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WEATHER

Fri	PM Rain 100%
Hi: 54°	Lo: 42°
Sat	Partly Cloudy 20%
Hi: 57°	Lo: 37°
Sun	Partly Cloudy 10%
Hi: 60°	Lo: 41°
Mon	Sunny 20%
Hi: 70°	Lo: 53°
Tues	Sunny 10%
Hi: 70°	Lo: 52°
Wed	PM Rain 40%
Hi: 73°	Lo: 60°

WEEKLY VERSE

...you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God — that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. Therefore, as it is written: "Let him who boasts boast in the Lord."
1 Corinthians 1:30-31

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Sampson County School Board Approves 2020-21 Calendar



On Monday night at the Sampson County School Board meeting, the board unanimously approved the new school calendar for the 2020-2021 school year, with a 7-0 vote.

According to Dr. Wendy Cabral, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel Services with Sampson County Schools, there are a few differences from this year's calendar. Cabral said, "Our students will still have the same number of instructional days/hours as usual, but this calendar starts and ends two weeks earlier. Our high school students who are taking college classes start new classes after Christmas break. In the past were starting new classes mid-January so for two weeks they were often in two classes at the same time. Other high school students (and middle school students) were taking End of Course Tests and NC Final Exams mid-January, which was tough after having a 2-week break. This year and last year, we ended first semester before Christmas break, but that gave us two

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Sampson County Assisting Farm Labor Workers



Submitted by Perry Solice, EH Supervisor

Sampson County is a major provider of agriculture goods in North Carolina and is known to be popular for farm labor populations looking for work during the fall and spring of each year. With a booming agriculture economy, a continuous stream of hard-working laborers are needed to work the land and guarantee productive crop yield each year.

These farm laborers bring lots of challenges to local health departments dedicated to providing safe living conditions for those who reside in their counties. Farmers who rely on these workers for their livelihood provide housing and amenities adequate enough to protect their workers from various environmental health-related

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Man Found with Stab Wounds in Salemburg Roadway Charged with Assault



According to Lt. Marcus Smith with the Sampson County Sheriff's Office, "Deputies responded to a stabbing victim in the middle of the highway on S. Salemburg Hwy, just outside the city limits of Salemburg. Upon arrival, deputies located a male, Rahsawn Terry in the roadway with stab wounds."

Lt. Smith went on explain, "Through investigation it was determined that Terry was actually the suspect in a stabbing that occurred earlier in the same location. It was revealed that Terry was a passenger in a vehicle with Johnathan Carr, when an altercation occurred between the two. During the altercation, Terry stabbed Carr multiple times inside the vehicle and at some point, Carr received stab wounds as well."

Terry exited the vehicle and the driver of the vehicle took Carr for medical help. Carr is being treated at Wake Med for lacerations received during the incident and is listed in critical, but stable condition. According to reports, Carr is not facing any charges in the incident.

According to the Sampson County Crime Report, Terry was arrested at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in Fayetteville. Terry, 28, of 80 Pridgen Lane in Clinton, was charged with Assault with a Deadly Weapon with Intent to Inflict Serious Injury. Rashawn Hermon Terry's bond was set at \$150,000. He has a trial date set for February 7, 2020.

Terry has a lengthy criminal record. Court records indicate that in 2010, he was convicted of Assault Inflicting Serious Injury and Discharging a Firearm into an Occupied Property. In 2010, he was also convicted of Driving While Impaired.

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Final Week

LOCAL NEWS

Transforming The Community Grant-By-Grant



*Hobbtown Middle School
Principal Jeff Bradshaw and Media Specialist Sallie Warren*



*Clement Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.
Chief Ark Matthews*

Christmas came early for several local organizations thanks to South River EMC's Operation Round Up program. The applications of 11 emergency and community services organizations and one school were selected for funding. All grants combined equaled \$57,349.

The organizations receiving funding are: Clement Volunteer Fire Department Inc., \$3,021; Johnston County Arts Council, \$2,500; Beaver Dam Volunteer Fire Department, \$55,772; Suttontown EMS,



*Mingo Masonic Lodge
Patrick Blanchard and Martin Jackson*

\$3,556; Bethany Rural Fire Department, \$6,500; and Mingo Masonic Lodge, \$1,000. Also receiving grants for \$5,000 each were: Dunn Police Athletic Activities League; Disabled American Veterans Chapter 74; Spring Lake Fire Department; Salem Methodist After School Hours (SMASH); and the Robin Paige Boys and Girls Club. Hobbtown Middle School was awarded \$10,000.

"South River EMC is proud to be part of the community," said Catherine O'Dell. "We are proud to power your homes, businesses and the community. Through Operation Round Up, we are paving the way for the next generation to thrive and prosper."

South River EMC members have invested over \$2.3 million in grants to local communities through the program since its inception.

Operation Round Up is a voluntary program that enables members to round up their electric bill to the next whole dollar. For example, if a bill is \$188.02, the bill rounds up to \$189 and the extra 98¢ is deposited into the CAC fund. You can make huge impacts in your community with small donations each month.

South River EMC accepts and reviews applications on a quarterly basis. The next due date is February 21, by 5 p.m. Applications and rules can be found online at sremc.com. Please note that handwritten applications are not accepted. Always be sure to download the latest application to ensure you have the most updated requirements.



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Pet OF THE Week

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

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

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

Saturday, February 29, 2020 Voting Hours
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2020-2021

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Innovative Year-Round

Student Orientation: 8/6/20

Period	# of Days	Progress Reports	End of Period	Report Cards
1st Report Period:	43			
2nd Report Period:	43	11/13/20	12/18/20	01/11/21
3rd Report Period:	44	02/04/21	03/11/21	03/18/21
4th Report Period:	48			

LEGEND

- Holiday - Schools Closed
- Workday - No school for students
- Annual Leave - No school for students
- Early Release
- Intercession (students, 10 & 11-month employees)

- FD First Student Day
- LD Last Student Day
- Q End of Reporting Period
- MW Mandatory Workday
- OW Optional Workday
- PW Protected Workday
- PD Professional Development Workday

In the event of inclement weather, makeup days may take place on workdays. Intercession days in October and February will be used as a last resort.

Summer intercession opportunities will be provided by invitation. Dates TBD.

<http://www.vertex42.com/ExcelTemplates/yearly-calendar.html>

Yearly Calendar Template © 2013 Vertex42.com. Free to Print.

July '20

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semesters with an unequal number of days – roughly 80 in the first semester and 100 in the second semester. Everyone wanted to keep exams before the Christmas break but wanted more instructional time in the first semester.”

The approved calendar is called the “Innovative Year-Round Calendar”. Cabral explained, “It’s an Innovative Year-Round Calendar because teachers will be working in every month of the year and educational opportunities exist for students every month of the year. We have short fall and spring intercessions and hope to offer intervention during those days for students who could benefit from it. (This will be dependent upon funding.) During the summer intercessions we have summer school, summer reading camp and migrant summer school. We are also applying for a grant to offer additional instructional opportunities during the summer intercessions.”

Cabral concluded that the new calendar was actually more beneficial for teachers, students and parents. “It’s in the best interest of students to finish the first semester before the Christmas break AND to have two semesters with roughly the same amount of instructional time. We can make both of those things happen by starting two weeks earlier. Having the intercessions in fall, spring and summer to allow time for additional instruction to students who need it is also important.”

According to the new approved calendar:

-School, for students, will start on August 10th and end on May 27th

-Holidays will be September 7th (Labor Day), November 11th (Veterans Day), November 26th-27th (Thanksgiving), December 24th-25th-28th (Christmas Break), January 1st (New Year’s Day), January 18th (MLK), April 5th (Easter Monday) and May 31st (Memorial Day)

-Annual Leave days (No School for Students)- December 21, 22, 23, 29, 30, 31 (Christmas Break) and April 6, 7, 8, 9 (Easter or Spring Break)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Horace Bass- Sampson County Board of Elections

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diseases.

The Sampson County Environmental Health Section has been an ongoing partner with these local farmers in providing adequate living and sanitary conditions for short-term workers coming into the county for many decades now. The North Carolina Department of Labor (NCDOL) is the authoritative agency spearheading the monitoring of housing at these labor camps all over the state. Local health departments, like Sampson County, work alongside NCDOL, Agriculture Safety and Health Bureau in verifying that the camp locations are appropriate for short term residency.

Each year, farmers who host farm laborers, request local inspectors from county health departments to evaluate each camp’s water and sewer safety. County inspectors on these annual visits test well water used for drinking as well as verification that onsite septic disposal systems are sized and working efficiently. Once the health inspectors have concluded their onsite evaluations and found everything in compliance, a preoccupancy report is completed and sent to the NCDOL.

Once NCDOL receives the preoccupancy report from the health department for a particular farmer, NCDOL will initiate its field agents to conduct onsite inspections of living quarters. Living quarter inspections done by NCDOL, Agriculture Safety and Health Bureau usually include inspections of electrical connections, pesticide safety information, hot water supply, laundry facilities, fire protection, and other living conditions.

These inspections are completed according to the OSHA Standards for Temporary Labor Camps (29 CFR 1910.142) and the Migrant Housing Act standards (N.C. Gen. Stat. 95-222 through 95-299.1) listed in the Migrant Housing Inspection Checklist (the Checklist). Once the farmer has completed the required annual inspections with no violations, the NCDOL will allow laborers to occupy camps for that growing season.

These processes help guarantee that camp facilities and amenities are in good standing and working order in providing safety requirements to help protect the workers and their health. Healthy workers help assure a productive and fruitful growing season. This productivity helps to insure the continual growth of Sampson County’s economy in the future.

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Paul commanded people to focus on the right times, not the miseries of life in Philippians 3. Life brings different experiences to each of us -some good, some bad! Yet, it's how we respond and WHO we look to that makes our lives bitter or better, fruitful or fruitless! David understood the ups and downs of self-control; yet, he looked to God for help especially with emotional battles. David wrote in Psalm 20 that "some trust in chariots and some in horses but we trust in the name of the Lord our God"!

David understood that none of us can be raised up and be despairing at the same time, that trusting in (worldly things) will make us fall into pits of misery. Yet, we can rise up and stand firm when we follow David's example of repenting, reaching out to help others and honor God, realizing living like Jesus is the best way, and reaping the fruit of the spirit when we trust and obey.

By God's grace and prayer... we can enjoy blessings He sends everywhere... even when needing help securing a tall load in one's pick-up truck. The picture on this page (which is provided by a Good Samaritan who loves the Lord and helping His people) shows help God sent when I finally quit fussing and trying to "fix it my-self"! I walked around my truck, prayed for help to secure my load to get me (and my flooring) home safely, and witnessed what God did for me. When my load was secured, the three of us joined hands to pray and I knew these young men loved the Lord by the way they acted and reacted when I asked them to help me and to pray together right out of the blue! Praise God who is no respecter of persons...He will help you too!

~ In His love, Becky

Self Control- Fruit of the Spirit

By Diane Lough

Are you ready to talk about self control? It may depend on how you are doing with your emotions in relationships and situations you are currently involved in. Emotions need to be controlled regardless of what emotion is being emitted from your brain. Anger and frustration may be on our list of top emotions we need to have control over. But the emotions that come with over indulging in anything in our lives also need to have self control. i.e. eating, drinking, shopping,

"My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry," James 1:19 NIV

When we are tempted, our self control can take a back seat to what we are being tempted with. Do you binge eat or drink? Do you self medicate? Are you in debt because you continually shop or gamble? Are you a hoarder?

"No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it." 1 Corinthians 10:13 NIV

Let us pray to God for the Holy Spirit within us to give us the fruit of self control when we need to guard our tongue, thoughts and actions.



We Should Know . . .



Richard Carr and Amber Cava with J.W. Simmons host of We Should Know

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

The week’s We Should Know is about the 2020 Census and the guests are Amber Cava, Sampson Regional Medical Center and Richard Carr with Sampson County Government.

