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Changes Coming to Clinton City Schools



Things at Clinton City Schools will look a lot different for the next school year 2019-2020. Administrative changes as well as location changes for certain grades will impact most students returning to class as summer ends.

PreK students will no longer attend the College Street Campus but will now attend LC Kerr along with Kindergarten students. 1st Grade will no longer attend LC Kerr but will move to Butler Avenue. 2nd Grade students will remain at Butler Avenue while 3rd Grade students will be moved to Sunset Avenue School.

4th and 5th Grades will remain at Sunset Avenue and the Middle School and High School will also remain the same.

CITY SCHOOLS, see P.3



Be the **HERO** to a Child

Do you want to be a Hero? A hero to a young boy or girl that needs your love, guidance and care. Well your chance is here. Why not take the first step to be a foster parent. To make a difference in the life of a child.

Sampson County Department of Social Services is looking for new foster parents and classes to prepare for the task start on June 29th. Call (910)592-7131 to enroll.

According to Senikka Caldwell, Foster Care Supervisor for DSS, "Every child deserves to have a place to call home, a family, and to feel loved and wanted. Many of the children in Sampson County are growing up in foster care. Through no fault of their own, these kids have been removed from their birth parents or caretakers due to abuse, neglect or dependency."

The Sampson County Department of Social Services' Foster Care Unit has worked diligently over the last 4 years to recruit, train and license individuals that desire to become licensed foster parents. In 2015, there were only 4 homes licensed through the Department of Social Services, however through diligent efforts and commitment to recruitment, this number has currently increased to 26 licensed family foster homes.

Caldwell continues, "The recruitment and retention of diverse foster parents is very challenging, not only in Sampson County, but across the state of North Carolina. Fostering is much more than taking a child into your home and providing food, shelter and love. There are hefty requirements for foster parents from on-going trainings to scheduling and attending various appointments, visitations and court proceedings. Individuals may be licensed for up to five children, depending on the amount of space in their home designated for fostering. Once individuals are licensed their required ongoing contact and trainings."

The Sampson County Department of Social Services currently has 127 children in foster care. Some of these children are placed in locally licensed foster homes, while others

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Homicide



On Monday, June 17, 2019 deputies with the Sampson County Sheriff's Office responded to a domestic at 289 Butler Island Rd., Roseboro, NC. Upon arrival, deputies discovered a male victim whom had succumbed to a gunshot wound.

Investigators responded to the scene and began collecting evidence. Through their investigative efforts, they were able to identify and arrest Jacob Autry, 19, W/M, of 289 Butler Island Rd., Roseboro, NC, charging him with Murder. Currently he is being held in the Sampson County Detention Center with no bond.

The victim has been identified as John Autry Jr., 52, W/M of the same address. Additional information is being withheld to protect the integrity of the investigation.

WEATHER

Fri	Sunny 10%
Hi: 90°	Lo: 66°
Sat	Partly Cloudy 20%
Hi: 88°	Lo: 69°
Sun	PM T-Storms 40%
Hi: 88°	Lo: 69°
Mon	Partly Cloudy 20%
Hi: 94°	Lo: 76°
Tues	PM T-Storms 40%
Hi: 95°	Lo: 74°
Wed	Partly Cloudy 20%
Hi: 91°	Lo: 71°

WEEKLY VERSE

We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 1:12

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LOCAL NEWS

From the Desk of Senator Brent Jackson



I hope you had a great week thus far. For those of you not aware, the Senate passed The 2019 North Carolina Farm Act on the floor earlier this week. This annual bill will ensure that agriculture and our hardworking farmers continue to be the driving force of North Carolina's economy and this legislation will ensure that this will be the case in the future. I would like to thank my colleagues and staff for their hard work on behalf of our agricultural community. I am excited and encouraged that this bill will once again support our state's number one industry. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if I can assist you in any way possible.

Legislative Recap 2019 North Carolina Farm Act Passes the Senate

On Monday, the North Carolina Farm Act of 2019 passed the Senate with a two-thirds majority and bipartisan support. I am quite thankful to all those staff and members who worked on this bill to improve it. And we still have a few more stops to go.

Next, it has to go through committees in the House of Representatives and we fully expect it to change more. But at the end of the day, this bill will revolutionize our hemp industry, expand the sale of North Carolina sweet potatoes, and just help farmers across the state in general.

However, at the same time work is continually being done to support our agriculture communities, we are once again preparing to fight the latest attacks on North Carolina farmers. Earlier this week, a lawsuit was filed that seeks to undo the right to farm we established in previous farm acts. We are disappointed that lawyers are trying to take advantage of farmers who are working hard to feed our nation. We are ready to defend their rights.

From the District Duplin County FEMA Approves \$2.6 Million for Duplin County Debris Removal

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has approved nearly \$2.6 million to reimburse Duplin County for debris removal following Hurricane Florence.

Beginning Sept. 7, 2018, the county hired contractors to remove vegetation and other debris from public rights of way throughout the county. The approved funds cover work completed through March 22, 2019.

FEMA's Public Assistance program provides grants for state and local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations to reimburse the cost of debris removal, emergency protective measures and permanent repair work.

Public Assistance is a cost-sharing program. FEMA reimburses applicants at least

75 percent of eligible costs, and the remaining 25 percent is covered by the state of North Carolina. FEMA's share for this project is more than \$1.9 million. The federal share is paid directly to the state, which disburses funds to agencies, local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations that incurred costs.

Sampson County



Paramedic Program on Path to Accreditation

SCC's Paramedic program has received a Letter of Review for national accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP).

Under the letter of review, the curriculum version and the continuing education version of the program would be eligible for accreditation. Accreditation assesses the quality of institutions and programs and measures them against agreed-upon standards and ensures that they meet those standards. Institutional accreditation helps to assure potential students that a school is a sound institution and has met certain minimum standards in administration, resources, faculty, and facilities.

Just a few short weeks ago, two students — Devin McLamb and Justin Beasley — graduated the program and moved on to pass the North Carolina paramedic exam. Passing the state exam means they are paramedics certified by the State of North Carolina Office of EMS and they may officially work as paramedics in North Carolina.

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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This is Sasha, a 2 year old Retriever mix. Can you be his "forever" family?



Two Sampson County Teens Perish in Automobile Accident

Please be in prayer for the 2 Sampson County teens who died in a car accident on Sunday morning at approximately 1am. According to reports, Rozlyn Cain, 17, of Autryville and Roland Parker Jr, 18, of Roseboro both were fatalities of a 2 car accident that happened in Autryville early Sunday morning on Hayne Stretch Road in Autryville.

Rozlyn Cain was a student at Lakewood High School.

According to Hwy Patrol reports, Cain was driving a 2009 Pontiac automobile. The accident occurred when she drove off the side of the road and reportedly over corrected and lost control of the vehicle. The Pontiac crossed the center line and struck an oncoming vehicle that was driven by Yazmin Hanidatadilla, 18, of Garland. Hanidatadilla was driving a 2010 Ford SUV.

Hanidatadilla was transported to an unidentified medical facility to receive treatment.

The Autryville Fire Department said Sampson County EMS, Roseboro Rescue, Sampson County Sheriff's Office and North Carolina State Highway Patrol responded.

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HERO, cont. from P. 1

Be the **HERO** to a Child

ers are in kinship or relative placements, therapeutic homes, group homes or Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF) throughout the state of North Carolina.

In effort to recruit foster parents, the Department has participated in various community events such as the Clinton City Street Fair, Latino Town Hall, National Night Out, May Day in the Park, Coharie Pow-Wow, as well as other local church events. The agency has also held several informational sessions and rented billboards throughout the county.

The Department is gearing up for the required 30 hours of preparatory training for individuals that want to become licensed foster parents. This training is called Partnering for Safety and Permanence-Model Approach to Partnership in Parenting (PS/MAPP). The purpose of this training is to inform potential parents about the needs of children who come into the foster care system, to help them decide whether they can parent these children and explain the importance of working in partnership with social service agencies, birth parents, and resource professionals to meet the needs of the children.

Individuals interested in becoming a foster parent are encouraged to attend an informational session that will be held on Saturday, June 22nd at 12:00 pm at the Department of Social Services or they may also contact the Department at 910-592-7131.

4 Year Old Helps Animals



Scarlett Ruddock asked for donations for the Animal Shelter for her 4th birthday! She is a precious little girl!! Thank you so much!

CITY SCHOOLS, cont. from P. 1

Grade Locations:
 PreK and Kindergarten at LC Kerr School.
 1st and 2nd Grades at Butler Avenue School.
 3rd, 4th and 5th Grades at Sunset Avenue School.
 6th, 7th and 8th Grades at Sampson Middle School.
 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th Grades at Clinton High School.



Dr. Wesley Johnson

According to Dr. Wesley Johnson, "Reasons for grade reconfigurations (all PreK to LC Kerr Elementary), 1st and 2nd Grade to Butler, and 3rd grade to Sunset were done for curriculum reasons." In effect, moving 3rd Grade to Sunset Avenue will mean that all End-of-Year Testing Grades will now be housed together. PreK through 2nd Grade require no End-of-Year Testing.

"We also conducted a survey with our stakeholders," added Dr. Johnson, "and roughly 80% either agreed or strongly agreed with these changes."

In addition to the location changes for certain grades will come changes in administration. Principal Greg Dirks will leave Sampson Middle School and will move to LC Kerr. Jennifer Pope and Tony Faison will move from LC Kerr to Butler Avenue. Vanessa Brown will remain at Sunset Avenue with the addition of Lakechisa Phillips.

Robert Turlington will leave Butler Avenue to lead Sampson Middle School along with Nicole Freeman and Latreasha Register. And new this year at Clinton City Schools will be the addition of Susan Westerbeek as principal at Clinton High School. Westerbeek is currently the principal at the Sampson Early College and will join Clinton City Schools when released by Sampson County Schools.

Westerbeek will be joined by Julie Malcolm and another yet to be determined assistant principal.

Administration by Campus:
 LC Kerr Elementary (PreK / Kindergarten)
 Greg Dirks - Principal

Butler Avenue Elementary (1st & 2nd grades)
 Jennifer Pope - Principal
 Tony Faison - Assistant Principal

Sunset Avenue Elementary (3rd / 4th & 5th grades)
 Vanessa Brown - Principal
 Lakechisa Phillips - Assistant Principal

Sampson Middle School (6th / 7th & 8th grades)
 Robert Turlington - Principal
 Nicole Freeman - Assistant Principal
 Latreasha Register - Assistant Principal

Clinton High School (9th, 10th, 11th & 12th grades)
 Susan Westerbeek - Principal
 Julie Malcolm - Assistant Principal
 Vacant - Assistant Principal



Susan Westerbeek

In an e-mail officially announcing the changes to staff, Dr. Wesley Johnson stated, "School leadership is more than just the principal and assistant principal(-s) in the building. In fact, much of our school leadership, comes from other staff who serve as members of our school leadership teams, MTSS teams, and our dedicated CCS employees who show up every day and lead their classrooms, lunchrooms, school buses, front offices, custodial staffs and other areas."

"With an array of changes that have occurred during these last 12 months, I want to thank all of you for your hard work, determination, resolve and teamwork as we continue to strive each day to be Dark Horse strong. As we push forward toward the 2019-20 school year, I look forward to a bright future working in partnership with each of you."

Representative Raymond E. Smith, Jr.,

Housing Trust Fund



Housing Finance Agency

The Board of Directors, of the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency, awarded the following organizations that are active in District 21 (Sampson and Wayne Counties) with funds from the Housing Trust Fund to make emergency repairs to homes:

- Sampson County: \$100,000 for 11 homes in Nash and Sampson Counties
- City of Goldsboro: \$100,000 for 12 homes in Wayne County

These repairs will enable veterans, seniors and disabled North Carolinians with very low incomes to continue living safely in their own homes.

A recent policy brief concluded that the Urgent Repair Program can result in Medicaid savings of up to \$19 for every \$1 invested in the Urgent Repair Program.

The 2019 awards totaled \$4.5 million and will finance repairs to 622 homes in 61 counties. The funds help homeowners make emergency repairs to correct safety hazards or to make accessibility modifications.

Representative Raymond E. Smith Jr. currently serves the 21st House District in the State of North Carolina. His district includes much of Sampson & Wayne Counties. Representative Smith was elected on November 6, 2018 and was the Vice Chairman of the Wayne County Board of Education in his previous elected office. Representative Smith is serving his first term in the General Assembly.

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LOCAL NEWS

Golf Fore the Arts Tournament a success!



First Place/1st Flight-STAR



First Place/2nd Flight-BARWICK AG

The tenth annual "Golf Fore the Arts" Golf Tournament sponsored by the Sampson Arts Council was held at Coharie Country Club in Clinton on June 14, 2019. A sponsor and golfer reception was held at the Victor R. Small House on June 13th.

