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Fri	Rain	100%
	Hi: 60°	Lo: 43°
Sat	Partly Cloudy	10%
	Hi: 62°	Lo: 43°
Sun	PM Rain	90%
	Hi: 65°	Lo: 50°
Mon	Partly Cloudy	10%
	Hi: 54°	Lo: 31°
Tues	Partly Cloudy	10%
	Hi: 46°	Lo: 21°
Wed	Sunny	0%
	Hi: 41°	Lo: 21°

4th ANNUAL SAMPSON COUNTY JOB FAIR



Organizations Partner to Support Existing Business & Industry

If you are looking for a job or looking for a better job, you should make plans to attend the 4th Annual Sampson County Job Fair from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, Saturday, March 30, 2019 at the Sampson County Exposition Center, 414 Warsaw Road in Clinton.

The Job Fair provides those seeking employment, or those wishing to make a career change with access to many of Sampson County's businesses and industries that are searching for motivated and talented candidates in every discipline, from hospitality and healthcare to finance, education, sales, agri-business, trucking, paramedics, manufacturing, agriculture, facility maintenance, and more.

Approximately 20 local employers and employment resource organizations are participating in this year's event. The event is FREE for the public and open to all individuals who are actively seeking employment.

According to John Swope, Executive Director for Sampson County Economic Development, in 2018, 318 job seekers attended the Job Fair, a 17% increase over the previous year. Swope noted

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"Farmers Under Fire" Friends of Ag Rally Set for March 12th

The Sampson County Friends of Agriculture is planning their 18th annual Ag Rally on Tuesday, March 12, 2019. The annual event includes a sponsored meal and the keynote speaker this year is Andy Curliss, CEO of the NC Pork Council, the statewide trade organization that advocates on behalf of the state's farmers and business partners who produce \$3 billion in pork products annually in North Carolina. The event, as usual, is open to the public but it is requested that people secure a ticket to attend. Tickets are available at the Sampson County Cooperative Extension Office, Hwy 421 South, and Clinton Truck & Tractor Co., 107 NE Blvd. in Clinton, NC.



Andy Curliss

"The rally is an annual event designed to present items of interest regarding agriculture and its importance to Sampson and surrounding counties," says Friends of Agriculture Chairman, Ronnie Jackson. "The aim of the Friends of Agriculture is to inform our community and others about issues that are important regarding agriculture."

This is especially important this year considering the recent onslaught of litigation surrounding family pork farms and the nuisance trials currently underway in our state. These trials, while

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Tragic Accident Inspires SCC Student



Logan now with her mom, Lisa.

As a nurse who teaches at Sampson Community College, caring for injured people is part of Lisa Smith's nature. As SCC's Department Chair of Nursing she has seen a lot and shown others how to react in an emergency. Through a miracle, she happened to be there last fall with her daughter, when both their lives changed forever.

Logan, Smith's daughter and a Career and College Promise student who will graduate from high school and from Sampson Community College this May, was excited about both. So much so, she and her mother were in Raleigh on September 30th of last year for an appointment to have her senior portraits taken.

As she was walked along the sidewalk, enjoying the lovely day in the state capital, she heard loud screeching and a deafening crash. In seconds, Logan was lying on the ground between a car and a building, bleeding. "I heard screaming from my mom, who ran over to me," Logan recalls. "I was hidden under the car that hit me. I was coughing up blood and I instantly noticed there was something wrong with my mouth because I could not move it properly to communicate with my mom."

Logan suffered eleven facial fractures. This included her jaw, which had two major fractures, a crushed left sinus cavity, along with a nasal fracture and an orbital fracture. Logan's recovery included surgery to wire her jaw back into place and to have three titanium plates put into her face. "These are images you can't easily forget," Lisa admits. "One moment, I'm walking around with my daughter taking senior pictures and the next I am holding her and encouraging her to 'breathe' and 'stay with me.' I had no idea what the injuries were that she suffered right away. At that time, all I could do was pray."

The fact that Logan's mother has had a long career in nursing, to include her time at SCC, was a

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WEEKLY VERSE

I myself am convinced, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, complete in knowledge and competent to instruct one another.
Romans 15:14

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From the Desk of Senator Brent Jackson

I hope you are all having a great week. Earlier this week, I had the opportunity to sponsor members of the Tar Heel Challenge from Salemburg as Senate Pages. It was a pleasure to meet and get to know some of these wonderful kids. They have a very bright future ahead of them. I hope they all learned a lot about how our state's government functions and about the legislative process during their time here in Raleigh.



As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if I can



assist you in any way possible.

Legislative Recap

PED Safety and Health Care Legislation

This week, two bills drafted by the Program Evaluation Division (PED) were filed to increase safety and efficiency in our prison system.

The first bill S.B. 118 deals with Safekeepers, individuals who are being held in custody and need to be transferred due to health, safety, and capacity concerns. This bill changes existing law to require effective communication between local police and the Department of Public Safety. The bill directs the custodians to check in frequently on what resources are absolutely necessary and to reimburse the Department in a timely manner.

In Memory of Dolletha Mae Devane Pridgen

(June 30, 1925 - March 3, 2018)



It's been one year today. You're still being missed dearly. You will never be forgotten. You will live in our hearts forever.

Love,

Johnny, Sandi, Morrell, Avis, Donald, Elaine, Ronald, Donald, Tammy, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

The second S.B. 119 addresses Medicaid reimbursement. PED found several efficiency issues that this bill will resolve. This includes changes to health care assessments for those in custody and requiring proper Medicaid reimbursement that saves the state and counties money.

From the District Sampson County Autryville FD Sets Open House for New Station

After recovering from a tornado that destroyed their station, Chief Andrew Hawkins and fire-

fighters from the Autryville Fire Department are looking forward to showing everyone their new home.



The department is hosting a grand opening and open house for its new station from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 2, at 305 N. Hotel St., Autryville. An opening ceremony with announcements is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Refreshments and finger foods will be served during the day.

District Spotlight

Fann Farms Earns Distinct Honor

The N.C. Department of Labor presented special awards to three North Carolina growers during the 25th Annual Gold Star Growers Meeting at the N.C. State Fairgrounds.

The Gold Star Grower Housing Program recognizes growers who provide farm-worker housing that meets and exceeds the requirements of the Migrant Housing Act of North Carolina. These standards are required by law and are used during annual inspections performed by NCDOL's Agricultural Safety and Health (ASH) Bureau.

Special awards were given to Fann Farms of Sampson County for Best Maintained Housing; Stag Park Farms of Pender County was selected for the Best New Housing — East award; and the award for Best New Housing — West was presented to Staton Farms of Henderson County. Berry along with employees of the ASH Bureau presented awards to the three recipients.

At this year's meeting, a total of 174 growers were awarded the Double Gold Star Grower Award, and a total of 94 were awarded the Single Gold Star Grower Award. Double Gold Star Growers are eligible for self-inspection of their housing in the upcoming year.

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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ADOPT A PET

Kolby Jessup Receives Eagle Scout Award

During an afternoon ceremony at Mount Vernon Baptist Church on February 24, Kolby Jessup of Turkey, received the Eagle Scout Award. The Eagle Scout Award is the highest award available to youth members of the Boy Scouts of America.



In Jessup's journey to Eagle, he progressed from Tiger to Wolf to Bear and on to Webelos. He earned his Arrow of Light award, the highest award in cub scouting. He then crossed over into Boy Scouts with Troop 80 in Clinton.

"Those early years involved many rainy campouts and on more than one occasion he and his troop had the opportunity to put their first aid training into action," said Assistant Scoutmaster Jennifer Bradley.

It was noted that as Jessup progressed through the Scouting ranks, he held leadership positions including Instructor and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. In terms of badges, Jessup earned the Scout badge, and the ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, and finally Eagle. In all, Kolby spent 31 nights camping, surpassing the required 20.

Jessup also embraced the work of becoming an Eagle Scout. He earned a total of 21 required merit badges, 12 elective merit badges, and 2 Eagle Palms. He provided nearly 90 hours on service projects including the time he spent on his Eagle Scout service project.

As part of the trail to Eagle, a scout must complete an Eagle Service Project. Jessup's project was to secure funding for, build, and deliver a picnic table for the Harrell's Christian Academy baseball program.