JW Simmons begins the show stating that the US Census is critically important and first began in 1790.

“It did,” answers Amber Cava. “In 1790, that is when the census started under President Thomas Jefferson. He directed the first decennial census more than 200 years ago and ever since then it has been taken every 10 years.”

“In 1840, we then saw the need to establish what was then called the Census Office. That was the beginning of the Census Bureau and that’s when an agency of the government took responsibility for the census and they have been charged with it ever since. And in 1902 it became a permanent organization under the Department of Commerce and Labor and established what we know today as the US Census Bureau.”

Cava goes on to add, “Well, many people wonder what is the US Census Bureau, an agency of the federal government. We hear about it often when you’re doing some research you are referencing demographic data from the US Census Bureau. It’s the government’s largest statistical agency and essentially their job is curating the facts and figures about America, the people, our economy, the places of business in America. And this is done in many ways. I think most people think of it as the census they take every ten years but there are many other ways that the US Census Bureau brings information to us for business decision making, local governments and non-profits, but I think what we’re going to talk about today and really emphasis is the decennial census because that is the one every American, citizen and noncitizen has the responsibility to participate in.”

Next, Simmons asks how Cava and Richard Carr became involved in the census. Cava explains that she received a call from Carr and was asked to participate. Carr explains, “In May of 2018 we were approached by the Census Bureau to talk about the whole idea of a Complete Count Committee and the history of it is, as she stated, in the early 1900’s a few people at the federal level were handling the count for all the people in the nation. Well, they quickly found out that that was a hard task, so they passed the responsibility down to the state and the state passed it on to counties.”

“So, that’s where the idea came from to establish the Complete Count Committee. In Sampson County, as I stated earlier, we were approached in May to establish a group that was familiar with

the county and the people of the area to sort of get the message out. The primary purpose of the Complete County Committee is, as we say all the time, count everyone once and count them at the right place. And that’s our objective is to make sure everyone is counted.

“When we began to develop the Complete Count Committee, we sat down with the county manager, the assistant county manager and we began to discuss who would be good persons to put on this committee. Who has the gravitas? Who are the community leaders that citizens would listen to with the Complete Count message? So, we pulled together a team of 27 persons and began asking if they would like to serve.”

“This 27 team of persons consists of persons from all sorts of backgrounds. Ethnic backgrounds, professions, career demographics. And they have the gravitas and leadership ability to influence people in our community to come out and participate once they have the information.”

Carr adds, “The key thing about it is every single municipality in Sampson County is represented. We wanted to make sure that every municipality was represented so that they got the same message the next municipality had so that we were all of one accord in Sampson County.”

Carr goes on to explain that the board of county commissioners has been on board since day one both verbally and also financially.

Next, Simmons asks if the committee and its goals are the same in each county in the state. “That is the standard set on the national level,” says Carr. “And once we started putting the team together, we wanted to make sure we had people that were very proficient like Ms. Cava, she over the marketing. She’s a marketing guru if I can say it that way.”

Carr explains that they have several subcommittees based on different demographics and areas of the county. We want to make sure every single person is represented and counted once we start counting.”

Simmons says the count date of April 1st is fast approaching. He asks what concerns the committee has going forward. Cava explains, “Like Richard said, this process began in May of last year and we had our first training sessions in August so, we’ve been working on this a long time already in the background assessing who are those hard to reach populations to make sure they will be participating in the count. How to we reach them. How do we get to where they are and how to we get them to understand how important the census is to our community?”

According to the 2020 US Census website, data collected during the census affects communities more than most people realize.

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

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Sampson County VITAL STATS

Deaths

- Annie Doris Bland
- Belinda Elizabeth Davis
- Leslie Herring Jr
- Suebelle Jackson
- Craig Louis McAllister
- Mary Ann Robertson
- Gabriel Frances Javier Rodriguez
- Curtis Lee Sutton
- Lawrence Travis Tyndall

Marriage Certificates

- Travis Erasmun Garden to Lashanda Brinson Garner
- William Edwards Newman to Linda Gary Newman Herring

Births

- Jonathan David Pineda Moradel born on January 2, 2020 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Matias Pineda Flores and Ana Carolina Moradel Andrade
- Levi Giovanni Hernandez born on January 10, 2020 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Abraham Hernandez Jr and Zipporah Martinez
- Angie Elizabeth Rosales Avila born on January 11, 2020 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Rosana Elizabeth Rosales Avila
- Draffus Bernard Ware Jr born on January 13, 2020 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Draffus Bernard Ware and Helen Nicole Corbett
- Kasen Alexander Blackmon born on January 14, 2020 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Katie Louise Blackmon
- Ashley Zulema Jarquin Ortega born on January 14, 2020 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Delvin Moises Jarquin and Martha Consuelo Jarquin Ortega
- Kamari Mikal Robinson Born on January 14, 2020 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Jasmine Shante Robinson
- Jesly Salazar Diaz born on January 15, 2020 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Eduin Antonio Salazar Figueroa and Jeimy Gisselle Diaz Aguilar
- Kenzley Jennings Williams born on January 15, 2020 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Kahari Salik Williams and Jaida Jennings Faison
- Fisher Lee Hewlett born on January 16, 2020 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Grant Lee Hewlett and Brandy Danielle Carroll
- Deborah Sarahy Galvez born on January 18, 2020 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Reli Carolina Galvez Velasquez

Land Transfers

- John Kevin Gantt, Karen Darlene Gantt to Jeffrey Adrian Howell, Nancy Wise Howell- Tract 12 12.17 Acres Lisbon/Taylor's Bridge
- Marlene Smith Johnson to Goodwin Acres Inc- Lot 2
- Brenda Hobson Honeycutt, Max Verdery Honeycutt to Nax Austen Honeycutt- Lot 1 3.09 Acres
- Brenda Hobson Honeycutt, Max Verdery Honeycutt to Tonya H0oneycutt Goudarzi- Lot 1 1.60 Acres
- Brian L Smith, Wendy P Smith to Gary Wayne Straughn, Rebecca C Straughn- 24.96 Acres Piney Grove
- Virginia S Byrd to Gary Wayne Straughn, Rebecca C Straughn- Lot Turkey
- Stacie Colbourne King, Timothy Steven King to William David King- Lot Piney Grove
- Leslie Ann Barnhill Barber, Eric Lawrence Barnhill, Christopher Michael Gautier, Stephanie Ann Barnhill Gautier, Clarence Harvey Neighbors Jr, Wanda Lynn Barnhill Neighbors to Ralph Dale - 0.31 Acres Mingo
- Pam Futrell, Pam Futrell Lamm/FKA to Bailey Bertolani, Eron Coleman- North Clinton
- Janice S Beatty to Janice S Beatty, Kennis Beatty Jr, Sabrina R Beatty- 0.74 Acres Franklin
- Janice S Beatty to Kennis Beatty Jr, Sabrina R Beatty- 10.25 Acres Lot 3 w/exceptions Franklin
- Town of Roseboro to Davin Parker, Whitney Parker- Block H Lot 28 E&F

- Mossette N McLamb Estate, Norma H McLamb to Catina M Iverson, Reginald Morris Iverson- 0.54 Acres Honeycutt
- Billy L Kersey, Robin L Kersey to Magdalena Lopez Carranza, Isidro Valle Garcia, Yesenia Martinez Lopez- Lot 25A 0.74 Acres Piney grove
- John Daryl Hargrove to Watery Branch LLC- 6 Tracts w/exceptions Westbrook
- James R Holland III/MGR, Razor Investments LLC to Daniel Moreno- 8.44 Acres Honeycutt
- Calixto Linder Alvarez, Inez B Castro De Linder to Reyna Rosario Alvarez- Lot 2 1.20 Acres South Clinton
- Vanessa Reyes to Abraham Reyes Montes- 1 Acre Franklin
- Matthew Warren to Sydney L Smith- 1.06 Acres North Clinton
- Kathy Gwen King to Lewis Bennie Capps, Velva Jean Capps- Tract 1 2.38 Acres Turkey
- Donald Red Bullard, Linda Faye Bullard, Michelle Valisa Faircloth, Randy Clay Faircloth to Donald Red Bullard, Linda Faye Bullard- 1.0 Acre Little Coharie
- Willa Dean Griffin Barbour to Alvaro Paniagua Rubio- 2 Tracts w/exceptions Plainview
- Bessie J Underwood, Joseph Underwood Jr to Ronald E Brown, Larie Culbreth- 1.4 Acres Clinton
- David R Bradshaw to David R Bradshaw, Jeffrey L Bradshaw, Teresia B Bradshaw- 8 Tracts w/exceptions Herrings
- Thornton Homes Co to Lilian Nayrobi Morales Garcia, Juan Comejo Juanchi- North Clinton
- Frankie Davis Tart, Harvey Edward Tart to Geoffrey Edward Tart- 0.57 Acres Herring
- Donald S Myers to Stone Front Properties LLC- 2 Tracts Turkey
- Crystal Noel Edwards Merritt to Jeffrey Stuart Merritt- Tract 10 1.30 Acres Mingo
- Lula Mae Spell Jackson to Donna Mae Jackson- 0.57 Acres Lot 3 Per4cy B Spell land Dismal
- R&B Investments of Beulaville Inc to Evelyn Cabanzo- McDaniels
- Lillie Marks Chappell/EXR, Alison G Maynard, Christopher Daniel Maynard, Donald Ray Maynard, Junius Earl Maynard Estate to Maynard Brothers LLC- 25 Tracts w/exceptions
- Jo Anne Herring Askew, Ann W herring, Magdalena Parker Herring, William T Herring Sr, Mary Perter, Nelson Porter to DOT - Lot Sampson
- Charles Denning, Ruth Ann Jackson Denning, Charles Oliver Puryear III, Crystal R Puryear, Hermon Paul Puryear, Carolyn P Smith, Robert Stewart Jr, Tammy P Stewart to CLCH LLC- 33.75 Acres Plainview
- James E and Hazel J Strickland revocable Living Trust, Hazel J Strickland/TR, Hazel J Strickland, James E Strickland to Hazel J Strickland- 6 Parcels Mingo
- Louis E Held Jr, Mabel F Held to Mabel F Held/TR, Mabel Fetterman Held Revocable Trust- 3 Parcels South Clinton
- Charlie F Goodrich, Emily H Goodrich to Steven Brye Fairchild to Steven Brye Fairchild, Joseph Aaron Tart- 6 Acres Honeycutts
- Central Construction Group Inc to Susan Cartrette Burch, Victor Leeroy Birch Jr- 2 Tracts halls
- Cameron Dion Matthews, Peggy Matthews, Prentice Terrell Matthews, Tawanna Sinclair Matthews to Angelia S Williams Tibbs- 1 Acre Taylors Bridge
- Cecilia Mendes Demoraes Bradshaw to Cecilia Mendes Demoraer Bradshaw- 0.36 Acres North Clinton
- Donald Red Bullard, Linda Faye Bullard, Michele Valisa Faircloth, Randy Clay Faircloth to Michele Valisa Faircloth, Randy Clay Faircloth- 2.18 Acres Little Coharie
- Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation/By AIF, Rogers, Townsend & Thomas PC/AIF to David James Svenson, Shannon R Svenson- 4.35 Acres
- Margirie Wilson Foster to Dabrandon T Faison, Melva W Faison- Lot 3 0.62 Acres North Clinton
- Melquin Antonio Ocampo to Melquin Antonio Ocampo, Silky Doline Cardenas Zavala- Lot 13 Mrs. Jack Rachels Subdivision North Clinton
- Donna Marie Smith, Gurney Trent Smith, LB Smith, Linwood Keith Smith, Mandy Davie Smith to Renee S Kilgore- Tract 5 Plainview
- Renee S Kilgore, Scott L Kilgore to Devin Harold Lang- Tract 5 1.057 Acres Plainview
- James Rupert Holland III to Wendy Yadira Espana Chavez- 3.4 Acres w/exceptions Little Coharie
- Thornton Homes Inc to Cherish J Allen, Derick G Allen- 2 Tracts North Clinton & Lot 3 Rowan Forest Subdivision North Clinton
- Scarlett Letitia Burnham, Steven Lee Burnham, Melba Dianne Gibbs to Brandon E Powell, Kelly B Powell- Lot 2 4.4 Acres South River
- Donald Ray Strickland, Mary Ann Strickland to Jose Ramon Romero- 1.91 Acres Mingo

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NC House of Representatives District 21



Eugene Pearsall



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

A- Eugene is married to Cheryl Mabe, who is a Registered Nurse by profession, served in Desert Storm while in the National Guard. Mrs. Pearsall presently serves as Office Manager for Eugene's Trucking. They have three children Ericka, Radiology Tech., Jordan and Jenna, students at Hobpton High School. Eugene is a graduate of North Duplin High School. He was a Police Officer in New York. A business owner in Hempstead, N.Y. – Gene's Lobster and Fresh Seafood. He is the owner of Eugene's Trucking Inc. Faison. N.C.