The Sampson Arts Council would like to thank

our community for making our annual fundraiser a huge success! We were thrilled to have 15 teams including 60 golfers, and 87 business and individual sponsors! A very special thank you to our Birdie Sponsors: Hog Slat and Lew & Erika Starling, and Par Sponsors: Star Communications and US Foods. South Catering/Southern Smoke BBQ

provided the delicious food for our sponsor's and golfer's reception on June 13th at the Victor R. Small House. On tournament day, golfers were treated to donuts and coffee by Dunkin' Donuts and lunch by Smithfield's Chicken 'N Bar-B-Q. Hole in One sponsor for the tournament was Deacon Jones of Clinton. This event was a huge success because of the dedication and hard work of our golf committee.

According to Kara Donatelli, Director of the Arts Council, "Funds raised will provide three weeks of Summer Art Camp in July for grades 1-6, Junior Art Camp for ages 4 - K, and three Art Workshops for students (grades 7-12). Over 125 students will explore their creativity this summer! The SAC is thrilled to offer 40 art camp scholarships to select students from Sampson County and Clinton City Schools to attend art camp free of charge. Funds raised also sustain ongoing operations of the Arts Council so we can continue to produce programs and events that advance the arts and engage our county's residents and visitors. With your generous support, we are able to provide unique arts programming throughout the year such as Gallery Exhibits, Artist Receptions, Student Art Classes, Adult Art Workshops and Pottery Classes. We cannot thank everyone enough for their support of the Arts in Sampson County!"

2019 Golf Fore the Arts Winners:

First Flight
 -First Place: Star Communications – Jeff Nethercutt, Kyle Randleman, Jeff Shipp, Dickie Walters
 -Second Place: A G Thornton Investments – Bob Yow, Jeff Heath, Randy Wiggins, Jackie Parrish

Second Flight:
 -First Place: Barwick Ag Services - Brian Hardison, Neal Hardison, Chuck Maxwell, Mike Wilson
 -Second Place: Ken Yang Team – Ken Yang, Kenzie Yang, John McPhail, John Larkin Spell

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We Should Know . . .



Johnny Pridgen Jr. and Dr. Paul Viser 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 Sampson Partners and the guests are Dr Paul Viser and Johnny Pridgen Jr.

JW Simmons begins the show stating that it was Johnny Pridgen’s father, JC Pridgen that first started working to put together what is today known as Sampson Partners. He asks Pridgen to discuss his father’s role it what was originally Clinton United Churches Crisis Center started in 1986.

“At that period of time,” begins Pridgen, “it was pretty much under the leadership of the Clinton Ministerial Alliance and was pretty much a soup kitchen at the Episcopal Church located on West Main Street in about 1985. Out of that they basically served, once a week, individuals in need of food and that nature. And what eventually evolved under Lee Pridgen, the United Churches of Sampson County. He (Lee Pridgen) was very instrumental in organizing from the Clinton Ministerial Alliance what we come to today.”

“We had many churches here that were instrumental in providing support and eventually came down to about 5 from what I remember with two of them being First Baptist Church at 900 College Street and First Baptist Church at 408 and several others including the Episcopal Church that helped form the board with Lee Pridgen as its first director.”

Simmons says that it sounds as if this was a purposeful way for people to come together and help their neighbor at a time when there were basically no other resources. “That’s correct,”

states Pridgen.

Simmons says that in 1985 the term hungry was used to describe a lack of food. Today the term food deprived is used for those instances, but they are basically the same thing and it still exists today.

“It certainly does,” adds Pridgen. “Matter of fact, you’ll find that First Baptist Church 900 College Street runs a food bank which was an extension of the program we had also under the Sampson Crisis Center. Once we came out of the church, we located on Sampson Street. Mrs. Mildred Powel donated her building there and they pretty much concentrated on the food operation asking for donations of food and once a week they would start the distribution of food out into the local community.”

Next, Simmons says the addition of his next guest added the extra effort needed to do some of the heavy lifting. Simmons asks Dr. Paul Viser to discuss what led him to want to be a part of Sampson Partners.

“Well there were actually two phases,” begins Viser. “The initial phase was when I was still in my 30s and a new resident in Sampson County. Bill Fulton who had been on the original board since 1986 was looking to take a siesta from the work he was doing for the Sampson Crisis Center and I took his place representing Graves Memorial Presbyterian Church which as with Johnny’s church was one of the founding churches.”

“So, I had a history from way back as did Johnny and Johnny’s dad. And that went on for years. I became a bit less active about 2012 or so, and then there was that period between 2014 and 2018 that just the thrift shop was in operation. The former structure was kind of in limbo. Actually, it was Johnny and his former pastor Thomas Farrow, and they did a wonderful job for 4 years. And then last summer, July of 2018, I was not active at that time, but Johnny called together people who had been active in the past which included me and some others as well.”

Dr. Viser say it was time to regroup. “That’s the way Johnny presented it to us. Rev. Farrow was in Charlotte at the time, so it was just Johnny presenting this information. I was just floored at the success of the ongoing business model at the time at the Thrift Shop. When Johnny called us together, he had \$160,000 in the bank. And making money every month. A good base of volunteers, which make no mistake is the backbone of our business success. So many people who contribute to our organization do it for nothing. Give their time for nothing. Johnny and I give our time for nothing, but lots of other people do the same thing.”

Next, Simmons turns to Pridgen to ask what issues had caused him to seek to regroup. Clearly it was not an issue of financing.

Pridgen replies, “No it wasn’t JW. The catalyst was when Rev. Farrow, who was the Executive Director and I worked with him, and he took a position in Charlotte. So, at that time it required us to really look at it. What course could this organization which had survived for a number of years continue to take. And that, as Dr. Viser pointed out, is when I called many of the past presidents. That included Mr. Willie Mitchell, Mrs. Peggy Melvin, and the last Secretary was Rhonda West. We had a meeting and presented the data and we charted out a new course of action.”

Pridgen said one of the options was to fold the organization and move the assets to another non-profit organization or they could restructure. “Very quickly and overwhelmingly they decided to restructure,” says Pridgen.

“We were solid financially, but things were moving, and we had to make some hard decisions initially, and that was to terminate a portion of what we were doing in direct client involvement. And since that time, it’s been moving even faster with Dr. Viser as our president.”

With a renewed energy and effort, Sampson Partners has been able to purchase property next door that was owned by Mayor Lew Starling. He sold the property for significantly less than what it appraised at, with plans to build which will greatly increase their ability to collect and sell furniture.

For more information on Sampson Partners please visit them on Facebook at Sampson Partners Inc.

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

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

Small Change Adds Up To Benefit Many This Summer And Beyond



Champions Jackson/Cochran

South River EMC’s Community Assistance Corporation, or CAC, was busy with funding this month awarding \$69,362 in Operation Round Up grants to 12 local non-profits and schools, thanks to Co-operative members’ generosity. South River EMC’s not-for-profit foundation awarded the following organizations grants for \$5,000: Better Health of Cumberland County; Champions Program; and Averasboro Battlefield Commission. The list of other non-profits receiving funding includes: Godwin-Falcon Fire Department, Inc., \$2,340; Eastover Volunteer Fire Department, \$5,512; Piney Grove

Volunteer Fire Department Inc., \$3,191; and Gray’s Creek Volunteer Fire Department, Station 18, \$5,547.

Educational institutions, which are applicable for grants up to \$10,000, also received some funding this cycle. Those selected include: Sampson Early College High School, \$5,625; College Lakes Elementary, \$5,000; Hobpton High School Band Program, \$14,000; Cape Fear High



Hobpton High

School, \$3,147; Roseboro-Salem-burg Middle School, \$10,000.

“For an annual contribution equal to a cup of coffee, our members are able to impact our communities in a positive, meaningful way,” said Catherine O’Dell, VP of Member Services and PR, South River EMC. “Through Operation Round Up, small change adds up to make a big difference for so many of our fami-

Piney Grove VFD



lies, neighbors and friends.”

To date, South River EMC has funded over \$2 million in grants for the community through the support of cooperative members and Operation Round Up.

Operation Round Up is a voluntary program that enables members to round up their electric bill to the next whole dollar. For example, if a bill is \$153.18, the bill rounds up to \$154 and the extra 82¢ is deposited into the CAC fund. You can make huge impacts in your community with small donations each month.

South River EMC accepts and reviews applications on a quarterly basis. The next due date is August 22, by 5 p.m. Applications and rules can be found online at sremc.com. Please note that handwritten applications are not accepted. Always be sure to download the latest application to ensure you have the most updated requirements.



RSMS



SECHS

FAITH

Make Marriage Great Again: Verse by Verse through Song of Songs – Chapter 4:1-7



“How beautiful you are, my darling. How very beautiful! Behind your veil, your eyes are doves. Your hair is like a flock of goats streaming down Mount Gilead. Your teeth are like a flock of newly shorn sheep coming up from washing, each one having a twin, and not one missing. Your lips are like a scarlet cord, and your mouth is lovely. Behind your veil, your brow is like a slice of pomegranate. Your neck is like the tower of David, constructed in layers. A thousand bucklers are hung on it— all of them shields of warriors. Your breasts are like two fawns, twins of a gazelle, that feed among the lilies. Before the day breaks and the shadows flee, I will make my way to the mountain of myrrh and the hill of frankincense. You are absolutely beautiful, my darling, with no imperfection in you.” Song of Songs 4:1-7 (HCSB)

Recently I had an opportunity to sneak into my wife’s office while she was not around. I thought I would do something nice – like leave her a note on her computer, or write something down on an index card and leave it stuffed between pages of some documents, hoping that one day she would unexpectedly open to the index card to a sweet surprise. As I quickly sat down and thought about what I wanted to write before she returned, my thoughts went to Song of Songs 4. What if I wrote something like, “Your hair is like a flock of goats streaming down Mount Gilead,” or “Your brow is like a slice of pomegranate.” Perhaps I would write, “Your breasts are like two fawns.” I chuckled under my breath at the thought of her reading something like that. I’ve often wondered what Solomon’s bride thought when he recited these words to her. Did her eyes swell with tears of joy or suffering at those words? Did she want to slug him or smooch him?

You probably wouldn’t be surprised to find out that these are indeed what Dr. Gary Chapman in The Five Love Languages would call “Words of Affirmation.” These words express three things from Solomon to his lady: they express love, they express desire and they express satisfaction. Words of affirmation express love. There is a different between lust and love, and Solomon surely knows the difference. His words start with “beauty.” One of my favorite movies, The Wedding Singer, is about a sub-par musician who falls in love with a waitress at one of his gigs.



Luke 11:4, “And forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.”

Recently, I heard someone say, “Not forgiving is like drinking rat poison and then waiting for the rat to die.” I thought that was a good way to describe how many people live their lives holding a grudge against someone else. If we fume and steam over what someone has said or done to us, we will live in a regular state of defense mode.

There are people I know personally that will not speak to me when I say hello or refuse to shake my hand when I extend it out to them. Long after the disagreement, they still refuse to forgive me and move on. I often wonder how miserable it must be the effort they go through to try so hard to be rude. Yes, they call themselves Christians, but their actions are far from being Christ-like.

Many of us do not find it easy to forgive. We assume that if we get into an argument, we are right and our opponent is wrong. Or if we get into a fight, we assume the fault lies with our antagonists.

When did you last hear gossip that offended you? While it may have been a false report, for a while you might tend to think the worst about the person so slandered. Sometimes we hold grudges against those whom we don’t naturally like, even if we don’t really know them. We harbor an ugly collection of petty grievances in our hearts, resulting in a tendency to condemn.

Because Christ recognized this sinful inclination, He reminded us of God’s unrestricted love, grace and forgiveness. The Lord loved us so much that “He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life” (John 3:16). In His total innocence, Christ paid the full penalty for our sins. Even if we speak lies, cheat, commit adultery or commit murder, Christ has taken our deserved punishment upon Himself. As a result, He has miraculously wiped away our guilt, making it as though we had never sinned.

Never forget, we are forgiven and that is why we must forgive others. Jesus once told the story about a servant who owed his master a staggering debt. In mercy, the master forgave it all. Yet, no sooner did the forgiven man leave his master that he threatened his own debtors with prison. When the master heard about it, he reversed himself, threw the man in jail, and insisted that he repay his enormous debt.

Each of us has been forgiven a mountain of debt. That is why each of us must freely forgive the molehill of debt that others may owe us. Our forgiveness is not based on the other person’s actions, but our own attitude. People will continue to hurt us through life. We either can look outward at them or stay stuck and angry, or we can begin to keep our minds on our loving relationship with God, knowing and trusting in what is good.

This week I encourage you to release the grudge that you might have towards someone. Don’t allow that person to live rent free in your mind. You will never have true lasting joy if you are holding on to the past pain that someone has caused against you. Even if that person never asks you to forgive them, take the first step and forgive them. Compared to how God has forgiven each of us, shouldn’t we also be willing to forgive?



Rev. Ken Smith

They both seem to be interested in each other, but the only problem is that she is engaged – to a jerk. When Robbie (The wedding singer, played by Adam Sandler) and Julia (The waitress, played by Drew Barrymore) go on a double date, Julia’s fiancé stares down another woman and comments to Robbie, “That’s grade-A top choice meat.” Robbie quickly realizes that Julia is about to make a mistake by marrying Glenn. Glenn didn’t love Julia; he was just after fulfilling his sexual desires. Love doesn’t begin with sexual desire, because sexual desire will not always exist between two people. When that desire fades, a relationship built on it will not endure. Beauty is both external and internal, and when the external fades, the internal will keep married couples satisfied.