During the ceremony, Jessup said, "Scouting has taught me many outdoor skills like how to tie knots, build a fire, use a camp stove, and find my way using a compass. I have learned about rock climbing, horseback riding, geocaching, personal finance, and leadership. But most importantly Scouting introduced me to a great group of guys, who have become my friends. I want to thank them and my leaders, who are my dad, Roger Jessup, and Mrs. Jennifer and Mr. Michael Bradley for making scouting fun and enjoyable."

In closing, Kolby's dad and Scout Master, Roger Jessup, stated, "Kolby, today all the self-sacrifice that you have put into this journey to Eagle is being rewarded. All who know you will rejoice in your achievements. Your position, as you well know, is one of honor and responsibility. This is not the end of the trail, but rather the beginning of a new era in your life. You are now entering a brotherhood of boys and men who have not only achieved the Eagle Scout rank, but who have also made a commitment to the Scout Oath and Law. You will be asked to assume a solemn obligation to do your duty to God, to your country, to your fellow Scouts, and to your fellow citizens. Kolby we are so proud of your accomplishment."

Kolby Jessup is the son of Roger and Rhonda Jessup of Turkey and brother to Kaleb. He is the grandson of Roy and Carolyn Ezzell, also of Turkey. Jessup is a freshmen at Harrell's Christian Academy, where he is a member of BETA and FFA. He plays soccer and baseball for the Crusaders.

The Eagle Scout award has always carried with it a special significance, not only in Scouting but also for the recipient as he enters higher education, business or industry, and community service. Only about five percent of all Boy Scouts earn the rank of Eagle Scout.

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miracle that day but ultimately, it was a mother's love that pulled her daughter through. Lisa recalls, "I was faced with the hardest question a parent ever has to answer. Logan looked at me and asked, 'Momma, am I going to die?' At that moment, it was with confidence I said no, because God has big plans for her. We spent countless hours talking about what could have been but more importantly, the positive results that were going to come from this accident."

Part of that positive was the chance to tell the story. A story of love, faith, friends and most of all that there is a higher power that wants you to keep trying regardless of circumstance, to pursue your dreams, to do all the things you were meant to do.

"My mom is my best friend," Logan says. "She has always instilled in me the importance of having faith. I had faith that God was not done with me yet. I believe the hardest part of this whole experience was seeing how upset everyone was. I was grateful to have many close friends and family come to see me in the emergency room on the night of the accident."

Logan has decided not to let this accident define her, but rather, let what she does after this define her. "My perspective on life has changed as a whole because of the accident," she adds. "This has shown me how precious life is and how valuable our time here is. There were many things that were going through my mind when I was in the hospital and one of them was all the things that I had not done or accomplished. I decided this is not the end. I am going to move forward!"

"The encouragement and mentorship that Logan received from her faculty and advisors, validates that enrolling in the CCP Program was the right choice," Lisa admits. "I couldn't be prouder of Logan's accomplishments and her ability to take an unfortunate event and turn it into a constructive outcome."

Logan is grateful for the life she has and is looking forward to her future. "I know my accident was one in a million, even my survival was a miracle. This experience has ultimately shown me that I am here for a reason and I will work every day to pursue the purpose I have in life."

Not only will Logan be graduating with her high school diploma, but she will graduate with her Associate in Science degree at the same time. She will attend the University of North Carolina-Wilmington in the fall and majoring in Biology. She will minor in Forensic Science and hopes to work for the State Bureau of Investigation.

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- Brake Press Operators/CNC Operators
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- Environmental Health Specialist
- Feed Mill Operators
- Foreign Language Interpreters
- Fork Lift & Mobile Equipment Operators
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- Industrial Maintenance, Mechanics/Techs
- Livestock Workers (Herd Techs)
- Machine Operators, (Milling & Other)
- Maintenance Workers/Technicians
- Managers, General, Assistant, Area & Operations
- Manufacturing, Labors/Fabricators/Assembly
- Material Handlers
- New Car Sales Associates
- Office Staff/Clerical/Data Entry
- Operations Managers
- Plant Operations Positions
(Electricians, Carpenter, Plumber, HVAC)
- Police/Law Enforcement Officers
(Certified or enrolled in BLET)
- Processing Assistants
- Quality Control/Assurance Managers
- Sales Associates (Automotive & Other)
- Saw Mill / Saw Operators
- Shipping & Receiving Positions
- Social Workers
- Supervisors - Supervisory Positions
- Warehousing - Warehouse Associates
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2019 County Convention

Tuesday, March 19, 2019
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Sampson County Courthouse, 2nd floor
101 East Main Street
Clinton, NC 28328

Keynote Speakers- Commissioner of Insurance & State Fire Marshal, Mike Causey and Senator Brent Jackson

The purpose of this Convention will be to Adopt a Plan of Organization and Elect Delegates to Conventions. Please make every effort to attend this meeting in person. In addition, please invite and bring as many Republican Friends and neighbors to join us in continuing to build a Party that will fight for the future of our State and County.

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the importance of the event, “Citizens from not only Sampson County but the region are looking for good jobs. Employers from Sampson County are looking for good employees. We see the Job Fair as a good and efficient opportunity for the two groups to meet.”

Continuing Swope stated, “This is a great opportunity to learn not only about employment opportunities but what skills are needed for the jobs/careers that they are looking for. Also, the NC Workforce Commerce Career Mobile Van will be there which allows job seekers to register for the many services that program offers.”

“Sampson County continues to provide resources and to respond to the needs of its existing industry and business community,” said John Swope, Director of the Sampson County Economic Development Commission. “The job fair is one way the County can assist its residents and help to strengthen the local business community and the local economy,” stated Swope.

The Job Fair is a partnership of the NC Works Career Center, Sampson County Economic Development Commission, Sampson County Exposition Center, Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce and the Triangle South Workforce Development Board. The objective of the 2019 Job Fair is to bring potential employees and employers together and to inform the community of the career opportunities that are available throughout Sampson County. In addition to bringing together top employers from across Sampson County, resources will also be available for job seekers that can assist them in their

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technically against Smithfield Foods is actually putting family farms out of business and ruining generational family farms saddled with multimillion-dollar awards.

Jackson explains who the Friends of Ag are, “We are not a group of Farmers and farm related businesses, but rather a cross section of the county’s population. We are continually trying to get more people in our community to be concerned and be more knowledgeable about agriculture.”

Andy Curliss, this year’s keynote speaker is extremely versed in the nuisance lawsuits and trial outcomes and writes several blogs for the Pork Council. A native of Ohio and graduate of the University of Toledo, Curliss spent two decades as a journalist. During this time, he served as state government editor at the Raleigh News & Observer as well as being an investigative reporter.

He was named Journalist of the Year by the American Journalism Historians Association, was a Goldsmith Prize finalist and won the national Taylor Award for Fairness in Reporting. Curliss’ past experience as well as his current job, position him well to be very knowledgeable on the subject Friends of Ag will be discussing during the Rally for Ag on March 12th.

search for employment or possible career change.

In Sampson County, the NC Department of Commerce aids both employers as well as those seeking employment at its one-stop NC Works Career Center located at 115 North Boulevard in Clinton where employment services are available throughout the year.

Area companies will be searching to fill the following types of position: Accounting Technicians, Brake Press Operators/CNC Operators, Class A (CDL) Drivers (Local & Long Distance), Cashiers, Custodians, Electricians, Engine Mechanics (Gas & Diesel), Environmental Health Specialist, Feed Mill Operators, Foreign Language Interpreters, Fork Lift & Mobile Equipment Operators, Healthcare Positions- (RN’s, LPN’s, CNA’s, MLT, Nutritionists, Public Health Director of Nursing & Public Health Nurses), Industrial Maintenance, Mechanics/Techs, Livestock Workers (Herd Techs), Machine Operators, (Milling & Other), Maintenance Workers/Technicians, Managers- (General, Assistant, Area & Operations), Manufacturing, Labors/Fabricators/Assembly, Material Handlers, New Car Sales Associates, Office Staff/Clerical/Data Entry, Operations Managers, Plant Operations Positions- (Electricians, Carpenter, Plumber, HVAC), Police/Law Enforcement Officers, Processing Assistants, Quality Control/Assurance Managers, Sales Associates (Automotive & Other), Saw Mill / Saw Operators, Shipping & Receiving Positions, Social Workers, Supervisors - Supervisory Positions, Warehousing - Warehouse Associates, Welders (Mig, Tig, GMAW & Robotics).

Employers or Jobseekers interested in more information should call 910-592-6451 or email to info@sampsonexpocenter.com.

