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County Focuses on Economic Development and Customer Service

Is Sampson County open and inviting to new industry?
Join us on June 17th to find out.



On Monday night, June 17th at 6:00pm, the public is invited to attend a presentation by Sampson County pertaining to Sampson County's customer service as it pertains to Economic Development. The presentation will be held at the Sampson County Auditorium located at 435 Rowan Road in Clinton.

The journey began back in 2018, when the county started discussing the dire need to develop the county's outreach towards economic development. The main question was, "Is Sampson County open and inviting to new industry?" The Sampson County Board of Commissioners hired a firm to conduct an analysis and find out what improvements needed to be made in the county.

According to Susan Holder, Assistant County Manager/PIO, [ECONOMIC, see P.3](#)

Maskell Named Clinton City School Teacher of the Year



On Tuesday, at the Clinton City School 'End of Year Celebration', many staff members were recognized for excellence. However, the coveted award, the 2019-2020 Jack & Kitty Morrisey Teacher of the Year could only be awarded to one deserving school teacher. And that teacher was 34-year-old Thomas Maskell. Maskell, who drives every day to Clinton High School from Wilmington, has been teaching at Clinton High School since 2015.

Mr. Maskell, who is beloved by both students and colleagues alike, has taught American History, World History, European History, and Human Geography at the high school.

Before moving to North Carolina, Maskell taught at Wesley College in Dover Delaware, teaching World Civilizations, Modern Genocide and Genocide in Lit and Film (the last two of which he developed and implemented at the college). Mr. Maskell received his Bachelor's Degree in History from Wesley College in 2017 and went on to receive a Master's Degree in European History from West Chester University in 2009.

He is a member of the American Historical Association, EF Tour Leader, College Board, National Key Club, National Honor Society and American Association of Spanish and Portuguese Teachers.

Maskell has been recognized as Clinton High School as the Teacher of the Year for the 2018-19 school year and was named Employee of the Month twice in March 2017 and April 2018. He was also named Wesley College Adjunct Professor the Year.

When asked about his love for teaching, Maskell state, "I can remember from a very young age wanting to be a teacher. My journey to becoming a teacher began during my high school years when I took classes with two very influential and inspirational social studies teachers." Maskell went on to say that these two teachers inspired him to have a positive attitude and taught him the power of positive reinforcement in the educational process. "This inspired me to want to do the same thing, to become a teacher and give back in the same way in which they constantly gave back to their students."

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WEATHER

Fri Sunny
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Hi: 79° Lo: 54°

Sat Sunny
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Hi: 88° Lo: 61°

Sun Sunny
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Hi: 88° Lo: 69°

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Alive After Five Featuring Jim Quick and Coastline Set for June 20th



Christian Food Bank of Salemburg

Does the thought of scrumptious food, community fellowship, dancing, awesome bands and live concerts sound like a winning combination? If your answer is YES, then grab a group of neighbors and friends, bring favorite your lawn chairs, and get ready to party at one of our community's most anticipated events – the 2019 Alive After Five Summer Concert Series!

The second summer concert series for Alive After Five is scheduled for next Thursday June 20th from 6:00pm-8:45pm. The featured band is an all time favorite, Jim Quick and Coastline. The Alive After Five concert is held at the Clinton City Market located at 215 Lisbon Street in Clinton and is free to the public. Just bring your lawn chair.

Over 25 years in the making, Jim Quick and Coastline, like their namesake the Atlantic Coastline Railroad, have been traveling the "tracks" of the southeast, and connecting with the hearts of loyal "Coastline Crazyes." Pulling from the threads of Soul, Blues, R&B, and Americana, Jim Quick and Coastline weave together their own genre of music known as Swamp Soul. Delivered with precision by front man Jim Quick and his band, this group

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WEEKLY VERSE

The righteous man walks in his integrity; His children are blessed after him.
Proverbs 20:7

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From the Desk of Senator Brent Jackson



I hope you had a great week thus far. This week, I had the chance to meet Rebekah



Byrd and Elizabeth Cashwell, who are both serving as pages in the Senate. Rebekah comes to Raleigh from Clinton, while Elizabeth comes from her hometown of Garland. I hope they both have had a great time thus far and get the opportunity to learn all about our state's legislative process.

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

Legislative Recap

Budget Conference with the House and 2019 Farm Act

This is one of the busiest weeks here at the legislature. The budget conference period between the House and Senate requires many hours, often late into the night, to complete. If all goes well, we can reach a compromise and come out with an even better budget that benefits us all. We are committed to making this budget work for North Carolina and our members and staff will likely put hundreds of combined hours into the process this week.

At the same time, the Farm Act is moving through Senate Committees and we are seeing healthy and productive discussion along the way. Members and citizens alike are offering comments and the bill has already been amended several times. We are looking forward to continuing this process and making a more perfect bill that will assist our number one industry, Agriculture.

From the District

Sampson County

Swartz Honored for Years of Dedicated Service

Jeff Swartz was recently honored during a reception to celebrate his retirement



from CCS as the director of child nutrition. he began working with Clinton City Schools more than 23 years ago and his last official day with the system is June 30.

While working with Clinton City Schools, Swartz has been part of the development and implementation of many nutritional programs that benefit the students of Clinton City Schools. Congratulations on this well deserved honor and thank for your years of service to our community.



District Spotlight

Sampson County Native Selected in MLB Draft

Congratulations to Matthew Barefoot on being selected in the MLB Draft this past week. He is the son of Wesley and Carla Barefoot of Sampson County. Barefoot, a three-time All-Big South recipient saw his name come off the board in the sixth round. He was named first team all-conference in 2019 after finishing the regular season as Campbell's leader in slugging percentage (.574), runs scored (49), home runs (12), RBI (44) and hit by pitches (12). He finished his redshirt-junior season with a .311 batting average, .407 on-base percentage and .570 slugging percentage, blasting 14 home runs with 48 RBI. He ranked fourth in the conference in slugging percentage and tied for third in home runs.

Barefoot was named the Big South Player of the Week on March 25 after going 10-for-22 (.455) across Campbell's five games that week. He was also named to the Big South Championship All-Tournament Team and was selected to the NCAA Greenville Regional All-Regional Team.

The Dunn, N.C., native finished his career in the top-10 of nine Campbell baseball leader boards: at-bats (679, 9th), runs (159, T-5th), hits (228, 9th), stolen bases (65, 4th), doubles (53, 5th), home runs (30, T-7th), total bases (383, 5th), slugging percentage (.564, 10th) and hit by pitches (41, 3rd). A mainstay in the Campbell outfield, Barefoot made 164 career starts as an outfielder, including 134 as the leftfielder. We all wish you luck as you begin your professional career!

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



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At Wesley College, Maskell also had influential teachers that led him along his journey to becoming a teacher. He said of these mentors, "Their love of learning and infectious positive attitudes helped to spurn my motivation to pursue graduate school and continue my education. I could sense their satisfaction in helping their students, and that is when I knew that the personal connection truly makes memorable educational experiences."

Continuing Maskell remembers, "I felt it was my duty to become a teacher, almost like I did not have a choice, that this had been decided for me a long time ago. I truly believe that reaching is a calling, a calling to help others grow, learn, and fulfill their potential, or at least instill in them the necessary characteristics to fulfill their potential. I wanted to become a teacher because I wanted to help mold the future of our region and state."

When Maskell accepted the award on Tuesday afternoon, his speech was simply and short. He stated that he hoped to one day retire from Clinton High School. He noted that he loved teaching and working at Clinton High.

Maskell said that he believed his greatest accomplishment while being at Clinton High School has been his role in helping to build up the AP program. The Clinton High School AP Program has received back to back national AP Honor Roll awards. He is also proud to have been able to help establish an international travel program, as well as to continue on the academic clubs' tradition of community service and volunteering. Maskell stated, "I want to provide global opportunities to more of our students regardless of ethnicity or economic levels." Maskell is very proud of the community service that his students perform such as peer tutoring, coaching recreational sports teams, animal shelter volunteering, soup kitchen and crisis center work." "In my opinion, it is important for students to realize the importance of community service."

Maskell volunteers his time with the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society as well as the Key Club. He also is active in his church assisting with the annual Easter Egg Hunt and summer school. He also volunteers with the local soccer club in Wilmington for ages 5-9. "I believe it is immensely important to be a part of the community in which one lives, and to constantly strive to give back as much as one possibly can."

In closing Maskell remarked, "We, as educators have a sacred duty to prepare the next generation for success. The world is rapidly changing, and it is up to educators to keep pace. The success or failure of the future of North Carolina is in our hands. Our communities entrust us with this sacred task, and it is up to every educator to come prepared every day to school to fulfill this obligation."

Congratulations Thomas Maskell, the new 2019-2020 Jack & Kitty Morrisey Teacher of the Year.

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captures the true, honest spirit of traditions born and bred in the small southern towns of America.

These five musicians, whose talents have landed them numerous awards in the industry, bring this indigenous music to life in the most genuine way possible. Quick explained it best when he said "I want my music to be a bridge for many genres; a place where traditional and contemporary music can unite. But I do love the pure emotion and simple-yet-deep concepts of roots music. I'm a Southern boy and it all hits home; the lyrics and heart of the music, from the melodies to chord progressions, it all seems to strike an ancestral nerve with me." The band currently maintains an average of 250 tour dates per year, with an ever-growing fan base that is as diverse as the music of the band itself.

The Alive After Five Committee is also proud to announce the collaboration this year with three Sampson County non-profits organizations whose missions include serving both adults and children in need across Sampson County. Each organization and their members work tirelessly in serving others and the Alive After Five committee is excited to serve as a conduit to support and promote their efforts. During the remainder of the season, the Alive After Five Committee will partner with the Christian Food Bank of Salemburg, Backpack Buddies and the Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce's Chamber Coat Closet.

In June, the partnership is with The Christian Food Bank of Salemburg. The Christian Food Bank of Salemburg works to serve those in need through the collection, purchasing, and distribution of perishable and non-perishable foods. The Christian Food Bank of Salemburg annually distributes approximately 60,000 bags of groceries and serves over 12,000 people across Sampson County. In addition to being known for serving the community, the Food Bank has gained local, regional and national attention with its very popular comedy/cooking team known as The Shed Heads. The Shed Heads is comprised of some of the Food Bank's foundering members and volunteers who became a social media hit with their humorous, down-home, comedy videos. Members of the Shed Heads will be on-hand at the June 20th concert to accept donations of non-perishable food items or cash donations.

Concert attendees are encouraged to bring at least three non-perishable food items per person to support the ongoing efforts of the Christian Food Bank of Salemburg.

Suggested Items Include: Canned Meats (Spam, etc.), Canned Tuna and Salmon, Peanut Butter, Jelly (no glass), Canned or Dry Soups, Canned Stews and Chili, Tea Bags, Coffee (ground no beans), Canned Pasta, Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit, Canned Pasta (Spaghetti "O's"), Hot and Cold Cereals, Packaged Pasta (Macaroni & Cheese, etc.), Rice, Powdered Milk, Juice Boxes, Canned Juices, Drink Boxes (Hi-C, etc), Canned Gravy, Granulated Sugar, Baby Food & Cereal (glass jars accepted), Baby Formula (Enfamil/Similac), Granola Bars, Cereal Bars.

Closing out the Alive After Five concert series will be the Band of Oz on September 19th and Too Much Sylvia on October 17th.

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"The Sampson County Board of Commissioners has placed a strong emphasis on economic development, understanding that growing our tax base is the key to the vitality of our communities and our ability to provide the programs and services our citizens want and need now and in the future. The Board of Commissioners has demonstrated their commitment by establishing an economic development fund with an initial contribution of \$1,500,000 and annual deposits to this fund of \$250,000."

"Continuing this focus," noted Holder, "the Board contracted with Creative Economic Development Consulting, LLC in March to conduct an analysis of the customer service in our Administration, Economic Development, Environmental Health, Tax, Inspections and Planning, and Public Works departments. The firm used an online survey and targeted interviews with our community partners to gauge how responsive and receptive we are to our existing and potential customers."

County Commissioners Clark Wooten (Chairman) and Sue Lee (Vice Chair), along with County Manager Ed Causey, visited each municipality in the county asking for input as it relates to Economic Development.

Chairman Wooten explained the importance of increasing economic development in the county as a way to increase our tax base without increasing the tax rate. "We're all Sampsonions first," says Wooten. "So, wherever new business goes, we're all going to be winners. So, we want everybody to have input. We want everyone to be a part of what we're doing."

County Manager Ed Causey noted the urgency in the 2019-2020 Budget message last month. "There has been much positive discussion during the year regarding the need for economic development. The Board of Commissioners has demonstrated their commitment by establishing an economic development fund with an initial contribution of \$1,500,000 and annual deposits to this fund of \$250,000. The Chairman has worked tirelessly over the last year in making presentations to various groups in Sampson County and meeting with multiple state and federal resources regarding funding opportunities. Our Board understands the potential of economic development to improve the lives of Sampson County citizens and to make us a vibrant County for many decades. Just as important, they understand that economic development is a must for future growth, particularly in our tax base, and not just a need. The Board clearly recognizes the unmet needs of both our funding partners and departments. They further understand that that significant increases in the funding for our funding partners and departments will be extremely difficult without significant increases in our tax base that are generated from prudent, vigorous economic development."

According to the 2019-2020 Budget Ordinance, "The Economic Development Reserve is intended as a tool to provide funding for select economic development projects designated by the Board as vital to overall financial stability of Sampson County. It is the intention of the Board that the funds in the Reserve be used to leverage state and federal grant funds that will be used to purchase property for industrial sites and develop needed infrastructure that will enhance our ability to attract industry to the County. The Board of Commissioners will have final approval of any expenditures from the Reserve."

At the Monday night meeting, Creative Economic Development Consulting will share their findings and recommendations for how the county can enhance our efforts to recruit and retain business and industry.

The county has now moved into the next phase, which is to contract with Global Location Strategies for the identification of potential sites for industrial development/industrial parks and to define specific areas of the county that should be targeted for development consideration and identify factors that needed to be considered such as available workforce, training opportunities, unemployment rates, and the quality of life in the general living area. The bid was awarded at the May 6, 2019 meeting and the contract was approved at the most recent Sampson County Board meeting that was held on June 3, 2019.

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Public Hearing

The 2018-2019 Amended Budget and the 2019-2020 Proposed Budget for the Town of Harrells has been presented to the Harrells Board of Alderman, and is available for public inspection at the Town Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday's and will also be posted on the front door until the public hearing.