Words of affirmation express desire. Although he starts with her beauty, he does also find her sexually desirable. We may glance over this fact, or maybe not even like it, but I believe it rings true none the less. Two ideas stick out about sexual desire in this text. When Solomon comments that her brow is like a slice of pomegranate, our English translations make that a little more PG-13 than it might actually be. The word for brow in Hebrew is the word palach – which has the basic meaning of cleavage. Essentially, he sees her cleavage and believes it is sweet to the taste like fruit. The other is the metaphor of her breasts like fawns. While there is no verse or background Hebrew to back this up, my own theory of this imagery is quite straight forward. If you’ve ever watched The Walking Dead, you may remember when Rick Grimes, Shane and Carl were walking through the woods to find food and come across a baby deer. Carl is intrigued that a deer is standing right in front of him not moving. He looks up at his father and his dad nods to him to go up to it. Carl begins to slowly walk towards the deer and reach out – just as a gunshot rings out and the bullet misses the deer and his Carl in his chest. The point I want to make is not about Carl getting shot, but what Carl saw and did. When people see a furry woodland creature unexpectedly in front of them, they want to reach out and pet it. You can make the connection with Solomon and his bride when he states, “Your breasts are like two fawns.”

Words of affirmation express satisfaction. Three times to end this section, the king tells his queen that she is “beautiful.” To him, she is the standard of beauty, and in beauty, he is fully satisfied. She is the perfect woman for him. All men, including myself, can take a lesson away from the way Solomon speaks to his queen. A Godly husband will bless his wife with words of satisfaction – get this: even when he doesn’t feel like it. As a result, later in the chapter – she invites him to make love to her, which by the way – he is all in on accepting that invitation. Danny Akin remarks in his commentary, “Great sex is the result of good communication. All the physical parts fit when a man and woman come together ... It can be revolutionary and transforming when we accurately and correct understand the Creator’s perspective.” In essence, what Akin is getting at is that sex can be satisfying because God is the creator of sex, and he created it so that we would find satisfaction in his creation. When a husband and wife are sexually satisfied with one another, something uniquely spiritual happens: worship. We often don’t think as sex as worship, but when we enjoy God’s creation – our spouse, under God’s will – one man, one wife, given in marriage – then we are being obedient to what God would have us to do. We are carrying out the blueprint that God designed for husband and wife.



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Shrek rehearsals continue and Spotlight on Seniors

Shrek the Musical is busily preparing to entertain families throughout Sampson County this summer. Our cast of 70 plus members are filled with energy and filled with personality and cannot wait to perform for you. The show dates are Thursday - Sunday, beginning July 25 - August 4 with Thursday, Friday and Saturday show times at 7:30 pm and Sunday matinees at 2:30 pm.

We are also offering a Day Care Show - Thursday, July 25 at 9:00 am. This production will be fun for all young children and we would love for your child's daycare to come see this fun musical. Please email us at the following email address: lindajewellanded@gmail.com. We would love to see numerous groups at our day care show and hope that your child can take part in it.

This week's Senior Spotlight is on Austin Wooten. Austin is the son of Michael and Ramona Wooten. He will be going right to work and is pursuing a land surveying license. His favorite SCT show was Fame. We wish Austin much success in the future and hope to see him on our stage in the near future.



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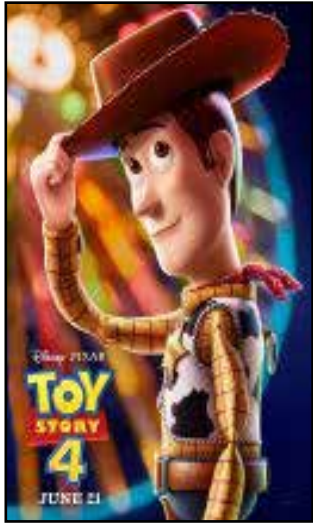


CHILDS PLAY

NOW SHOWING
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A contemporary re-imagining of the 1988 horror classic, Child's Play follows Karen (Aubrey Plaza), a single mother who gifts her son Andy (Gabriel Bateman) a Buddi doll, unaware of its more sinister nature.

Fri-Wed 1:45p 3:45p 6:00p 8:00p



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Woody has always been confident about his place in the world and that his priority is taking care of his kid, whether that's Andy or Bonnie. But when Bonnie adds a reluctant new toy called "Forky" to her room, a road trip adventure alongside old and new friends will show Woody how big the world can be for a toy.

Fri-Wed 1:30p 3:45p 6:00p 8:15p



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The tale of the charming street rat Aladdin, the courageous and self-determined Princess Jasmine and the Genie who may be the key to their future.

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FAMILY FEATURES

Serving up an outdoor meal is a summertime staple for gatherings of all kinds – barbecues, celebrations, picnics and more. However, with so many options available and different styles for preparing the dishes, it can be a challenge for home chefs to decide what guests will go for.

Instead of racking your brain or spending hours searching for the right main course, consider these versatile options – one dish focused on chicken, one for beef and one for pork – that can send partygoers back for seconds.

Find more recipes perfect for outdoor gatherings at Culinary.net.

Serve Up Skewers

Ideal for simple family meals or full-blown summertime parties, these Honey-Lime Chicken Skewers are an ideal handheld food for outdoor meals. With just a handful of ingredients and an easy grilling method involved, they're tasty and tantalizing without taking your focus off all the fun and festivities. More honey-infused recipes are available at Honey.com.

Honey-Lime Chicken Skewers

Recipe courtesy of The National Honey Board
Servings: 8

- 2 tablespoons honey
- 3 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 lime, juiced
- 1 pound chicken breast strips, skinless and boneless
- bamboo skewers

In small bowl, whisk honey, soy sauce, olive oil and lime juice until completely blended. Pour mixture into re-sealable freezer bag and add chicken strips. Seal bag and gently shake to cover chicken strips. Allow to marinate 2 hours.

Heat grill to medium-high heat.

Soak bamboo skewers in water 15 minutes. Remove chicken strips from marinade and skewer onto bamboo sticks. Grill 8 minutes, or until juices are clear and chicken is fully cooked.



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Savor Your Summer Soirees

Main dish options for outdoor entertaining

Sweet Summer Refresh

Summer typically brings about both the desire to feel healthier and cravings for sweet, refreshing meals. When you rethink your food and focus on feeling better about your diet and yourself, the two can work hand-in-hand.

Liven up your summer entertaining menu with a delicious touch of reduced-calorie sweetness from Truvia in recipes like this sizzling Java London Broil. Celebrity chef Devin Alexander, featured on "The Biggest Loser," created this succulent recipe with less sugar by using Truvia Brown Sugar Blend, combining stevia sweetener with brown sugar to maintain the taste and texture of brown sugar with 75 percent fewer calories, for her latest book "You Can Have It!"

For more summertime recipe ideas, visit Truvia.com.

Java London Broil

Recipe courtesy of Devin Alexander from "You Can Have It!," copyright American Diabetes Association
Servings: 6

- 2 teaspoons freshly ground coffee
- 1/2 teaspoon Truvia Brown Sugar Blend
- 2 teaspoons freshly ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon sea salt
- 1 London broil (1 1/2 pounds, preferably grass fed)
- 1 teaspoon extra-virgin olive oil

Heat grill to high.

In small bowl, add coffee, brown sugar blend, black pepper, coriander, oregano and salt; mix well.

Place London broil on cutting board or large plate. Drizzle 1/2 teaspoon of olive oil on each side of meat then rub all over. Sprinkle seasoning mixture over roast and rub in to evenly cover meat.

Grill London broil to desired doneness, about 3-5 minutes per side for medium rare. Tent meat with foil for 5 minutes then slice into thin slices, cutting at an angle against the grain.



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Sweet and Savory Ribs

By starting these Grilled Sticky Ribs in the oven before finishing them off on the grill with a sweet chili glaze, home cooks can help make summer festivities stand out without spending hours at the grill or smoker. The Asian-inspired finish of the glaze gives guests a unique taste to savor while soaking in the summer sun. Visit verybestbaking.com for more recipes from Nestlé.

Grilled Sticky Ribs

Recipe courtesy of Nestlé
Prep time: 20 minutes
Total time: 3 hours, 35 minutes
Servings: 5-6

- 2 racks (about 4 pounds) baby back ribs
- garlic salt
- ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil

- 1/4 cup finely chopped red onion
- 1 teaspoon finely chopped garlic
- 1 teaspoon grated fresh ginger
- 3/4 cup sweet chili sauce
- 1/2 cup Apple Nestlé Juicy Juice 100% Juice
- 1 tablespoon rice wine (mirin)

Heat oven to 300 F. Using knife, remove membrane from bone side of ribs. Pat ribs dry with paper towel; season both sides liberally with garlic salt and pepper. Place ribs in large roasting pan, overlapping as needed. Add water to pan. Cover tightly with aluminum foil.

Bake about 3 hours, or until meat is tender but not quite falling off bones.

In small saucepan over medium-high heat, heat oil. Add onion; cook, stirring occasionally, 2-3 minutes, or until soft. Stir in garlic and ginger; cook 1 minute. Stir in sweet chili sauce, apple juice and rice wine. Reduce heat to low; cook 8 minutes, or until sauce is reduced to about 1 cup.

Heat grill to medium heat. Brush glaze over tops of ribs. Grill 4-5 minutes, or until sauce caramelizes. Serve with remaining glaze.

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The Power of Hard Work and Dedication

*Lakewood High grad Dawson Batts wins prestigious awards;
Headed to FTCC*



Dawson Batts said that he was shocked when his name was called to accept the "Beyond the Game" award last week at the Crown Complex in Fayetteville.

"I was in complete shock," the 17-year-old recent Lakewood High graduate said. "I never knew anything about it ... I had no idea." Called the "Best of 910 Prep Awards Banquet" (sponsored by the Fayetteville Observer) - it celebrates the achievements of high school athletes from across the Cape Fear region.

The honor should come as no surprise to Batts, who had a tremendous senior year playing first base (and pitcher) for the Leopards baseball team.

Batts ended the season with a .372 batting average, with a .449 on base percentage and a .975 fielding percentage, with 15 putouts and 56 assists.

On the mound, Batts was just as impressive. He finished with stingy 2.27 E.R.A. (Earned Run Average) and 17 strikeouts in 24.2 innings pitched.

On top of winning the "Beyond the Game" honor, Batts was also named Co-Player of the Year for Sampson County. Batts has also been named the Performance Auto/Sampson Weekly Star Athlete of the Week for this week.

The Leopards finished the season at 7-9 overall and 5-7 in the Carolina 1-A Conference. The final game of the season was a loss that coming from the hands of Hobbton, who beat them 5-1 at home.

"Man, it was a rough loss," Batts says of his final game of his high school baseball career. "I mean, it was on Senior Night ... It (the loss) was really tough for all of us, especially the seniors."

When did it hit him that it would be his official final high school baseball game? "Oh, it hit me on the last out," Batts remembers. "It was really difficult."

That feeling remained after he earned his diploma.

"It was bittersweet for me, really," Batts said with honesty. "High school was really one of the best experiences of my life. Playing high school baseball with my friends and teammates was incredible. I knew everyone like family ... In fact, I am leaving two of my best friends there."

Batts will also be leaving behind his coach, Jay Faircloth, who couldn't be prouder of his accomplishments.

"I can spend days talking about Dawson, but I know that's way too much," Faircloth said. "To say that I was honored to coach him is an understatement ... an amazing kid. Amazing soul. Amazing heart. I love him dearly. The only regret I have got is not coaching him sooner - he came here in his junior season, so I only got him for two years."

Batts is just as fond of Faircloth.

"I am lucky that I have been able to get very close to him," the standout said. "We are close on and off the field and we have been that way for a while now. I just really appreciate him and our relationship."

Although he will miss everyone at Lakewood High, Batts says he is excited about the next step in his life's journey - college.

He had plenty of good looks from scouts - in high school, travel baseball and showcase games - Batts decided to attend Fayetteville Tech, where he will be playing baseball and studying engineering and instructional maintenance.

"That is my back-up plan," he says. "It would be a dream to play professional baseball [Dream team he would want to play for? Boston Red Sox], but if that doesn't work out, I want to come back after college and work with my dad."

Batts said that he chose to attend Fayetteville Tech because it offered him the best opportunities.

"I liked the people, the coaches, the environment and it was close to home," he explains. "I will study what I want to, and I will have a chance to play the sport I love ... It was a perfect fit for me."

He continues, "There are a few really good teams in the conference I will be playing in. So, right now, it is an exciting time for me." Batts will officially start practices in early August.

A Sampson County native, Batts spent his early childhood growing up in Salemburg.

"I started playing baseball at 3-years-old," the Leopard standout said. "Then I played recreation T-Ball baseball as soon as I was eligible to play ... I never stopped; I just really loved the game." By the time he was in middle school, Batts said he knew baseball would always be the sport that was meant for him.