“Agriculture is what we do in Sampson County,” concluded Jackson, “and we do it rather well if you compare our county to other counties in NC and other states. The more that people know and understand about agriculture, the easier it is to make them understand when issues arise that affect agriculture in our county.”

The Sampson County Friends of Agriculture Rally, featuring Andy Curliss, is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12th, 2019, at the Sampson County Agri-Exposition Center. A complimentary dinner will begin at 6:30 PM with speakers to follow.

This year’s theme, Farmers Under Fire is important to every member of our community because Agriculture is our community’s leading source of revenue.

There is no charge for tickets, but a ticket is required for entry. Tickets are available at the Sampson County Cooperative Extension Office, Hwy 421 South, and Clinton Truck & Tractor Co., 107 NE Blvd. in Clinton, NC.

49th Annual Chamber Banquet Thursday, March 7th, 2019 “Get Lucky with the Chamber”

Just in time for St. Patrick’s Day, come and “Get Lucky with the Chamber” and see our partnerships first hand. The 49th Annual Chamber Banquet will be held on Thursday, March 7th, 2019 at the Sampson County Agri-Expo Center from 5:30pm-8:00pm. 5:30-6:30pm Cocktail Hour with the Program following at 7:00pm. The Banquet will be catered by Chamber member, Southern Smoke BBQ of NC and decorated by Chamber members Atrium Florist and Party Perfect Rentals.

Each year the Annual Chamber Banquet, the Chamber recognizes area businesses and business leaders for their accomplishments in business excellence and service. honors three “lucky” businesses on their successes from previous years. The Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce this year’s nominees for the Small Business Awards. Based on strict eligibility and requirements, nominees have been selected for the general Chamber membership to vote. One “lucky” business/individual will be honored in each of the following areas at this year’s banquet. We are excited to announce the nominees for Business person of the year, Small Business Excellence and Entrepreneurial Success.

NOMINEES FOR SMALL BUSINESS EXCELLENCE

Crumpler Plastic Pipe

Crumpler Plastic Pipe emerged from Crumpler Brick & Tile Company, founded in 1945. The parent company, founded by Houston L. Crumpler, Sr. of Roseboro, manufactured brick, flue liners for masonry chimneys, silo bricks and clay drain pipes for lane drainage and septic tank systems. Mr. Crumpler’s forebears migrated to Duplin County from The Isle of Wright Virginia in the mid 1700’s, and his great, great grandfather, John became Sheriff. He was also the responsible surveyor for surveying Sampson County out of Duplin during the Revolutionary War’s last days. Sheriff John Crumpler’s forebears hailed from Almer, Dorset, England, where many Crumplers are buried. In 1975, Mr. Houston, Sr. retired, but helped his sons Houston, Jr. and John continue in the pipe business that was using polyethylene plastic as its raw material. The plastic operation produced 4”, 5”, and 6” pipes like the clay factory, but soon included larger diameters that have application beyond farm land drains and septic systems. Upon the retirement of John, Houston and son, Houston, “Chip”, III became the sole owners. Today, Crumpler Plastic Pipe makes 3”-to-48” plastic pipes and culverts that meet ASTM codes for general construction and AASHTO codes for highway construction. The applications include road culverts, parking lot detention-retention drains for cleaning storm water, air port runway drains, landfill drains, industrial waste water drains, golf course- landscape drains, and sewer composting in addition to septic tank sewage, and agricultural drains. Crumpler also fabricates fittings for special site needs. For more information see the Crumpler’s website at www.cpp-pipe.com or call 800-334-5071 or 910-525-4064. While freight costs limited the clay pipe to the Carolinas and Virginia, the plastic operation covers the east coast from New York City to Jacksonville, Florida in addition to overseas shipments that require special designs.

H.N. Carr, Inc.

H. N. Carr, Inc., located in Clinton, NC, is a general contracting firm founded in 1986 by Hugh Carr to meet the commercial, industrial, institutional, and agricultural building needs of Sampson County and the surrounding area. For over thirty-two years, the company has worked closely with their customers to plan and build aesthetically pleasing buildings that are also practical and provide outstanding value. Their expertise ranges from agricultural and industrial construction to medical and religious facilities, as well as renovation work for many local businesses. From a one person operation, the company has grown to six employees with multi-million dollar sales. The addition of sons-in-law Phillip Andrews and Tyler Baxter, both NC General Contractor license qualifiers, positions the company to serve the construction needs of Sampson County and surrounding areas for many years to come. In addition, the company utilizes numerous local subcontractors for the projects the company constructs. Over the years, H. N. Carr, Inc. has been recognized yearly as an Outstanding Builder by Star Building Systems, their metal building supplier, and is also a member of Star’s President’s Club. The company is also proud to have won Star’s National Master Builder Award on several occasions, most recently for the Clinton Medical Clinic Annex Facility located on Fairview Street in Clinton. The company is very appreciative of our customers through the years and honored to have served Sampson County.



KIDS ONLY PRESCHOOL

Lynn Sutton Webster graduated from East Carolina University with a Child Development degree and a dream of owning her own preschool. In October, 1981 her dream became reality when Kids Only Preschool opened for business with a total of five children on the first day. Kids Only strives to provide a rich learning experience that encourages children’s natural curiosity and supports them to take risks that lead to new skill development. The preschool setting provides a warm and nurturing

environment where children feel safe, respected and cared for while learning occurs. Each child is taught to have a heart for learning and a love for God. Lynn is married to Terrell Webster and they have two daughters, Collynn and Zannah. After graduating from North Carolina State University in 2009, Collynn joined the family business. Terrell retired later that year and quickly found his place there as well. This was a busy year for the Webster family as they expanded the business to include Half-Day Preschool, After-School, and a Summer Program for School-age Children. In 2011 Zannah graduated from Meredith College and joined the family to make their team complete. Today Kids Only serves families from Sampson, Duplin and Bladen Counties.



NOMINEES FOR THE ENTREPRENEURIAL SUCCESS AWARD



CLARK HONEYCUTT

Vinny’s is a family owned Italian restaurant in old downtown Roseboro. Vinny’s owners are Clark and Jennifer Honeycutt. Jennifer graduated from Hobbton High a School and Fayetteville State University and taught in the Sampson Co. School System for 23 years. Clark graduated from Lakewood and East Carolina University taught at Roseboro Middle School for five years and manages the family farm. They have two boys Chandler who is a junior at ECU and Chase who is a junior at Lakewood High School. Jennifer, who loves cooking and watching Food Network had always wanted to open a restaurant but didn’t know where to start. In 2016, with the help of a good friend and owner of Uncle Vinny’s in Carolina Beach, the Honeycutt’s opened Uncle Vinny’s in the old Butler furniture store in Roseboro NC. In 2018 after fulfilling the franchise agreement Clark and Jennifer renamed the restaurant Vinny’s. The Honeycutt’s take pride in making sure their customers feel at home and have a pleasant dining experience. Jennifer’s long-range goal is to have a restaurant in Carolina Beach.

MATTHEW REGISTER

Matthew Register and his wife Jessica opened Southern Smoke BBQ in 2014 in Garland, North Carolina, carrying on a Eastern North Carolina tradition of smoking pork the old fashioned way – low

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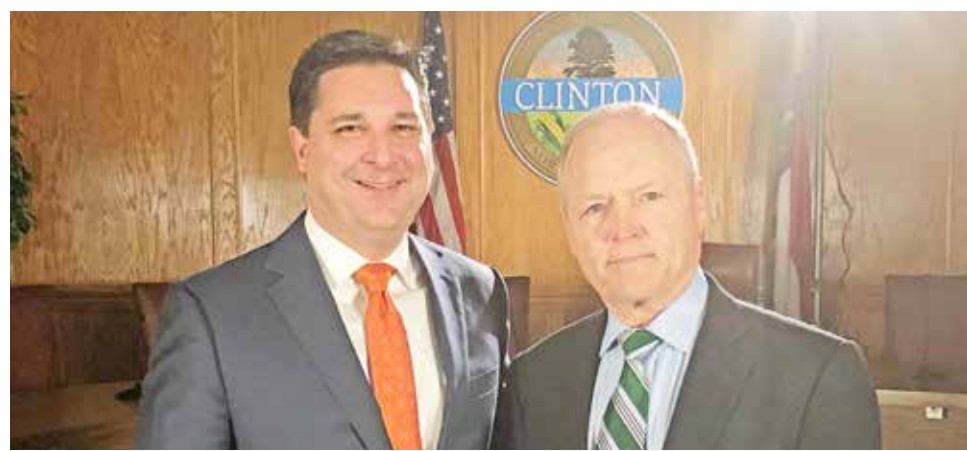
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Congressman David Rouzer with J.W. Simmons, Host of We Should Know

Tuesdays from 2:30 PM until 3:30 PM, J.W. Simmons hosts a radio show on 1170 AM 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 guest for this week's show is the U.S Representative for North Carolina's 7th congressional district, David Rouzer.