There will be a regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Alderman and a public hearing on Tuesday, June 25, at 5:00 p.m. at the Harrells Town Hall for the purpose of discussing and adopting the Amended and Proposed Budget. Citizens are invited to make oral or written comments.

Cynthia J. Ezzell
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LOCAL NEWS

Five Aliens Indicted on Illegal Reentry Charges One Found In Sampson County

Robert J. Higdon, Jr., United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina, announced on Tuesday that a federal grand jury in Raleigh has returned indictments charging VICTOR HUGO ESPINOZA-HERNANDEZ, age 50, of Honduras, IRAEL PEREZ-LOPEZ, age 34, of Guatemala, VICTOR SANCHEZ-ISMERIO, age 38, of Mexico, MELCICIO MORALES, age 33, of Mexico, and ARTURO ESPINOZA-PEREZ, age 30, of Mexico, with Illegal Reentry of a Deported Alien.

If convicted of illegal reentry of a deported alien, Espinoza-Hernandez, previously removed from the United States and found in Nash County, PEREZ-LOPEZ, who has been convicted of Driving Under the Influence, was previously deported two times, and was found in Brunswick County, and Sanchez-Ismerio, who was previously removed from the United States, has been convicted of attempted Forcible Rape in the Second Degree, and was found in Brunswick County, would face maximum penalties of two years' imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and a term of supervised release following any term of imprisonment.

Morales, previously deported three times and found in Sampson County, is alleged to have been previously removed subsequent to a felony conviction (conspiracy to manufacture marijuana). Therefore, if convicted, Morales would face a maximum imprisonment term of 10 years, a \$250,000 fine, and a term of supervised release following any term of imprisonment.

If convicted of illegal reentry subsequent to an aggravated felony, Espinoza-Perez, previously removed from the United States subsequent to an aggravated felony conviction (statutory rape), and found in Wake County, would face maximum penalties of 20 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and a term of supervised release following any term of imprisonment.

The charges and allegations contained in the indictments are merely accusations. The defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

The cases are being investigated by ICE's Enforcement and Removal Operations and Homeland Security Investigations.

Traffic Stop Yields Drug Bust



Eric Sorrell



Aniyah Jones

On 06/12/2019, the Sampson County Sheriff's Office Criminal Interdiction Team conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle traveling Interstate 40 eastbound near exit 355. During the traffic stop deputies conducted a probable cause search of the car and located approximately 160 grams of powder cocaine, 84 grams of crack cocaine, and 43 grams of heroin. The Driver Eric Sorrell and the passenger Aniyah Hare-Jones were both taken into custody. During a search of Aniyah-Hare, approximately 6 grams of MDMA were located on her person. They were both transported to the Sampson County Detention Center and charged.

Driver- Eric Louie Sorrell of 131 Pendant Lane, Holly Ridge, NC was charged with: 2 counts of Trafficking Cocaine, 2 counts of Trafficking Heroin, Maintain a Vehicle for the Storage of a Controlled Substance, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. A bond was set for \$90,000 secured.

Passenger- Aniyah Hare-Jones of 1409 Jefferson Ave, Pleasantville, NJ was charged with: 2 counts of Trafficking Cocaine, 2 counts of Trafficking Heroin, Maintain a Vehicle for Storage of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and PWISD Schedule I Controlled Substance. A bond was set for \$100,000 secured.

The Sampson County Criminal Interdiction Team will continue to proactively target drug dealers and make every effort to eradicate their poison from our community.

Clinton City School Retirees Recognized



At the End of Year Celebration, Clinton City Schools recognized their recent retirees. With a combined experience of 224 years, these employees will truly be missed.

- Ms. Katherine A. Colwell- CTE Health Science Teacher- 30 years
- Mrs. Rhonda S. Davis- Exceptional Children's Teacher- 30 years
- Mr. Jeffrey Draughon- SMS Custodial Staff- 29 years
- Mrs. Robin C. Mathis- AIG Teacher- 29 years
- Ms. Glennette W. McNeil- EC Instructional Teacher Assistant- 19 years
- Ms. Julie B Pope- Instructional Teacher Assistant- 28 years
- Mr. Jeffrey L. Sawvel- Physical Education Teacher & Athletic Director- 30 years
- Mr. Jeffrey R Swartz- Child Nutrition Director- 29 years

federal identification number, budget, and organizational purpose are required with all applications. The organization applying for funds must show that they own the property, and it is not leased by the organization. However, if an organization making a request does not own the land or the structure to be preserved or built on a site, the organization may provide properly executed documents that state the organization has a permanent easement for the site, including ingress and egress.

The Sampson County Convention & Visitors Bureau CGP will use a matching grant formula whereby organizations may be awarded one grant dollar for each dollar spent by the organization, up to \$50,000 per project. Due to the potential number of grant applications that may be received annually, the full amount of an organization's grant request may not be awarded. It is anticipated that typical grant awards may average between \$5,000 and \$10,000. The SCCVB Capital Grant Program has a cap of \$50,000 per organization. Once this amount has been distributed to an organization, the organization must sit out of the grant application process for a period of three (3) years from date of final funding from the CVB. In addition, multiple non-profits may not apply to receive funding for the same project.

SCCVB Executive Director, Sheila Barefoot stated, "the Sampson County CVB Capital Grant Committee will process Capital Grant Applications twice per fiscal year (August & January) or until such time that the annual allocation is exhausted. Applications for the first cycle may be submitted from July 1st until July 30th, and must be postmarked no later than July 30th for consideration during the August cycle. Applications for the second cycle may be submitted from November 30th to December 31st, and must be postmarked no later than December 31st for consideration during the January cycle. Capital Grant applicants must contain the written approval or a formal resolution of the organizations governing board, and include relevant municipal government endorsement, and a list providing other individuals or organizations that have made contributions to the proposed project."

Funding for the SCCVB Capital Grant Program is provided through room occupancy taxes (ROT) that are collected by Sampson County's lodging establishments which are generated because of overnight lodging by visitors to Sampson County. The SCCVB will allocate 33% of all room occupancy taxes collected to the Capital Grant Program on an annual basis.

"It is the mission of the Sampson County Convention & Visitors Bureau to market and promote Sampson County, its assets, and its industry partners to attract both business and leisure travelers to Sampson County," stated Julie Stadig, CVB Board Chair.

The Sampson County CVB was approved and enacted to be a public authority established through legislation by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina and adopted, approved, and enacted by the Sampson County Board of Commissioners with the purpose of promoting the development of travel and tourism related activities in Sampson County, through state, regional and national advertising, marketing and promotional activities and campaigns.

For more information or details about the SCCVB Capital Grant Program or to receive grant guidelines and applications, contact Sheila Barefoot, Director at 910-592-2557 or via email at sbarefoot@visitsampsonnc.com. The Sampson County CVB's offices are inside the Sampson County Exposition Center located at 414 Warsaw Road, Clinton, NC

Sampson County Convention & Visitors Bureau Awards Capital Grant Funding to the Sampson Arts Council and Sampson Community College



Capital Grant Program developed to grow tourism assets in Sampson County

The SCCVB Capital Grant Program (CGP) was developed to stimulate economic growth by supporting non-profit visitor attractions in Sampson County, NC. The program allows the SCCVB to award capital grant funding to organizations whose projects are designed or developed to attract visitors to Sampson County. The program allows eligible organizations to receive funding for the development of new visitor attractions or to organizations that are working to enhance or restore existing structures and other projects whose primary mission is to serve visitors to Sampson County.

The CVB is proud to announce Capital Grant funding to the Sampson Arts Council and the Sampson Community College.

The Sampson Arts Council will receive grant funding for a new driveway and parking area at the Victor R. Small House in the amount of \$9,347. The vision of the SAC Parking Repair Project was to increase accessibility to the SAC through an improved parking area and handicap space. This project enhances the safety of the SAC and the Victor R. Small House, which is a prominent historic landmark on a main city street. With a high volume of visitors and tourists to the facility, it was a priority to keep the building and grounds safe and accessible to everyone.

The Sampson Community College will receive grant funding for the purchase of benches for Phase 1 of the "Develop the East Project" in the amount of \$10,000. This project will create a place for recreation, exercise, arts, and general community fellowship. There will be a venue for youth sports and tournament, charity events, concerts and community gathering. This project will serve as a welcoming point of entry to the city and the college. "Develop the East" will be a highly visible greenspace in the heart of the county that will draw students, residents and visitors to gather and enjoy personal recreation, sporting events, performing arts and festival activities.

Organizations that may apply for CGP funding include any legally chartered 501-(c)3 non-profit Sampson County organization or chartered municipality representing a visitor attraction, which includes tourism promotion among its major activities. Documentation of legal status, tax exemption,

We Should Know . . .



Jonathan Allen and Dana Hall with JW 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 topic for this week's show is Parks & Recreation in our community and the guests are Dana Hall, director of Sampson County Parks & Recreation, and Jonathan Allen director for Clinton Recreation and Parks.

JW Simmons begins the show asking his guest to discuss what's happening at Parks & Recreation this time of year when schools are letting out for the summer. Dana Hall is first to reply. "For us it is pretty much the wrap up of baseball and softball season and this year we're starting a new program. We're starting a summer softball program for girls 13 and under. And basically, we're going to be doing some clinics with our high schools. We'll get some high school players to come out and they'll be clinicians earning some extra volunteer hours to work with the kids. And it's going to be a 6 to 8-week program."

"In turn with that we also offer a futsal program. We have a partnership with the county schools, and they allow us to use their school facilities after hours and we'll actually be using their gymnasiums for indoor soccer during the summer so we can kind of beat the heat."

Hall says to go ahead and sign up your children for those programs now. She adds they will also have some adult programs as well.

Simmons next turns to Jonathan Allen, reminding readers that the City of Clinton has 79 acres at Royal Lane. He asks Allen to discuss what's happening at the Clinton Parks & Rec department.

Allen explains, "We're kind of in the same boat as Dana and the county with finishing up baseball. We'll be hosting the baseball Dixie Youth tournament coming up later in June at Royal Lane. So, people can come out and enjoy some good baseball."

"We're also beginning the pool. The pool is open now on the weekends. We start Monday with weekdays 1 to 5pm. So, people come out there its 3 dollars for adults age 16 and up. Age 55 and up for our seniors it's \$2. And \$1 for infants."

Allen explains that the fee is for the entire day, however guests are not allowed to leave and return later that day for the initial entry fee.

Allen adds, "We'll also be doing rentals on Sunday. The pool will be closed Sundays, but we'll be available from 2 to 4 on Sundays for rentals. If someone wants to rent, they just need to call the recreation office at 299-4906 and we can give them that information."

Simmons next asks his guests, as seasoned Parks and Recreation directors, if they had an opportunity go back and do something different what that would be.

Dana Hall replies, "Something I would do over is to start back our summer camp program. If it were something we could within the county. Jonathan and I have both talked about the need of summer camps and school aged children to have something to do during the summer months."

"And now, pretty much the majority, I'd say 95% of our kids that participate in our program, their parents are working. So, it's tough for them in the summer to find activities that are positive and have a positive environment with positive role models. So, if I had a do over, I would make sure that we had a strong summer camp program."

Simmons asks Allen what he would do differently. "Very similar," says Allen. "We've been looking at a summer camp and after school camp. That was something I was fortunate to have when I came up because we had some of those programs going on. That's a real need that I see in the community in going forward."

"As far as doing something different, I don't know. Everyone makes mistakes and that's part of the learning process. So, I'm not sure of anything I would do differently. Just learn from that and move on."

Next, Simmons asks his guest to explain how they sell summer programs to budget writers considering that so many parents now work and children, especially 10 and under, have a need for those programs.

Dana Hall begins, "I think you have to talk to the public. The public has to voice a real need for these programs because I think the City Council and Commissioners are willing to do what the public wants. But the issue sometimes is that the public doesn't voice their concerns to the right ears."

"From what I understand the commissioners, and we have good commissioners, they are very open to listening to what the public's needs are. But we're not aware of the changes they want, and they are willing to pay for it. When we're writing the budget, we have to look at costs, but a lot of times the public is willing to pay for a service."

Next, Simmons asks if a parent knows they can drop off a child at a program run by the government and they know the child will be looked after and cared for, so they are willing to pay \$20 for it, if that was part of the equation.

"It's part of the equation," says Allen. "I think that part of what you said is spot on. They understand that a government entity has a responsibility, and as that responsibility they trust that. So, its an earned trust that we have with them. The other thing is your staff. You have to have staff that they trust as well. And we've been fortunate with the city and county that we've had some great staff."

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Alice Butler, Mayor
 Janet Dunn, Town Clerk

FAITH

Make Marriage Great Again: Verse by Verse through Song of Songs – Chapter 3



“In my bed at night I sought the one I love; I sought him, but did not find him. I will arise now and go about the city, through the streets and the plazas. I will seek the one I love. I sought him, but did not find him. The guards who go about the city found me. I asked them, “Have you seen the one I love?” I had just passed them when I found the one I love. I held on to him and would not let him go until I brought him to my mother’s house—to the chamber of the one who conceived me. Young women of Jerusalem, I charge you by the gazelles and the wild does of the field: do not stir up or awaken love until the appropriate time. What is this coming up from the wilderness like columns of smoke, scented with myrrh and frankincense from every fragrant powder of the merchant? It is Solomon’s royal litter surrounded by 60 warriors from the mighty of Israel. All of them are skilled with swords and trained in warfare. Each has his sword at his side to guard against the terror of the night. King Solomon made a sedan chair for himself with wood from Lebanon. He made its posts of silver, its back of gold, and its seat of purple. Its interior is inlaid with love by the young women of Jerusalem.” Song of Songs 3:1-10 (HCSB)

Do you have recurring dreams? For years I have had the dream that I am taking many college courses as one time, and there is that one class that I have forgotten about. I have not done any reading, I have not written any papers, I have not attended any classes. Among my many other classes, this one got left out. Then it hits me, “I’m enrolled in this class!” So I scurry around trying to find the text books I’ve neglected and my lecture notes and head off to the class, only to realize that because I haven’t actually attended the class, I have no idea where the class is located.

Chapter 3 starts off like a dream. As the bride-to-be lies in bed with anticipation for the wedding night, she stirs with questions in her mind. Is Solomon really the man of her dreams? Is he truly the one she will spend the rest of her life with? Is she the one who her love is worth giving? As

Sheriff Andy Taylor Christianity



Mark 9:35, “Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.”

