]

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