"I just loved everything about it and playing the game of baseball even more," Batts explained. "To be good at it, you have to put in the work, and you have to be dedicated to it. Eventually, that hard work will pay off. On top of all of that, just being out there on the field is exciting to me."

After middle school, Batts moved cross-county and began attending Midway High School. He would stay there until after he finished his sophomore year.

"I had always told people that I would be back at Lakewood to graduate," Batts said.

Through it all - he stayed committed to getting good grades in the classroom and to the game of baseball.

"Well, I did try football," he says, "but baseball was always my main sport."

By all accounts, Batts has been vigilant in working hard to be the best that he can be. That all-out work ethic began as far back as he can remember.

Batts was born with one arm, but never let that get in the way of his success and it never defined him - he just kept working to be the best he could be - on and off the field.

But that doesn't mean his journey has been an easy one.

"It started early on for me," he explains. "It took a lot when I first started, but I just kept working on what was comfortable for me."

It's something he had to do if he wanted to play the game he loves. The worst part of playing with one arm? "Always having to work twice as hard as everybody else," he says.

The best? "All the support I have received from my family, teammates, my friends, coaches and, of course, the fans."

Batts also said the love and support he received from his parents [Shane and Erica] has been crucial to his successes.

His story is nothing short of inspirational - but something that Batts remains humble about.

"I have thought about it a little bit," he says. "I have to work hard, go out and keep trying to do my very best ..."

"The thing I admire most about Dawson is his work ethic," says Coach Faircloth. "He has a handicap, but it doesn't stop him."

Faircloth continues, "He never complains. Never asked for anything or any special treatment. He works for what he wants, and he loves to support his teammates. He has done what it takes to get to that next level. The love he has for the game of baseball is second to none and you can see in the way he plays ..."

Although it seems rare these days, when Batts does get free time, he says he enjoys spending it with his family and friends.

That free time with his loved ones is about to become a bit rarer, since his schedule is about to become much busier while he prepares for college this summer.

He will also be taking the memories he created throughout his high school career.

Which brings up the question, if Batts could give one piece of advice for an upcoming freshman, what would it be?

Batts says without hesitation: "I would tell them to take advantage of every second of high school - whether it's on the field or in the classroom ... and just keep working hard."

Working hard is something Batts is more than familiar with - it is second nature to him. But it is only one part of this smart, gifted, talented, and yes, inspirational young man.

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EDUCATION

UMO Helps Joyner Turn Calling into Career



Helping children with disabilities is a calling that University of Mount Olive (UMO) student Ashley Joyner holds close to her heart.

When Joyner's younger brother, Jeremy, was born, he was diagnosed with the rarest form of spinal bifida and severe autism. Told that he would never walk, talk, or live past the age of two, Joyner watched her brother bravely fight to survive despite his disabilities.

"As my brother grew up, I witnessed his daily struggles," said Joyner. "I knew I had to choose a career that would not only shed a light on disabilities, but also help disabled children to live better lives."

After marrying her high school sweetheart and having two children, a son that was diagnosed with autism and a daughter that was diagnosed with dyslexia, Joyner was even more determined to fulfill her lifelong calling of helping children in need. She obtained her CNA and a job in the medical field while working towards her RN. However, at the age of 25, Joyner had a debilitating work-place accident that prevented her from continuing her nursing career. "It crushed me," said Joyner. "I questioned my purpose for so long, but I knew that tapping out was not an option."

After a year of thought, research, and prayer, Joyner was introduced to the special education program at UMO. "The special education program allowed me to follow my dream of working with children with disabilities, but in a completely different way than nursing ever could have," she explained.

Joyner enrolled at UMO in January 2016 as a special education major. As a wife and mother, she struggled to balance her work and family life. "Most traditional students are able to put all of their attention towards college," said Joyner. "However, many days I would have to get our kids to school before racing to classes myself."

In addition to the challenges of meeting her family's needs, Joyner registered for a course load of over 18 traditional credits hours each semester. With her husband working a fulltime job and her children in school, Joyner completed assignments wherever possible - in class, at home, and even next to her daughter's sick bed when she fell ill. Although she thought about quitting several times, Joyner found God to be her saving grace in and out of the classroom. "It was an uphill climb," she said. "But I thank God every day for the guidance and strength that He gave me to persevere through it all."

Despite the challenges, Joyner maintained a 3.39 GPA making the Dean's List and receiving the Merit scholarship as a result of her hard work. She joined the Student Council for Exceptional Children and served as president of the organization whose motto is "when you give a student the right tools and a chance, they will be able to conquer the world."

Volunteering to work with EC students during her enrollment also provided Joyner with priceless insight into the need for dedicated special needs educators. "Many people, including teachers, don't believe that EC students have the ability to succeed," said Joyner. "As an EC teacher, I want everyone to see these children as I them, capable students that make great strides each day."

Reflecting on her time at UMO, Joyner is thankful for the faculty that assisted and inspired her throughout her college career. "They are an amazing group of people and I am grateful that I was able to learn from them," she said. "I like to quote one of my favorite professors, Dr. Harold Griffin, who often said, 'Teaching special education is not a job, it is a lifestyle and a work of heart.' Being the sister and mother to children with disabilities, I am passionate about making a positive difference in children's lives and giving them the voice that they might not have had before. Regardless of the need, I want to be the teacher that shows others that everyone deserves a chance at the same opportunities to have a successful life."

Joyner graduated in May of 2019 with her bachelor's degree. The Suttontown native would like to work as a special needs educator in the Sampson County area. She strives to teach her future students, as well as others that "anyone can move mountains if you give them the right set of tools and an equal chance to prove themselves."

Joyner and her husband, Johnny, have two children Cameron and Cheyanne. She attends St. Paul OFWB in Newton Grove.

SCC's Ammonia Program Gains Interstate Appeal

The buzz surrounding Sampson Community College continues this week as visitors from out-of-state visit campus in search of reliable training for employees across state lines. Sanderson Farms based in Laurel, Mississippi, sent representatives to SCC to scout the college's Industrial Ammonia Refrigeration facilities and meet with instructors of the program in Clinton, NC.

"While we already know the level of training that we provide here, we always welcome industry from outside of our normal service area to come visit us," says Katie Brown, Director of Customized Training for Sampson Community College. "We are one of the very few providers of this type of training that can do it and do it very cost-efficiently for our industry leaders and we are proud to say that."

Sanderson Farms, which has processing plants in the proximity of Sampson Community College, the industry is interested in creating a partnership to send employees through industrial ammonia refrigeration training. Norman Butts, Corporate Maintenance Manager for Sanderson, says the company's commitment to upgrade employee skills and certifications is an integral part to preserve the quality and traditional values founded years ago.

Sanderson is engaged in production, processing, marketing and distribution of fresh and frozen chicken. Ammonia refrigeration systems are, as the name implies, a system of refrigeration that uses ammonia. The ammonia is the chemical used to absorb the heat from one area and bring it to another area to dissipate.

Amanda Bradshaw, Dean of Continuing Education and Workforce Development at the college says a facility like SCC's is rare. "Understanding this facility is one of the very few in the nation, we are always eager to help industries train a skilled workforce that can support the North Carolina economy and the national economy," she says. "Our ultimate goal is to help provide a skilled workforce for our state and any other state as well. Either way, we all benefit. Our door is always open to any industry interested in touring the facility."

Within days of the visit, representatives from Sterling Industrial Refrigeration also paid a visit to the college. Sterling Industrial Refrigeration provides a quality refrigeration design/build services for the processing industry. Based on quality customer service, the industry manages installation projects and service contracts in South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, New York, Indiana, Texas, California, Utah, New Mexico and Virginia.



SCC Ammonia refrigeration instructor Leerkes (third from left) shows off the facility to Sanderson Corporate Maintenance Managers, Norman Butts (second from left) and Dean Jackson (R). Current student, Tevlen Murphy from Smithfield company's Tarheel Plant, observes.

setting up maintenance programs for pork and poultry processing plants. As Plant Engineering manager at the Tar Heel Plant for Smithfield, Leerkes was responsible for all maintenance and capital project activities.

While welcomed, this type of spotlight is hardly unfamiliar for the college in recent weeks. Last month, SCC's online LPN to RN (licensed Practical Nursing to Registered Nursing) program option was ranked fourth in the entire nation by RegisteredNursing.org and SCC's Truck Driver Training program was ranked first in North Carolina by the NC Community College System. Work also continues with the college's new state-of-the-art welding facility and the new truck driver training facilities. For more information about SCC's Ammonia Refrigeration program, contact Brown at kbrown@sampsoncc.edu or at 910.900.4055.

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

"This is an exciting time for us," says Brown. "Employers who utilize ammonia refrigeration and are geographically close to Sampson already know about us and the quality training we continue to provide local employees. I believe the word has gotten out and we are certainly not bound by state borders. More and more companies are finding out that we are a hidden gem when it comes to educating employees from this state or others. We are happy to show off the facility to anyone who can use it"

SCC's Ammonia Refrigeration program boasts a lead instructor with more than four decades of experience in the food industry and in the field of Engineering and Maintenance. Fran Leerkes worked in many sectors, from new plant start-ups to




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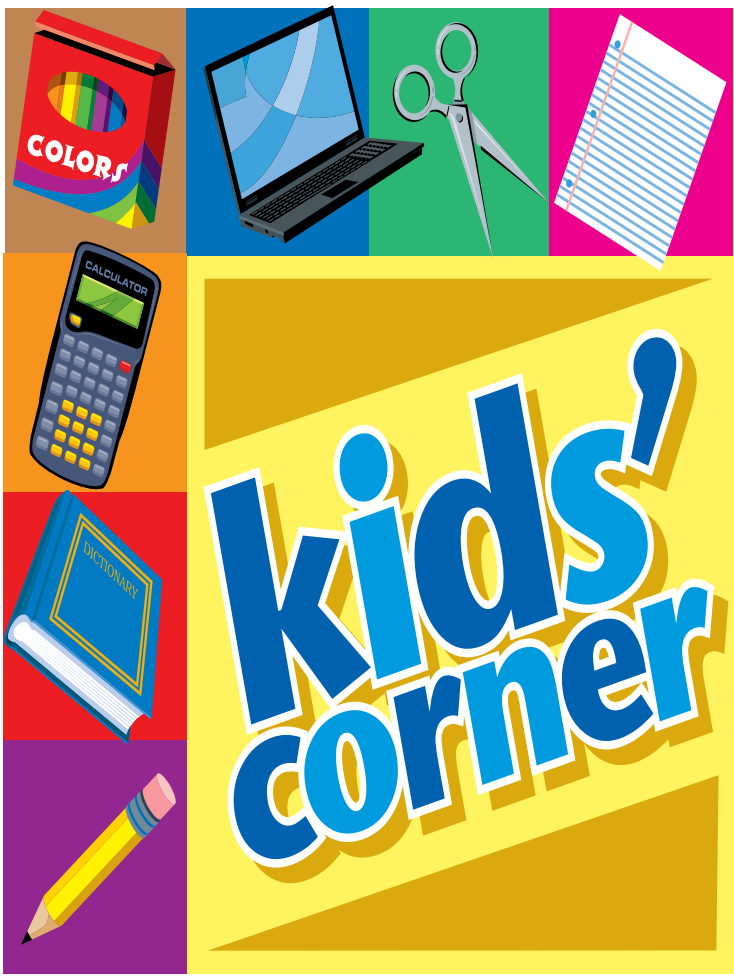
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What's the Difference?

There are five things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?



A



B



Answers: 1. Fork is turned the other way 2. Chef wearing apron 3. Background square missing 4. Not wearing apron 5. Larger flame

Did You Know?

BARBECUE GRILLS SHOULD BE KEPT AT A SAFE DISTANCE FROM THE HOME AND SHOULD NEVER BE USED INDOORS.



IT IS BELIEVED THAT THIS TYPE OF COOKING — OVER AN OPEN FLAME — ORIGINATED IN THE CARRIBBEAN.