Season two of “The Andy Griffith Show” we discover that Sheriff Taylor is accused of misconduct of the office he holds. Andy on Trial is an episode which originally aired on April 23, 1962. Andy faces questioning because his amusing deputy, Barney Fife brags to a news reporter how he would do things different in Mayberry. Unknowing



to Barney, his very words would cause great harm to Andy.

In defending Andy at the trial Barney says the following, “Sure, he was delivering groceries to Emma Watson because she was too sick to get down to the market. And that’s just one example of the thing’s Andy’s done for the folks in this town. I could give you a lot more. You gotta understand, this is a small town. The Sheriff is more than just a Sheriff. He’s a friend. And the people in this town, they ain’t got a better friend than Andy Taylor.”

Barney testifies that Andy had a servant’s heart and always did what was best for others. Every time I watch this episode I think how every Christian should do what’s best for others. Did Andy have to pick up Emma Watson’s groceries, tear up jay walking tickets of an elderly person or be so understanding to the town drunk Otis? Andy demonstrated that to be a servant is more than having a title.

Jesus had just told His disciples that He was going to suffer and lay down His life for others. However, no sooner had He made the announcement that His followers began arguing with one another. “What are you arguing about?” Jesus asked, but they remained silent. Since Jesus already knew they had argued about who was the greatest, He said to them, “If you want be first place then seek out last place. Become the servant of all.”

Even after two thousand years, this remains a revolutionary idea, because it violates the very premise under which the modern world operates. When Jesus says we must become the servant of all, he doesn’t mean that we must not use our talents and abilities to the fullest. Jesus means, rather, that we are not to dominate others or strive for superiority at their expense. Serving others is the essence of Christ’s ministry that we learn in Mark 10:45, “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Christ offered to His disciples and ultimately to all His followers a challenging way of life. We should examine our lives to see if we must change if we are not measuring up to God’s mandate. Just as Jesus asked His disciples, so Jesus asks us to think about our goals in life. This is not a superficial principle or a matter of casual interest. Rather, it goes to the very heart of Christianity itself.

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement in England, wrote, “One of the principal rules of religion is, to lose no occasion of serving God. And, since he is invisible to our eyes, we are to serve him in our neighbor; whom he receives as if done to himself in person, standing visibly before us?” Believers in Christ don’t have to look very far to find someone to minister too. The needs of this world are great, but God has given us the resources and spiritual gifts to minister to more individuals than we can dream.

I encourage you today to be willing to be a servant of God, regardless of what others might do or say. Sheriff Andy Taylor might be a fictional character, but his action of servanthood is a genuine example to everyone. If you were put on trial for being a servant of Jesus, would there be enough evidence to convict you?



Rev. Ken Smith

she seemingly goes on a mission to find these answers, we see the certainty of her love for Solomon unfold.

As the king has returned to the city, she gets up from her bed and chases after him, referring to him as “the one I love.” Any doubt she had while lying in bed begins to be resolved. Four times in verses 1-2 we see the word “sought” or “seek.” Danny Akin remarks, “Settle in your heart that you truly love the person you are considering for marriage. If there are doubts, then wait. If questions remain, then put things on hold” (Daniel Akin, Christ-Centered Expositon: Song of Songs) This is a great word for those who are single and seeking. It’s also a great word for those engaged to be married. But it’s also a great word for those who are already married. If your love for your spouse is not settled in your heart, you don’t have the license to seek separation or divorce, but you do have the obligation to make your marriage work. Love isn’t merely a feeling you feel for another person, it is a choice that you make.

Marriage is not primarily about your feelings. Your feelings will deceive you. Marriage teaches us to love even when we don’t feel like it. It may be difficult to love your spouse. It may be difficult to feel about your husband or wife than the picture of passion Song of Songs chapter 3 paints. If you truly want to love your spouse and make your marriage work, then love God first. Gary Thomas notes in his book Sacred Marriage, “Yes, it is difficult to love your spouse. But if you truly want to love God, look right now at the ring on your left hand, commit yourself to exploring anew what the ring represents, and love passionately, crazily, enduringly the fleshly person who put it there. It just may be one of the most spiritual things you can do.” No, marriage isn’t primarily about your feelings, but it is primarily about the glory of God. It’s about holiness more than happiness.



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What's Happening

By Angela Martin

at **SCT**



Shrek rehearsals continue and Spotlight on Seniors

Shrek the Musical cast is in the middle of rehearsals at SCT and the cast is filled with talent. We have over 70 members in our cast - representing various communities, ages, talents and races. We cannot wait to show you our talented cast and to watch Shrek come to life on our stage. Lucas Jackson is thrilled to reprise the role of Lord Farquaad in this production. He last appeared as the same character in the All County Musical in 2016. Lucas last appeared at SCT in last summer's Hairspray. He attends Ithaca College in upstate New York and we are happy to have him back onstage during our summer production. The performance show dates are Thursday, July 25 thru Sunday, August 4. Make sure to purchase your tickets in advance for this production as it will be sure to sell out.

Our spotlight on seniors brings us to one more high school senior that has been involved with SCT for numerous years. Schuyler Floyd is the daughter of Catherine Floyd. She will be attending William Peace University where she is pursuing a BFA in Musical Theatre. This year, she played Eliza Doolittle in HRT's My Fair Lady and Paulette in SCT's production of Legally Blonde, Jr. She is also portraying Fiona for one weekend in this summer's Shrek. We wish Schuyler the best as she journeys to college in the fall and we look forward to seeing all of her accomplishments in the future.



Schuyler Floyd

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Chef Aarón Sánchez

Fundido Fiesta Flats

Servings: 4
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 5 minutes

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 1.25-ounce package Ortega Taco Seasoning Mix or 40% Less Sodium Taco Seasoning Mix
- 1/2 cup water
- 6 ounces American cheese, cubed
- 1 16-ounce jar Ortega Salsa, any variety
- 12 Ortega Fiesta Flats Taco Shells
- Chopped fresh cilantro

Brown beef in large skillet over medium-high heat; drain. Stir in taco seasoning and water. Cook for 2 to 3 minutes or until thickened.

Meanwhile, combine cheese and one cup salsa in a microwave-safe bowl. Cook on high for 1 to 2 minutes, stirring every 20 seconds, until smooth.

Evenly spoon meat mixture into Fiesta Flats and top with cheese mixture. Top with additional salsa and sprinkle with cilantro. If desired, also top with Ortega Taco Sauce and Diced Green Chiles.

Chicken Taco Casserole

Servings: 6
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 25 minutes

- 12 Ortega yellow corn or white corn taco shells
- 3 cups shredded cooked chicken
- 8 ounces shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 2 cups chicken stock
- 1 1.25-ounce package Ortega 40% Less Sodium Taco Seasoning Mix
- 1 16 ounce container sour cream
- 1 16 ounce jar Ortega Salsa, any variety
- Juice of 1 lime

Preheat oven to 350°F. Break taco shells into large chips. Combine taco chips, chicken, cheese, stock and taco seasoning in large mixing bowl.

Spread mixture in 9-inch by 13-inch baking dish. Top with 1 1/2 cups sour cream; pour salsa over sour cream. Bake for 25 minutes, or until hot and bubbling.

Meanwhile, stir lime juice into remaining sour cream. Remove casserole from oven, drizzle sour cream and lime mixture over top and serve at once.



Mexican Lasagna

Mexican Lasagna

Servings: 8
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 35 minutes

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 medium yellow onion, thinly sliced
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 1/2 pounds lean ground beef
- 1 1.25-ounce package Ortega Taco Seasoning Mix
- 1/2 cup water, divided
- 1 16-ounce can Ortega Refried Beans
- 9 Ortega Flour Soft Tortillas
- 2 10-ounce cans Ortega Mild Red Enchilada Sauce
- 1 16-ounce jar Ortega Thick and Chunky Salsa
- 8 ounces shredded Monterey Jack or cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 350°F. Heat vegetable oil in large skillet over medium heat and cook onion and garlic for 4 minutes or until softened. Add ground beef and cook for 4 minutes or until browned. Stir in taco seasoning and 1/4 cup water. Cook for 2 minutes or until sauce thickens.

Heat refried beans in microwave or small saucepan and stir in remaining 1/4 cup water to thin slightly.

Cut one tortilla in half and fit cut ends at either end of a 9-inch by 13-inch baking dish. Arrange two tortillas, slightly overlapping, to cover the bottom. Layer 1/3 refried beans, 1/3 meat mixture and 1 can enchilada sauce. Repeat to make a second layer.

Repeat to make a third layer using salsa instead of enchilada sauce. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake for 20 minutes or until lasagna is bubbling and cheese is melted. Let stand 5 minutes before cutting.

If desired, top servings with sour cream and diced green onion.

Mini-Meatball Fiesta Flats

Servings: 4
Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes

- 4 Ortega Taco Shells, any variety
- 1/2 pound ground pork
- 1/2 1.25-ounce package Ortega Taco Seasoning Mix or 40% Less Sodium Taco Seasoning Mix
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 10-ounce can Ortega Mild Red Enchilada Sauce
- 1/4 cup water
- 2 ripe avocados
- 1 1-ounce package Ortega Guacamole Seasoning Mix
- 12 Ortega Fiesta Flats Taco Shells
- Shredded lettuce

Place taco shells in food processor and pulse until coarse crumbs form. (Or place in resealable plastic bag and crush.) Combine crumbs, pork and taco seasoning in mixing bowl.

Form mixture into small meatballs, about 1/2 inch in diameter. Heat oil in large skillet and brown meatballs lightly, in batches if necessary, about 5 minutes per batch, turning frequently. Return meatballs to skillet and add enchilada sauce and water. Bring to boil over high heat; reduce heat and simmer gently for 15 to 20 minutes or until meatballs are thoroughly cooked.

Meanwhile, mash avocados and stir in guacamole seasoning mix. Let rest in the refrigerator according to package instructions.

To serve, spoon meatballs and sauce into Fiesta Flats. Top each with shredded lettuce and guacamole. If desired, also top with Ortega Taco Sauce and Diced Green Chiles.



Chicken Taco Casserole



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Union High School's Alex Hernandez Takes a Great Leap Forward



Spartan track standout succeeds on and off track

Union High School track standout Alex Hernandez said he was stunned when he was told that he had been named this week's Performance Auto/Star Athlete of the Week.

"It is a complete surprise for me," the 16-year-old junior standout said. "This is really something ... Wow! I am really honored and appreciative to receive this award."

One look at this past track season and it is easy to see why Coach Kevin Johnson nominated Hernandez.

Not only did the Spartan men make it to the NCHSAA 1-A State Track and Field championships (that was held on May 18 at the Irwin Belk Track on the campus of North Carolina A&T), but Hernandez and the rest of the 4x400m Relay team (David Granadas, Jason Cortez and Carlos Gutierrez) finished the event with a time of 3:50.14, placing 14th in the state. Hernandez also placed fourth in the 300m Hurdles with a time of 45.12.

A week prior, in the State Preliminaries, Hernandez placed third in the 300m Hurdles with a time of 45.18.

This season was also the first time that Hernandez medaled in his events.

"Alex worked very hard on the hurdles this year and as a runner," said UHS Track Coach Kevin Johnson. "He got 10th in the state this year and hopefully, next year he can get back to the states again." When asked about his successes, the two-sport star (track and soccer), pushes praise to his teammates.

"This season was a really successful one for us," he said. "Last year, we had a good season too, but we had a bigger team. This season, we were smaller, but we worked hard to improve every meet. We came in wanting to get to state because last season we didn't. But we took each game and tried to find a place inside ourselves to strive to do our best - I think we did that."

He continues, "I think we will do the same thing next season. Hopefully, we will have a great summer and come in next year and be ready."

Despite being a young team, the Spartans benefited from being a team full of longtime friends.

"We have been playing together since middle school," Hernandez adds. "We are like family out here and I think that camaraderie helps us in so many ways. We know each of our strengths because we are all friends and because of that, it makes us look out for each other."

Hernandez came into Union High School as a seasoned soccer player - he's been playing as long as he can remember. However, it was only during the last school year that he decided to run track, thanks to the encouragement of then senior Cameron Baker.

"He knew I could run, and he kept talking to me about trying out for the team," he explained. "He kept motivating me to get out there and run. It was also a great way for me to stay in shape (for the soccer season). Once I got out on the track - I just fell in love with it."

Typically, Hernandez would run in the 4x400m Relay and the Mile events, however, this year Spartan coaches added hurdles to Hernandez's event schedule.

"I have never competed in the Hurdles event," he said. "One day in practice I was working out and I saw some hurdles that were left on the track. I asked my coaches if it was okay if I tried to jump them - they said 'yes', and I did ... It felt very natural."

The rest is history.

Not only were his coaches impressed, they told Hernandez something that 'shocked' him.

"Coach Johnson pulled me to the side and told me that when I was jumping over the hurdles, I had perfect form," he said.

Hernandez said that he was stunned by the coach's comments because he had never even attempted it before. In fact, jumping over hurdles never entered his thought process until that day.

"I never tried it before," he says with a laugh. "I didn't know if I could even jump that high. But once I did, it felt really good; I knew I would be able to compete."

That encouragement has motivated Hernandez, who says that he is going to work hard this summer to prepare for his final year of high school.

"I want to have a good, productive summer so I will be ready for soccer (Hernandez plays defense for the Spartan soccer team)," he explains. "I also want to be ready for track too. But I might want to try-out for football and possibly even baseball in the spring. I have to wait to see how my schedule is going to be first. My senior year is going to be very busy ..."

Born in Fairfax, Virginia, Hernandez moved to the southern Sampson County area when he was '6' or '7' years old.

"When we moved here from Fairfax," he said. "It took a while to get used to. Virginia was very big and was always busy. When we got here, it was completely the opposite - it took a little while to get adjusted to the pace here."

As long as he could remember, Hernandez said that he was always kicking a ball around.

"I really didn't play recreation ball, I mainly kicked around in my yard," Hernandez said. "I first started playing on a team when I was in middle school - it was soccer in 2015." The love of the game came easy for Hernandez.

"I love being able to control the ball and make it my mission to get it to my teammates," he said. "I like how your opponent puts pressure on you when you have the ball and are moving down field. That adrenaline rush is something I really love. It is really about teamwork and how your team works together to meet the goal."

One long-standing tradition at Union High School is the upperclassmen reach out to the upcoming freshman, helping to make their transition from middle to high school easier - something that Hernandez says helped him tremendously.