Rep. David Rouzer has served as an associate-rural Administrator for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He was also a senior staffer for former US Senator Jesse Helms and US Senator Elizabeth Dole, and he is a former member of the NC Senate where he represented Johnston and Wayne Counties from 2009 to 2012.

JW Simmons begins the show with Congressman David Rouzer stating that with his time in the US House of Representatives, the North Carolina Senate and time serving as a senior staffer for Sen. Jesse Helms and Elizabeth Dole, he has spent a great deal of time as a public servant for our state. He asks Rep. Rouzer if he could discuss the current state of angst the public feels towards politicians and what we need to do to regain some plurality in society.

Rep. Rouzer begins, "Well, I think what you're talking about fundamentally is trust. You know, elected officials need to have the trust of the electorate and vice versa. Throughout my years of public service whether it was my time with Senator Jesse Helms on the Hill or Elizabeth Dole, my service in the Bush Administration, in the State Senate or now in Congress our process is a lot more complicated and a lot more nuanced I think than what many people realize."

"In fact, at the federal level what's really important to understand if you don't understand anything else is that at the federal level our system is designed to protect the voice of the minority. It's designed to accommodate as many view points as possible and reach a consensus, and if you can't get a consensus it's designed that you reach a compromise. And if you can't get a compromise then it's designed quite frankly that nothing happens."

Rouzer goes on to say, "A lot of people like to say that Congress doesn't do anything. Well, there's a reason why Congress doesn't do anything; our founding fathers made it hard. They made it difficult. I often joke that they understood when they put in place the Constitution and the various checks and balances we have, that they instinctively understood that what they had done was as good as it was ever going to get and if left to our own devices we would screw it up really fast."

"A lot of people today want to get rid of the Electoral College. They say if you win the popular vote that's all that should matter. The respect of voices around the country in smaller states shouldn't count. Well, our founding fathers again wanted to make sure that nobody was trampled on. They wanted to make sure the voice of they minority was heard. That was part of the design of the Electoral College so

that you wouldn't have folks just campaigning in New York or now for example California or Florida. But it would require that all voices around the country be taking into consideration."

Rouzer explains that the system of checks and balances are most manifest in the Senate which requires a 60 (out of 100) vote for legislation to pass. That means that with 53 republican senators the senate would need 7 democrats to cross the aisle to pass a measure. In the House it is simple majority rule. Of course, all bills are required to pass both chambers of Congress.

"The House and the Senate were a big compromise," states Rouzer. "In fact, our whole system of government is a compromise. That's one thing that I think we need to understand is that compromise is how you govern and it's necessarily a bad word."

"But here's the other component that important to understand too," adds Rouzer. "Really the body of politics in Washington is a microcosm of society as a whole. Today its neighbor against neighbor, community against community. We don't have the cohesiveness that we've had in the past. The country is very divided politically and I think there are a lot of reasons for that."

JW Simmons next asks if we should be alarmed by the political divide we face today. Rouzer replies, "I would not use the word alarmed but I think we should be concerned. The reason why I say that is if this manifested itself further, these divisions, ultimately you end up in a civil war."

"This country has obviously experienced that before. There is a book out now that explains the parallels today and the parallels that led up to the civil war. You end up in war when all political dialogue ceases. When you are just so rigid in your stance and have so much contempt for the other side it breaks down in to flat out war."

Simmons asks when you look at the entrenchment from the left and right and how deeply divided some on both sides are, what can normal citizens do to help bring back a sense of neutrality.

Rep. Rouzer states, "Well, you know I think it all goes back to trust. When I talk to conservatives many of them believe that liberals not necessarily knowingly are on the wrong side. The evil side. Going to destroy the country side. And when you talk to liberals, they believe that conservatives are evil and in many cases are much more pronounced in their detest."

"I can walk into a McDonald's in Wilmington, NC and look around and tell who's liberal and who's conservative just by how they respond to me when they see me walk through the door. And I remember specifically about two years ago there were four ladies sitting at a table and three of them had looks of disgust and the fourth one was just a look of contempt. So, I went over and said hello to them, and they said, oh we know who you are. And I said let's sit down here and talk about this. Well, after we talked for about five minutes three of the ladies said well, you're not so bad after all. And the fourth said I still think you're from Satan. So, we made a little progress there."

"But that's what we have to do I think is have a real dialogue with our neighbors, our fellow citizens and help them understand that just because you have a different point of view that doesn't mean that you are representing the evil side. That you're not out to destroy the country. There are two very divergent philosophies about what this country should look like. Some want the government to control everything and many of us, all of us on the conservative side are very afraid of that because that's how you end up with socialism and eventually communism and tyranny."

Rouzer says that while conservatives want greater freedom, less government and less regulation you can't have a good self-governing system without a moral conscious citizenry that is always striving for the greater ideals.

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

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. 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.

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and slow over an oak wood fire in their custom designed smoker, "Jezebel." Register has appeared as a featured chef at festivals across the South, including Euphoria Food and Wine Festival, Atlanta Food and Wine, and Charleston Food and Wine. Food & Wine magazine and The Today Show sang the praises of Southern Smoke BBQ and Men's Journal named it one of the top 25 BBQ restaurants in the US. Register is equally well known for his seasonal, Southern sides, elaborate feasts offered through South Catering, his South Supper Series and Southern Smoke BBQ food truck. In May 2019, Register will debut his first cookbook, sharing his barbecue, sides and deep-rooted food traditions celebrated throughout the South. Matthew and Jessica are active members in their church, Siloam Baptist Church. They live in Garland with their three children Taylor Grace Register, Nash and Harrison.



DEBORAH THOMPSON

What does a married mother of three grown sons do upon leaving her chosen medical social work profession? That was a life changing question Deborah faced several years ago when her BA from NCSU was no longer enough to qualify her for her loved profession. No one wanted to hire a 55+ woman with her skill set so she decided she needed to repurpose herself. But how? After praying, brainstorming and networking, Simply NC was born. Deborah's family vineyard, Crooked Run Vineyards, started producing their own muscadine juice. They needed a way to market it and Deborah discovered there are many other NC vendors with great products who needed a market also. What started as a small shop that shared a storefront with another merchant on Vance Street in October 2014, has changed over time. It began with about 22 vendors but now has about 60 vendors representing 35 counties so far. In 2016, Simply NC needed more space and they decided to add a coffee shop featuring NC roasted specialty coffees. Simply NC moved to their current location of 100 East Main Street. Since moving, they are seeing steady growth and have a local fan base. Two businesses that were vendors with them have since started their own shops in downtown Clinton, Art of Hope and Soaps by Jess. With the help of two great employees, Angela and Alanna, Simply NC is open for business six days a week. Besides the daily details of having her own business, Deborah also serves on the Downtown Clinton Promotions Committee and is active in promoting events and other businesses downtown. Deborah is proud of her shop, town and customers. Her motto for Simply NC is located over the front door where I can readily see it, "Walk by faith, not by sight." 2 Corinthians 5:7.

NOMINEES FOR BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR HUGH CAISON

Hugh Caison is the local owner/operator of seven McDonald's restaurants here in Sampson County and in Duplin County including the cities of Clinton, Warsaw, Wallace, Newton Grove, Beulaville and Kenansville. Hugh grew up in Clinton with high aspirations. Prior to owning McDonald's restaurants, he worked in pharmaceutical sales in Wilmington, N.C. full-time to support his 3 daughters and wife, Nan. After discovering his growing passion for the restaurant industry, he set his sights on ownership and began working at a local McDonald's nights, weekends and holidays. Soon he was able to purchase his own restaurant in 1999 and moved to Raleigh to begin his lifelong career with the Golden Arches. Owning McDonald's restaurants has enabled the Caison family – which includes his employees – to not only serve the community, but to make a measurable difference. Each year Hugh strives to look for ways to give back to the place where he lives and grew up. For instance, it was evident in September 2018, after Hurricane Florence, that his community was in dire need of help. In response, Hugh set



up an in-restaurant fundraiser at each of his seven restaurants. He donated a portion of every sale to his employees who were impacted by the storm. As a result, more than \$7,000 was raised and donated directly to those "McFamily members". Hugh is also a big supporter of Sampson and Duplin County Schools. Over the years, he has donated money for the Sampson Community College scholarship program, donated money to local schools through the McTeacher's Night Fundraiser events and celebrated those schools' employee and staff on Teacher Appreciation Days. Hugh and his family are proud to also support the Ronald McDonald Houses of Chapel Hill and Eastern NC through the Play for Emily Golf Tournament, which has raised more than \$500,000 for the Houses and local families.