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

A- Eugene understands by experience the commitment that politics requires having developed dedication to serve other in all his personal and business endeavors while operating the seafood business in N.Y. he supported the work of the National Federation of the Blind. He knows how to work with grassroots voter, having never lost the understanding that all politics starts at the local

level. He is an original thinker and hands-on leader. Also, running a successful business has provided him with the skills to work with and interact on a broad range with diverse populations and individuals.

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

A- I have provided volunteer service throughout Wayne and Sampson Co. – Wayne: Boys and Girls Clubs, Wayne County Public Schools, Church and Auxiliaries in Wayne and Christmas toy drives. Sampson: Sampson County Head start, Triangle South Workforce Development, Hobpton High School Booster Club, Churches, organizations and Groups. These experiences provided me with a broad understanding on the two counties needs, therefore I recognized the need for my experience to serve at a state level capacity to further ensure that broader needs are addressed. Forward thinkers with a grassroots understanding are needed in Raleigh to shape policies for the betterment of all citizens in Sampson and Wayne Counties.

Q- What are your goals, if elected?

A- To serve all the citizens of Sampson and Wayne Coun-

ties in N.C. House District 21. Stated Goals are: to work for affordable health care of residents of N.C. House District 21. I believe every resident has a right to comprehensive health care services. Education- All Children in N.C. House District 21 should have an equitable education from Public Kindergarten through Grade 12. Sampson and Wayne must ensure a safe learning environment, educational tools needed to teach and provide a quality education for all children. Employment- Sampson and Wayne counties must be provided the resources and support to ensure its citizens can have a livable wage.

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

A- I am about serving people- People Not Politics. My community service, work history, leadership and commitment ongoing is a trademark of who I am. I have shown that I can and do provide leadership without excuse. I stay the course in all my endeavors. My record of service dedication, cooperation, positive collaboration, a continuous business and work experience is what Sampson and Wayne citizens need as their elected leader.



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NC House of Representatives District 21

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

A- My name is Raymond E. Smith Jr., and I proudly emphasize "Jr." because I am extremely proud of both my Mother and my Father, who are both deceased. I once asked my Father why he named me after him instead of giving me my own name...his response was, "I did give you your own name..." "Jr" ... well, of course you know, I never asked that question again.

I am a native of Wayne County and a product of the public school system. I graduated from Goldsboro High School in 1979, where I was a three-sport athlete and member of the student government. From there, I matriculated to N.C. A&T State University as a student-athlete and member of the N.C. A&T Football Team. Soon after, I began my first foray into public service, as a member of the United States Army Military Police Corps. I served this country proudly as a combat veteran in the Gulf War, receiving an Army Commendation Medal for Meritorious service in a Combat situation. After a successful tour of duty in the United States Army, I returned to N.C. A&T State University and completed my bachelor's degree in Supply Chain Management. However, while public service was still a mainstay in my mind and plans; I began a career in Education as a middle school social studies teacher and a high school football coach. I count this time as one the most rewarding experiences of my life, because of the impact a teacher has on students.

This commitment to service and education is a part of my upbringing and legacy. My Father, Raymond E. Smith Sr., was a United States Marine. After an honorable discharge from the Marine Corps., he began a career with the Civil Service at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, which lasted 35 years until his retirement. He served the community on numerous local boards and served as the National President of the largest High School Alumni Association in the United States, the Dillard/Goldsboro Alumni & Friends, Inc., My mother, Thelma F. Smith, was a lifelong educator. She was a classroom teacher for 30 years and decided to continue her education and later became a guidance counselor for a total 38 years in education. Upon her retirement, she successfully campaigned to become a member of the Wayne County Board of Education and served the community as a School Board member for another 18 years of additional public service. They both lived their entire lives giving back to the community, and they both passed away while still serving.

Upon earning a master's degree in Public Administration from N.C. Central University, I embarked upon a career in the transportation industry. As a statewide planner for the NC Department of Transportation, I was afforded the privilege of working with all 100 counties within the State of North Carolina. My career in public transportation administration culminated with becoming the first Executive Director of the Goldsboro / Wayne Transportation Authority, which continues to be a thriving and successful public transit system serving all of Wayne County. I also worked in various capacities to include: Middle School Social Studies Teacher, Correctional Officer, Probation Parole Officer, Community College Instructor, and College Recruiter. As a life-long learner, I am on schedule to receive my Doctoral Degree from Fayetteville State University in Education Leadership in May 2020.

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

A- First and foremost, I am the current Representative of District 21 in the N.C. General Assembly which serves both Sampson and Wayne Counties. I am seeking reelection to my second term. My work in the legislature is ongoing and very real.

Becoming the first African American to win the At-Large seat on the Wayne County Board of Education was very important in preparation for my current role in the General Assembly.

It is very difficult to translate community-based work into a State-Wide elected office without first having served in a local elected office. Earning the respect of my fellow board members, I was elected to serve as Vice Chairman of the Board of Education. As Vice Chairman, I was able to work with my colleagues to pass very significant policies to include class room size policies, and school redistricting, which had not been addressed in over 30 years. I am very proud of my service as a school board member, and that experience has served me well as a legislator.

Raymond E. Smith Jr.



In 2018, upon the announcement of the retirement of our beloved Representative Larry Bell, I submitted my name for consideration for the District 21 seat that Dr. Bell held for 18 years, coincidentally, my Mother and I, were very instrumental in supporting Dr. Bell throughout his tenure in the General Assembly.

After successfully winning a primary and a general election, and becoming the Representative for District 21, I became a part of one of the largest freshman classes in the history of the NC General Assembly. My classmates and I make up approximately one third of the entire Democratic Caucus.

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

A- Ultimately, my commitment to public service led me to run for public office. My experience with public service began with watching and working alongside both of my parents as they went about their various leadership roles in the community. My very first election was to run for and win a leadership role in the student government while in High School. This election was significant in that I was chosen for leadership by my peers. During my youth, I served on numerous community service capacities to include the Mayors youth council, and the WA Foster teen council.

As an athlete competing in numerous team sports throughout my life to include High School and College, I learned the value of teamwork, no one can be successful without working well with others. Being a part of a team requires that you learn to lead as well as to follow.

My time in the United States Army was and still remains my greatest honor. The opportunity to serve my country is the ultimate commitment, and will always serve as a reminder that there is always something much greater than ourselves. Selfless service, and the willingness to make the ultimate sacrifice by placing my life on the line for others; even for those who may disagree with me, is an honor that I will forever cherish. My military experience has taken me around the world to countries that I would have otherwise never seen. This experience has allowed me to experience other cultures, even third world cultures, which has broadened my vision and understanding of not only this country, but of the world as a whole. Having a world view is critical in making sound decisions.

Q- What are your goals, if elected?

A- My goals, if reelected, will be to first to assume a leadership role as a committee chair or co-chair. The way that legislation is handled in the General Assembly requires that proposed bills pass through the various committees and receive enough support to be considered for a full vote on the floor.

The significance of this role is key when it comes to the distribution and disbursement of funds associated with the state budget. Committee Chairs weigh in heavily on how state tax dollars are allocated through the budgetary process. The majority party has significant influence over this process.

Currently, Republicans control both the State House and the State Senate, but thanks to the 2018 elections they no longer have supermajorities to override Governor Cooper's veto. That means that now a State budget needs a consensus from both parties to pass, unlike in the past several years when the Republicans could dictate everything.

My legislative goals include:

- Help North Carolina to become the 38th state to expand Medicaid. The costs of expansion would be paid with federal funds and by a fee charged to hospitals. The benefits are huge: closing the health care coverage gap for over 500,000 people, creating 43,000 health care jobs, and lowering everyone's health care costs because we all pay when uninsured people go the ER for health

care.

- Lowering health care costs for all of us by reducing unreimbursed Emergency Room care from the uninsured that we all end up paying for.
- \$2.9 billion in new economic activity by 2022.
- Increase teacher pay, a teacher pay raise of 9.1 percent over two years. It really hurts to know teachers and public school employees are going without. The fact is the State Budget bill did very little for these public workers. We can do much more for them if we stop giving corporations tax cuts year after year. Remember, the State has \$2.25 billion unspent for this year. We have the money. We just need to have the political will. A compromise budget would give larger raises that could even be retroactive to the start of the fiscal year.
- A \$3.9 Billion bond to capitalize on low interest rates to invest in upgrading and modernizing public school facilities and provide clean water infrastructure.
- Eliminate private school vouchers, and virtual charter schools.
- Assist in allocating the \$2.25 billion that remains available for appropriation at the end of Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and \$3.59 billion available at the end of the Fiscal Year 2020-2021.
- Lastly, I will continue to be a vigorous advocate for rural North Carolina

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

A- I have vigorously fought for and won numerous legislative battles while in the General Assembly, and have generated a tremendous amount of respect from both sides of the isle. I have successfully fought for equitable funding for all UNC system schools, fought for funding for Agriculture research and extension, and I continue fighting for our valued state employees and teachers, which has benefitted the entire State of North Carolina. If we are successful in winning the majority in 2020, as a veteran legislator, I will be in line for a major leadership role, to include committee chairmanship. In a leadership role, I will be in a much better position to direct much needed funds and resources to Sampson and Wayne counties, a first time legislator would not be considered for any significant leadership opportunities, and would be very limited in their ability to accomplish this significant goal.

There is much work to be done in the General Assembly, we have a tremendous amount of momentum and now is not the time to start over. As a veteran legislator, and with the respect and support of my colleagues, we are poised to make significant progress in all areas of state government.

The best-case scenario is that public pressure forces Republican legislative leaders to compromise and to stop spending all of their time and taxpayer dollars trying over and over again to override Governor Cooper's veto. No one would get everything they want, but teachers and school employees would get larger raises and we could make progress on health care, school construction, and clean water infrastructure. Governor Cooper can quickly call us back into session to approve a budget agreement.

The next scenario is to pass a State Budget in the next regular session of the General Assembly which begins on April 28, 2020. Unfortunately, the leading Republican in the State Senate announced angrily this week that he does not think this will happen. Hopefully, cooler heads will prevail.

Ultimately, it may be up to the voters to make their voices heard in the 2020 elections. They can elect a General Assembly more willing to reach agreement on a State Budget. The days of supermajorities for one party are likely over. We need a State Budget that reflects the priorities of public education, health care, public safety, and clean air/water that most North Carolinians share.



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FAMILY FEATURES

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With their sweet-tangy taste, juicy goodness and sunny colors, grapefruit, oranges and tangerines from Florida can be enjoyed in all kinds of dishes. Whether you use grapefruit juice in a milkshake, orange zest in baked goods, or tangerine slices in a stir-fry, there are plenty of ways to serve up some sunshine.