"When I came up (from middle school) the older guys really took us under their wings and showed us what to expect," Hernandez remembers. "They helped us in skills and performance, but it wasn't just in sports, it was helping us making the transition to the classroom as well. I really appreciated it."

It is a tradition that Hernandez has been honored to continue.

"I really enjoy giving back and helping the younger players," he admits. "It makes me feel great to help the next generation of players. I know how much I appreciated it when I first came in and I am more than happy to give back in return."

He continues, "It is very rewarding for me."

As good as he is in track and soccer, Hernandez is just as good in the classroom. A 'B' student, who says science is his favorite subject, is already thinking about his post high school career.

"I know that I want to go to a 4-year college," he explained. "Or if I can't do that, I will go to community college and then transfer to a larger school ..."

Although he is still undecided about what he will study in college, the standout said that he would 'love' to play soccer or run track for the college he goes to, as long as he is given the opportunity.

"I will do either one or both," Hernandez says with excitement. "I have a passion for both sports - so I would be happy to participate ... It is just really up to God. I will go in the direction He leads me in."

When Hernandez does get free time, he likes to hang out with family and friends, relax and just enjoy life.

He is also a seasoned musician that had played in Union's marching and symphonic and playing percussion.

"I started back in 2016," Hernandez said of his band experience at the school. "I played in the 10th grade and last semester. For years we had a really great band teacher (Rachael Moxley) who left ..."

Last semester was the final one Hernandez played for the band - the program at Union High was disbanded, he said.

Being the lover of music that Hernandez is, he still finds ways to play.

"I play a little side piano," he said with a laugh. "I started playing piano a while ago. I have always loved music. But the reason why I started playing piano was the band Twenty-One Pilots. The piano players (Nick Thomas and Tyler Joseph) in that band really inspired me to start playing and I have been playing ever since."

In addition to percussion and the piano, Hernandez also plays ukulele.

"It is a little more difficult than it looks," he said. "It is all about getting used to playing to the tuning. But it is a lot of fun."

Having that time to explore new things is something that is important to Hernandez because he knows everything will change after next year.

"It has been like a family here at Union High," he said. "I have made so many incredible memories here and I am looking forward to making more in my senior year. The support we have here is absolutely incredible and it means so much. We have people from all ages come out to support us - even our teachers and administrators come out and cheer us on. It makes us feel like we are just one wonderful, big wholesome family."

A family Hernandez knows he will miss when he graduates and leaves the only school system he has ever known.

"I have been thinking about this a lot over the past few weeks," Hernandez said. "That is because my senior friends were leaving, and it got me thinking about how hard it is going to be for me to say goodbye."

He continues, "That is when the reality of it hit me right in the face. Which is why I know I am going to enjoy my senior year as much as I can."

When asked if he had a piece of advice to share with an upcoming freshman, Hernandez says, "I would tell them to do as many activities as you can when you come in. Join a club, tryout for sports ... Just get involved."

He adds, "When you come in you think that it is going to take forever to get through high school, but it really doesn't. Take it from me because I thought it would be, but it has just flown by. Take it in and enjoy your years in high school because once it's gone, it's gone, and you can't get it back." Hernandez says that everything he has done has been driven by the support of God, his mother and his family.

"My mom (Nancy Guillen) is my role model," he said. "She has always been there for me; always been there supporting me and I just can't thank her and tell her how much I appreciate her. She is my true hero."

The two-sport standout also credits his family in Peru.

In addition, he wanted to thank the people who have supported him over the years.

"Javier Tupppia Guillen and Jacqueline Tupppia Guillen (My brother and sister who have supported me all the way from Peru). My father. Coach Williams and Coach Johnson, my track coaches. David Ameen my soccer coach. Carlos Gutierrez, Jason Cortez, David Grenados, Shatara Fulton, La'Tyra English, Shy'Deria Harris, Cameron Baker, Jessica Tomas and Daniela Thomas. My amazing track friends I've gotten to know really well. The entire Union High School faculty and staff. Rachael Moxley, the former band director at UHS. Norbin Meza (friend/rapper). Noe Rodriguez and Anaester Hernandez, my best of friends for life. Edwin Roblero, Jose Jimenez, Gema Mendoza and Marisela Calvillo, my dearest and closest friends. Twenty-One Pilots, the reason I started playing music and Kingswood."

Hernandez said that he loves meeting people on social media.

"It is something that is fun for me," he explains. "If anyone wants to say hi, they can follow me on Snapchat (omar.guillen111) or my Instagram (alexhernandezguillen)."

As the standout athlete prepares for the summer, he knows that he will always look back at his junior year with fond memories.

"It has just been a great year for me," Hernandez said in closing. "So far, this has been my most memorable year in high school. Through 10 meets, it was the first time that I medaled - when I got that first medal (in the 300m Hurdles) at Princeton, it was a bomb feeling. Then I earned two more ... For me, it has been just a great junior year all around."

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EDUCATION

Local Students Headed to Washington, D.C. This Weekend



Jordan Wallum



Jordan Burns



Lizzie Phipps

South River EMC program offers students rare opportunity

This weekend, three area students will travel to Washington, D.C. to experience a once-in-a-lifetime adventure, courtesy of South River EMC.

Two Sampson County students - rising senior Jordan Wallum from Midway High School and Lizzie Phipps, a rising senior at Hobpton High. The third student selected is Jordan Burns, also a rising senior, who attends Grays Creek High School.

During the week-long visit, the students will visit the sites of Washington, D.C., including historic monuments and museums. They will take a boat ride down the Potomac River, attend an 'All States Dance' and learn more about America's electric cooperatives. Students also have an opportunity to meet with their congressmen to learn more about how our government works and current issues facing Congress, according to Julie W. McLeod, Communication and Public Relations Coordinator for South River Electric Membership Corporation.

South River EMC, is one of 26 electric cooperatives across the state, offers this rare opportunity to area students to be part of this unforgettable experience.

"Our students get to meet with senators and representatives, they also get to sit in on House and Senate session," she explained. "Students often come back with a newfound sense of responsibility thanks to this trip."

She continued, "Many of them have experiences, even if that have been to Washington, D.C. in the past, that are new and exciting to them."

That one-in-a-lifetime experience has paid off in more ways than one.

"Our youth tourists have gone onto many professions, and the Youth Tour shows favorably on college resumes," McLeod added. "The trip gives them opportunities to meet students from across the country and forge relationships with people they might never have had the opportunity to meet, as well as building strong bonds across the state, because students from North Carolina travel together."

During the trip, the North Carolina's students also establish a Soda Pop Co-op, to provide a supply of affordable drinks while in Washington, D.C., with each student paying \$1 to become a member of the cooperative. A board of directors is appointed, which hires a manager and assistant manager. At the end of the trip, the cooperative is dissolved, and each student is refunded their membership fee and their member refund, or capital credits, based on profits.

The program, which is coordinated by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), was started in the 1950's based on an idea from Senator Lyndon Baine Johnson. The idea grew into what it is in the 1960s, in order to give students, the ability to "see what the flag stands for and represents." Of course, each state adds onto that a little differently, but it's really to introduce students to the government they learn so much about in classes, firsthand.

For years now, South River EMC has been instrumental in sending area students to have this amazing experience. With each year, the students return with many interesting stories and memories to last a lifetime, as well as friends from across the state and even across the country.

"Parents are usually very happy their student has this opportunity, because it does help them grow," McLeod added.

South River EMC is a locally owned and operated electric cooperative, providing electric service to 44,000 homes, farms and businesses in parts of Harnett, Cumberland, Sampson, Johnston and Bladen counties.

For more information about the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, call Julie McLeod at 910-892-8071, ext. 2151 or e-mail, connections@sremc.com.

Roseboro Elementary Awards

The following students received the award listed for the 4th Term at Roseboro Elementary School:

Second Grade:
Superintendent's List:
Ariel Faison, Aaron Watson

Second Grade:
Principal's List:
Arianna Ortiz-Diaz, Zachary Shatley, Jaycie Stokes, Kloie Beasley, Claudio Campos Garcia, Mary Odum, Nolon Register, Neli Rico, Leon Tanner, Laniyah Tatum, Hope Ballentine, Heiress King

Second Grade:
Honor Roll:
Madison Flores, Sierra Johnson, Adam Pope, Patience Strawderman, William Tarplee, Yoselin Villegas-Perez, Khloe Vinson, Kendra Young, DeMarqua Artis, Mary Autry, Emmalynmarie Carter, Makayla Downes, Gavin Lockwood, Camari Oates, Landon Pope, Amelia Rich, J'Lynn Williamson, Lauren Breedlove, Tyren Gloschen, Thomas Jones, Brandon Martinez, Killeen Muzzy, Chloe Stokes, Legacy Tatum, Oscar Torres, Sydney West, Izerion York, Giovanni Zunga

Third Grade:
Superintendent's List:
Burroughs Strickland

Third Grade:
Principal's List:
Alexandra Cruz, David Marible, Joshua McDuffie, James Cole Beatty, KaiLeigh Cromartie, Jazlynn Frederick, Braeden Ingram, Sophia Dailey, William Seth Faircloth, DaJuan Sellers, Tyler Yang

Third Grade:
Honor Roll:
Minaudia Jean-Gilles, Jake Johnson, Jerell Thomas-Smith, Edison Boykin, Cary Burns, Ryder Dudley, Joshua Owens, Jaden Hall, Brylee Honeycutt, Avery Tanner, Caryngton Stanford, Kaitlynn Martinez, Nicholas Austin, Jennifer Bullard, Kemiah Walker

Fourth Grade:
Principal's List:
Tayler Fye, Cali Beatty, Caleb Garcia, Dakota Hall, Reuben Hogan, William Ortiz, Allegro West

Fourth Grade:
Honor Roll:

Carolyn Corral, Alejandra Torres, Semaj Smith, Jimmie Johnson, Jeconias Pone, Makila Rich, Kaelyn Simpson, Carlos Rios, Reagan Blackmon, Ernest Brown, Brintney Dominguez, Currie Faircloth, Jeremiah Kerr, Andrew Hall, Irving Martinez, Zoey Pope, Jahmai Rich, Irhiyana Thompson

Fifth Grade:
Principal's List:
Stephen Melvin, Joseph Duncan

Fifth Grade:
Honor Roll:
Jimmy Vazquez, Noah Shatley, Shiyah James, John Fernandez, Savannah Cain, Dylan Davidson, Taylour Stark, Yony Labra-Garcia, Joysa Cruz, Fancy Bullard, Kalisa Arnold, Parker Hinson, Michael Bullard

SCC Program to be Featured in Hechinger Report



Kolodner (L) interviews student Elizabeth Menendez (R) while Basic Skills instructor Nancy Gump assists.

When someone does a good job, you want everyone to know about it. That is one reason a reporter for The Hechinger Report was on campus this week speaking with College and Career Readiness (CCR) students from Sampson Community College.

Meredith Kolodner, a staff reporter for The Hechinger Report, was in town working on a story about what it takes, specifically for Latino and Latina youth and adults to earn a high school diploma or equivalent. The piece will cover what schools, students and parents are doing to get as many residents as possible to and through high school, or high school equivalency programs.

"This is obviously something very important to us," said LaVoice Faison-Stevens, Director of Basic Skills at the college. "We always want to make sure we are able to remove obstacles for anyone who wants to gain access to higher education so needless to say, we welcomed Meredith to the campus in hopes of getting the word out to future students that they can be successful."

The Hechinger Report is a nonprofit news organization designed to cover innovation and inequality in education, including early childhood education, k-12 and college. The goal is to provide in-depth articles that use research, data, and stories from classrooms and campuses to show the public how education can be improved and why it matters.

"I came to Sampson County to learn more from educators, parents and students about the public colleges and k-12 schools in the county," said Kolodner, who traveled from New York to interview students for the story. "I really enjoyed visiting the county. I learned so much and really appreciate how generous people were with their time and their willingness to share their stories." Kolodner continues to gather information for her report.

Spotlighting the CCR program was the latest among several recognitions SCC has enjoyed over the past few weeks. Recently, the North Carolina Community College System named SCC's Truck Driver Training program first in the state. Shortly after, RegisteredNursing.org listed SCC as fourth in the nation for its LPN to RN (Licensed Practical Nursing to Registered Nursing) program option. Just after that news, the college's Medical Assisting program received national accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs.

Dates for High School Equivalency (HSE) and English as a Second Language (ESL) orientations are August 6th through August 8th. There are two sessions which the HSE students can choose, morning 8:30am or the evening 5:00pm. HSE must attend all three days. ESL has one timed session that begins at 5:00pm. They can choose the single evening that is most convenient. For more information about SCC's Basic Skills department, contact Faison-Stevens at lstevens@sampsoncc.edu.



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ATMOSPHERE	ENVIRONMENT	RECYCLE
CARBON	ORGANIC	WASTE
CONSERVE	PLANET	WILDLIFE

T L P Q C Q Q A N R E N
 G N A R G Q N J O E R O
 T C E Z O I R V B C E D
 K E A M M T B Q R Y H P
 R U N A N H E E A C P T
 Q P L A T O V C C L S A
 H S T R L R R P T E O N
 Q C A G E P M I G F M M
 F E W S G D I M V S T W
 A I N W A S T E P N A D
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WHAT IS THE LOWEST POINT ON EARTH?