SAMANTHA DIPINTO

Samantha graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke in 1989 with a degree in Education. Being the first woman in her family to graduate from college, she had all intentions of utilizing her degree to teach grade school children. Fate however, had another plan. In 1989, my parents decided in their mid-fifties to give up the family farm (swine production) and open what they thought would be a "mom and pop" restaurant to carry them through until retirement. Being their only child and seeing the need to help, Samantha agreed to get involved for what she thought at the time would be a couple of years. 30 years later, she is still running the business. Their business philosophy from the beginning has been to keep both our recipes and service models consistent, striving not to deviate from either of them. As a result of this philosophy, along with the hard work and dedication of their wonderful staff and the incredible support of the community, they have experienced growth in annual revenues every year since our inception. In recognition of their success, Southern Style BBQ and Chicken was honored with the Clinton Sampson Chamber's Entrepreneurial Success Award in 1999. Samantha is married to Alfredo DiPinto and they have one son, Graham; who is married to the former Elizabeth Hood of Kenansville. Graham and his wife live in Knoxville, Tennessee where he is a first-year vet student. In 2010, Samantha and her husband had a vision to carry their passion for food and people to the downtown Clinton area. They opened Alfredo's with an emphasis on serving his family's Italian style of food to the residents of Sampson County. One of the ways Samantha has served her community is through her church, Clinton Community Church. She has taught, served on several committees and is one of only three women elected to serve as a member of their Board of Trustees. Southern Style BBQ and Chicken is celebrating its 30th anniversary this March and Alfredo's will be celebrating its 9th anniversary in April.

BRYAN GRIFFIN

Bryan is a native of Clinton and married to Beth Griffin. They have two boys, Hudson (12) and Hayes (8). Bryan has been a financial advisor with Edward Jones for almost 17 years. His office is located on College Street in the Fleming Building. Bryan is passionate about getting to know my clients and working closely with them and their families to understand what they need their money to do for them and what is most important to them! Bryan has a great team in Elizabeth Bradsher and Sandra Knowles and together they help provide a warm, inviting environment for clients to come and discuss their needs. Bryan earned a Bachelor of Arts from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was a two-year letterman on the football team. After college, he worked for Hilliard Lyons Investments and then Edward Jones in Raleigh for 4 years before moving back home to Clinton to work. Bryan is a member of First United Methodist Church, where he has previously served on the finance committee. He has been a past president of the Clinton-Sampson Daytime Rotary Club and has served as the Board Chairman for Harrells Christian Academy as well as serving on the board at Coharie Country Club. Presently, Bryan serves as a Ted Jones Coach, where he mentors other financial advisors, an assistant coach on his son's Clinton Recreation basketball team, as well as being a part of the Sampson County Economic Development Committee.

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FAITH

The African Christians Who Have Saved The American Methodists

Church history is a long and often complicated timeline that finds its outset in the book of Acts, when Jesus commissioned his disciples to go to the ends of the earth to preach the gospel and make disciples under by the power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8). Christianity is a historical religion, and as Christian historian Nathan Finn writes in the Reclaiming The Christian Intellectual Tradition series of books, “Christianity is grounded in events that Christians believe were real, historical occurrences.” We believe that the Holy Spirit really did (and still does) empower the disciples to share the gospel, even in the face of persecution and certain martyrdom. We really believe that when the Bible speaks of Jesus’ resurrection that he really did come back to life after being dead. We really do believe that animals two by two lined up to board the ark in light of impending world-wide flood. We really do believe that God spoke the cosmos into existence without breaking a sweat. A secular progressive culture may believe these to be unbelievable “fairy tales”, but we find to be historical facts from a historically accurate Bible. Furthermore, when it comes to the church and church history, we hold that what God prescribed as matters of church doctrine, structure and practice through the Apostle Paul and other authors of the New Testament, are truths to affirm, uphold and live out as a local community of faith.

So when the United Methodist Church held a special session of their General Conference this week to determine how the church would approach same-sex marriage and the ordination of practicing homosexuals, it’s easy to see why this was a seminal in recent church history. If one of the plans being considered (either the One Church Plan or the Connectional Conference Plan) had carried, the Methodists would have gone against two-thousand years of church tradition that has upheld rightly and biblically that homosexuality disqualifies both the qualifications of a pastor and the qualifications of a marriage.

Enter the African Methodists who entered the arena, armed with nothing other than the historical gospel message that

has withstood the test of time and a clear conscience. Christianity has been experiencing significant growth in both Asia and Africa, especially within the United Methodist Church. According to one Methodist news source, “Between 2006 and 2016, denominational data shows, the number of United Methodist in West Africa grew from about 1.46 million to nearly 1.8 million — a 22 percent (umnews.org).”

Many Asian and African Methodists outnumbered the American Methodists at the General Conference, and these brothers and sisters have maintained faithfulness to orthodoxy. And when it came to the main event – the issue of homosexual clergy ordination and marriage – well, one hero emerged. Dr. Jerry P. Kulah, Dean of Gbarnga School of Theology, United Methodist University in Liberia spoke on Saturday on behalf of African Methodists, and boldly spoke truth. Transcribed below from juicyecumenism.com is a portion of his speech: “And then please hear me when I say as graciously as I can: we Africans are not children in need of western enlightenment when it comes to the church’s sexual ethics. We do not need to hear a progressive U.S. bishop lecture us about our need to “grow up.” Let me assure you, we Africans, whether we have liked it or not, have had to engage in this debate for many years now. We stand with the global church, not a culturally liberal, church elite, in the U.S. We stand with our Filipino friends! We stand with our sisters and brothers in Europe and Russia! And yes, we stand with our allies in America. We stand with farmers in Zambia, tech workers in Nairobi, Sunday School teachers in Nigeria, biblical scholars in Liberia, pastors in the Congo, United Methodist Women in Cote d’Ivoire, and thousands of other United Methodists all across Africa who have heard no compelling reasons for changing our sexual ethics, our teachings on marriage, and our ordination standards! We are grounded in God’s word and the gracious and clear teachings of our church. On that we will not yield! We will not take a road that leads us from the truth! We will take the road that leads to the making of disciples of Jesus Christ for transformation of the world! I hope and pray, for your sake, that you will walk down that road with us. We

would warmly welcome you as our traveling companions, but if you choose another road, we Africans cannot go with you.”

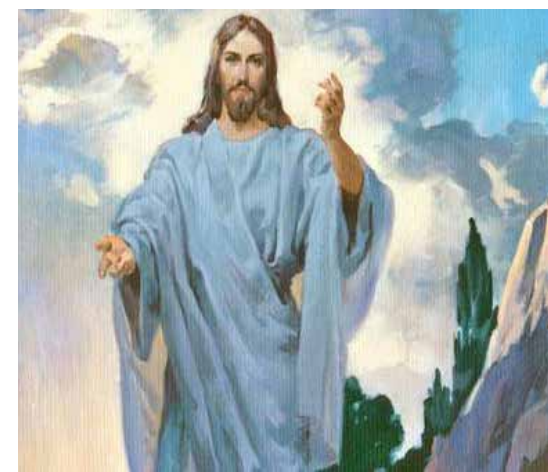
Of the 863 delegates at the Special Session to vote on three different plans, 53% voted for the traditional plan, again, most of those delegates from Asia and Africa. The traditional plan postulates that the UMC will, for now, maintain a biblical definition of marriage between one man and one woman and require bishops to enforce current regulations on ordination. Joe Carter at The Gospel Coalition summarizes the situation astutely: “Whatever outcome was chosen this week, it has long been obvious that United Methodists were not united, and were headed to an inevitable schism. The split will be painful and rancorous. But it is necessary. The “go along to get along” mentality that infected other mainline denominations has led to the destruction of wayward churches and the damnation of misguided souls. By dividing now, faithful United Methodists can save themselves from being dragged down by churches that continue to be in open and unrepentant rebellion against God.”