“Try cooking muffins in grapefruit rinds that have been halved and hollowed out,” suggested Justin Timineri, Executive Chef and Culinary Ambassador, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. “Or lightly grate the outer peel of citrus and use it when you’re cooking — the natural oils in the peel really enhance a dish.”

These recipes show you just some of the ways you can use delicious and healthy Florida citrus in your kitchen. For more recipes and ideas, visit <http://bit.ly/floridacitrus>.



Chef Justin Timineri

Single Serve Fruity Pizza

Yield: 1 serving

Kids Can: This is fun for kids of all ages to make. Older kids can help slice, with supervision.

- 2 tablespoons light cream cheese
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 9-inch whole-wheat pita bread
- 1 Florida orange, peeled and sectioned
- 1/4 cup Florida strawberries, sliced
- 1/4 cup Florida cantaloupe, sliced
- 1/4 cup Florida blueberries

Combine cream cheese and vanilla extract in a mixing bowl until well blended. Spread over pitas. Decorate with fruit by creating fun faces and patterns.

Citrus Dream Milkshake

Yield: 4 servings

Kids Can: Younger kids can pour and push the blender button. Older kids can make this by themselves.

- 1/2 cup Florida orange juice
- 1/2 cup Florida grapefruit juice
- 1/2 cup low-fat milk
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 2 drops vanilla extract
- 4 cups ice

Pour orange juice, grapefruit juice, milk, sugar and vanilla into a blender with ice. Blend until smooth. Pour into a glass, add a straw and serve. Garnish with sliced fruit.



Citrus and Honey Butter Pancakes

Yield: 4 to 6 servings

Kids Can: Younger kids can measure, pour and mix. Older kids can cook the pancakes, with supervision.

- 3/4 cup Florida orange juice
- 1/2 cup honey, divided
- 1 lemon, zested
- 1 egg
- 3/4 cup whole-wheat flour
- 1/4 cup yellow cornmeal, finely ground
- 2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- Pinch of sea salt
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened
- Vegetable oil for cooking

Preheat a large sauté pan or griddle over medium-low heat.

In medium-sized mixing bowl, combine orange juice, 1/4 cup honey, lemon zest and egg. Use a whisk to make sure ingredients are mixed well.

In separate mixing bowl, combine dry ingredients (flour, cornmeal, baking powder and salt). Add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients using whisk to make sure mixture is combined.

In small bowl, combine softened butter and remaining honey, and set aside.

Add small amount of vegetable oil to preheated pan or griddle. Using a 1/4 cup measure



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for each pancake, carefully pour batter into pan or griddle.

Cook pancakes until they start to bubble on the uncooked side, about 2 to 3 minutes. When the bubbles start to appear, flip each pancake in the pan, and let cook for another 1 to 2 minutes. Repeat cooking procedure until all the pancake batter is cooked. Serve pancakes warm with the honey butter.

Keep pancakes warm on a cookie sheet in a 200°F oven until you are ready to serve.

Sweet Tangerine Beef and Vegetable Stir Fry

Yield: 4 servings

Kids Can: Gather and measure ingredients; mix the sauce. Older kids can help slice, with supervision.

- 1 1/2 pounds beef, sliced thin
- 1 bunch scallions, sliced
- 3 tablespoons fresh ginger root, peeled and chopped fine
- 1 sweet red bell pepper, sliced thin
- 1 Florida tangerine, zested and juiced, separated
- 2 1/2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 1 tablespoon light low sodium soy sauce
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 Florida tangerines, peeled and sectioned
- Cooked brown rice

In medium sized mixing bowl, combine beef, scallions, ginger, bell peppers, tangerine zest and cornstarch. Mix ingredients well to coat.

Preheat a large sauté pan over medium high heat.

In small mixing bowl combine tangerine juice, soy sauce and sugar. Stir ingredients until sugar is dissolved. Add vegetable oil to preheated sauté pan. Carefully add beef mixture to pan. Cook while stirring constantly until the beef is browned and slightly crispy.

Add soy sauce mixture and cook until sauce is thickened.

Toss in fresh tangerine segments and serve over brown rice.



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Jackson Hall Making His Final Year at Harrells a Memorable One



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Jackson Hall is a four-sport (baseball, football, soccer and basketball) standout at Harrells Christian Academy.

The 18-year-old senior guard/forward is currently getting a lot of attention for his work on the basketball court. Hall is currently averaging 10.6 points per game and 6.8 rebounds per game.

This week Hall has been named the Sampson Weekly/Performance Auto Star Athlete of the Week, an honor he said he was 'surprised' that his coach would even nominate him.

"It is awesome," he said of the honor.

Born in Wallace, Hall said he started playing basketball when he was about 4 or 5-years-old at the recreation center.

"My dad led me into all the sports," he admits. "He played when he was younger, so I was destined to go into sports."

While Hall played every sport he could, he said that basketball and baseball were his favorite.

"I would get the fundamentals down and listen to my coaches and my dad," Hall explains. "And I like watching Kevin Durant, he is good at driving and he has the same type of body as I do - tall and skinny."

When did Hall think that he was getting good at the game? "I think it was around middle school to my junior year," he said. "That's when I started getting confirmation, my last year of playing JV we went 17-1 and were conference champs. I was named All-Team in the conference."

The Christian Crusaders are currently 7-15 overall and 1-4 in the conference.

"We are taking it game-by-game," Hall says. "We've lost a few players, but I do have a good feeling we will do well."

One thing Hall is enjoying is his final year at the school where he has spent his entire educational career.

"I wouldn't think it would be that hard," he says. "But I will miss it."

When asked what his plans are for college, Hall says that he is planning on attending N.C. State or East Carolina University. "I am currently undecided on what I want to study, but I think that I will go into the health or medical field," he said.

Sadly, Hall doesn't plan on playing sports post high school. "I might play club sports," he says. "But I won't play for the team."

A straight 'A' student, who is in the BETA Club and the Environmental Science Club, Hall says his favorite subject is calculus and physics. "I have always liked science and math," he said. "I might want to get into physical therapy or become a pharmacist."

For right now though, Hall plans on finishing his final year of high school a memorable one. "It feels like a family here," Hall said. "I will miss being with all my friends."

In his free time, Hall says he likes to hunt, play golf, surf, hang out with friends, play video games and go to the beach.

When asked if there is someone he would like to thank for his success, Hall says, "My parents - Dwight and Elizabeth Hall- and my older brother Ethan Hall, they don't miss my games and have been there for me since the beginning."

Hall said he also wanted to thank all of his coaches, his teachers at HCA, friends and all of his teammates.

"I just appreciate all of their support," he said.

You can catch Jackson in action today at home when they play Coastal Christian. Game time is at 7 p.m.

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

STORY OF THE WEEK

End of the streak: Florida State's high-flying offense has only been held under 60 points twice this year — on Jan. 15 when the Seminoles snuck out a 54-50 victory over Virginia, and again on Tuesday when the Cavaliers ended FSU's 10-game winning streak with a 61-56 victory. Mamadi Diakite had 19 points and nine rebounds and Kihei Clark added 15 points as Virginia finally captured a signature win.

STOCK RISING



Syracuse: So, Tuesday's narrow loss at Clemson didn't help, but give Jim Boeheim's team plenty of credit — they were left for dead until a five-game winning streak revived the season. Marek Dolezaj's improved play has sparked the run by the Orange, but there's lots of work to be done to get safely into the NCAA tournament.

STOCK FALLING



N.C. State: After a win on the road at Virginia, it felt like Kevin Keatts' team was on to something here. But a pair of losses to teams with losing records — Georgia Tech and North Carolina — bring things back to reality. Sure, D.J. Funderburk is a force, but his teammates looked lackadaisical in the second half at home against UNC outside out of one stretch.

WEEKEND SPOTLIGHT



Syracuse's Quincy Guerrier dunks during the Jan. 22 game against Notre Dame. [THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

No. 9 Duke at Syracuse

Saturday, 8 p.m., ESPN

Syracuse had won five straight before blowing a 10-point lead at Clemson on Tuesday. Duke lost recent games to Clemson and Louisville. Two amazing coaches (and friends). This is what Saturday night basketball is all about. Syracuse's Buddy Boeheim and Elijah Hughes can shoot it from anywhere, but Duke's Cassius Stanley is heating up as the season progresses. Should be a shootout.

Weekend slate All times Eastern

Time	Game	TV
SATURDAY		
Noon	Georgia Tech at Notre Dame	RSN
2 p.m.	No. 6 Louisville at N.C. State	ESPN
4 p.m.	No. 5 Florida State at Virginia Tech	RSN
6 p.m.	Boston College at North Carolina	ACCN
8 p.m.	Clemson at Wake Forest	ACCN
SUNDAY		
Noon	Miami at Pittsburgh	ACCN

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

• **G, Jose Alvarado, Georgia Tech:** It's been a different group of Yellow Jackets since Alvarado returned. In a win over N.C. State, the junior point guard dropped in a season-high 26 points and added eight rebounds, but also finished with nine steals. Since his return from an ankle injury, Georgia Tech is shooting nearly 50 percent from the field.

• **G/F, Justin Champagnie, Pitt:** The freshman played an integral part in Pitt's win over Boston College, recorded his fourth double-double of the season with 17 points and 10 rebounds.

RANKING THE LEAGUE As of Jan. 27



1. Florida State (17-2): The Seminoles had built a 10-game winning streak, though the past two in that stretch involved close calls -- overtime and a one-point victory



2. Louisville (17-3): Cardinals look like a Top 10 team again and they've shown they can win when their shooting percentage isn't up to snuff



3. Duke (16-3): The Blue Devils took a week off after another 30-point blowout, with an upcoming weekend visit to Syracuse usually interesting with Mike Krzyzewski and Jim Boeheim on the sidelines



4. Virginia (13-6): The Cavaliers have won only twice in a six-game stretch, but staying in the upper half of this list isn't all that challenging



5. Syracuse (13-7): Orange racks up a five game winning streak, aided by four victories in a row against former Big East Conference brethren



6. Virginia Tech (14-6): Hokies have done so many good things at times, but one of them wasn't the performance at Boston College



7. N.C. State (14-7): Wolfpack has lost consecutive games for the first time this season, with the home setback to North Carolina particularly troubling



8. Clemson (10-9): Tigers have cooled off after running roughshod on Tobacco Road foes during a stretch.



9. Notre Dame (11-8): Coach Mike Brey was paying after his comments criticizing officiating in the one-point loss at Florida State. He's showing a fighting spirit



10. Pittsburgh (13-7): Panthers reach the 70-point mark only twice in a five-game span and it looks like shooting woes might be at the top of the list of problems



11. Georgia Tech (9-11): The Yellow Jackets own a season sweep of North Carolina State, but they'd like to add some other highlights



12. North Carolina (10-10): The Tar Heels win twice in a three-day span. Now they'll be asked to do so again with games against Boston College and Florida State



13. Boston College (10-10): Eagles have endured two four-game losing streaks this season, but the players are starting to get healthier



14. Wake Forest (9-10): Demon Deacons take Virginia to overtime without injured leading scorer Brandon Childress. Now they have two two-point overtime losses.



15. Miami (10-9): A four-game losing streak with a diminishing list of available players. The Hurricanes might be below .500 soon

NUMBER OF NOTE

49.3

The percentage of games the road teams had won coming into the week in conference play. ACC teams were 33-34 on the road, which is better than the previous high of 47.3 percent set back in 1955.



Virginia coach Tony Bennett speaks to his team during the game at Wake Forest. [WINSTON-SALEM JOURNAL]

Sampson Community College Truck Driver Training Program Receives PTDI Certification



PHOTO/CREDIT: Karen Lombardi, one of the Truck Driver Training program's instructors. (Michael Blankenship)

Sampson Community College recently received certification of its truck driver training course from the Professional Truck Driver Institute (PTDI). PTDI, a standards-setting and certification body, verified the school's excellence through an intense review. The rigorous process ensures high-quality training for entry-level truck drivers. With its new certification, Sampson Community College exceeds all government minimum training requirements.