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Cook

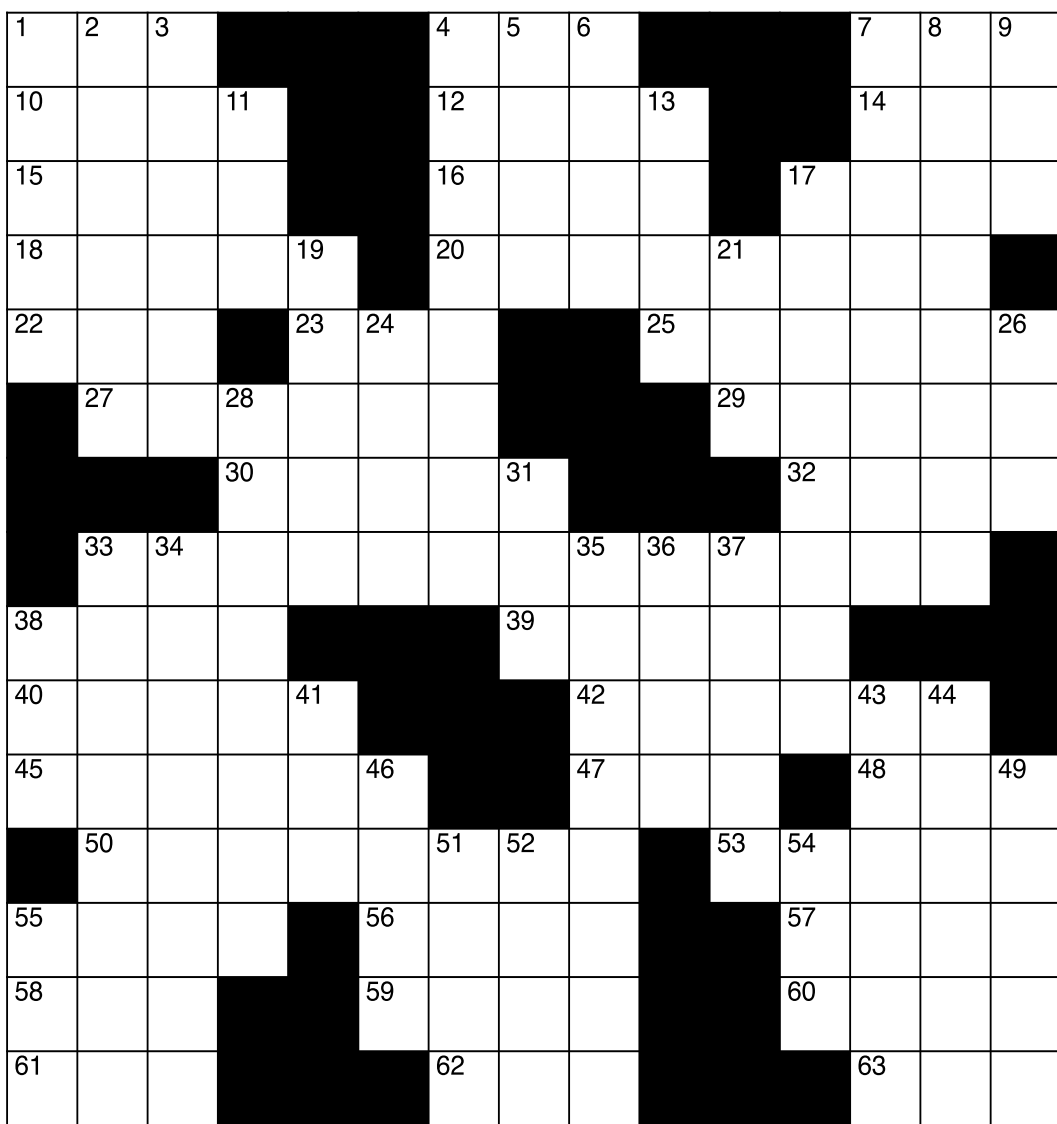
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Crossword Puzzle

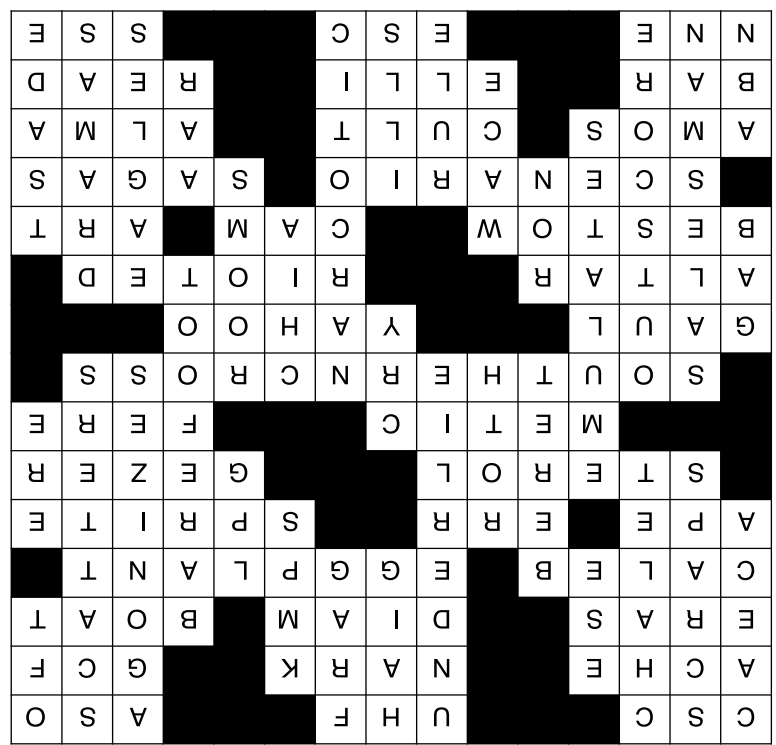


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Reciprocal of a sine
- 4. Ultrahigh frequency
- 7. Volcanic mountain in Japan
- 10. Dull pain
- 12. Informer (Br. slang)
- 14. Greatest Common Factor
- 15. Periods of time
- 16. = 2 x radius
- 17. Small water craft
- 18. Son of Jephunneh
- 20. Vegetarian "Parmesan" dish
- 22. Large tailless primate
- 23. Make a mistake
- 25. Lemon-lime soda brand
- 27. Steroid alcohol (syn.)
- 29. Ancient royal Canaanite city
- 30. Foreigner in Anciet Greece
- 32. Companion (Olde English)
- 33. Crux Australis
- 38. Ancient France
- 39. Swift's brute race
- 40. Communion table
- 42. Behaved wildly
- 45. Confer an honor
- 47. River in E. England
- 48. Comedian Carney
- 50. Script
- 53. Heroic tales
- 55. "___ and Andy," TV show
- 56. Extremist religious sect
- 57. ___ Mater, one's school
- 58. A block of soap
- 59. Norse goddess of old age
- 60. Interpret the written word
- 61. Point midway between N and NE
- 62. Old Portuguese currency (abbr.)
- 63. Point midway between S and SE

CLUES DOWN

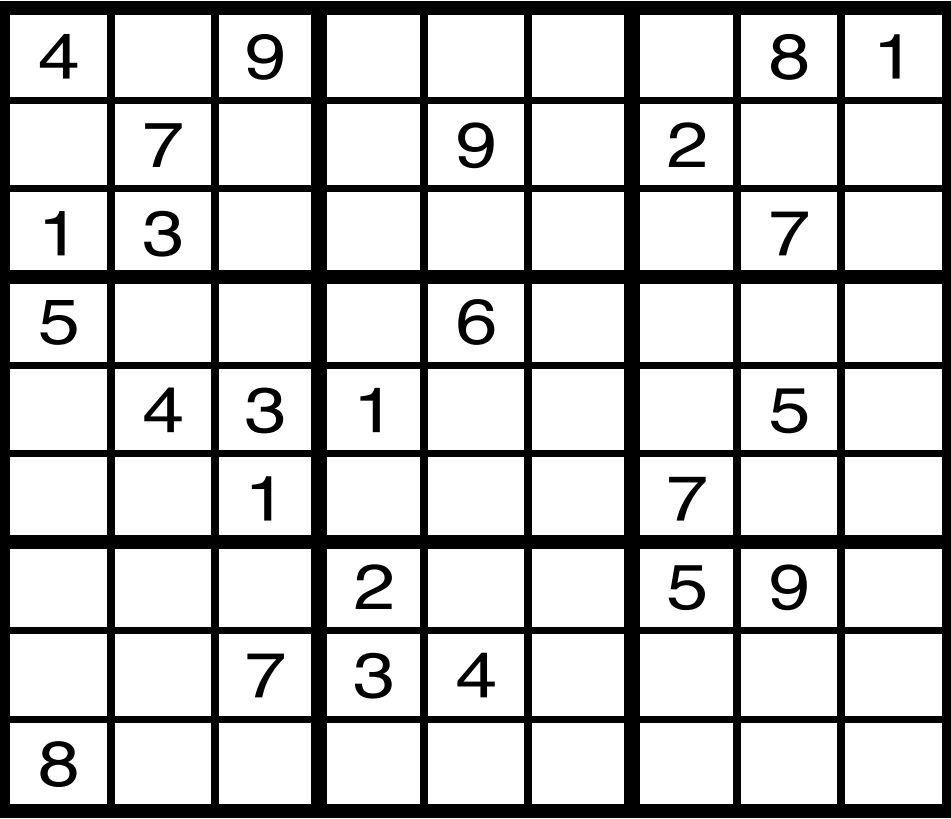
- 1. Cecums
- 2. Casts away
- 3. Swiss house
- 4. Form the base for
- 5. Secretary of State 1981-82
- 6. Hand grenade
- 7. Anguishes
- 8. Spreads around
- 9. Frequently
- 11. Point midway between E and SE
- 13. Kilometers per second
- 17. Unshod
- 19. Brimless hat
- 21. Liquid propane gas (abbr.)
- 24. Deception author Philip
- 26. Before
- 28. Strives to match
- 31. Shed tears
- 33. Miller's "Death of a ___"
- 34. Gets more points than
- 35. Drug that produces stupor
- 36. Salvia columbariae
- 37. Suite
- 38. Talk
- 41. Press Sec. Zeigler
- 43. Raptors
- 44. Plays
- 46. Poet of Jersey 1100-1174
- 49. Variant spelling of sadhe
- 51. Prescribed guide for conduct
- 52. Ailments
- 54. Swiss river
- 55. Airborne (abbr.) CW10 9410



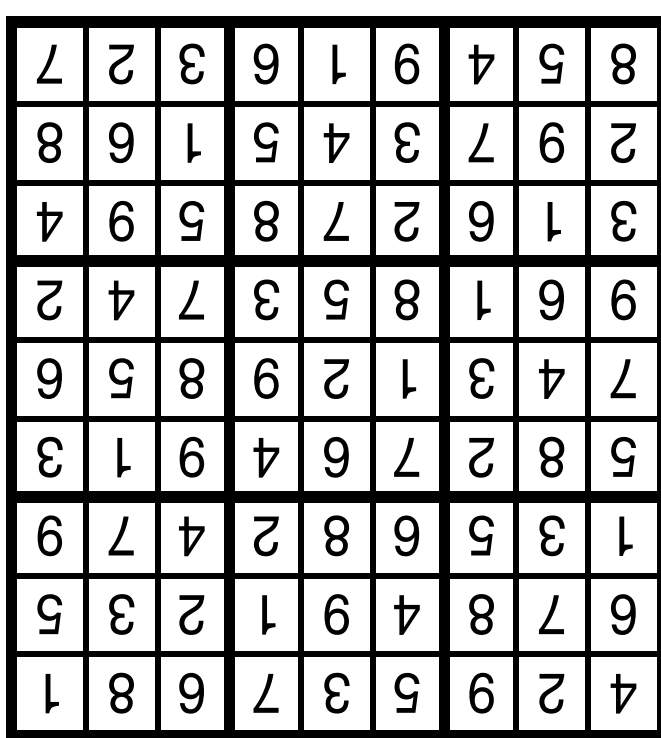
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Fun By The Numbers

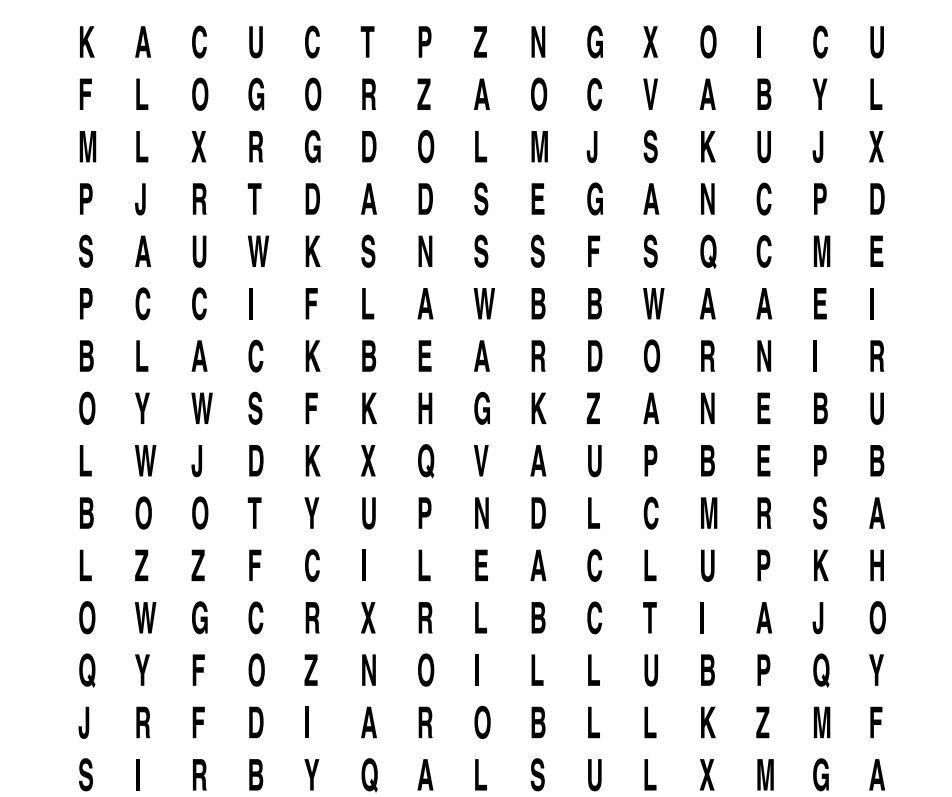
Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test.