What does all of this mean going forward? For now, the African Christians have saved the American Methodists, keeping the denomination formally in-line with thousands of years of church tradition and history. Undoubtedly, as the Methodist church continues to let culture dictate its practices, either the church will split or eventually adopt another plan, or more likely both. We can learn from all of this is that when a denomination, a church, or even an individual walks away from a biblical ethic and sound doctrine. Collectively, the worldwide church has its witness watered down and we baby step away from biblical fidelity.

Will Matthews is student pastor at Immanuel Baptist Church in Clinton.



The SON Makes All The Difference



Recently we had experienced almost an entire week of cold, dreary, and rainy, weather. As Gene entered our kitchen one morning, he observed the dawning of a bright beautiful day and exclaimed: “Oh look, the sun makes all the difference!”

I hastened to capture his observation, I wanted to put it in spiritual perspective:

The SON makes all the difference! And indeed, He does. A few days later I saw a large bank of dark clouds stretching across the horizon,

they were once again concealing the light of the sun. I was reading a Billy Graham book and was gently reminded that there will always be clouds in our lives that seem to hide God’s presence. The Bible has a lot to say about clouds, they sometimes symbolize the spiritual forces that obscure the face of God. But they can never hinder His love for us, nor diminish the light of the SON in the daily of our lives. He has not abandoned us. He is still there, and we can trust His promise in Hebrews 13:5 “I will never leave you nor forsake you”.

As we go about the daily of our lives, we must realize that God is always teaching us the truth of who He is, of the power of His love, who we are as sinners, and who we can become if we allow the SON to live in and shine through us. I read of a dear Christian lady, residing in an assisted living facility, who expressed it thus: “Sometime during my day I get my Bible and read it until I can’t read anymore.

Then I open my hymnal and sing until I can’t sing anymore.

Then I pray until I can’t pray anymore.

Then I just sit in my chair and let Jesus love me.”

Oh, what a powerful witness that lady must have had to others!

From our pastor Tim Ameen’s preaching and teaching I always seek to gain at least one profound truth or ‘nugget’ as I call it. This one really challenges me:

“The visible presence of Christ in this world is YOU!”

I hope I never forget the question our friend Joe Robinson asked one day:

“Martha, do you know that everywhere you go...there you are?”

Think about that! The truth is that not only ‘there you are’ but your influence is ever present. God loved you so much that he looked at your entire life before you were born. He determined your assignment, He gave you the abilities to do the job, and in His great love gave you a gift called choice. The One who chose to love you from the beginning created you who could love in return. However, now it’s our choice. Will we be the visible presence of Christ everywhere we go?

An unknown poet put it in perspective for me:

“We are writing a Gospel a chapter each day,

By the deeds that we do and the words that we say.

People read how we live, whether faithless or true...

So, what is the Gospel according to you?”

Do others see the JOY of the SON in your life?

As we serve our Lord in our local churches, allow me to share this saying:

“What kind of church would my church be if every member was just like me?”

I’m not pointing fingers here, I am taking this admonition very personally:

What if all members of my church were just like me?

What if every member came as often, or as seldom as I come?

What if every member gave as I give, served as I serve?

What kind of church would my church be?

This my friends, is so worthy of our prayerful consideration... let us not presume that others will support the church. It is our privilege as Christians to show forth His LOVE and live out Christ’s Great Commission, starting right where we are... in our churches! In so doing we will be the visible presence of Christ in this hurting world, and only in eternity will we know how many souls were won, and lives touched in whom “The SON made all the difference!”



Martha M. Pierce

The Sin of Achan

Joshua 7:13, “Go and consecrate the people. Tell them to consecrate themselves for tomorrow, for this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: There are things that are set apart among you, Israel. You will not be able to stand against your enemies until you remove what is set apart.”

Cornelia “Corrie” ten Boom, author of The Hiding Place, wrote, “When a Christian shuns fellowship with other Christians, the devil smiles. When he stops studying the Bible, the devil laughs. When he stops praying, the devil shouts for joy.” One person’s sin and lack of love for the community of faith can cause much damage to other believers. When we stop fellowshiping, growing in God’s Word and praying for one another we will grow spiritually weak.

Joshua had destroyed the city of Jericho and was marching toward Bethel. The Israelites planned to take a small town called Ai, and since it seemed insignificant, Joshua sent just a small contingent of soldiers to destroy it. However, they were beaten in battle. The few men of Ai chased the invaders down the mountain, killing thirty-six Hebrew soldiers. This struck a devastating blow to the Israelites’ self-esteem.

Joshua tore his robes, fell on his face and cried out to the God of Heaven. He thought God had abandoned Israel. Joshua knew that he had been personally faithful to the work of God, but couldn’t understand why he would taste from the cup of defeat. Although Joshua was obedient to God, there was still someone connected to him that wasn’t. Soon the Lord told Joshua that someone in his camp had committed a crime and that therefore the Israelites had themselves become devoted to destruction.

Joshua moved quickly and identified a man named Achan, who admitted stealing a smuggled coat and some money. Joshua then had Achan and his entire household stoned to death. It’s hard for us today to understand the harshness of this act. While I might be unable to fully explain it, I can say that God wanted this lesson to be very vivid for the nation. Achan’s greed affected everyone around him. Achan’s sin was like a person with cancer cells in their body. Even if the cancer is located in just one part of the body, it in fact impacts the entire body. Just as a few cancer cells can attack an individual it also affects that person’s household and friends in often sometimes unseen ways. If your spouse told you they had cancer, I guarantee that you would have a physical reaction to their announcement.

We tend to think that as we depart from the teachings of Jesus Christ, it affects only us. However, Paul reminds us that we are part of a community and that everything we do affects everyone else. First Corinthians 12:26, proclaims, “If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.” Each of us has a role to play in the Kingdom of the Almighty. When we faithfully play it, we become, in effect, an army for good. If we fail, our failure is magnified. Community is sharing with others the blessings of life in the name of Jesus Christ.

God can help us be wise, faithful and intentional when it comes to recognizing how our sins spread over more than ourselves. I encourage you today to be faithful in following the commands of God. Be willing to confess your sins to God and accept His forgiveness found only in His son Jesus Christ. The next time you sin, don’t think you are only hurting yourself. There are so many that are connected to you that will be hurt because of your disobedience to God. Our actions will always be like a stone tossed in quite pond, causing a ripple larger than we could imagine.



Rev. Ken Smith

What's Happening

By Angela Martin

at **SCT**



Pocahontas the production is journeying to our performances - which are scheduled for March 22-March 31. The eight show run will be held with Friday and Saturday evening shows at 7:30 pm and Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2:30 pm. The production is sponsored by Performance Dodge/Ford and directed by Angela Martin.

The show will display many talented performers from our area - whose ages range from 4 years old up to 65. The cast has been busily preparing the way for our run and we are thrilled to have such a diverse and talented group.

Some young people you may see onstage are our older teens - she of them include our two Pocahontas princesses - E'Vanna Hall and Taylor Blanchard. E'Vanna is attending college and very active in her church. E'Vanna recently appeared in Into the Woods in Lumberton and portrayed Gertrude at Sampson Community Theatre in our production of Seussical. Taylor has portrayed Beth in Little Women and various roles in many shows at SCT. Both young ladies will bring Pocahontas to life and we look forward to seeing you at our shows.



Sampson Community Theatre presents the musical "Pocahontas", with book by Vera Morris, music and lyrics by Scott DeTurk, directed by Angela Martin and proudly sponsored by Performance Automotive in Clinton. 'Wordspinner' and the rhythmic beat of the tom-toms open and close this charming musical adventure for all age groups. Pocahontas is the daughter of the mighty Algonquin Chief Powhatan. The princess delights in playing with Raven, Wolf, and Squirrel. Pocahontas has also made friends with the English settlers of Jamestown, a community struggling with starvation and sickness. This enchanting musical is graced with a wonderful cast of characters: Little Running Rabbit, Brave Eagle, Aunt Morning Star, Forest Spirits, Mother Earth, and, of course, the people of Jamestown. Filled with Native American lore and beautiful music, this play is true to the original legend. Audiences will be swept away with DeTurk's original music, featuring such songs as 'Live Forever,' 'No Common Ground' and the beautiful 'Your Heart Always Knows.'