Founded in 1986 as a nonprofit organization, PTDI has long recognized the need to ensure that entry-level commercial motor vehicle drivers are responsible, safe professionals who adhere to established industry standards. As a result, the organization facilitated the development of skill, curriculum, and certification standards by bringing together representatives from various industry stakeholders, including driver training schools and trucking safety interest groups. These industry

leading standards ensure that students are adequately trained to safely handle the demands of the truck driving profession.

"We are very excited to award Sampson Community College a PTDI certification. They join an exclusive group of programs who are committed to driver professionalism and the highest quality training available," commented Tim Blum, Executive Director of PTDI.

"Completing this certification is evidence of our continued commitment towards hosting a program that is rigorous and holds each student to a high standard. Safety is always top priority for the student, the instructor and other drivers on the highways," states Amanda Bradshaw, Dean of Workforce Development & Continuing Education.

"I have been fortunate to work with Sampson Community College and grow this program for the past 14 years," says Fred Stamey, Director of Transportation Programs. "I have worked diligently to make this the best Truck Driver Training School in the state and one of the best in the country. I am very proud of what we have accomplished getting this industry standard certification from PTDI."

To earn certification Sampson Community College was required to demonstrate how it meets the gold standard of truck driver training. PTDI requires minimum training hours even though the U.S. federal government does not. Hallmarks of the PTDI standards include: truth-in-advertising; training from qualified instructors who receive ongoing professional development; effective student, instructor and vehicle ratios; good quality and well-maintained vehicles, professional classroom and range conditions, a minimum 148 hours of combined instruction, 44 hours of student hands-on-the-wheel driving instruction; and a minimum of 80% pass rate on classroom tests and driving assessments.

PTDI standards and certification promote a variety of valuable interests and objectives, including enhanced safety for the motoring public, reduced risk exposure for insurance companies and motor carriers, minimal remedial driver training time, improved sense of driver professionalism, and enhanced student driver opportunities.

For additional information contact Fred Stamey, Director of Transportation at 910-592-7176 or PTDI at 720-575-7445, info@ptdi.org, www.ptdi.org.

Midway Elementary School Awards



Students of the month for January - Perseverance

Owen Thompson- Not pictured, Madilyn Gainey, William Florido Ruiz, Luke Bowden, Maria Romero Ramos, Isaiah Lee, Anner Corea-Mejia, Eli Massengill, Marjorie Zelaya, Harlee Lee, Armando Vences Garcia, Chase Westbrook, Camden Lane- Not pictured, Pedro Garcia Alvarado, Caleb Rodriguez, Juluis Pope-Flores, Zymier Small, Isai Hernandez Huerta, Graham Jackson, Jake Christopher, Tanner Keller, Makayla Carter, Ava James Hargrove, Landen Burgette, D'Angelo Smith-Santiago- Not pictured, Luis Hernandez

School Board Members Recognized



At the Monday night Sampson County School Board meeting, the board chair recognized school board members Sonya Powell for an Award of Distinction and Tracy Dunn for receiving a Certificate of Achievement.

UMO to Hold Open House February 1



The University of Mount Olive (UMO) is hosting an open house for prospective students to get a taste of what university life is like. This event will be held on Saturday, February 1. Registration will begin at 9 AM in Konegay Arena.

High school juniors and seniors, college transfers, and their parents are invited to see what UMO has to offer. Students will be able to tour classrooms, residence halls, and the dining area, as well as other campus facilities. Students are also encouraged to meet with professors and athletic coaches, as well as current students to discuss academic and student life. Students and their parents will be given information about scholarships and financial aid. Registration is requested, but not required. Lunch will be provided.

For more information, contact Rachel Moore at 919-299-4562 or email rmoore@umo.edu.

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What's Happening

By Angela Martin

at **SCT**



Auditions for Disney's The Little Mermaid

Our auditions for Disney's The Little Mermaid begin this weekend - Saturday, February 1 at 1 pm. I am honored to be the director, and I am looking for a variety of talented people of all ages to fill the parts. If you cannot make it on Saturday, I have an alternate audition time set for Sunday, February 2 at 1 pm. If you have any questions, please feel free to send me questions via text at 910-379-8737 or by email to alm2sing@yahoo.com. There are a lot of parts and this production will be a lot of fun. We hope to see you at the audition. Be sure to check the door of our theatre on Saturday though. We will be holding our auditions in a slightly different location - the auditions will take place at the First United Methodist Church in Clinton. The address is 208 Sampson Street, Clinton, NC 28328. This location is just a simple block over from our theatre. Don't worry if you forget - there will be announcements on the doors at our theatre. This location is very easy to find, and we hope to see you there.

Our renovations are almost complete, and we are thrilled for you to see the finished product. Our theatre lobby, bathrooms, and various areas of our auditorium are getting a major upheaval and we hope you enjoy the new and innovative bathrooms and appearance.

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Mon-Wed 6:30p



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Mon-Wed 6:30p



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

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

Fri 6:30p Mon-Wed 6:30p



BAD BOYS FOR LIFE

NOW SHOWING

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

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

Fri 7:00p

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

Mon-Wed 6:30p



THE GENTLEMEN

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Rated R for violence, language throughout, sexual references and drug content

American expat Mickey Pearson (Matthew McConaughey) built a highly profitable marijuana empire in London. When word gets out that he's looking to cash out of the business forever it triggers plots, schemes, bribery and blackmail in an attempt to steal his domain out from under him.

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More Than A Game



By Will Matthews

On January 26, 2020, the news broke globally that former professional basketball player Kobe Bryant had passed away in a helicopter crash. After the announcement of Kobe Bryant's death, millions took to social media to lament the passing of one of the NBA's greatest players. The New York Times reported shortly after his death that Bryant was to headline the 2020 nominees for the National Basketball Association Hall of Fame. Within moments, it was the number one trending topic on Twitter. Celebrities from various spheres of culture---sports, entertainment, and politics---took the time to publicly mourn the loss of Kobe Bryant and his thirteen year old daughter who also perished in the accident.

Sports has the capability to unite humanity. The death of Bryant certainly brought many from different team fandoms, political leanings and even worldviews together to grieve. Regardless if one is a fan of the Los Angeles Lakers or even the NBA, Bryant was respected as a great player and family man. Sports are a subculture in God's good creation, highlighting human ability, worth, and value. Often perverted by sin as all are aspects of culture, sports should primarily be seen as a gift from God to encourage, strengthen and unite people around a common passion.

Sports is more than games played on a field or court. Jeremy R. Treat in his article on the theology of sports at Themelios asserts that while sports has the attention of many in the world, theologians have largely ignored sports, dismissing them as merely games or something to be worshiped as an idol. The ability to compete in a game at any level, amateur or professional, with the knowledge and physicality required to play the game is a God-given gift. Those who excel at athletics make millions of dollars from contracts and endorsements, rising to high levels of cultural popularity and enthralling many who aspire to be like them. The kind of cultural influence and power that many professional athletes have in modern day often leads to individual sinfulness, like greed and narcissism. While the effects of the fall of man are present and ongoing in every sphere of culture, sports can still be seen as a gift for the entertainment it provides, the unity it promotes and the human dignity it upholds.



DO YOU REALLY CARE?



As times moves on, aging becomes a reality, and memories are so precious, life certainly gets put in perspective. My sister, Mary Brown, and I are so very blessed to have been raised in a fine Christian home. We lived at the "home place" so family gatherings with food, fun, fellowship and music were simply the normal for us. Wells Chapel Baptist was our church, attending faithfully was our lifestyle...not even up for discussion. Even that far back (in the forties and fifties) our church offered many programs for us as children: Sunbeams, GA's, Sunday School, Training Union, Bible School, even Booster Band Music. Upon reflection, I realize how much I looked forward to and enjoyed the music which was so vital to our services.

Let's sing along, reflecting on just a few of the beloved old Gospel songs, each one written over one hundred years ago:

Does Jesus Care

In 1901 Frank E. Graeff was experiencing a time of great despondency and suffering, when he turned to 1 Peter 5:7 "Casting all your care upon Him; for He cares for you." After meditation on that truth, Graeff wrote "Does Jesus Care" with this re-sounding affirmation in the chorus: "Oh Yes, He Cares...."

Does Jesus care when my heart is pained
Too deeply for mirth and song;
As the burdens press, and the cares distress,
And the way grows weary and long?

Does Jesus care when my way is dark
With a nameless dread and fear?
As the daylight fades into deep night shades,
Does He care enough to be near?

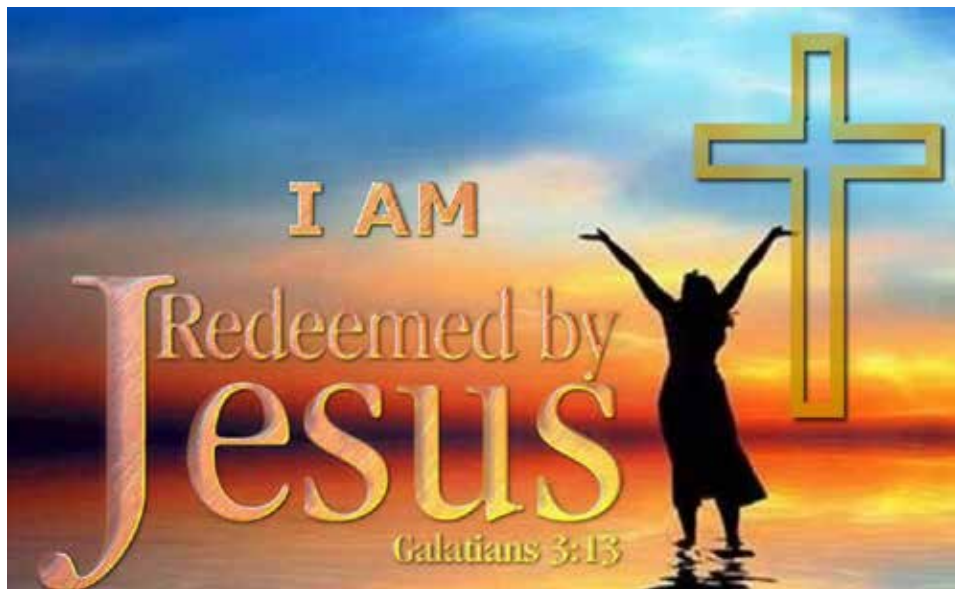
Does Jesus care when I've said 'good-by'
To one dearest on earth to me,
And my sad heart aches till it nearly breaks
Is it aught to Him? Does He see?

Chorus: O yes, He cares; I know He cares,
His heart is touched with my grief;
When the days are weary, the long nights dreary,
I know my Savior cares!

Just When I Need Him William C. Poole 1907
Just when I need Him Jesus is near,
Just when I falter, just when I fear
Ready to help me, ready to cheer,
Just when I need Him most.

Chorus: Just when I need Him most,

A Redeemed Life



By Ken Smith

Lamentations 3:57-58 "You came near when I called on you; you said, 'Do not fear!' "You have taken up my cause, O Lord; you have redeemed my life."

Isaiah 44:22, "I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you."

The writer of the book of Lamentations looked around at a devastated Jerusalem and struggled to come to terms with the consequences of Judah's terrible sin. He does not cry out against God's judgement; rather, he calls for enlightenment, for instruction, for inspiration. He hungers for reconciliation with God and expresses a complete willingness to look into his own heart and say, "How have I sinned?" And then repent from that dark horrible sin.

That is a very difficult thing to do. It's certainly difficult for me to do. However, we are told that when we confront our sins, we have no need to fear. Why would we not be standing in continuous fear? God has redeemed us from our secret sins. The phrase "do not fear" is the most frequent admonition to us from God in the Bible; it's used 350 times in both testaments. We don't have to fear, for if we turn to God, the Lord will always take up our cause.