GET THE PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: CORN

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Sky

SPANISH: Cielo

ITALIAN: Cielo

FRENCH: Ciel

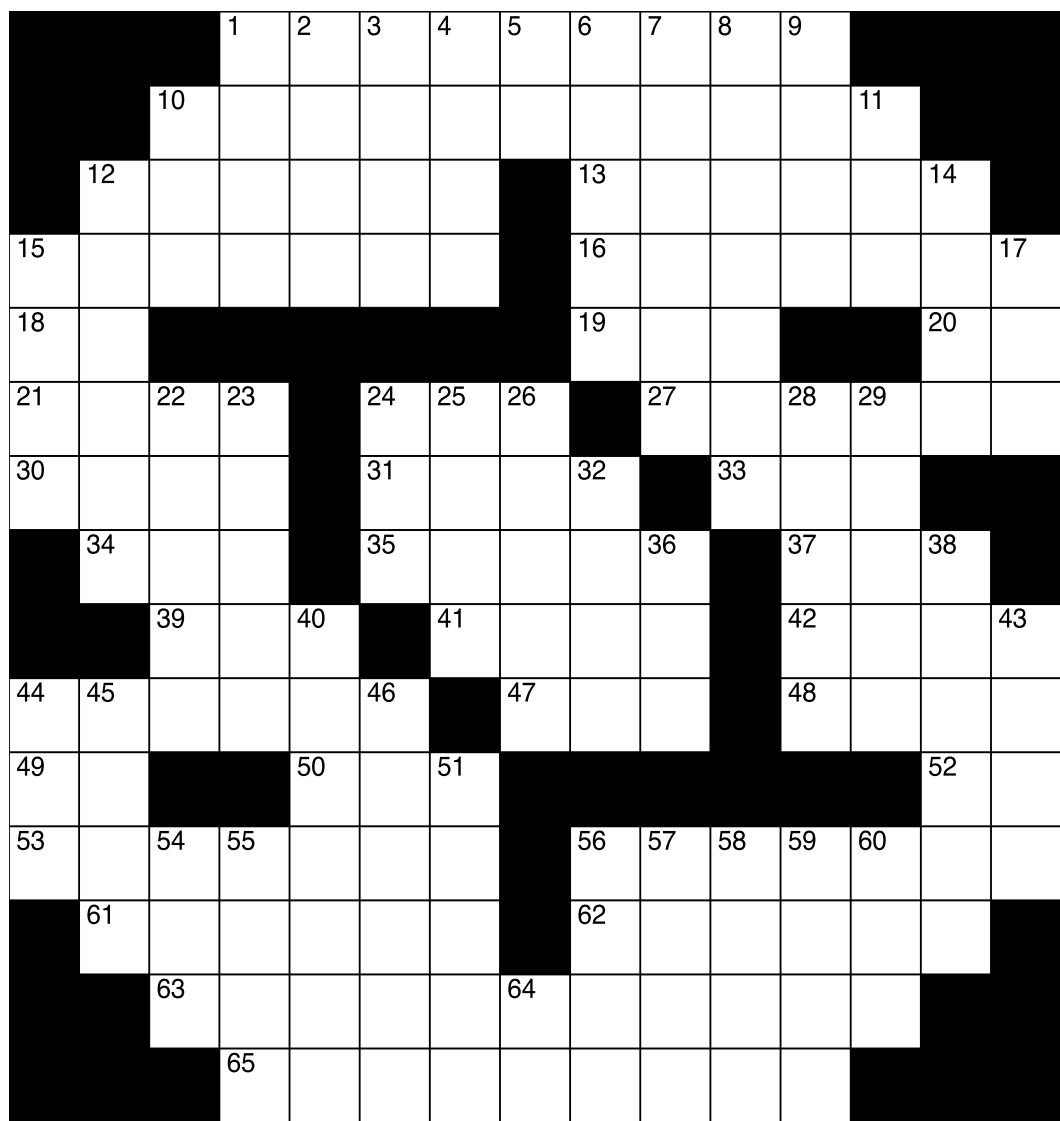
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Crossword Puzzle

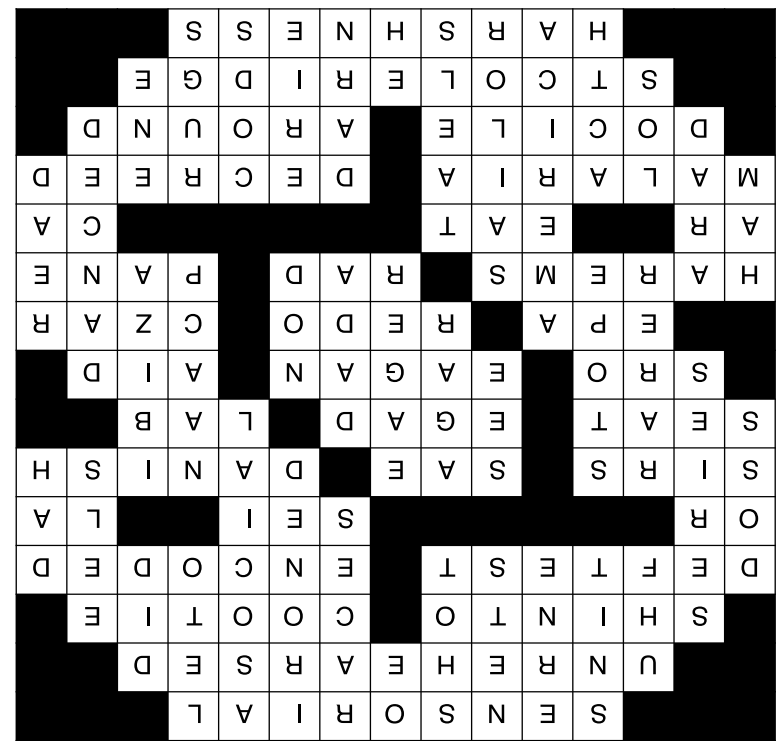


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Derived from senses
- 10. Extemporaneous
- 12. Japanese religion
- 13. Body louse (slang)
- 15. Most adroit
- 16. Formatted electronic data
- 18. An alternative
- 19. 3rd largest whale
- 20. 6th tone
- 21. Gentlemen
- 24. Car mechanics group
- 27. Breakfast pastry
- 30. Where one sits
- 31. Oh, God!
- 33. Scientific workplace
- 34. No seats available
- 35. MN 55120
- 37. Assistance
- 39. Environmental Protection Agency
- 41. Reconstruct
- 42. Russian ruler
- 44. Female Muslim quarters
- 47. Radioactivity unit
- 48. Window glass
- 49. Atomic #18
- 50. Consume
- 52. The golden state
- 53. Mosquito disease
- 56. Authoritatively ordered
- 61. Yielding
- 62. On all sides
- 63. Br. romantic poet
- 65. Cruel vocal quality

CLUES DOWN

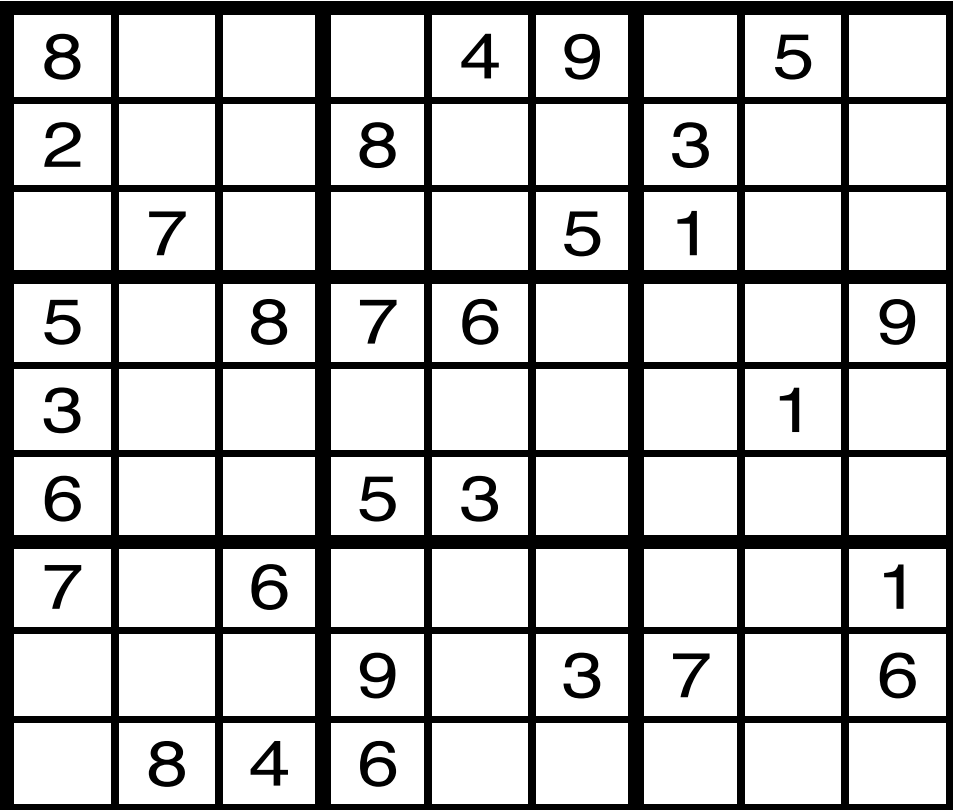
- 1. Irritated state
- 2. Sea eagle
- 3. Fish capturing devices
- 4. An informal photograph
- 5. Old English
- 6. Competes
- 7. Pressed a shirt
- 8. Averse to others
- 9. Mother of Apollo
- 10. Radio frequency
- 11. Have already done
- 12. Baseball championship playoffs
- World ___
- 14. Snakelike fishes
- 15. Br. slang for sleep
- 17. Telegraphic signal
- 22. More scarce
- 23. Step excavation of ore
- 24. Envision
- 25. A gelling agent in foods
- 26. Impatient expectancy
- 28. Civil Rights group
- 29. 3rd largest Balearic island
- 32. Mama's partner
- 36. Head gesture
- 38. Moved to music
- 40. N. & S. of the new world
- 43. Discern the written word
- 44. Thigh of a hog
- 45. Mures river city
- 46. Crew member
- 51. Liang weight units
- 54. ___ Angeles
- 55. Adrenocorticotropin
- 56. Mend a sock
- 57. Shallowest Great lake
- 58. Gadidae fish
- 59. Area floor coverings
- 60. Point midway between NE and E
- 64. "You know" in Canada



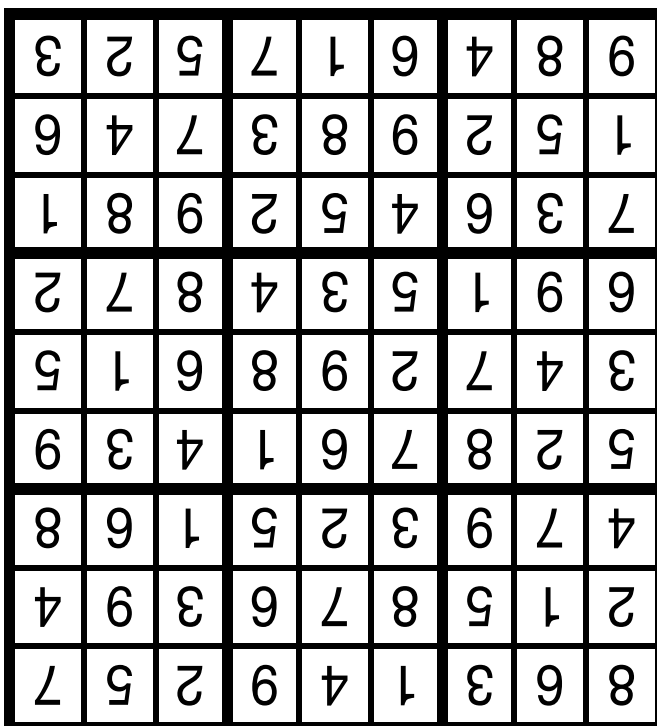
SUDOKU

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



AGRICULTURE WORD SEARCH

WORDS

I N T Y T G S S R G R L C A D I P O
 R G O K T M N C E U R I L E D A G W
 M A V I R I R I M R B A P U D V N O
 A N B H T O R I R O U R Z D C H I D
 V O M W P A N U R E E T O I S Z D R
 A I E S A A T E C S W C S L N E N E
 N T N O N R A S S E K O G A N G U D
 A A V T S Y D I E S S E L I P R O E
 E R I A B B O B R G E O T F O C R E
 R G R I A N O W V W I R I A D C G R
 O E O R O V G G D E I I O B T U K B
 B T N R I N E C T F I T C S D C C F
 I N M N I Z N O I T A Z I T I N A S
 C I E T R Y H C H R O N I C G O B L
 M T N A M Y A R G N I D D E B Z N F
 N A T K E T N M O L T I N G I R A W
 L I A L I Y T I D O M M O C P C P G
 O H L O Z E P O R G N I W O R R A F
 R A N A P E G A L L I T Y E U K S W

- ACRE
- AEROBIC
- ALLEY
- ANAEROBIC
- BACKGROUNDING
- BARN
- BEDDING
- BIOSECURITY
- BOVINE
- BREEDER
- CHRONIC
- CHURNING
- COMMODITY
- CROPS
- CULL
- DAIRY
- DEPRESSION
- DRAWBAR
- ENVIRONMENT
- EROSION
- FARROWING
- FLOWERING
- GESTATION
- GRAZING
- INTEGRATION
- LACTATE
- MOLTING
- NITRIFICATION
- PADDOCKS
- PASTURE
- PLANTING
- RATION
- RUMINANT
- SANITIZATION
- TILLAGE

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



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FATHER'S DAY
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Arrest Reports

06-06 Robert Charles Maloy, 33; 8045 River Rd., Southport; Stolen Property Offenses; Court Date 07-06

06-06 Eric Travon Williams, 19; 108 Rex Court, Dudley; Drug Equipment Violations; Possession with Intent to Sell/Deliver Marijuana; Bond \$2,000; Court Date 06-14

06-06 Dustin Ray Millen, 30; 211 Park Ave., Clinton; DWLR; Court Date 07-09

06-06 Michael Brandon Bradshaw, 31; 396 Eva James Rd., Kenansville; Assault with a Deadly Weapon Serious Injury; Simple Assault; Bond \$50,000; Court Date 06-07

06-06 Jeremy Lee Jones, 24; 8517 Apple Ridge Dr., Linden; Marijuana Paraphernalia; Simple Possess Marijuana; Court Date 06-24

06-06 Nickolas Lamone Cureton, 18; 121 Patten St., Mount Olive; Drug Equipment Violations; Maintain Vehicle for Controlled Substance; Possession with Intent to Sell/Deliver Marijuana; Bond \$3,000; Court Date 06-14

06-06 Norma Daniela Canel, 29; 125 Donnie Lane, Clinton; No Operators License; Failure to Appear- No Operators License; Drive Left of Center; Failure to Appear-Speeding; Bond \$500; Court Date 06-24

06-06 Katherine Stidhum, 22; 624 Eastover Terrace, Clinton; Communicating Threats; Bond \$500; Court Date 07-22

06-06 Matthew Dylan Chambers, 18; 6206 Five Bridge Rd., Clinton; Flee/Elude Arrest with Motor Vehicle; Resist Public Officer; Fail Stop at Stop Sign/Flashing Light; Reckless Driving to Endanger; Speeding; Bond \$6,000; Court Date 06-14

06-06 Heather Dawson Mills, 38; 14793 Hobbton Hwy., Newton Grove; Simple Assault; Court Date 07-12