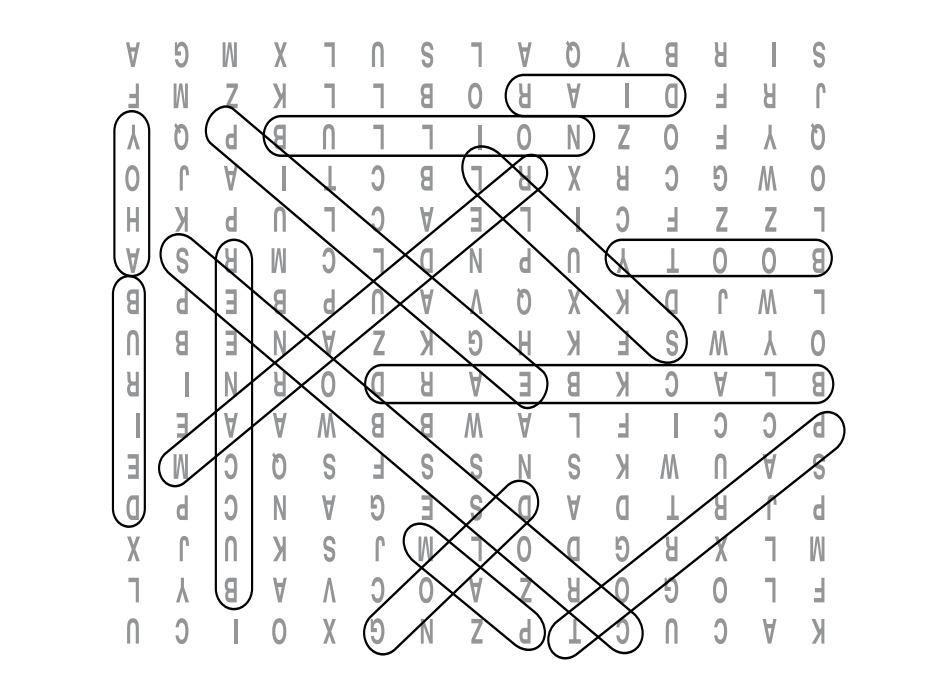
Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear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



Word Search — Pirates



- ahoy
- blackbeard
- booty
- buccaneer
- bullion
- buried
- crossbones
- gold
- map
- marauder
- parrot
- pillage
- raid
- skull



CRIME

<p>Arrest Reports</p> <p>06-14 Chanta Danielle Ashley, 42; 253 Faison Hwy., Clinton; DWLR; Bond \$1,000; Court Date 06-21</p> <p>06-14 James Lee Staton, 28; 219 Eagle's Landing Lane, Clinton; Communicating Threats; Bond \$4,500; Court Date 07-22</p> <p>06-14 Wilbur Eugene Carroll, 43; 1530 Sampson Acre Dr., Clinton; Drug Paraphernalia; DWLR; Court Date 07-22</p> <p>06-14 Whitney McDonald, 31; 501 Stetson St., Clinton; Failure to Appear- Obtain Property by False Pretense; Bond \$25,000; Court Date 06-24</p> <p>06-14 Cree Alexis Newkirk, 26; 408 Douglas Ave., Roseboro; DWLR; Court Date 06-25</p> <p>06-14 Misty Mishoe Cole, 41; 1315 Beulah Rd., Clinton; Resisting Public Officer; Communicating Threats; Bond \$3,000; Court Date 07-22</p> <p>06-14 Gary Eugene Martin, 64; 145 Simmons Rd., Clinton; Trespass of Real Property; Court Date 07-22</p> <p>06-14 Johnathan Naylor, 34; 1590 Ozzie Rd., Clinton; Probation Violation; Bond \$2,500; Court Date 06-26</p> <p>06-14 Roman Cruz, 36; 205 Dogwood Circle, Clinton; DWI; Bond \$1,000; Court Date 07-23</p> <p>06-15 Angelique Denise Becton, 28; 105 Miracle Lane, Clinton; Drug Equipment Violations; Possess Marijuana; Court Date 07-22</p> <p>06-15 James Lante Faison, 42; 10195 Garland Hwy., Clinton; Revoked Registration;</p>	<p>No Insurance; Court Date 08-06</p> <p>06-15 Krissy Ann Garcia, 39; 91 Retirement Lane, Salemburg; Second Degree Trespass; Bond \$1,500; Court Date 07-11</p> <p>06-15 Pierre Joseph Valcourt, 45; 117 E Best St., Warsaw; No Operators License; Court Date 08-06</p> <p>06-15 Lance Alexander Powell, 33; 615 Goodyear Dr., Spring Lake; Suspended License; Court Date 08-06</p> <p>06-16 Melissa Yvonne Mitchell, 31; 523 Gold St., Roseboro; Misdemeanor Child Abuse; Bond \$500; Court Date 07-11</p> <p>06-16 Tiara Whitted, 31; 154 Sams Lane, Clinton; DWLR Not Impaired; Expired Registration; Speeding; Misdemeanor Larceny; Bond \$4,500; Court Date 07-09</p> <p>06-16 Christopher Adam Hicks, 37; 468 Gibbs Rd., Garland; Felony Probation Violation; Failure to Appear- Possess Stolen Goods/Property; Failure to Appear- Felony Larceny; Bond \$70,000; Court Date 06-26</p> <p>06-16 William Matthew Jones, 29; 1922 Sloan Ave., Fayetteville; Speeding; DWLR Not Impaired Revoke; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 07-12</p> <p>06-17 Jacob Autry, 19; 289 Butler Island Rd., Roseboro; Murder/No negligent Manslaughter</p> <p>06-17 Jeffrey Thomas Johnson, 34; 4315 Edgedale Dr., Fayetteville; Fail to Appear; Bond \$1,000; Court Date 07-02</p> <p>06-17 Ryan Michael Burns, 24; 134 Sneed Lane, Godwin; DWLR; DWI; Bond \$4,000; Court Date 07-11</p> <p>06-17 Billy Allen Brown, 41; 1590 High</p>	<p>House Rd., Clinton; DWLR; Court Date 07-09</p> <p>06-17 David Keith Skaggs, 37; 3035 East Darden Rd., Faison; DWLR; Order for Arrest; Bond \$3,000; Court Date 07-23</p> <p>06-18 Kevin Germaine Lee, 43; 97 Frank Lane, Clinton; Failure to Appear- DWLR Not Impaired Revoke; Failure to Appear- No Operators License; Bond \$500; Court Date 06-26</p> <p>06-18 Aaron Tyler Stephens, 23; 97 Jones Pond Lane, Newton Grove; Injury to Personal Property; Court Date 06-24</p> <p>06-18 Terry Lynette Melvin, 54; 164 E Third St., Garland; Communicating Threats; Bond \$750; Court Date 07-11</p> <p>06-19 Joey Lee Kiger, 36; 50 Scotty Lane, Garland; Child Abuse; Assault on a Female; Bond \$1,500; Court Date 07-08</p> <p>06-19 Garrett Brewer Fann, 20; 8765 Roseboro Hwy., Roseboro; Designated Lane Violation; DWLR Not Impaired Revoke; Bond \$1,000; Court Date 07-12</p> <p>06-19 Kiara Leanna Allen, 30; 407 Oakland Blvd., Clinton; CS- Injury to Personal Property; Court Date 07-23</p>	<p>missing included a TV, US Currency and a Computer.</p> <p>06-16 Christopher Naylor reported the Larceny of Tools and a Ladder located at 200 W Pine St., Salemburg.</p> <p>06-16 Anne Adams reported a Burglary located at 537 Kitty Fork Rd., Clinton. Items reported missing included Medications, Coins, Checks, Income Tax Check and Firearms.</p> <p>06-17 Cruz Kirklan reported a Breaking and Entering located at 4641 Bonnetsville Rd., Clinton. Items reported missing included a Game Console, Cat, cords and a TV.</p> <p>06-17 David Jones Sr reported the Larceny of a Generator located at 607 Peterson St., Clinton.</p> <p>06-18 Soladean Dixon reported a Burglary located at 5530 Mount Olive Hwy., Mount Olive. Items reported missing included shoes, clothing and two TVs.</p> <p>06-19 George Ashley reported a Breaking and Entering located at 1080 Creekside Lane, Salzborg. Items reported missing included an assortment of firearms.</p> <p>06-19 Joseph Edwards reported the Larceny of a Firearm located at 138 Renee Lane, Dunn.</p> <p>06-20 Bradley Herring reported a Burglary located at 3551 Pine Ridge Rd., Faison. Items reported missing included two chainsaws and batteries.</p>
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Incident and Investigation Reports

06-14 Rickey Cox reported a Breaking and Entering located at 402 Lakewood School Rd., Salemburg. No items were reported missing.

06-15 Edith Martines reported a Breaking and Entering located at 420 Bernice Rd., Clinton. Items reported missing included a Window AC Unit and US Currency.

06-15 Carl Faircloth reported a Burglary located at 334 Ira B Tart Rd., Dunn. Items reported

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

Sampson County VITAL STATS

Deaths

- Legend Slade Bushsod
- Frances Jeanette Daughtry
- Effie Lenora Gainey
- Andera Leon Kerr

Marriage Certificates

- Walter Alexander Rivas Velasquez to Jesenia Karina Orozco
- Ryan Tucker Hall to Heather Brooke Goodrich
- Dustin Lee Dudley to Hannah Marie Sawyer
- Elden Henocho Espinoza to Yeny Melissa Andino Zuniga
- Agustin Rodriguez Jr to Karen Jocelyne Canales Maradiaga

Births

- Josiah Tirrell Wallace born on June 4, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Emmanuel Tirrell Wallace and Kim Howard
- Edith Aliah Flores born on June 5, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Wilfredo Flores-Lara and Mariana Flores-Martinez
- David Mateo Perez born on June 5, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Aracelia Perez Camposano
- Jaden Alberto Vazquez born on June 5, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Mario Alberto Vazquez-Carillo and Veronica Palacios

Land Transfers

- Jimmy Burch, Teresa O Burch to Maria Guadalupe Gomez Garcia- 1.0 Acre Piney Grove
- David G Aman/TR, Odell N Aman, Odell N Aman Revocable Living Trust to Rose Butler Aman, Terry Eddie Aman- Lot 5 of the Joseph Naylor Estate 16 Acres w/exceptions Mingo
- Margie A Lockwood to Jesse Stanley, Mary Stanley- Lot Sampson
- Christina A Hairr, Jeffrey O Hairr to Sharon Gail Autry- 0.66 Acres Dismal
- Helen Smith, William Smith to Humberto Reyes Espino- 0.94 Acres Lot 1 McDaniels
- Brittany Nicole Gautier, Brittany Nicole Gautier Gingras/NKA to Jeremy Dale Gautier- 2 Tracts w/exceptions South River
- Darryl T Howard, Deborah S Howard, James Kevin Howard, Tammy L Howard to Darryl T Howard, Deborah S Howard, James Kevin Howard, James Thomas Howard- 2 Tracts

- Helen Smith, William Smith to Mavel Reyes Espino- Lot 31 Heritage Place
- William J Hairr to JW Sealey & Associates Inc- Lot 6B 1.21 Acres Honeycutts
- Covington & Shaw LLC to Beatrice N Carroll- Lot 7 Layton and Bunting Street Property North Clinton
- Jerry W Lucas to Dustin Frank Horner, Melina Jill Parker Horner- 54.49 Acres Herring
- Brian Keith Radford to Ellen R Ward, Henry E Ward- 2.52 Acres Tract 1 Newton Grove
- Donald William McCullen, Minnie Roshelle McCullen to Marlon O Britt- 1.0 Acre Lot 1 Lona McCullen Lands Newton Grove
- Ruth R Denton, Thomas Millard Denton/TR, Ruth R Denton Revocable Trust to Cynthia Simmons Finney, Mike Sidden Finney- 2 Tracts South Clinton
- Patricia West Denton to Cynthia Simmons Finney, Mike Sidden Finney- 0.55 Acres Lot 1 South Clinton
- Cape Fear Industries USA Inc to Richard D' Angelo Pope, Sabrina Vanessa Pope- Lot 9 0.66 Acres Cape Fear Industries USA Inc North Clinton
- Rena E Bancroft, Herb Thomas to Rena E Bancroft, Ulysses E S Campbell/TR, Rena E Bancroft Revocable Trust- South Clinton 1.02 Acres of the JC Pridgen Hubbard Tract
- H Lawrence Sanderson/MGR, Warren Realty LLC to Amanda Allen, Corburt K Allen- Lot 16 0.18 Acres Villas At Burch Cove North Clinton
- Gracie Barber Moore, Henry Elliott Moore Jr to Gracie Barber Moore, Henry E Moore III, Henry Elliott Moore Jr- 3 Tracts w/exceptions South Clinton
- Wesley Paul Hall to Rayford Glenn Hardison, Wanda L Hardison- Honeycutts 2 Tracts w/exceptions
- Carolyn Burgett Sessoms, Terry Dale Sessoms to Barbera Jean Parker- McDaniels Tract 1 5.61 Acres
- Sampson Bladen Oil Company Inc to Edwin Allen Boggess- 3 Tracts
- Debra Bass, Horace Bass to DOT/BENE- Lot Sampson/0.159 Acres South Clinton/Lot South Clinton
- Emiliano Zuniga Rojo, Guadalupe Mendieta Sanchez to DOT- Lot 11 0.69 Acres South Clinton
- Daniel Webster Carr Jr to Natherline Blue, Reginald Winfred Blue- 4 Acres Franklin
- Dewey Strickland to Rigoberto Solis Alonzo- 4.96 Acres Newton Grove
- Gale Strickland, Rodney Strickland to Roxie Darlene Burgette- Honeycutt 0.33 Acres
- Elie Ibrahim Wakim, Stephanie H Wakin to Store Front Properties LLC- Lot Turkey
- John D Fussell, Lorie T Fussell to Loretta June Stephens, Barnes Clayton Williams- Lot 41 Section Three Property of Constance D Jones McDaniels
- North Carolina Real Estate Services Corporation to Eduardo Mejia- 2.83 Acres w/exceptions Newton Grove