Nevertheless, it can be hard to face the ugly truth that we have been in the wrong, that our troubles might have resulted from the wrong, or that God might be punishing us. I'm certain that was difficult for the Israelites, but we all must do it if we want to begin the reconciliation process with our Lord. The apostle Paul writes in Ephesians 1:7, "In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace." If we could be redeemed by our own efforts, how likely we would be to brag. Nothing but the blood of Jesus can wash away our worldly sins.

If we have faith that God is in control and knows everything about us, we can trust that God has redeemed us and that we can return to Him and be forgiven, then we can face the fear of confronting our sin and accepting God's discipline. In fact, we can face any suffering, adversity or punishment so long as we enjoy a personal relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ. I'm thankful for the promise found in Hebrews 9:15, "And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance."

This week I encourage you to remember the words written by A.W. Tozer his book, Preparing for Jesus' Return: Daily Live the Blessed Hope "If man had his way, the plan of redemption would be an endless and bloody conflict. In reality, salvation was bought not by Jesus' fist, but by His nail-pierced hands; not by muscle but by love; not by vengeance but by forgiveness; not by force but by sacrifice. Jesus Christ our Lord surrendered in order that He might win; He destroyed His enemies by dying for them and conquered death by allowing death to conquer Him." All we can do knowing what pain Jesus paid for our redemption is to cry out our gratitude to God. If it's been awhile since you have showed your gratefulness to your redeemer then take a few moments and show it today.



Just when I need Him most
Jesus is near to comfort and cheer,
Just when I need Him most.

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus Louisa Stead 1882
'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to take Him at His word
Just to rest upon Him promise, Just to know thus says the Lord.

I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, Precious Jesus, Savior, friend
And I know that He is with me, Will be with me to the end.
Chorus:
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him, How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus, Oh for grace to trust Him more.

Oh, what a blessing to recall those beloved old songs! However, as much as I enjoy hearing the truth of every one of them, I am becoming more and more convicted of the real message hidden deeply within. Recently I became aware of a local church whose Women's Ministry Watchword is: "Saved to Serve". My friends, that is an emphasis worthy of submission in the very daily of our lives! That's what living the Christian life is all about! As we honor Him...as we go.... let's be about the business of sharing, giving, thanking, visiting, listening, calling, praying, sending cards, and genuinely showing concern and love for our fellowman, realizing that indeed we are "Saved to Serve".

My prayer is that we will be motivated by this most inspirational song written by William Cates in 1967:

Do You Really Care?

I look around in the place that I live, I see people with so much to give;
Yet there are those who are dying to know, Just that somebody cares.

I see people longing to know, What they can live for and where they can go.
We have the hope and the purpose to share, But, do we really care?

Do you really care, do you know how to share,
With people everywhere, do you really care?
Will you take the dare, spread Good News everywhere,
The cross and Christ to bear, do you really care?

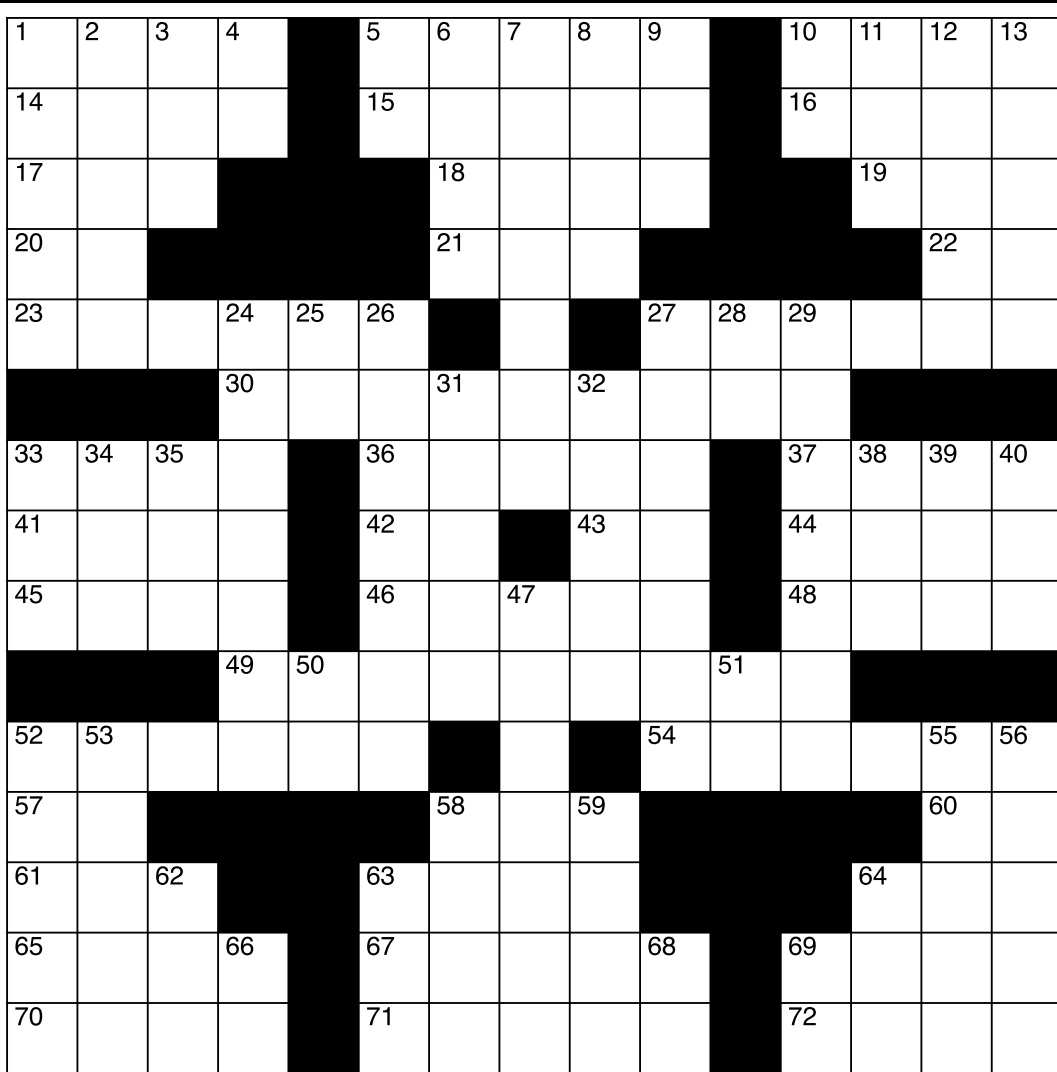
People grope in darkness, searching for a way,
Don't you know of someone you can help today?
Do you really care? Do you know how to share
With people everywhere? Do you really care?
Will you take the dare? Spread Good News everywhere
The cross of Christ to bear, Do You Really Care?
Do You Really Care?

By Martha M. Pierce



PUZZLES

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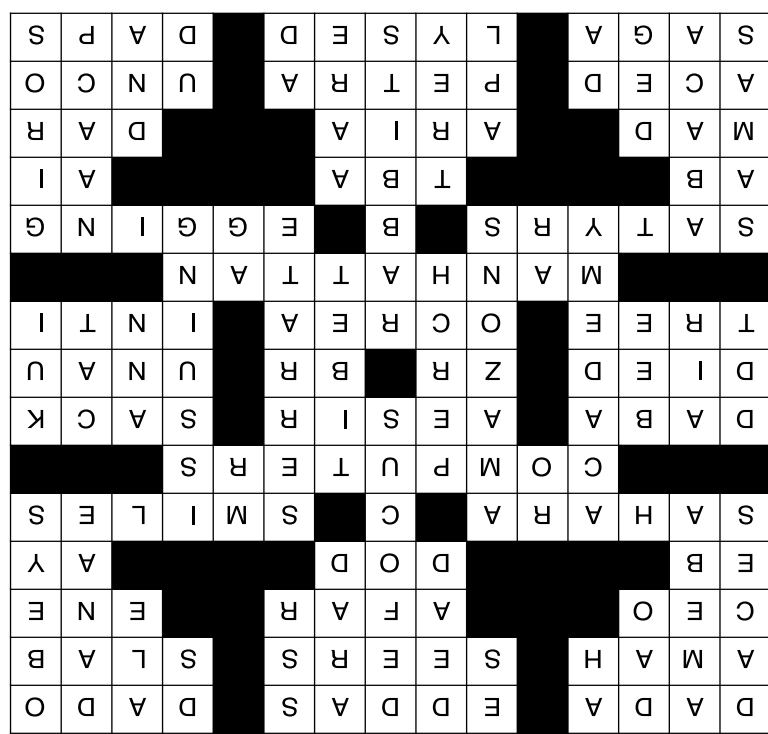


CLUES ACROSS

1. Mama opposite
5. Taro roots
10. Wainscot
14. Wet nurse
15. Visionaries
16. Thick piece of bacon
17. Top operations officer
18. From a distance
19. Midway between NE and E
20. 1000 petabits
21. Est. 1947 for Nat'l. security
22. ___ carumba!
23. Desert in N Africa
27. Grins
30. Data processors
33. Abba ___ Honeymoon
36. The Norse gods
37. Paper bag
41. Ceased living
42. Zirconium
43. Atomic #35
44. Two-toed sloth
45. Arboreal plant
46. Rhubarb plant sheath
48. Peruvian monetary unit
49. One of the 5 boroughs
52. Mythical goatlike men
54. Encouraging action
57. Receptive to other blood types
58. Don't know when yet
60. 2001 Spielberg movie
61. Angry
63. Operatic vocal solo
64. Daughters of the American Revolution (abbr.)
65. Breezed through
67. Ancient ruined city of Edom
69. Unusual
70. Adventure story
71. Caused cell destruction
72. Bounces over water

CLUES DOWN

1. Cyprinids
2. Rhizopodan
3. Taoism
4. Exclamation of surprise
5. Spanish be
6. Not alive
7. Decenter a lens
8. City in Israel
9. Solid State Relay
10. Atomic #110
11. Brew
12. Mother of Perseus
13. Fulfills a command
24. Military school (usually)
25. Country designation for 8 down
26. Female warriors
27. Make saw toothed
28. Mister
29. Act of bringing out
31. Elevated resting place
32. Lhasa is the capital
33. Insecticide
34. What we breathe
35. Spelling contest
38. Beheaded Boleyn
39. Feline mammal
40. 1 legged Chinese demon
47. Bunnies
50. Atomic #18
51. Silver
52. So. African Music Awards
53. Manila hemp
55. Civil Rights group
56. Helicopters
58. Three spot card
59. Swiss river
62. Diethylene glycol (abbr.)
63. Applied Physics Letters (abbr.)
64. Carries genetic code
66. Prosecuting officer
68. In the year of Our Lord
69. Irving, TX university