Performance dates are Evening Performances: March 22, 23, 29, 30 at 7:30pm. Matinees: March 24, 31, at 2:30pm, 2019. General admission is \$10.00. The theatre is located at 115 Fayetteville Street, Clinton, North Carolina. Call 910-592-8653 for more information.

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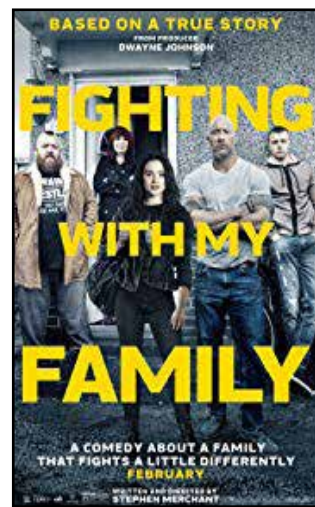
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FIGHTING WITH MY FAMILY NOW SHOWING

Rated: PG-13 for crude and sexual material, language throughout, some violence and drug content
Reformed gangster Ricky, wife Julia, daughter Paige and son Zak make a living wrestling together in tiny venues. When Paige and Zak get the opportunity to try out for WWE, the family grabs a once-in-a-lifetime chance to turn their wildest dreams into a dazzling future. However, brother and sister quickly discover that to become superstars, both their talent and their relationship will be put to the test.

Friday 6:30p
Sat & Sun 1:30p 4:30p 7:30p
Mon -Wed 6:30p



HAPPY DEATH DAY 2 U NOW SHOWING

Rated PG-13 for violence, language, sexual material and thematic elements

Jessica Rothe leads the returning cast of this sequel to the 2017 movie. This time, our hero Tree Gelbman (Rothe) discovers that dying over and over was surprisingly easier than the dangers that lie ahead.

Friday 6:15p 8:30p
Sat & Sun 1:15p 3:30p 5:45p 8:00p
Mon -Wed 6:30p



LEGO MOVIE 2

NOW SHOWING

Rated: PG for mild action and rude humor

It's been five years since everything was awesome and the citizens are facing a huge new threat: LEGO DUPLO invaders from outer space, wrecking everything faster than they can rebuild. The battle to defeat them and restore harmony to the LEGO universe will take Emmet, Lucy, Batman and their friends to faraway, unexplored worlds, including a strange galaxy where everything is a musical.

Friday 6:30p
Sat & Sun 1:45p 4:15p 6:45p
Mon -Wed 6:30p



HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON

NOW SHOWING

Rated PG for adventure action and some mild rude humor

As Hiccup fulfills his dream of creating a peaceful dragon utopia, Toothless' discovery of an untamed, elusive mate draws the Night Fury away. When danger mounts at home and Hiccup's reign as village chief is tested, both dragon and rider must make impossible decisions to save their kind.

Friday 6:30p
Sat & Sun 1:45p 4:15p 6:45p 7:30p
Mon -Wed 6:30p



MADEA FAMILY FUNERAL

NOW SHOWING

Rated PG 13 for crude sexual content, language, and drug references throughout

A joyous family reunion turns into a hilarious nightmare as MADEA and the crew travel to backwoods Georgia and unexpectedly plan a funeral, which threatens to reveal sordid family secrets.

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- 1 taco seasoning packet
- 1 dry ranch seasoning packet

Combine all ingredients in slow cooker and cook on low setting for 6-8 hours.

Shred chicken and mix with sauces and spices left in slow cooker.

To freeze and cook later: Combine all ingredients in a gallon-sized plastic freezer bag and freeze for up to three months. When ready to cook, thaw overnight in refrigerator or in warm water in the morning. Follow cooking directions above.

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According to the Food Network, bakers should never use salted butter in their recipes. Using unsalted butter allows you to use the exact amount of salt needed in a recipe.

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The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals recently granted a preliminary injunction on a San Francisco city ordinance that required health warnings on advertisements for soda and other sugary drinks.

The court ruled the ordinance “offend plaintiff’s First Amendment rights by chilling protected speech.”

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FLASH IN THE PAN

A matter of taste

Cabbage Parmesan tastes a lot better than it looks



FREEPIK

By Ari LeVaux
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The hockey game on the irrigation pond at Steve and Luci’s farm was over, and we gathered inside and spoke of cabbage. Local demand was surging, Steve said, with a look of pleasant surprise: “Before Christmas we were selling 10 cases a week. Since the holidays we are up to 16.”

It’s no surprise cabbage would be a hot topic on a farm that feeds itself, and its community, through the long northern winter. Unlike potatoes, squash, beets, onion and other winter foods, cabbage is a rare green leafy vegetable in the root cellar. Served cooked, raw, fermented or slawed, cabbage is versatile, delicious, crunchy and cheap.

Murmurs filled the room of farmy hockey players, as we contemplated all of that cabbage and the question it begs: What are they doing with it? Are they making crocks of sauerkraut? Fish tacos? Stocking up for St. Paddy’s Day?

The coleslaw du jour in the farmhouse was honey mustard, and had slices of sweet onion and shards of carrot. “Not my finest work,” admitted Luci, a blunt and wiry sprig of perpetual motion.

While they always have a ready bowl of

slaw, they eat a lot more cooked cabbage than raw. And Luci’s best rendition, by all accounts, is the ingloriously named Red Glop. The very mention of that terrible name invoked a purr from the decidedly non-wiry Steve, as if he had just remembered having a credit at the brewery.

“It’s a one-pot meal on the stovetop,” said Luci. She gave me the recipe, and when she got to the part where you add the stale (or toasted) bread, Steve, who fears no carb, swooned again: “Oh that stale bread thing. She is a master with stale bread.” “Those chunks of stale bread are even better the next day,” he added. “I like to double down on that bread and put the leftovers on toast.”

The only thing wrong with Red Glop is the name. I prefer Cabbage Parmesan, because of how the bread, cheese and tomato sauce join forces to take over your belly, hitting the spot harder than a slap shot to the back of the net.

Like eggplant or chicken parmesan — or pizza, for that matter — the core of this dish is the interaction between tomato, bread and cheese. The cabbage happens to be in the right place at the right time. Hopeless meat lovers can add ground beef. Umami-starved vegetarians can add sliced mushrooms.

Cabbage Parmesan

Serves 6

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 cups onion, chopped
- Optional: 1 pound ground beef or other meat and/or handful of mushrooms
- 8-inch section of sour-dough baguette, or that amount of another white bread, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1 28-ounce can crushed tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon fresh thyme (half that amount if dried)
- 1 tablespoon oregano (ditto)
- 3 cloves of garlic, cut crudely
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- ½ teaspoon ground pepper
- 2 pounds cabbage (if you don’t have a scale, make note of the weight at the store and plan to cut off the right amount)
- 1½ cups Parmesan, grated

Saute onions in the oil, along with the meat and/or mushrooms, if using, on medium heat in a heavy bottomed pot or deep skillet. While that’s happening, toast the bread chunks under the broiler on a cookie sheet.

Once the onions weep and cook down (about 10 minutes), add the crushed tomatoes, oregano, thyme, garlic, salt, pepper and garlic powder. Fill the tomato can with a cup of water, swirl it around to catch the remains, and add them to the pot.

While the meat simmers, cut the cabbage into what Steve refers to as “egg noodles.” Lay a semicircle of cabbage face-down on the cutting board. Cut into wedges as you would an orange, slicing toward the center from various angles on the outside like 3-D slices of pie. The cuts should be about a half-inch apart.

Add the cabbage to the pan and cook on medium low for about 30 minutes with the lid on, until the cabbage is completely tender. Gently fold in the bread cubes and cheese, with the last pinch of cheese reserved for the top. Cook another 5 minutes and turn off the heat. Let sit, covered, for about 10 minutes, and serve.

As with other Parmesan casseroles, this one is even better the next day. When reheating the dish, add a half cup of wine or stock and stir it minimally, so the bread won’t disintegrate.



ARI LEVAUX

FLEUR DE LOLLLY

A random food holiday inspires a recipe for any time



Laura Tolbert

I enjoy finding these random food holidays and planning a meal around them. For example, Feb. 18 is Crab Stuffed Flounder Day.

Who knew Crab Stuffed Flounder Day was to be celebrated? But you can enjoy this dish any time. Perhaps, after you enjoy this meal, you’ll put it on your food calendar for next year!