06-06 Joey Kiger, 36; 50 Scotty Lane, Garland; Communicating Threats; Injury to

Personal Property; Bond \$2,000; Court Date 07-01

06-07 Zachary Tanner Thornton, 25; 30 Ida Lane, Clinton; Simple Assault; Bond \$1,500; Court Date 07-24

06-07 James Nathaniel Davis, 31; 14793 Hobbton Hwy., Newton Grove; DWLR; Reckless Driving; Speeding 92 in a 55; Court Date 07-11

06-08 Raymond Lindell Pope, 35; 1446 Beulah Rd., Clinton; Failure to Appear- Simple Possession Schedule III Controlled Substance; Failure to Appear- Possession of Firearm by Felon; Bond \$21,000; Court Date 07-15

06-08 Solmar Duhainy Nunez, 22; 168 Wheat Lane, Faison; Speeding 79 in a 55; No Inspection; Expired Registration; Court Date 08-08

06-09 Artis Lee Mcneil, 60; 1089 Southern Ave., Fayetteville; Speeding; Court Date 08-07

06-09 Elmer Arnaldo Rodriquez, 35; 28 Cypress Lane, Dunn; Failure to Appear- No Operators License; Failure to Appear- DWI; Bond \$7,500; Court Date 07-08

06-09 Susan Barefoot Whaley, 56; 205 Twin City St., Dunn; Revoked Tags; Court Date 07-25

06-09 Jeremy Charles Tew, 27; 2888 Charles Newland Rd., Dunn; Assault on a Female; Communicating Threats; Bond \$2,000; Court Date 06-25

06-09 Samuel Floridoruiz, 52; 83 Sneed Lane, Godwin; Expired Tag; Court Date 07-25

06-10 Jashaun Synere Melvin, 18; 521 Gold St., Roseboro; No Operators License; No Inspection; Expired Registration; Court Date 08-08

06-10 Anthony Lamont Owens, 31; 319 Chesters Rd., Roseboro; Communicating Threats; Injury to Personal Property; Court Date 07-02

06-10 Barronnie Eddington, 21; 30 Byrdie P Lane, Garland; Failure to Appear- Drive/

Allow Registration Plate Not Displayed; Failure to Appear- No Operators License; Bond \$500; Court Date 07-15

06-10 Stephanie Marie King, 28; 154 Emerly Lane, Clinton; Simple Assault; Injury to Personal Property; Court Date 06-25

06-10 Brian Johnson, 48; 208 W Fifth St., Garland; Communicating Threats; Bond \$500; Court Date 07-10

06-10 Daniel Martin Tatum, 21; 54 Hunters Haven Lane, Garland; Simple Assault; Breaking and Entering; Bond \$1,500; Court Date 07-08

06-10 Christian Romanger, 156 Sir Lane, Roseboro; Misdemeanor Larceny; Bond \$1,500; Court Date 06-24

06-10 Haley Amber Wainright, 20; 3868 Hayne Stretch Rd., Roseboro; Speeding; Expired Registration Card/Tag; Possess Marijuana Paraphernalia; Possess Marijuana up to 1/2 ounce; Carrying a Concealed Weapon; Bond \$5,500; Court Date 06-13

06-10 William Harmon, 28; 2431 Ebenezer Forest Rd., Garland; Assault Inflict Serious Injury; Breaking and Entering; Bond \$1,500; Court Date 07-08

06-10 Wanda Nunez, 18; 200 Church St., Wallace; Misdemeanor Larceny; Bond \$1,500; Court Date 06-24

06-11 Dustin Long, 25; 600 Warwick Mill Rd., Lumberton; Injury to Personal Property; Failure to Appear- Simple Assault; Failure to Appear- Possession of Stolen Goods; Failure to Appear- Injury to Personal Property; Failure to Appear- Second Degree Trespass; Failure to Appear- Misdemeanor Larceny; Fictitious Information to Officer; Bond \$18,000; Court Date 07-23

06-11 Damian Wade Pittman, 31; 78 Old Brick Mill Rd., Roseboro; Assault on a Female; Court Date 06-28

Incident and Investigation Reports

06-05 Jessica Martinez reported the Larceny of Bicycles located at 109 E Boney St., Clinton.

06-06 Shirley Staton reported a Breaking and Entering located at 219 Eagle Landing Lane, Clinton. No items were reported missing.

06-06 Lois Denny reported a Larceny located at 1015 Lloyd St., Clinton. Items reported missing included an assortment of jewelry and medications.

06-07 James Barrett reported the Theft of Rims located at 1 Barrett Lane, Harrells.

06-07 Landis Lee reported a Breaking and Entering located on Tyndall Lane, Clinton. Item reported missing an AC Window unit.

06-07 Jonathan Tew reported the Larceny of a Utility Trailer located at 38 Duffers Walk Lane, Clinton.

06-08 Joseph Bowman reported a Breaking and Entering located at 340 Dickson Sloan Lane, Garland. No items were reported missing.

06-08 Mickey Baggett reported a Burglary located at 295 Amber Lane, Godwin. Item reported missing a four wheeler.

06-08 Eddie Swindell reported the Theft from his Vehicle located at 335 Seven Mile Church Rd., Newton Grove. Items reported missing included keys, US Currency, a wallet, drivers license, debit and credit cards.

06-08 Malian Gonzalez-Rivera reported the Theft of her Vehicle located at 181 Ruby Lane, Clinton.

06-10 James Peterson reported a Theft from his Vehicle located at 1415 Sunset Ave., Clinton. Items reported missing included a Firearm and cleaning wipes.

06-11 Quincy Smith reported a Theft from a Vehicle located on West Elizabeth St., Clinton. Item reported missing a Handgun.

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

Sampson County VITAL STATS

Deaths

- Mary Louise Bowden
- Buford Carlton Bales
- Russell Stewart Byrd
- Lillian Mae Edwards
- Eartha Pearl Evans
- John D Faison
- Jimmy Ray Fowler
- Patricia Ann Daniels
- Soni Blair Lynn
- John Henry Melvin
- William Keith Naylor
- Mary Edith Stokes
- Donnie Lee Williams
- William Donald Winders

Marriage Certificates

- Broderick Justin Lee to Tana Renee Faircloth
- Thomas Leland Hare to Pedro Milan Vasquez Aguilar
- Gregory James Beddingfield to Logan Hobbs Tart
- Timothy Brian Autry to Stacey Melvin Cole
- Sincere Shakiem Gaskins to Nancy Reena Carroll Tucker
- Colin De Hon White to Deandra Isabella Mercer
- Cameron Kelly Baggett to Brittany Jeanine Cottle
- Stephanie Tew Barnes to Robert Bruce Pierson II
- Roy Lee Bennett Jr to Yolanda Faye Daughtry
- Kenneth Williams to Lucy Delois Williams
- Cortez Demontre-Dequan Cmeron to Kimberly Katina Cooper
- Luis Ricardo Luna Juarez to Margarita Maria Billarreal
- Travis Clifton Jenkins to Candice Cuitondra Mathis
- Michael David Goodman to Samantha Denise Corbett

Births

- Antonio Rigoberto Jimenez Jimenez born on May 21, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Juan Jimenez and Catarina Jimenez Domingo
- Bryant Alexander Thomas Jr born on May 28, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Bryant Alexander Thomas Sr and Breauina Shree Henry
- Grayson Devone Elkins born on May 28, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Johnny James Elkins Jr and Brittany Daw Nelson
- Chandler Lee More born on May 24, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to James Michael Moore and Ashley Marie Vernon
- Zayden Amir Thorpe born on May 24, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Charnella Evette Highsmith
- Chloria Fadia Meus born on May 21, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Johnny Meus and Dany Meus Thomas
- Desteny Andrea Zalavarría Amador born on May 29, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Dolores Zalavarría Reyes and Elque Damne Amador Banegas
- Fabio Jared Sandrez Munguia born on June 2, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Santos Claudina Munguia Escobar
- Elijah Michael Johnson born on June 3, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to James Michael Johnson and Paula Nicole Johnson

Land Transfers

- Patricia Anne Edwards to Linda Herring, Percell Herring- 1.19 Acres South Clinton
- Marilyn S Hall to Roger C Hall- 1.87 Acres Taylors Bridge
- Daryl Keith Anders, Deanna Anders, Elmon Curtis Anders, Jarvis Anders, Alice Yvonne Pritchett, Curtis Wayne Pritchett, Ashton Brooke Pritchett- 0.85 Acres Lot 2 Halls
- Mary Ann Hill/TR, Mary Ann Hill Revocable Trust to Melissa Magdalena Godinez, Omar Rudelsi Godinez Lopez- Lot 39 1.16 Acres Herrings
- James Earl Colwell, Shirley Moore Colwell to James E Colwell Jr- Lot 1 1.863 Acres Turkey
- Beth Anne Turner, Matthew Blake Turner to Davis Land Company LLC- 1.56 Acres Lot 2 South Clinton
- Randi James Kelly, Stephen Randolph Kelly to Ashley Sessoms Honeycutt, Brian Thomas Honeycutt- Lot 67 1 Acre Lot 68 1 Acre Honeycutt
- Crajarie David Walker, Melsheena Wynchelle Wilson Walker to Amos A Love, Elizabeth Jane Love, Gene D Love, Jenny Ruth Love - Lots 12 & 13 Brookewind Subdivision Phase One
- Charles Everett Wilkie, Julia Byrd Wilkie to Charles Ashley Wilkie/TR, Everett Bradley Wilkie/TR, Wilkie Irrevocable Trust- Lot Sampson
- Lewis Bennie Capps, Velva King Capps to Dennis E Bolan, Mary E Bolan- Lot 3 BW Carter Property Subdivision North Clinton
- Gloria Ann M Gillespie to Brandon Ray Jackson- Tract 2 0.71 Acres Turkey
- Henry Earnest Reed, Lauren Faulkner Reed to Terry Wayne Knowles, Rebecca Hayes Shaw- 2 Tracts Turkey
- Thornton Homes Co to Delfino Demetrio Pascual Cervantez, Cecilia Hernandez Velasco- Lots 4 & 5 2,00 Acres Piney Grove
- Conrad Blake Jacobs, Ella Rose Jacobs to Elbert Vinson- 1 Acres w/exceptions Dismal
- Lillie Pride Grayer to Lille P Grayer/TR, Lillie P Grayer Trust- Belvoir 2 Parcels

- Jonathan Paul Williams. Mary Charlesanna Herring Williams to Jonathan P Williams/TR, Mary C Herring Williams/TR, Williams Revocable Trust- Lot 29 LA Edwards Subdivision First Section
- Ruth Jackson Altman/By AIF, Ruthie Altman Jackson/AIF to Ruth Jackson Altman, Bruce E Jackson, Donald C Jackson, Laurie A Jackson, Ruthie A Jackson- 3 Parcels Mingo
- Gayle S Fox, Bonnie Strickland Tart, David N Tart to TWB Property Services Inc- 2.64 Acres Plain View
- H Lawrence Sanderson/MGR, Warren Realty LLC to Amanda Dubuke Price and Mason Jerry Price- Lot 3 Sand Stone Subdivision Plainview
- Christopher M Shatley, Kayla S Shatley to Helen M Rosenquest- Lot 6 Heritage Place Little Coharie
- Elaine M Robinson, Ervin Robinson to Lorena Patricia Ramirez Diaz and Laura Jeanette Guevara-South Clinton
- Stephanie G Horne, Ann Pickerell, Ronald H Pickerell to Mariana Franco Boza, Rudolfo Amador Boza- Lot 1-5 Dismal
- Jonathan Bernard Weeks to Bobby Lee Barnes- 1.37 Acres Lisbon
- Linda Tew Brickhouse, James Shelton Tew, Sandra House Tew to Benjamin Health Tew- 0.34 Acres Lot 3 Dismal
- Jacqueline Miceli, Robert J Miceli II to William C Potter- 1.0 Acre Lot 18 George T Williams and John B Williams Jr Subdivision
- US Bank National Association to The Secretary of HUD- 0.42 Acres Little Coharie
- Minnie Britt Edwards to Laura Beth Byrd, Connie McCullen Thornton- Wayne and Sampson County
- John Martin Jackson, Juanita L Jackson to George Henry Hall- Tract 2 10.01 Acres Little Coharie
- Carol M Carroll, Kenneth Lee Carroll to KLC Real Estate Holdings LLC- Dismal 271 Acres w/ exceptions
- Wanda Clifton Powell to Richard H Clifton Jr- Turkey 0.46 Acres
- Richard H Clifton Jr, Janice Jones to Zachery C Reaves- Turkey 2.06 Acres
- Peggy Robinson Smith to Cesar Luis Rodriguez, Dominga Torres Rodriguez- 0.50 Acres Taylors Bridge
- Brenda Kennedy Raynor to Donald Ray Jordan- 0.32 Acres North Clinton
- Rocenda Ortiz, Silviano Ortiz to Rocenda Ortiz, Silviano Ortiz- 4 Tracts Little Coharie
- Cathy M Honrine, Hugh A Honrine to Dionicio Cortes Garcia- Tract 1 0.59 Acres Laurel Lake Land Company Subdivision Number One Honeycuts
- Geraldene Sue Ammons, William Thomas Davis to Zoila Me Jia Martinez- North Clinton
- Cynthia O Gaaney, Cynthia Sue Gaaney/AKA, Donald R Gaaney to Cynthia Ann Venecia, Eliseo Venecia- Lots 32 & 33 Second Subdivision North Clinton
- David W Sutton, Kimberly V Sutton to Marchelle T Harper- Halls 3 Tracts
- Alice Faye Thornton, Robert Allen Thornton to Cornelia Jane Strickland Ford, Michel James Ford- 26.93 Acres Halls
- Estella Vann Matthis, Sammy Davis Matthis to Sammy Davis Matthis/TR, Sammy and Estella Matthis Revocable Trust- 16 Acres w/exceptions
- DMB Partners LLC, Karen T Sutton/MGR, Andrew J Wells, Melissa W Wells to Daren J Parker, Michelle P Parker- Lot 10 Timberlake Sub Section Four 1.07 Acres North Clinton
- Cara J Turner to Gerald Davila Gangaway- Plainview 3 Tracts
- Anita Michelle Shipp Madgar/FKA, Eleanor Grace Shipp, Anita Michelle Shipp Teasdale, Matthew Teasdale to Justin D Miller- 2.00 Acres Halls
- Alton Vann, Alton Vann Sr, Lottie Mae Vann to Alton and Lottie Mae Vann Revocable Trust, Vann Alton, Alton Vann Sr/TR, Lottie Mae Vann- 0.06 Acres
- James R Warren to College Street Properties LLC- Lot 5 Warren Brothers Subdivision Section 11 0.47 Acres Mingo
- Curtis Glenwood Gautier, Lori H Gautier, Derinda H Oglesby, Donald J Oglesby, Jason C Walters, Jeannie H Walters to Jeannie H Walters- 4.00 Acres Halls
- Iris Sobeyda Marquez Diaz to Silvestre Del Valle- Lot North Clinton
- Jonathan C Holloman, Michelle Holloman to Kenneth E Conrad, Susan K Conrad, Michelle Lynn Worley, Paul Dewayne Worley- 4.43 Acres w/exceptions Westbrook
- Belinda Lee Jordan, Belinda Lee Jordan/Co EXR, Jacqueline Desiree Jordan, Willar Dean Lockamy Jordan Estate, William Glenn Jordan, William Glenn Jordan/Co EXR to Christopher Flewellin, Edith Flewellin- 3 Tracts North Clinton
- Covington & Shaw LLC, Terrace Miller/MGR to Seide Tessier- Lot 4 North Clinton Layton and Bunting Street Property
- Javier Medel to Albert Reyes- Lot 2C Herring
- Danise Hamilton Emory, John Emory, Betty Jane Cotton Evans, Gregory Lee Hamilton, Kent H Hamilton, Susan Hamilton, June Annette Cotton Sloan, William Terrell Sloan to Seven Mile LLC- 2 Tracts w/exceptions Westbrooks
- Keith Williams, Mary Williams to David D Underwood Sr, Gussie B Underwood- 1.01 Acres Parcel 1 Belvoir
- Patricia B Bass, Wilton Bass to William Justin Bass, Melissa Tyler- Lots 2 and 3 Block G of the DJ Underwood Subdivision North Clinton
- Beverly Ann Gurkin to Anna Danae Gurkin, Thomas Ray Smith, William Taylor Smith- Halls 75 Acres
- Trina E Smith Scharck/AIF, Dorothea E Smith/By AIF to Brenda K Raynor, Laura E Raynor- Lot 15 Section B Fox Lake Subdivision South Clinton
- Allison Hudson, Chloe Hudson, Elton Jackson Hudson, Gary Michael Hudson, Jodie Hudson, Noble Dwayne Hudson, Patricia Hudson, Tony Lee Hudson to Hudson Farm Holdings LLC- 2 Tracts w/ exceptions
- Alice Rich Straughn/TR, Alice Rich Straughn, Clayton Lee Straughn/TR, Clayton Lee Straughn, The Clayton and Alice Straughn Revocable Trust to Gary Wayne Straughn, Rebecca Clifton Straughn- 20.95 Acres North Clinton and 4 Tracts w/exceptions North Clinton
- Donald Ray Raynor, Edna B Raynor, Edna Marie B Raynor to Vanessa Janell Raynor- 1.72 Acres North Clinton
- Jimmy Burch, Teresa O Burch to Maria Guadalupe Gomez Garcia- 1.0 Acre Piney Grove
- Odell M Aman, Odell N Aman Revocable Living Trust to Rose Butler Aman, Terry Eddie Aman- 16 Acres Mingo