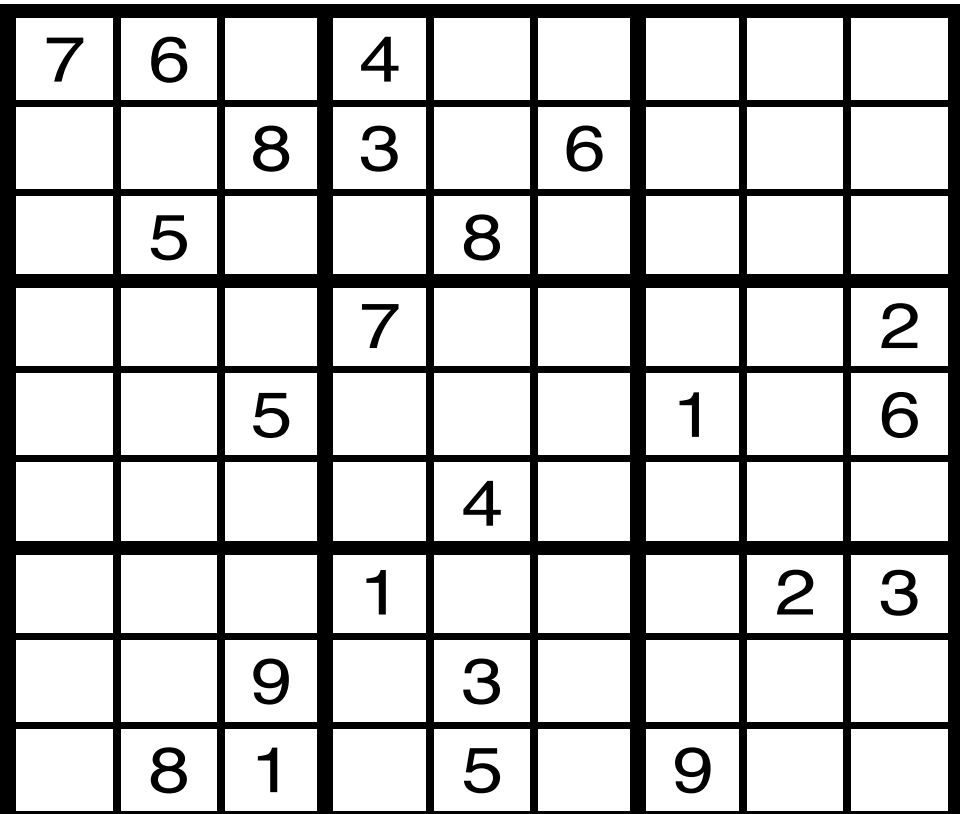


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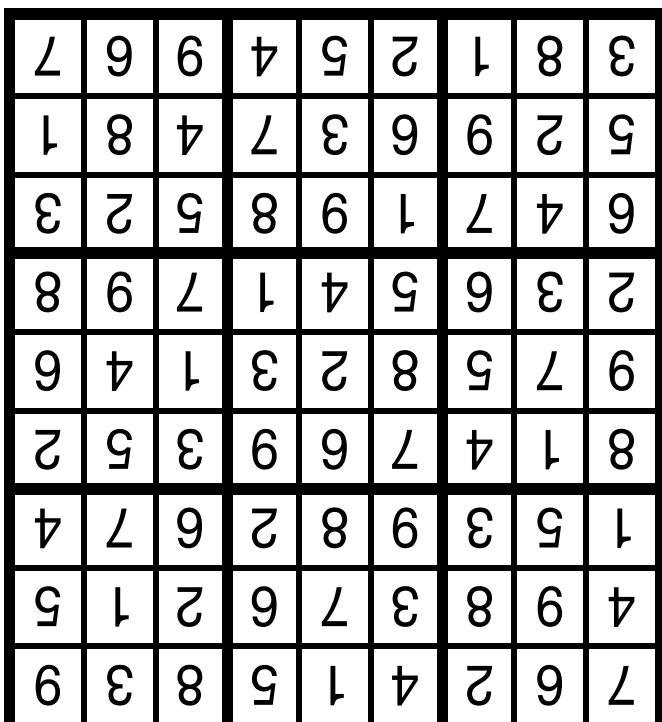
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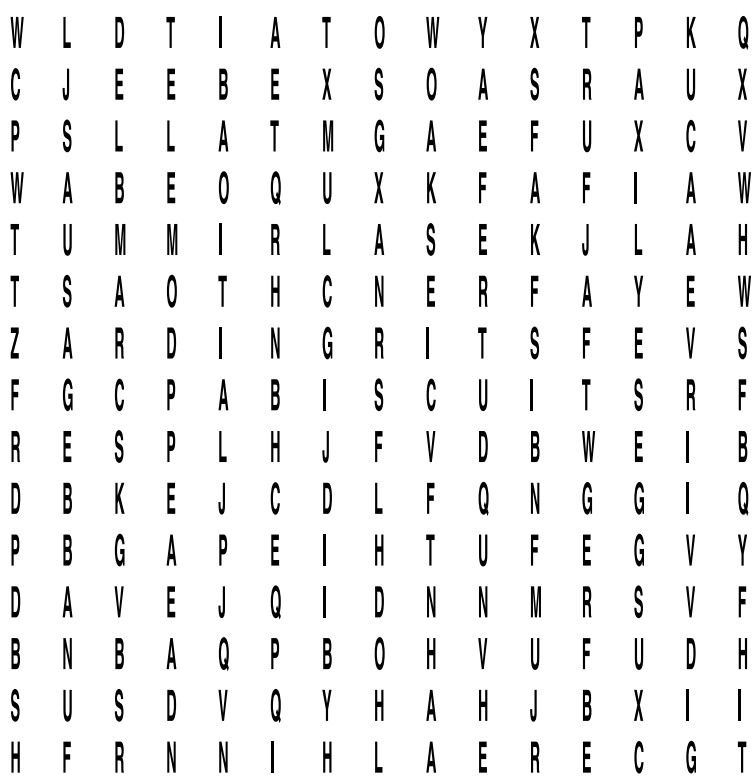
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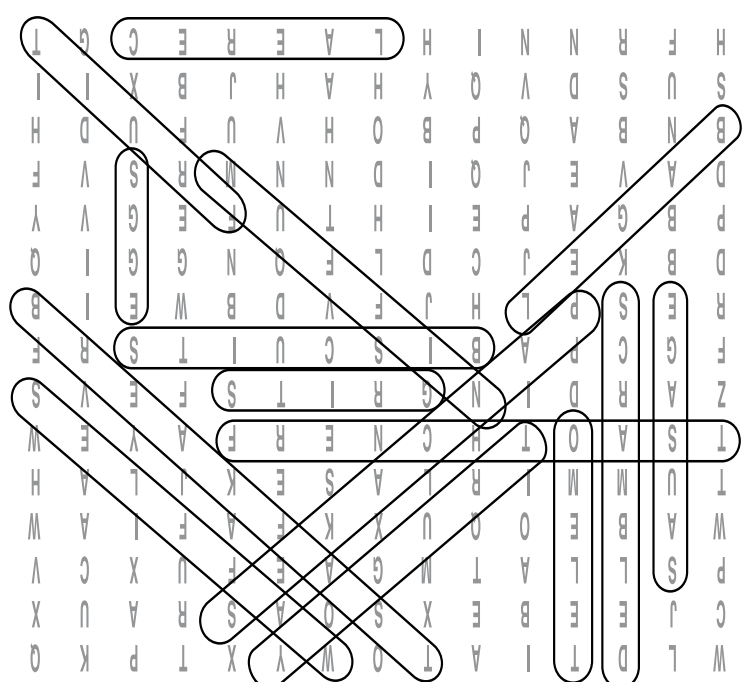
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Word Search — Breakfast Time



- bagel
- cereal
- fruit
- omelet
- scrambled
- biscuits
- eggs
- grits
- pancakes
- waffles
- breakfast
- french toast
- muffin
- sausage
- yogurt



CRIME

CRIME REPORTS

01-23 Janice Maxine Brown, 55, Lumberton. Cruelty To Animals. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 02-20-20
 01-23 Cornelius Omar Collins, 23, Roseboro. Hit/Run fail to stop prop damage, DWLR not impaired rev, Fail stop stopsign/ fish red lt, Driving while impaired Bond \$500. Trial Date 02-11-20
 01-24 Tiara Ranette Whitted, 31, Faison. DWLR not impaired rev, Pos stolen goods/prop, Misdemeanor Larceny
 01-24 Neena Nickelson, 56, Roseboro. FTA-Speeding, FTA-DWLR Not Impaired Rev. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 02-18-20
 01-24 Cree Alexis Newkirk, 27, Autryville. FTA-DWLR Not impaired Rev, FTA-Fail To Wear Seatbelt-Driver. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 02-11-20
 01-24 Prentice Roland Jacobs, 27, Clinton. Obtain Property False Pretense, Financial Card Theft. Bond \$45000. Trial Date 02-07-20
 01-24 Jennifer Gail Daw, 41, Clinton. Shoplifting. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 02-13-20
 01-25 Sherik Renna McNeil, 34, Garland. Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle. Trial Date 02-20-20
 01-25 Ryan Travis Faircloth, 26, Roseboro. Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 02-07-20
 01-25 Zachary Brian Faulk, 20, Mount Olive. No Operators License, DWLR Not impaired Rev, Expired/no inspections, Expired Registration card/tag, Fail to wear seat belt-driver, Drive/Allow MV no registration, Drive/Allow MV no registration. Bond \$1800. Trial Date 02-05-20
 01-25 Salvador De Jesus Carias, 34, Clinton. No Operators License. Trial Date 03-17-20
 01-25 David Jorge Krch, 40, Tur-

key. Assault on a Female. Trial Date 02-18-20
 01-25 Shirley Temple Locklear, 33, Roseboro. Injury To Personal Property. Trial Date 03-11-20
 01-26 Idalia Mareli Mendoza, 32, Fayetteville. No Operators License, Fail to Return Property, Speeding. Bond \$500. Trial Date 02-10-20
 01-26 Jacob Wayne Deutshmann, 27, Wallace. Larc Merchant Prod Code Fraud, Felony Larceny. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 02-07-20
 01-26 Alfredo Guillermo Hernandez Lopez, 36, Clinton. DWI. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 02-13-20
 01-26 Elizabeth Hannah Oates, 54, Clinton. Second Degree Trespassing. Trial Date 03-16-20
 01-26 Devante Lajuan Foster, 25, Clinton. Possess Marijuana, Driving While License Revoked. Trial Date 02-13-20
 01-26 Jeffrey Steven Rouse, 19, Roseboro. Window Tint. Trial Date 03-03-20
 01-26 Casey Anthony Jones, 37, Dunn. 2nd Degree Trespassing, Illegal Dumping of Domestic Animal. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 03-03-20
 01-26 Amanda Ellen Vann, 36, Chinquapin. Larceny. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 01-31-20
 01-26 Rashawn Hermon Terry, 28, Clinton. AWDWIKISI. Bond \$150000. Trial Date 02-07-20
 01-28 Jaimee Rachelle Griffith, 24, Clinton. DWLR-Impaired Rev. Trial Date 03-05-20
 01-28 Maurisio Hernandez, 36, Clinton. Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property, DWLR. Bond \$4500. Trial Date 02-06-20
 01-28 Joseph Michael Woods, 35, Fayetteville. Assault on a Female. Trial Date 02-05-20
 01-28 Justin Blake Hunter, 25, homeless. Larceny. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 02-28-20
 01-28 Charles Barney Lloyd, 47, Clinton. Felony Probation Violation-FTA. Bond \$20000. Trial Date

02-12-20
 01-28 Vivian Simpson Garcia, 49, Newton Grove. Communicating Threats. Trial Date 02-03-20
 01-29 Brandon Scott Batton, 28, St Pauls. Locating Wanted Person. Trial date 02-05-20
 01-29 Victoria Torres Hernandez, 27, Faison. Order for Arrest-FTA-Child Support. Bond \$100.
 01-29 Gustavo Guajardo, 39, Faison. DWLR not Impaired, Injury to Personal Property, No Liability Insurance. Bond \$3000. Trial Date 02-26-20
 01-29 Sylyndrell Shenice Blanks, 40, Roseboro. Worthless Check, Obtain Property False Pretense, Uttering Forged Instrument, Forgery Of Instrument. Bond \$40000. Trial Date 01-31-20
 01-29 Billy Gage McClenny, 27, Clinton. Second Degree Trespass. Trial Date 03-03-20
 01-29 Jessica House Barefoot, 47, Dunn. Second Degree Trespass. Trial Date 03-03-20
 01-29 Vider Sue House, Dunn. Second Degree Trespass. Trial Date 02-18-20
 01-29 Joel Thomas Parker, 59, Clinton. Injury To Real Property. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 02-17-20

INCIDENT REPORTS

01-23 Joshua Bruce Blackman of Newton Grove reported Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property- window \$500.00.
 01-24 Derrick Jamaul Crumpler of Clinton reported Theft From Motor Vehicle- handgun \$250.00.
 01-24 Walmart of Clinton reported a Breaking & Entering Other Building- batteries \$12.00.
 01-24 Marathon Gas Station of Clinton reported Damage to Property- gas hose \$150.00.
 01-24 Dan Lee Armwood of Clinton reported Damage to Property- automobile \$500.00.
 01-24 Walmart of Clinton reported Shoplifting- valued at \$83.02
 01-25 Walmart of Clinton reported

Shoplifting of television \$498.00.
 01-25 Tobacco Discount of Clinton reported a Breaking and Entering Business.
 01-25 Rebecca Faith Giddens of Clinton reported Damage To Property- \$300.00.
 01-25 Carlie C's of Clinton reported Shoplifting of beer and chicken wings valued at \$50.00.
 01-25 Belk of Clinton reported Shoplifting of Merchandise.
 01-25 Glenwood Earl Owens of Roseboro reported Injury To Personal Property- vehicle tires \$500.00.
 01-25 Gerardo Barrera Jr of Clinton reported Larceny of electronics \$1200.00.
 01-25 Carlie C's of Clinton reported Shoplifting of Budweiser \$15.00.
 01-26 John Bradshaw of Newton Grove reported Burglary/Breaking & Entering and Communicating Threats.
 01-28 Barbara Williams of Clinton reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering. Stolen television (\$1500) and Playstation (\$539).
 01-28 Ricky Pope of Clinton reported Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property. Damage to glass window panes (\$500) and road flares (\$40).
 01-28 GoGas of Clinton reported Larceny of Fuel \$81.62.
 01-29 Ricky Pope of Clinton reported Arson of structure \$5000.00.
 01-29 James Junior Honeycutt of Roseboro reported Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories- catalytic converter valued at \$100.00.