OBITUARIES

CLINTON
Rev. Elmo Eugene Jones age 70 died on June 18, 2019 at Warsaw Health Rehab in Warsaw, NC. Rev. Gene was born in Johnston County NC to Arie Eugene and Mae Miller Jones. He married Roxie Jane in August of 1965 and they were married for 49 years before her death in 2014. He was the Pastor of the Bread of Life Worship Center for many years. Rev. Gene enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He loved the mountains and fishing at the beach. Rev. Gene was preceded in death by his parents Arie Eugene and Mar Miller Jones. Two sisters Elenora Fussell and Patricia Harris. Three brothers Frankie, Jimmy, and Lennie Jones. He is survived by one sister Betty Jackson. Three sons, Ricky of Wallace, NC; Gary of Wallace, NC; and Jeffery Jones of Clinton, NC. Four grandchildren Sarah, Olivia, Skyler, and Aalliah Jones all of Clinton, NC. Three great-grandchildren, India Bell, Noah Perry, and Jayce Faircloth. Visitation will be held one hour prior to Funeral Service on Saturday June 22, 2019 in the Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Services & Cremation Chapel, 1246 Hobbton Hwy,



Clinton, NC at 2pm. Pastor Donald Myers will be officiating the service.

ROSEBORO

Roland Brent Parker Jr. was born on February 10, 2001 in Cumberland Co. to his mother Irene Parker and father the late Roland Brent Parker Sr. of Clinton, NC. Roland passed away June 16, 2019 on Father's Day in a tragic car accident. Roland was a student at Lakewood High School in Roseboro, NC where he resided with his mother, siblings, girlfriend, their son Roland Brent Parker III, and their unborn baby. Roland was a generous, outspoken, happy, and had a free spirit. His smile would light up the room. He was a great father to his one-year old son. He loved playing music, rapping, playing basketball, spending time with his family and friends. Roland Jr. was preceded in death by his father Roland Brent Parker Sr. and his paternal grandmother Betty Parker. Roland leaves behind two brothers Ivin Phillip Martinez and Avian Brent Parker. His baby sister Alexa Herring. His maternal grandparents Manuel and Gloria Herrera, paternal grandfather Roland Pope Parker. His uncles Harry Parker, Steve Parker, and Jessie Parker. His aunts Ernestina Herrera,



Cindy Herrera, Shirley Parker, Jennifer Hobbs, and Sharlene Parker. Visitation will be Sunday June 23, 2019 from 3pm-7pm with family present from 5pm-7pm at Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral & Cremation Service 1246 Hobbton Hwy, Clinton, NC. Funeral Service will be Monday June 24, 2019 at 2pm at New Beginning Christian Center 949 Indian Town Rd, Clinton, NC Officiated by Kevin Kirby. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Service & Cremation to offset funeral cost.

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OBITUARIES

CLINTON

Rachel Mary Aman age 86 died on June 16, 2019 in her home surrounded by her family. Rachel was born in Sampson County NC to Clyda Lee Hair and Jessie James Hair. She married Lisker (Zook) Aman and they were married for 45 years before his death in July of 1980. Rachel worked at Clinton Apparel for 20 years until the closing of that facility. She then went on to work at Mary Gran Nursing Center for 20 years and retired.



Rachel was a member of Miller's Chapel PRWB Church in Faison, NC and Word of Faith Church in Kenansville, Rachel enjoyed spending time with family and friends. She would always cook lunch or dinner for them. Rachel was preceded in death by her husband Lisker and her son Gerri. Rachel is survived by her children: Betty A. (Danny) Herrera of Wilson, NC; Brenda A. (Butch) Gregory of Newton Grove, NC; Bonnie J. Aman of Clinton, NC; Faye A. (Jarvis) Carter of Clinton, NC; James H. Aman of Clinton, NC; John L. Aman of Clinton, NC; Lisker Aman Jr of Clinton, NC; Terri A. (Mark) Brashier of Madison, MS; and Wesley L Aman of Clinton, NC. Rachel also leaves behind 19 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren. She will be remembered by her sisters Dorothy Underhill of Raleigh, NC; Verlone Barbour of Greenville, NC and Naomi Coker of Tampa, FL along with several nieces and nephew. Visitation was held from 7:00 pm - 9:00pm on Thursday June 20, 2019 at Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Services & Cremation, 1246 Hobpton Hwy Clinton, NC. Funeral Services were held at 3:00 p.m. on Friday June 21, 2019 at Miller's Chapel PFWB Church, 10441 Faison Hwy, Faison, NC. During all other times, the family will receive visitors at the home of Jarvis and Faye Carter located at 1394 Carter Town Rd, Clinton, NC. Burial will be a private ceremony for family only on a later date.

her service was the Rev. Tom Wagoner. Her interment was at Pauline Baptist Church Cemetery, Four Oaks. Left to cherish her memories are her husband; Joe Batten of the home, daughter; Marie Batten Barbour of Clayton, sons; Robin Batten and wife Lynelle of Four Oaks, Glenn Batten of Four Oaks, daughter-in-law; Sheila Batten of Four Oaks, grandchildren; Katina Anderson and husband Andy, Chase Batten and wife Jamie, Deanna Lee and husband Blane, Lauren Byrd, Shepard Barbour and wife Amber and Sawyer Gordon and husband Clay. Also, ten great-grandchildren. Mrs. Batten was preceded in death by her parents; Bertus and Vada Raynor, sons; Terry Batten and Ronnie Batten and 2 brothers and 2 sisters. Memorials may be made to In His Hands Pregnancy Support Center, 13 Dail St. Smithfield, N.C. 27577 in her memory. Online condolences may be made at www.westanddunn.com. Services have been entrusted to West & Dunn Funeral Home of Newton Grove, North Carolina.



Wesley of Dunn, sons; Stanley Tart, Jr. and wife Kimberly of Kernersville, Anthony Tart and wife Julie of Lebanon, Tennessee; brother, Alfred Elmore of Garner; sister, Iris Sills of Dunn, eight grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. The family received friends Wednesday from 6 to 8 pm at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home and other times at the home of Deborah and Wesley Hamilton.



Memorials may be made to the University of Mt. Olive Office of Advancement, Esteline Tart Endowed Scholarship Fund, 634 Henderson St. Mount Olive, NC 28365-9988 or to Lee's Chapel OFWB Church 4948 Plain View Hwy. Dunn, N.C. 28334.

CLINTON

Mr. Wayne Autry, 75 of Clinton, passed away Sunday, June 16, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center. The funeral service was held at 2:00pm on Thursday, June 20, at Sharon Pentecostal Holiness Church, 2137 Odom Road, Clinton, with Reverend Paul Jackson, Reverend Mike Carter and Reverend Roy Hilburn officiating. Burial followed at Ed Autry Cemetery, Autryville Road, Autryville, with Reverend Michael Oliver officiating. Mr. Autry was a native of Sampson County, the son of Romie Autry and Eva Faircloth Autry. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Judy Houston. He was a retired supervisor for Roseboro Spinning Mill and Lundy Packing Company. He loved his family and grandchildren and was an avid hunter and fisherman. He was also a member of Sharon Pentecostal Holiness Church and a former deacon. He is survived by his wife, Diane Autry; daughter, Jane Autry Vann and husband, Ed of Autryville; four grandchildren, Joshua Vann of Lillington, Kimberly Vann Cox and husband, Tyler of Clinton, Emily Vann and Sarah Vann both of Autryville, one great grandchild, Ryleigh Cox of Clinton; one sister, Frankie Hall and husband, Danny of Southport. The family received friends on Wednesday evening from 7:00-9:00pm at Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, and at other times at 4669 Mt. Moriah Church Road, Clinton. Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro is serving the family.



STEDMAN

Rickey "Rick" Edward Hanlan, 68 passed away Friday, June 14, 2019 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in Fayetteville. Funeral service was held at 11:00 Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at Butler Funeral Home Chapel. Burial with military honors followed at Old Bluff Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Wade. The family received friends from 6:00pm to 8:00pm Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at the funeral home. He is preceded in death by his parents, Clifford and Martha Hanlan. Rick was a United States Navy Veteran (Seabees Battalion). He is survived by his wife, Edna Hanlan; sons, Aaron Hanlan & Alden Hanlan & wife, Gizelle; grandchildren, Jessie Wayne Hanlan, Matthew Hanlan and Elisa Hanlan; siblings, Clifette Hanlan, Sonya Meyers and Timothy Wood; nieces, April Lee & Heather Wood and nephew, Chris Lee. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home of Stedman.



DELWAY

Mr. Dion D. Harris 48 of 611 East Adams St., formerly of Delway Community died Sunday, June 09, 2019 at UF Health Jacksonville Medical Center in Jacksonville, Florida. Funeral service was held at 2:00 P.M. Friday, June 14, 2019 at Carter Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the Wards Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery. Mr. Harris is survived by his mother, Barbara Harris of Rose Hill, Father, Walter Harris of Pender, Sister, Dedra Harris-Whitehead of Youngsville, Brother-In-Law, Terrance Whitehead of Youngsville, Niece, Tiana Whitehead, Aunt Lease Herring of Rose Hill, Uncle Raymond Herring (Aleen) of Vass. The public viewing was held on Thursday, June 13, 2019 from 1:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M. with family present from 5:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M. at Carter Funeral Home in Garland.



ROSE HILL

Mrs. Patricia Faye Johnson Hicks, 61, of 2177 Register Sutton Rd., Rose Hill passed away at Sampson Regional Medical Center on June 18, 2019. Funeral Services will be held on Saturday afternoon, June 22, 2019 at 12:00 pm at Royal-Hall Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Ted Mercer. Burial will follow in the Spell-Tyndall Grove Cemetery. Born on December 20, 1957 in Sampson County, Patricia was the daughter of the late Tommy Johnson and widow to Danny Ray Hicks. She enjoyed live music and loved to fish, especially at Sneads Ferry. More than anything else, she loved her grandchildren. They were her world and she never let a day pass without them knowing she loved them. Patricia is survived by her mother, Annie Lou Mott Johnson; daughter, Jennie Lanier and husband, Paul of Rose Hill; son, Dennis Hicks and wife, Brenda of Clinton; two brothers: Earl Johnson and wife, Mary; and Elbert Johnson and a sister, Judy Tyndall and husband, Larry; brother-in-law, Gene Hicks and sister-in-law, Lynda Hobbs and husband, Hugh. She was also blessed with seven grandchildren: Mary Kaitlyn Williamson, Jacklyn Rose Williamson, Marissa Sheynne Faye Williamson, Micah Ray Hicks, Xavier Reid Hicks, Matthew Hatcher and wife, Judith, Kayla Whitbeck and husband, Nathaniel; and five great-great grandchildren: Layla Odum, Hunter Whitbeck, Braxton Hatcher, Walker Whitbeck and Bryson Hatcher. In addition to her husband and father, she was preceded in death by two brothers: Robert Johnson and Junior Johnson and a sister, Lucille Tyndall. Visitation for family and friends will be held on Friday evening, June 21 from 6-8 pm at Royal-Hall Funeral Home; and other times at her son's home located at 253 Quail Drive, Clinton. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Hicks Family.



AUTRYVILLE



Rozlyn Abigail Cain, 17 of Autryville, passed away Sunday, June 16, 2019. The funeral service was held at 4:00pm on Wednesday, June 19, at Carr's Chapel Free Will Holiness Church, 1641 McDaniels Road, Roseboro, with Pastor Billy Bass officiating. Burial followed in the Church Cemetery. Rozlyn was born on October 16, 2001 in Cumberland County. She was a student of Lakewood High School.

She is survived by her mother, Memory Avery Jackson; her father, Stephen Cain and wife Stephanie; sister, Alena Cain and fiancé Tyler McGee; stepbrother, Andrew Krautkramer; niece, Annalena Rose; nephew, Braydon Stephen; maternal grandmother, Sharlene Ontiveros and husband Jaime Rodriguez; maternal grandfather, Carl Avery and wife Sharon; paternal grandparents, Thomas and Diane Cain; aunt, Connie Ammons; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins; best friend, Ginger Autry; and boyfriend, Takoma Clarke. The family received friends immediately following the graveside service and other times at her home. Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro is serving the family.