OBITUARIES

ELIZABETHTOWN

Frances Gooden Adams died on Thursday, June 6, 2019, after many years of declining health. She was born in Bladen County on July 10, 1933 to Alden and Ruth Gooden of Elizabethtown, NC. She was predeceased in death by her parents, her husband of 49 years, Enid B. Adams, children; James Warren Adams and wife, Scarlett, infant son; Walter Franklin Adams, Grandchild; Melissa Britney Phillips, sisters; Louise Maiden, Betsy Barfield, brothers; McCauley Gooden and James (Jim) Gooden, close friends; Margaret Warwick, Thelma Parrish and Louise Farah. She is survived by her children; Debra A. Foster and spouse, Scott, of Elizabethtown, NC, Patricia Lynn McCann and spouse, Kevin of Newport News, VA, grandchildren; Devan M. Foster and spouse, Riley of Somerville, MA and Chandler Dalton Foster and spouse, Sydney Bohn of Charlotte, NC, a sister; Mary Ward and spouse, John M. Ward of Clarkton, NC, sister-in-law; Linda Parnell of Waynesville, MO, many nieces and nephews and dear friend, Larry Buffkin of Dublin, NC. Frances was a very loving and caring mother, grandmother and loyal friend to all that knew her. She was a homemaker, a Cub Scout Den Mother in the sixties, a Sunday school teacher and like her mother, Ruth Gooden, she graduated from Cosmetology school at Bladen Technical Institute (now BCC) in the mid-seventies and briefly became a licensed beautician. She loved working in her flower garden and had a green thumb. She was also an excellent cook though she did not think so. She grew up and worked on the family farm in the Wesley Chapel Church community near Elizabethtown, NC until she married in 1951. In the seventies, she transferred her membership to Clarkton Methodist Church. She lived in Bladen County her entire life. Special thanks for caring from the family to: Larry Buffkin, Elfie Hester, Sylvia Edwards Batten, Andrew and Abbie McKoy, Jerry and Barbra Bryan, Elizabethtown Nursing Center and Community Hospice. Graveside services were held on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at Bladen Memorial Gardens at 11:00 a.m. Her nephew, Pastor Billy Ward, officiated. Visitation was held at the cemetery immediately following the service. Services are provided by Carter Funeral Home, Garland, NC.



CLINTON

Robert Bryan Boyette, Sr., 76, of 912 E Pope St., passed away Monday, June 10, 2019 at his home. Robert, born in 1943 in Sampson County, was the son of the late Isaac Norman Boyette and Annie Laura Boyette Matthews. He was a power lineman and a truck driver. Robert was a member of Old Mill Church of God. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his sisters, Lucille Likens and Myrtle Matthews, and brothers, James Boyette, Charles Boyette, Buddy Matthews and Jeff Boyette. Funeral service was held at 11 AM, Thursday, June 13, 2019 at the Old Mill Church of God, 170 Williams Lake Road, Roseboro, NC, with the Rev. Gary Bateman officiating. Interment followed in the Memorial Cemetery, Dunn, NC. The family received friends from 6 PM – 8 PM, Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at the Old Mill Church of God and at other times at the home. Survivors are; wife Elizabeth Ann Boyette; son, Robert Boyette, Jr and wife Sandy; daughter, Amy Turnage and husband Scott; grandsons, Austin and Colby Turnage; granddaughters, Taylor Boyette and Emma Norris; and brothers, Ronnie and Stanley Matthews. Online condolences may be sent to www.crumpler-honeycutt.com. Arrangements are by Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville St., Clinton, NC 28328.



NEWTON GROVE

Brenda Sutton Warren was born to Granger and Mildred Sutton on March 20, 1950. Surrounded by her loving family, she died on June 10, 2019, after a vigilant battle with cancer. Brenda is survived by Rupert Gerald Warren, her loving husband of 47 years. Their two sons are: Brandon Lee Warren, and his wife, Mandy, of Clinton, and Bartley Kyle Warren, and his wife, Amy, of Newton Grove. "Nana" leaves many wonderful memories with her five grandchildren: Cullen Blake Warren, Brady Sutton Warren and Caroline Estelle Warren, of Clinton, Granger Kyle Warren and Emerson Claire Warren, of Newton Grove. Brenda is survived by her sister, Peggy Sutton Brewer, of Faison. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents and her brother, Lambert Morris Sutton. Brenda loved to learn, to teach and to serve. After graduating at the top of her class at Hobbton High School, Brenda attended Campbell University, where she earned her Bachelor's degree in Education. She also earned Master's degrees in Early Childhood and Education Administration. Brenda taught kindergarten for 20 years, before serving as Assistant Principal and Principal, in the Sampson County Schools. She was an active member of Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Honor Society. After retiring, Brenda served for ten years as Executive Director of the Sampson Regional Hospital Foundation. Under her leadership, she led the efforts to expand the Emergency Room and raised money for the construction of the Wellness Center, the Outpatient Diagnostic Center and the Cancer Center. Brenda was a member of Newton Grove United Methodist Church, where she served as church pianist, Sunday School teacher, recording secretary and active member of United Methodist Women. If the doors were open, she was there! Brenda loved life, dancing and good clean fun. She had a compassionate soul that reached out to everyone in need. She was a fabulous cook, amazing mother and Nana and was well known for her event planning skills. Since she was a teenager, Brenda's goal was to make life better for everyone around her. To summarize her life, one must read Proverbs 31. Unselfishly and positively, she affected the lives of multitudes and will be sorely missed by all. Visitation will be at Newton Grove United Methodist Church on Saturday, June 15th from 1:00-3:30, followed by the funeral service. Burial will be after the service at the family farm, located at 543 Blake Road. The family requests memorials be made to the church, to help provide a video/sound system in the church's Fellowship Hall. Donations should be sent to P.O. Box 471, Newton Grove, NC 28366.



GARLAND

Mrs. Cornell S. Smith 87 of 185 Smith Mill Pond Rd. Garland, NC, died Thursday, May 30, 2019 at her residence. Mrs. Smith was born January 26, 1932 in Bladen Co., the daughter of the late David Rufus Smith and Nellie Nettie Smith. He was preceded in death by her husband Lee Roy Smith. Funeral service was held at 11:00 A.M. Saturday, June 01, 2019 at Beards Chapel Baptist Church by the Reverend



Barry Helms. Burial followed in the Smith Cemetery on Mote Rd., Harrells, NC. Mrs. Smith is survived by one daughter, Connie Guyton and husband Randy Guyton of Garland, three grandchildren, Bambi Dove and husband Jerry Dove of Garland, Dana Norris and husband Johnathon Norris of Garland, Brandee Watson and husband Donovan Watson of Burke, Va, six great-grandchildren, Jaelyn Dove, Laney Richardson, Kayley Richardson, Lennox Norris, Bodie Watson, Crew Watson. The family received friends at the home of Randy & Connie Guyton 181 Smith Mill Pond Rd., Garland, NC.

CLINTON

Frances Jeanette Daughtry, age 87, of Clinton, passed away on June 4, 2019 at Southwood Nursing Home in Clinton with her family by her side. A Celebration of Life was held on Sunday, June 9, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church in Clinton with Rev. Tony Calhoun officiating. The family received friends immediately following the service in the church fellowship hall. A private burial was held in Clinton City Cemetery. Frances was born on December 7, 1931 to Leon and Mattie Flowers Lamb. She worked as Office Manager and Accountant at Ezzell Trucking for many years, but the position that gave her the greatest joy was taking care of her family. She was a dear friend and a soft-spoken lady who will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Sheila Daughtry; grandchildren, Rick, Christopher and Kylie Daughtry. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, Allen Walton Daughtry; children, Neal Allen and Rick Lamb Daughtry; brothers, Jack, Dixon and Charles Lamb. Condolences may be sent to www.coxmemorialfuneralhome.com. The family has entrusted services to Cox Memorial Funeral Home & Crematory in Vass.



FAYETTEVILLE

Mr. Jacob Rodney Grice, 52 of Fayetteville, passed away on Friday, June 7, 2019. A memorial service was held at 5:00pm on Wednesday, June 12, at Butler Funeral Home, 6535 Clinton Road, Stedman, with Reverend Jerry Groves officiating. He was born May 20, 1967 in Cumberland County to Sidney Glenn and Mary Alice Ward Grice. He was preceded in death by his parents and worked as a Brick Mason. He is survived by his companion, Tricia Walters; two children, Kaleb Gibson, Brittany Gibson; seven siblings, Allen Grice (Mary), Sandra Peace (Ronnie), Kenneth Grice (Lois), Mary Watts (Michael), Marie Grice, Sue Marquez (Jose), Vivian Aguirre (Domingo); nieces, Michelle Beason (Jamie Dees), Tamika Watts, Mary Sue Martinez, Linda Faircloth-Fout, Karen Cashwell and Morgan Smith; nephews, Jonathan Grice, Josh Grice, Sidney Kenneth Grice, Michael Watts, Brandon Grice and Paul Smith; great-nieces, Hannah Grice, Kinsley Grice, Shelby Francis, Brooke Beason, Chelsea Evans, Selina Martinez, Heather Grimsley, Angelina Jones and Amber Faircloth-Fout; great-nephews, Joshua Grice, Joel Grice, Dominique Grice, Seth Grice, Blake Porter, Bryce Beason, Patricio Martinez, Armando Martinez, and Christopher Faircloth-Fout and a great great niece, Lana. Butler Funeral Home of Stedman is serving the family.



GARLAND

Mr. Andera Leon "Alley Cat" Kerr 66 of 551 Longview Lake Rd., died Thursday, June 06, 2019 at his residence. Mr. Kerr was born June 13, 1952 in Sampson Co. the son of the late Julius Kerr and Mary Lillian Monroe Kerr. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Dennis Kerr, and Carl Kerr. Funeral service was held at 1:00 P.M. Monday, June 10, 2019 at Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Mr. Kerr is survived by two daughters, Melissa Melvin of Garland, Patreece Herring of Clinton, four sons, Steven Maruscak and wife (Sherry) of Summer Set, NJ, Peter Maruscak of Garland, Darius Newton of Harrells, Andre Montgomery of Clinton, three sisters, Laura Corbett and husband, Billy of Harrells, Mary Newkirk of Zebulon, Shirley Kerr of Raleigh, one brother, Julius Kerr and wife Nancy of Garland, 16 grandchildren 6 great-grandchildren. A public viewing was held from 5:00 P.M.-6:00P.M. with family present on Sunday, June 09, 2019 at Carter Funeral Home



WARSAW

Rev. Evenard Malone, Sr., 90, of 903 Memorial Drive, passed away Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at North Carolina Veterans Home, Fayetteville, NC. The funeral will be held at 3 p.m., Sunday, June 16, at Wilson Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Turkey with Rev. Dr. A.J. Connors officiating. The burial will follow in the Church Cemetery with Military Honors. The visitation will be held Sunday, June 16, from 2-3 p.m. at the Church. Rev. Malone, Sr. is survived by his wife, Caretha Victoria Malone of the home. Online condolences may be sent to worleyfuneralhomeinc.com.