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OBITUARIES

KENANSVILLE
James Franklin Arnette, 66, of Kenansville passed away Saturday, January 25, 2020 at Vidant Medical Center in Greenville. Franklin was born in Wayne County to Sudie Jane Maready Arnette and the late James Lee Arnette. Franklin spent his life dedicated to the Highway Patrol retiring with the rank of Lieutenant. A funeral service was held 2:00pm Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at the Kenansville Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Devotional Gardens. A visitation was held prior to the service at 1:00pm also at the Kenansville Baptist Church. Franklin is survived by son, Jason Arnette and wife, Robyn of Clinton, step son David Shane Arnette of Jacksonville, FL; mother, Sudie Arnette; sister, Regina Kilpatrick of Kenansville; close friend, Lesley Starling of Clinton; grandchildren, Jake Arnette, Harbor Arnette, Ashley Arnette and Rachel Arnette; and his four legged baby, Lexy Belle. Franklin was preceded in death by father, James Lee Arnette. Flowers are welcome or memorial donations may be made to Love for Layla, Inc. 127 Circle Dr., Kenansville, NC 28349.

SPRING LAKE
Mr. Danny Edward Ezzell, 66 of Spring Lake passed away on Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020 at the Carolina Rehab Center. A graveside service was held at 3:00 PM Tuesday, Jan. 28 at Ezzell Family Cemetery. Mr. Ezzell was a native of Sampson County, the son of Jeff and Shirley Knowles Ezzell. He was preceded

in death by his parents, three sisters, Sandy Green, Maryann Ezzell and Sharon Smith; two nieces, Bobbie Machel Beard and Jennifer Oleszek; two nephews, Timothy Wayne Beard and Frederick Houghton. He was a retired machine mechanic with Black and Decker. He is survived by a son, Jason Ezzell and wife, Kristie of Spring Lake; two daughters, Leigh Ann Ezzell Davis of Spring Lake and Brandy Williams and husband, William of Roseboro; six grandchildren, Sunnie Renee' Davis, William Lane Williams, Sierra Danielle Davis, Jason Daniel Ezzell, Jr., Shyann Durette Williams and Keith Warren Ezzell; one sisters, Kay Beard and husband, Bobby of Fayetteville. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.

CLINTON
Mr. Charles Edward Faulkner, III, 71, of 203 Greentree Lane, passed away Thursday at home. There are no serviced planned.

CLINTON
Mr. William Douglas "Doug" Godwin, age 60, of Clinton, passed away on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at Mary Gran Nursing Center, Clinton. His memorial service will be held Sunday, February 2, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at Mary's Chapel Baptist Church, Clinton. Officiating will be the Rev. C. H. Lee. The family will receive family and friends following the Memorial Service. Left to cherish his memories are his mother; Helen H. Godwin of the home, sister; Bonnie King and husband Roy

of Newton Grove, Brother-in-Law; Jeff Nanagas of Clayton, nephews; Justin Nanagas and Sean Nanagas, nieces; Cassidy King and Ashlyn King. He was preceded in death by his father; Bertus Godwin and sister; Sharon Nanagas Memorials may be made to: Mary's Chapel Baptist Church, 2230 Keener Road, Clinton, N.C. 28328. Online condolences may be made at www.westanddunn.com. Services have been entrusted to West & Dunn Funeral Homes, Inc., Newton Grove, North Carolina.

CLINTON
Infant Derrick L Owens Jr. of 694 Murphy Rd., Clinton died Friday, January 24, 2020 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center, Fayetteville, NC. Graveside service was held Monday, January 27, 2020 at 12 noon at Bearskin MBC Cemetery, Clinton, NC. Derrick is survived by his parents: Jessica and Derrick Owens Sr., maternal grandparents: Rebecca and Mark Brewer Sr, and paternal grandparents: Darcilla Owens and Donnell McPhail. Butler & Son Funeral Home, Inc. Roseboro, NC.

CLINTON
David Ray Rackley, 53, of Clinton, passed away on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at Wilson Medical Center. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at 2PM at Tyndall Grove PH Church located on 800 Tyndall Grove Road, Clinton, NC.

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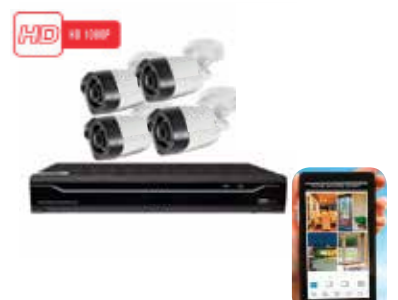
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Timing and scoring



Brad Keselowski, driving the No. 2 Ford, leads the 2018 Daytona 500 field over the 2.5-mile tri-oval. [NEWS-JOURNAL/STEVEN NOTARAS]

Keselowski aces fatherhood, but wants a Daytona 500

By Godwin Kelly
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Brad Keselowski has impeccable timing. Just consider the birth of his second child.

NASCAR Cup Series drivers are constantly on the move during the 38-week season, which begins this year with the Feb. 16 Daytona 500 at Daytona International Speedway.

Just two weeks after the end of the 2019 NASCAR season, Keselowski's wife, Paige, gave birth to Autumn, now little sister to 4-year-old Scarlett. The season ended on Nov. 17. The baby was born on Dec. 2, which gave Keselowski the rare opportunity to spend time bonding with the new addition to the family.

"It's been interesting for sure," he said in a recent interview. "Have a baby and be in the middle of the offseason and get to go through Christmas stuff and the holidays, it sure made life a little easier."

There is only one fact Keselowski would not share. How many diapers has he changed during the offseason?

"A man never tells," he said with a laugh.

Quiet family time will soon end.

NASCAR teams will report to Daytona on Feb. 7. Keselowski will be back behind the wheel on Feb. 8 for the first practice of Speedweeks.

The next day, Cup Series teams qualify for the Daytona 500 front row, and about half of them, including Keselowski's No. 2 Ford, will compete in the Busch Clash. There's no transition.

"You put your game face on," Keselowski said. "You don't get a choice. They start the season whether you're ready or not."

Keselowski will arrive at Daytona working with a new crew chief. For reasons not fully explained, team owner Roger Penske decided to do a crew chief swap between his three Cup teams.

After years of working with Paul Wolfe, Keselowski was paired with Jeremy Bullins. Wolfe will be working with Joey Logano while Todd Gordon, who was Logano's crew chief, will be calling the shots for Ryan Blaney.

"As we do after the completion of each season, we evaluated what we can do to better achieve our goals and we felt it was time to make these changes to better position us to reach our potential," Penske said.

"Pairing each of these winning teams with different drivers and cars should provide new energy and a fresh approach for the 2020 season."

When Keselowski was asked about the realignment, he tiptoed into the answer like entering a nursery occupied with a sleeping baby.

"The expectation is we go out and win races and contend for a championship and hopefully win it," Keselowski said of the shake-up. "I can't share any more on that subject. But I think it's healthy. You have to set the bar high."

"As far as the change and rationale behind it, Roger Penske felt it was the right move and I support him and his decision. He's a very successful man and he's a pretty hard guy to argue against."

Maybe it will change Keselowski's Daytona 500 luck. He's been crashed out in the "Big One" several times in recent years.

"The only thing you can do is run the race," he said. "I haven't been able to do

that. Shoot, last year I got caught in three separate wrecks. What can do you do about that?"

"I didn't cause a single one of them. You try to be honest with yourself and control the things you can control, but a lot of things are out of your control."

NASCAR's races at Daytona and Talladega Superspeedway are far different from any other track on the Cup Series schedule. The cars have reduced power, and with the steep banking, drivers don't let off the gas.

The cars run in huge packs and use tricks, such as side drafting, to make passes. Since they run so close together for long periods of time, multicar wrecks are the norm.

Still, Keselowski says he needs to win a Daytona 500 to round out his racing legacy.

"I need to get that Daytona major," he said. "I've been so close but different things have taken it out of our reach. It's hard to quantify how bad we want it. How do you explain that?"

"It's important for me (to win) and for others. It hasn't come together yet. I wish I could tell you why. If I knew why, I'd fix it. We'll have a good shot to win it this year. You got to survive all those wrecks."

QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers



Kamui Kobayashi (right) with Scott Dixon, one of his Rolex 24 teammates. [AP FILE]

More Kamui?

Let's assume Kamui Kobayashi has gotten his due from those inside the American sports-car world. The personable Japanese racer closed out the Rolex 24 for Wayne Taylor Racing to earn back-to-back Daytona victories. Problem is, he does most of his racing overseas in the World Endurance Championship. With the attention given to Japanese performers in that sports-crazed nation, it could be a marketing home run to see more of him in the U.S. and maybe, dare we say, someday see him fitted for a stock-car seat?

DW is irreplaceable?

That's one way of looking at it. Fox has decided not to wedge a third man between Mike Joy and Jeff Gordon up in the Fox booth this year. The two-man booth works very well in other sports-entertainment worlds, and it will be fine at Fox. Ever since the magical early years of "Monday Night Football," there's been some fascination with the three-man booth, but it's not necessary.

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

WHAT'S ON TAP

- 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
- Feb. 23:** Las Vegas
- March 1:** Fontana

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SPEED FREAKS — A few questions we had to ask ourselves

Fox is sticking with a two-man booth, just Mike Joy and Jeff Gordon. You like it?

GODSPEAK: It's clean. Very streamlined. Cut and dry. Joy calls the play-by-play and Gordon gives his opinion and analysis. Let the racing do the talking. I like it.

KEN'S CALL: It's perfectly fine. As long as you have Mike Joy up there, everything will be OK.

If you could add a third to the FOX booth in the future, who might it be?

GODSPEAK: How about a guest commentator for each race? There are several newly

retired drivers out there. Give me Carl Edwards one week and Tony Stewart the next.

KEN'S CALL: Tony Romo, of course. He could tell us when someone is about to wreck.

Do you expect to see Kyle Busch in future Rolex 24s?

GODSPEAK: If Toyota can bring one of its freaky fast prototypes, he will be on the driver roster.

KEN'S CALL: Hadn't considered Godwin's prototype possibility. Yes, that's probably the only way.



DW's retirement leaves a void between Mike Joy and Jeff Gordon, but Fox is fine with that. [AP FILE]

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