ROSE HILL

Edward L. Darden, age 82, of Rose Hill left this earthly life for his eternal rest on Saturday, June 15, 2019. He was born on April 3, 1937 in Sampson County; the son of the late Harold and Mallie Sinclair Darden. Mr. Darden was predeceased by his wife of 54 years, Jean Pope Darden; his daughter, Debbie D. Garriss and sister, Azilene Price. Mr. Darden served the town of Rose Hill and surrounding area many years as owner and operator of Ed's Restaurant. During this time, he met many people who became his friends and family. He was a member of Rose Hill Baptist Church. Surviving to cherish his memory are his children, Anthony Darden and wife Wanda, Rickie Darden and wife June, all of Rose Hill and June D. Casteen and husband, Joe of Wallace; grandchildren, Blake Darden, Kyle Darden, Elizabeth Darden, Ginny Hope and husband, Nelson, Jake Rivenbark and Lauren Darden; great grandchildren, JimmiePaige Hope, Remington Hope and Kadien Rivenbark; special friend, Grace Sinclair of Clinton and caregiver, Rechell Newkirk of Rose Hill and numerous extended family and friends that loved Ed dearly. Ed was a loving father and caring grandfather. He found great joy in the simplest of things, but his greatest joy was family and friends. Ed seemed the happiest when he was doing simple things like working in his yard, growing blueberries or riding his John Deere mower. With a green thumb, Ed could grow anything. He enjoyed hunting and just being outside in God's great outdoors. A quiet man, full of kindness and with great integrity, Ed was always willing to lend a helping hand to neighbors, friends and family wherever needed. He demonstrated his relationship with God by the way he lived his life. Ed will surely be missed but treasure memories will forever live the hearts of those who were blessed to have known him and been a part of his life. Graveside service was held at 10:00am on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at Rose Hill Cemetery. Memorial service followed at 11:00am on Tuesday, June 18, at Rose Hill Baptist Church with Pastor Steve LeRoux officiating. The family will receive friends immediately following the memorial service at the church on Tuesday. Memorial gifts may be given in honor of Ed's memory to Rose Hill Baptist Church, 401 E. Main Street, Rose Hill, NC 28458. Quinn-McGowen Funeral Home and Cremation Center of Wallace.



FOUR OAKS

Mrs. Doris R. Batten, 87 of Four Oaks, passed away Thursday, June 13, 2019 at WakeMed Health and Hospitals, Raleigh, N.C. A celebration of her life was held Monday, June 17, 2019 at Central Baptist Church, Dunn beginning at 2 p.m. The family received family and friends at West & Dunn Funeral Home, Newton Grove, Sunday, June 16th from 6 till 8 p.m. Officiating

DUNN

Mrs. Fannie Esteline Elmore Tart, 94, of Dunn died Monday afternoon at the SECU Hospice House in Smithfield. She was born January 26, 1925 in Sampson County, daughter of the late John Henry and Alyne Strickland Elmore. She was preceded in death by her husband of 70 years, Crafton Tart; brothers, Felton, Corbett, and Jim Elmore. Esteline graduated from Plain View High School. She was a member of Lee's Chapel Church where she was a former Sunday school teacher. She was a past member of the Eastern Star and the Dunn Womens Club. Esteline was co-owner with her husband of the Open-Air Market and Leigh's Hallmark in Dunn. A funeral service was held at 3 p.m. Thursday at Lee's Chapel OFWB Church by Dr. Brad Williamson and Dr. Ricky Warren. Burial followed at Lee's Chapel/ Williford Cemetery. She is survived by her daughters, Sharon Wood and husband Larry of Garner, Deborah Hamilton and husband



ROSEBORO

John "Bo" Robert Autry, Jr., 52 passed away Monday, June 17, 2019. Funeral service will be held at 1:00pm Saturday, June 22, 2019 at Butler Funeral Home Chapel in Stedman, officiating will be Pastor Eddie Brookshire and Frank Hall. The family will receive friends from 11:00am to 12:50pm Saturday at the funeral home prior to the service. Bo is preceded in death by his sister, Sissy Merritt. He is survived by his wife, Robin Autry; sons, Joshua and Jacob Autry; daughter, Savannah Autry; grandchildren, Ashton, Ashlynn and Addison Autry; father, John Robert Autry, Sr.; mother, Diane Harrell Hall; step-mother, Carol Autry; sisters, Elizabeth Lacass & husband, John and Kristie Black & husband, Shane; step-sister, Linda Smith & husband, Larry; step-brother, Frank Hall & wife, Tammy; special brother-in-law, Robbie Westbrook & wife, Michelle, and several special nieces and nephews. Arrangements by Butler Funeral Home, 6535 Clinton Road, Stedman, NC 28391.

CLINTON

Mrs. Aretha Jacobs Williams, 92, of 604 Stetson Street, passed away Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at Vidant Duplin Hospital, Kenansville. The funeral will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, June 22, at Lisbon Street Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Dr. Thaddeus Godwin officiating. The burial will follow in Sandhill Cemetery. The visitation will be held Friday, June 21 from 2-6 p.m. at Worley Funeral Home, Inc. Mrs. Williams is survived by her son, Ronald E. Williams of Clinton, NC. Online condolences may be sent to worleyfuneralhomeinc.com

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NASCAR THIS WEEK

The Daytona Beach News-Journal's Godwin Kelly & Ken Willis have covered NASCAR for nearly 60 years combined. godwin.kelly@news-jrnl.com ken.willis@news-jrnl.com

SPEED FREAKS

A few questions we had to ask ourselves

Which 2019 non-winner is ready to win on a road course this week?

GODSPEAK: Sign me up for Clint "Bump 'Em" Bowyer. I have a feeling he will bounce his way through this field.
KEN'S CALL: So many good options out there, but I'll hang my hat on Kurt Busch. He's good at Sonoma and will take the necessary chances.

Too soon to ask if Jimmie Johnson could actually miss the playoffs?

GODSPEAK: Never say "not Jimmie Johnson." Wait, isn't that a double negative? See how confused I am about this?
KEN'S CALL: Everyone keeps suggesting he'll rediscover his groove. But if they're not in panic mode yet, they must be close.

FEUD OF THE WEEK

CLINT BOWYER VS. NASCAR:

Bowyer admitted he is not a fan of NASCAR's new low-horsepower, high-downforce rules package put in place for the Cup Series this season.

GODWIN KELLY'S TAKE:

Bowyer wrecked out of Michigan with about 70 laps to go and was extremely frustrated at the time. "I mean, it is not racing," he said. "I am sorry, I am biting my tongue."

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:

After a week of chasing son Cash, Bowyer is ready to get back on the winning track.

MOTOR MOUTHS PODCAST

The Cup Series had the week-end off, so there's nothing to talk about, right? We'll see.

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SONOMA

THREE THINGS TO WATCH

1. Goodbye, Mr. Boogity

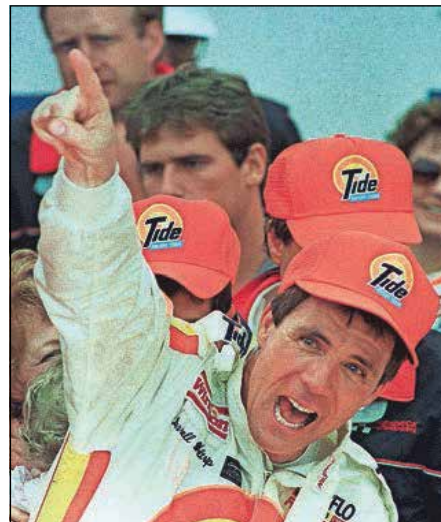
Darrell Waltrip has been a part of NASCAR Cup Series racing since his debut as a driver in 1972. He won his first race in 1975, and captured the first of three titles in 1981. He owned a Cup Series team starting in 1991. After making his last start in 2000, he moved to the Fox Sports announcing booth. Sunday's race at Sonoma will mark the end of the NASCAR road for the 72-year-old stock-car stalwart. Boogity!

2. More road course

Sonoma Raceway is hopping on NASCAR's newfound road-racing popularity by adding more course for Sunday's Cup Series race. The length of last year's road course for NASCAR competition was 1.99 miles. This time around, Sonoma has added the "carousel" area into the mix, extending the length of the track to 2.52 miles. "It adds a completely different element," said Jeff Gordon, a five-time Sonoma winner.

3. Name-changer

Sonoma Raceway has hosted one Cup Series date every year since 1989 and had at least three name changes.



One of Darrell Waltrip's greatest NASCAR career moments was winning the 1989 Daytona 500. [AP/DOUG JENNINGS]

Originally known as Sears Point Raceway, it became Infineon Raceway in 2002. After losing that entitlement sponsorship, it became Sonoma Raceway. It has become a wild-card event to pick up a win. In the past 10 years, there have been nine different winners. The only repeat winner has been Martin Truex Jr.

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OFF WEEK

THREE THINGS WE LEARNED

1. Still a mystery

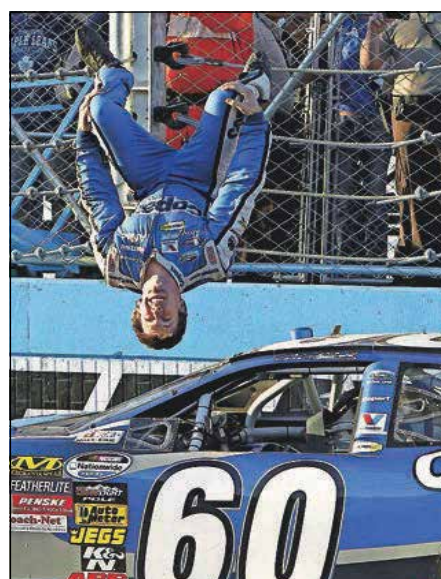
Everyone was hoping Dale Earnhardt Jr. could find out from car owner Joe Gibbs why Carl Edwards up and quit racing three years ago. Gibbs doesn't know. "He (Edwards) said, 'I'm not going to share with you. I'm not going to share with anybody the real bottom lines,'" Gibbs told Earnhardt.

2. Father's Day marathon

Iowa Speedway held a NASCAR marathon of sorts on Father's Day, hosting Gander Outdoors Truck Series and Xfinity Series races on Sunday. The Truck Series race was rained out Saturday, forcing the Daddy Day doubleheader.

3. Americans in Paris

Well, more like Americans at Le Mans. Tip of the hat to IMSA car owner Ben Keating after his Ford GT topped the GTE Am Class in last week's 24 Hours of Le Mans. Just to connect the dots, IMSA falls under NASCAR's wide



Carl Edwards would do a backflip off his race car after a NASCAR victory. It's still a mystery why he left racing. [AP/ROSS FRANKLIN]

umbrella of racing properties. Merci!

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QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers

What else did the Captain say?

Along with throwing his support behind future NASCAR-IndyCar doubleheaders, Roger Penske might've teed up what many suspect is coming in 2021: Namely a more condensed schedule with snappier timelines. On SiriusXM's NASCAR channel, the legendary team owner said: "We're going to see changes, probably, in the rules, we're going to see changes in the schedule. I think we've got to tie it together with our media partners ..."

Such as ...?

"We're going to talk about two races on one weekend," Penske added, noting that NASCAR is doing that at Pocono this summer. "When you think about 36-38 weekends, if we can take five or six of those and make those double-headers and let our guys go home." A lot of drivers and owners talk like this, but when Penske says it, it seems to carry more weight. A lot of NASCAR changes over the past 20 years have been met with derision by older fans; maybe the next wave will be different. Maybe not.

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

NASCAR CUP STANDINGS

1. Joey Logano	614
2. Kyle Busch	605
3. Brad Keselowski	541
4. Kevin Harvick	539
5. Chase Elliott	531
6. Martin Truex Jr.	499
7. Denny Hamlin	491
8. Kurt Busch	485
9. Ryan Blaney	434
10. Alex Bowman	433
11. Aric Almirola	426
12. Clint Bowyer	404
13. Daniel Suarez	401
14. William Byron	383
15. Kyle Larson	369
16. Jimmie Johnson	364
17. Ryan Newman	361
18. Erik Jones	357
19. Paul Menard	336
20. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	326

WHAT'S ON TAP

(All times Eastern)

CUP SERIES: Toyota/Save Mart 350

SITE: Sonoma Raceway (2.52-mile road course)

SCHEDULE: Friday, practice (Fox Sports 1, 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.). Saturday, qualifying (Fox Sports 1, 3 p.m.). Sunday, race (Fox Sports 1, coverage begins at 2 p.m., green flag at 3 p.m.)

GANDER OUTDOORS TRUCKS: CarShield 200

SITE: World Wide Technology Raceway at Gateway (1.25-mile oval)

TV SCHEDULE: Saturday, qualifying (Fox Sports 2, 8:30 p.m.), race (Fox Sports 1, 10 p.m.)



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