CLINTON

Walter Michael Merritt, 72, of 267 Brown Chapel Road, passed away Thursday, June 6, 2019 at Rex Hospital. Funeral service was held at 3 PM, Sunday, June 9, 2019 at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home with the Rev. J. D. Tew officiating. Interment followed in the Rowan Baptist Church Cemetery. The family received friends from 2 PM – 3 PM, at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home just prior to the service and at other times at the home. Michael, born in 1946 in Sampson County, was the son of the late Walter Clifton Merritt and Edna Norris Merritt. He was an electrician with Sharon Harris Nuclear Plant. Survivors include; sons, Ashley Merritt (Amy); stepsons, Cliff Thornton and Terrence Thornton; step-grandson, Sawyer Nazworth; step-granddaughter, Micaelah Matthis; sister, Deborah Merritt Segal (Alan); nephew, Jordan Segal (Serena); great-nieces; Imogen Segal; and aunt, Dorothy McLellan. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 2202 Wrightsville Ave, Suite 111, Wilmington, NC 28403. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com. Arrangements are by Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville St., Clinton, NC 28328.



ROSEBORO

Kimberly Starr Strickland Weathington went to be with her Lord and Savior on Monday, June 10th surrounded by family. Kim was

preceded in death by her parents Francis and Helen Strickland, her sister Kay Marsh, and her mother in law Norma Weathington. Kim is survived by her husband and childhood sweetheart of 45 years, Scott. She is also survived by her son Jason Weathington and his wife Reva; twin daughters Morgan Bullard and Brooke Shoffner and their husbands: Lance Bullard and Gabe Shoffner.



Her delight was her two grandchildren, Thea Shoffner and Wyatt Bullard and she was very excited to meet her new grandson, who's on the way. She is also survived by her siblings, Deborah Bunce and husband Maxton of Stedman, Craig Strickland and wife Huntsie of Dunn, Jimmy Strickland and wife Sara of Las Vegas NV, Jean Knox of Fort Mill SC, and Joanne Blake of Fort Mill SC, along with many nieces, nephews, cousins, and her father in law, Billie Weathington. Kim lived a life to serve. Whether at her church, Beaver Dam Baptist, where she sat as the BYW president for many years, on numerous other committees, children's groups, and a love for decorating the church or serving in her home making sure her family was always taken care of. Unknowingly, she lived her life as a true Proverbs 31 woman. She made others her priority. She always said we were to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Kim had a love for life and walked with humility and grace. Her inner beauty was matched by her outer beauty. She loved working in her yard, always planting beautiful flowers, and cooking big meals for her family. A funeral service and burial will be held at Beaver Dam Baptist Church, Saturday June 15th at 3:00 pm. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro.

DUNN

Mr. Thomas Earl West, 82 of Timothy Road, Dunn, N.C. passed away June 11, 2019 at his residence surrounded by his loving family. His Funeral Mass will be held Friday, June 14th at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, Newton Grove. A Rosary will be held Thursday, June 13th at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel of West & Dunn Funeral Home, Newton Grove, with visitation to follow. He will be laid to rest in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church Cemetery. Left to cherish his memories are his wife; Martha West of the home, daughters; Rachel W. Goolsby and husband Brad of Pittsboro and Carol W. Aman and husband Glenn of Dunn, son; John Lloyd West of Dunn, grandchildren; Stella and Quinn Goolsby, Garrett, Taylor and Ethan Aman, Reese and Ransom West, sisters; Janice Tart of Raleigh and Linda Thornton of Goldsboro, brother; Patrick West of Chapin, S.C. Mr. West was preceded in death by his parents; Bernard and Edith West. Memorials in his memory may be made to Community Hospice, 109 W. Main St. #A, Clinton, N.C. 28328. Online condolences may be made at www.westanddunn.com. West & Dunn Funeral Home, Newton Grove, North Carolina is honored to serve the West Family.



CLINTON

Effie Lenora Gaaney, 94, of 60 Hondros Road, passed away Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at Southwood Nursing Center. Funeral service will be held at 2 PM, Saturday, June 15, 2019 at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, with Rev. Deborah Gray officiating. Interment will follow in the Clinton City Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 1 PM – 1:45 PM, Saturday, just before the service at the funeral home and at other times at the home. Effie, born in 1925 in Sampson County, was the daughter of the late Walter James Boyette and Lela Hope. She worked in the clothing manufacturing industry. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, James Garvis Gaaney. Survivors include; daughter, Garvis Wilson; grandchildren, Rita Strange (Phil), Michael Wilson (Claire) and Rodney Wilson (Kecia); great-grandchildren, Jessica Emory, Phillip Strange, Elizabeth Strange, Rochelle Teter; and Lilyana Wilson; and great-great grandchild, Freya Emory. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumplerhoneycutt.com.

FAYETTEVILLE

Mr. J E Hudson, 92, passed away Sunday, June 9, 2019 at Highland House of Fayetteville. A graveside service was held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, June 13, 2019 at Baptist Chapel Church Cemetery. Mr. Hudson was a native of Sampson County, the son of the late Julius H. and Mary Elizabeth Hairr Hudson. He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters, Geneva Norris, Willa Nelms and Dorothy Meggs and two brothers, Hestall Hudson and John Oliver Hudson. He retired from Crowell Constructors. He is survived by several nieces and nephews and numerous great nieces and nephews. The family received friends from 6-8 PM on Wednesday evening at Butler Funeral Home in Stedman. Butler Funeral Home Stedman is serving the family.

MAGNOLIA

Theodore Lamar Owens 27 of 306 N. Croom Street passed away on Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at Pitt Memorial Hospital in Greenville. Home Going service will be held on Saturday, June 15, 2019 at 3:00 pm at Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Chapel, burial will follow in the Roseboro Cemetery in the Snowhill community on Marion-Amos Rd. Roseboro. Visitation will be held on Friday, June 14, 2019 at Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Service, 1246 Hobbton Hwy. from 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm with family present from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

STEDMAN

Mr. Walter Alfred Pinter, II, 77 of Stedman, passed away Sunday, June 9, 2019 at his home. The funeral service will be held at 1:00pm on Monday, June 17, at Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, with Reverend Larry Autry officiating. Burial will follow at Lafayette Memorial Park in Ramsey Street, Fayetteville. Walter was born October 13, 1941 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to George Alfred and Sadie Watson Pinter. He is survived by his wife, Gloria Faye Pinter; one daughter, Lynn Ankney of Campobello, South Carolina; one son, Greg Pinter of Stedman; seven grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren, two step grandchildren; two sisters, Mildred Taylor of Stedman, Charlotte Adams of Pennsylvania; and sister-in-law, Carolyn Matthews of Fayetteville. The visitation will be held from 12:00-12:50pm prior to the funeral service. Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro is serving the family.

ROSEBORO

Miss Tonia Denise Rich, 48, 343 Myrtle Road, passed away Sunday, June 9, 2019 at Rex Healthcare, Raleigh, NC. The memorial service will be held at 12 p.m., Saturday, June 15, at Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church with Bishop Vernie Fullwood officiating. Miss Rich is survived by her father, Kedrick Steve Rich of Goldsboro, NC; godson, Antione Davis of Goldsboro, NC; sister, Kia Rich-Devane of Roseboro, NC; Maternal grandparent, Essie Jarman of Fayetteville, NC. Online condolences may be sent to worleyfuneralhomeinc.com.

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SPEED FREAKS

A few questions we had to ask ourselves

Greg Biffle returned to the seat and won a truck race. Who's next?

GODSPEAK: The two guys I'd like see come back from time to time are Tony Stewart and Carl Edwards. Edwards may not be such a long-shot wish (wink).

KEN'S CALL: I want a three-for-one throwback. Find a small track and one-off seats for Ron Hornaday, Jack Sprague and Mike Skinner. That's a truck race I'd pay to see.

You OK with Hailie Deegan's aggressive pass to win that K&N race?

GODSPEAK: The "chrome horn" has been part of NASCAR's DNA from Day 1. Hailie will need to watch her mirrors a bit closer now.

KEN'S CALL: It'd be interesting to see the reaction if the roles were reversed, but yes, that's the type of move that gets attention and might get you promoted.

FEUD OF THE WEEK

NASCAR VS. MOTHER NATURE:

There's only one thing worse than rain on race day and that's when rain postpones a NASCAR Cup Series race to the next clear day. Ask anyone at Michigan.

GODWIN KELLY'S TAKE: The NASCAR Cup Series has suffered two postponements over its last five races because of Mom Nature. Dover ran on a Monday because of rain on Sunday (May 5).

GODWIN'S PICKS FOR SONOMA

WINNER: Clint Bowyer

REST OF TOP 5: Kyle Larson, Kevin Harvick, Kurt Busch, Denny Hamlin

FIRST ONE OUT: Kyle Busch

DARK HORSE: Ryan Blaney
DON'T BE SURPRISED IF: Bowyer earns his second Sonoma victory with an aggressive drive in wine country.

MOTOR MOUTHS PODCAST

It never rains in the pod, but it can get a tad chilly.

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OFF WEEK

THREE THINGS TO WATCH

1. Where did they go?

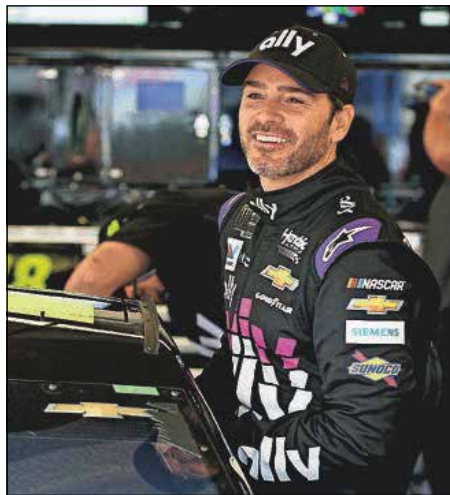
The Cup Series has no more off weekends between Sonoma (June 23) and Homestead (Nov. 17), and several drivers made big plans to squeeze the most out of this upcoming open weekend. For instance, Kurt Busch is going to France to watch the 24 Hours of Le Mans. Jimmie Johnson was going to fly out of Michigan and head straight to Greece with his family Sunday night. "I guess I'll catch up with them," said Johnson after the race was postponed.

2. Not completely off

The NASCAR Cup Series may be taking a hiatus this week, but NASCAR's other two national series will be at full song. The NASCAR Gander Outdoors Truck Series and Xfinity Series will compete at Iowa Speedway, a .875-mile oval in Newton, Iowa. The track was designed by former Cup Series champion Rusty Wallace. It is now owned by NASCAR, which bought it a few years ago to keep the place open.

3. Contract talks

Among the Cup drivers in an option year are Erik Jones and Daniel Suarez, who were once teammates at Joe



Jimmie Johnson was not smiling Sunday after NASCAR postponed the race at Michigan. He missed a flight to Greece with his family.

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Gibbs Racing. Suarez hopes to hold his seat at Stewart-Haas Racing. "We are working on things," he said. "I feel very confident in where we are. We have options on both sides which is good. We know where we are at and what we can do. We haven't won races, but nobody has on the team."

— Godwin Kelly, godwin.kelly@news-jrnl.com

MICHIGAN

THREE THINGS WE LEARNED

1. Complete package

Joey Logano put together the complete package at Michigan. He started from the pole position, led the most laps (161) and scored the win — his second of the season — despite an overtime restart. "The best car, the best team," he said. "We executed perfectly all the way through."



Joey Logano leads the field out of the pits during the NASCAR race at Michigan. [AP/CARLOS OSORIO]

2. Bowyer bits

When asked about working a 9-to-5 job, Clint Bowyer said that sort of schedule is not in his DNA. "Racing isn't a 9-to-5 job," he said. "There is no time card. It is whatever it takes to get the job done. You have a partner call and the answer is yes. You

are on call, 24 hours a day."

3. Tight spirals

Bubba Wallace and Corey LaJoie helped entertain the crowd during Sunday's rain delay at Michigan by tossing a football into

the grandstands. LaJoie, who throws left-handed, had a surprisingly tight spiral. Turns out he learned the mechanics from NFL great Jim Kelly.

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QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers

Did Joey Logano just remind everyone he's the guy to beat?

As defending Cup Series champion, that should be his role purely by definition. But don't overload on Joey stock, he's often had it dialed in at Michigan, where team owner Roger Penske seems to know where they hide the extra horsepower.

So, no chance of a future NASCAR-IndyCar doubleheader weekend?

This one might've died before there was any chance of momentum building. With different leadership in both houses, there have been a few outside-the-box ideas thrown around, including the idea of the two major American racing bodies sharing a stage somewhere in the coming years. But Mark Miles, CEO of IndyCar's parent company, recently told the Indianapolis Star he hasn't had recent conversations with NASCAR about that and "we're not any closer to getting it done than we were previously." Too bad.

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

ALL-TIME WINS LIST

NASCAR's all-time Cup Series wins leaders (prior to Michigan):

1. Richard Petty	200
2. David Pearson	105
3. Jeff Gordon	93
4. (tie) Bobby Allison	84
Darrell Waltrip	84
6. (tie) Jimmie Johnson	83
Cale Yarborough	83
8. Dale Earnhardt	76
9. (tie) Kyle Busch	55
Rusty Wallace	55
11. Lee Petty	54
12. (tie) Ned Jarrett	50
Junior Johnson	50
14. Tony Stewart	49
15. Herb Thomas	48
16. Buck Baker	46
17. Kevin Harvick	45
18. Bill Elliott	44
19. Mark Martin	40
20. (tie) Tim Flock	39
Matt Kenseth	39

WHAT'S ON TAP

(All times Eastern)

XFINITY: CircuitCity.com 250

SITE: Iowa Speedway (.875-mile oval)

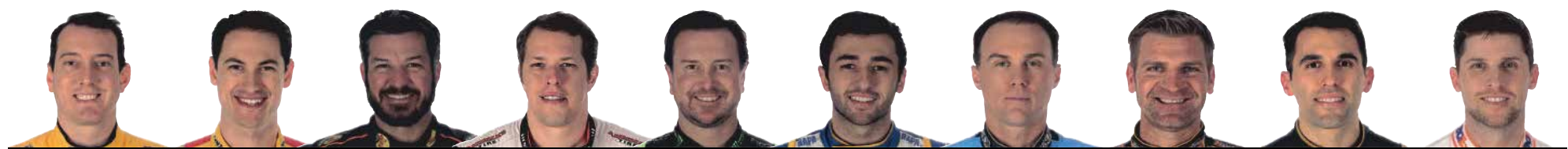
SCHEDULE: Sunday, race (Fox Sports 1, 5:30 p.m.)

GANDER OUTDOORS TRUCKS:

M&M's 200

SITE: Iowa Speedway

TV SCHEDULE: Saturday, race (Fox Sports 1, 8:30 p.m.)



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