Crab Stuffed Flounder

- 1 stick unsalted butter
- 1 rib celery, finely diced

- 1 small onion, finely diced
- ¼ cup fresh parsley, minced
- 6 oz. jumbo lump crab meat picked through for any shells
- ½ cup Italian breadcrumbs
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- Coarse salt and freshly ground pepper
- ¼ teaspoon Old Bay Seasoning
- 6 flounder fillets (about 2 pounds total)
- ¼ teaspoon paprika
- Lemon wedges and zest

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Spray a 9x13 baking dish. Using a large skillet, melt 4 tablespoons of the butter over medium heat and sauté the celery and onion until translucent (about 5 minutes). Remove from heat.

Stir in parsley, crab meat, bread crumbs and lemon juice. Season with salt and

pepper, and Old Bay seasoning. Divide the crabmeat mixture evenly over fillets. Beginning with the narrow end of the flounder, roll each piece jelly roll style and secure with a toothpick.

Place the rolled fillets seam side down in the baking dish. Melt the remaining butter and drizzle over the fillets and sprinkle the tops with paprika. Bake until fish flakes easily with a fork, about 18 to 20 minutes. Zest lemon over the top and garnish with lemon wedges. Serve immediately over steamed white or brown rice.

Toasted Ciabatta Bread with Italian Herb Butter

I enjoy this version of garlic bread that is loaded with herbs. Make the butter first.

- ½ stick butter, softened
- Pinch of salt
- 1 clove garlic, chopped
- 2 tablespoons freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 8 to 10 oregano leaves
- 3 to 4 medium basil leaves

Using a small food processor, add all ingredients and pulse a few times to begin to combine.

Once the garlic is minced, process on high speed for 5 to 10 seconds to thoroughly blend ingredients. Use immediately or transfer to a covered bowl and refrigerate.

Spread a small amount of butter on Ciabatta rolls and place on a baking sheet. Place under a hot broiler for a few minutes until butter has melted and bread is toasted. Serve immediately.

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Clinton High's Nurse Delivers On and Off the Court

Clinton High School basketball standout Sha'Nyia Nurse was surprised when told that she has been named this week's Performance Auto/Sampson Weekly Star Athlete of the Week.



"I didn't know anything about it," the 17-year-old junior admitted Wednesday evening. "I really am just in shock."

On Thursday night, Nurse and the rest of the Lady Dark Horses, appeared in the second round of the NCHSAA 2-A State Basketball Championships on the road against East Duplin (*final results of the game were not available before press time).

"We are taking it all game-by-game," the Dark Horse guard said. "We always come into the season talking about making it to the playoffs – that is what we expect to do each season. Right now, it is a clean slate – we have to come in and be prepared and for each game."

On Wednesday night, Clinton, who came into the playoffs seeded at number 12, beat cross-town rivals 21st seeded Midway 76-66 in the opening round of the 2-A playoffs.

"Sometimes we look at the tape (of their upcoming opponents), but typically we don't," Nurse explains. "C.O. (head coach Chris Owens) likes us to work it out on the court in practices. He knows we are capable of working together as a team already, it is just a matter of what our game-plan is and where we need to put more effort at."

Nurse has been having an incredible junior year.

Through nine games, she is averaging 13.2 points, 3.6 rebounds, 3.7 steals and 3 blocks per game. So far, she has amassed 119 points throughout the regular season.

Even more amazing is that Nurse returned to Clinton this season after spending her sophomore year at Holly Springs, where the 4-A team went 21-6.

"The transition going from here to Holly Springs was a difficult one," she admitted. "It was a bigger school (4-A) and, at first, because in my freshman year (at CHS) we finished with a state championship. So, going into such a big school, I had to adapt quickly. Once I got in and got to know everyone, it became a lot easier for me."

She came back to Clinton this school year and easily returned to the comfort of her home court.

"I really didn't get a lot of playing time (at Holly Springs), so I was really happy to get back to the people that I have played with since rec ball. We are a team that knows each other so well and that helps out

on and off the court."

Born in Clinton, Nurse's first foray into basketball came at a very early age.

"I started playing when I was about 6-years-old," she remembers. "I was really the only one in my family that played, although my mother did play basketball at Union High when she was in school ... I can remember it was something that I just wanted to do."

Nurse quickly discovered that she was the only girl on the recreation basketball team.

Not at all intimidated, Nurse worked hard and took a lot away from the experience.

"It made me work harder, to be honest," she said. "I kept pushing and playing hard ... It motivated me that much more."

In addition to the encouragement she received from her family – specifically Nurse's father, who would help her with ball handling drills, and her mother, who played high school basketball – Nurse got to know Coach Owens when she was little.

"I have known him for a while now," she said. "He came into my life at a very young age – that really helped me."

She continues, "I was also lucky enough to have Mikayla Boykin's father coach for my rec team."

Ironically, Nurse would back-up Boykin (who is now at Duke University as a redshirt freshman but is out due to a torn ACL) in her first season at Clinton High.

"I was a floater," Nurse explains. "I would go from the JV team to varsity and I really was able to learn a lot - we went on to win the state championship that season – which was really exciting."

Having that experience is something that Nurse and the rest of the Lady Dark Horses want to continue this season.

"It was a fun ride," Nurse says of winning the NCHSAA 2-A State Championship in her freshman year. "For the ones that were there, that is always on our minds. We want to get there to experience it again and give the younger players the opportunity to come with us and enjoy it as well."

A straight 'A-B' student (who considers Math her favorite subject) Nurse said she definitely wants to play basketball in college and hopefully, one day, professionally.

"It was something I have always wanted to do," she admits. "I want to go to college, play basketball and study sports management – I want to become a sports agent. It is something that I have wanted to be since the fifth grade – It was either become a lawyer

or a sports agent. I wanted to be an agent because this way I can always stay close to the game."

When asked if she had a dream college she wanted to attend, Nurse says, "(Right now) I think it would be Elizabeth City State. That is because I have read that they have the number one Sports Management Major and they also have a great basketball program."

Her second choice? "East Carolina University," she said.

Although Nurse still has a year and a couple months left of her high school career, she has already thought of saying goodbye to being a Dark Horse.

"I think that it is going to be bittersweet for me," Nurse says. "But I am also excited about moving on and starting the next chapter in my life."

Does she have a piece of advice for a younger student/athlete making the transition from middle school to high school?

"Oh yeah," Nurse says. "I would tell them to try to always stay focused ... Play as a team, but also play your game and it is fun to win, but it is also okay to lose too – you learn from both."

Nurse continues, "C.O. (coach Chris Owens) always tells us to go out and play our game, but also have fun on the court. That is what it is all about."

Although she has a very busy schedule when Nurse does get free time she says she likes play basketball with her cousin, studying and babysitting.

For right now though, Nurse is excited about the prospect of going deeper in the playoffs, finish off her junior year and then, begin her final year of high school.

"I am excited about it," she said. "I want to continue to work hard – on and off the court. I also want to try out for the track team too – I want to run so I can stay in shape."

In addition to the support she has received over the years from the Dark Horse fans, Nurse said that she wanted to thank people who have been crucial to her success.

"I want to thank all of my family, friends, teammates, C.O., my Holly Springs family and coach Peace (at Holly Springs), all of my coaches and most importantly, I want to thank God for giving me the ability to play."

Nurse adds, "You know, there were times when I was younger that I thought I wanted to give up and stop playing. But I had people in my life who kept encouraging me to keep going because they knew the potential I had, even when I couldn't see it. I just appreciate them, and I am glad they kept encouraging me to continue."

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"It is a new two-year option we are offering this fall, but students can sign up now," says Lauren Huskey, Department Chair of Business Administration and Accounting at SCC. "This new option will include a lot of business and accounting principles like other programs we offer but this will add logistics and trucking management into the mix."

The Supply Chain Management curriculum prepares individuals for career opportunities in distribution, transportation, warehousing, trucking operations, supply chain, and manufacturing organizations. Course work includes the international and domestic movement of goods from the raw material sources through production and to the consumer.

Courses in economics and finance, transportation, warehousing, inventory control, material handling, purchasing, computerization, supply chain operations, federal transportation and safety regulations are emphasized. Graduates will qualify for positions in many supply chain and logistics positions in government agencies, manufacturing, and service organizations. Employment opportunities include entry-level distribution, planning, material management, warehousing, inventory, transportation, and international freight.

"This will get students on the fast track regarding operations management," adds Huskey. "A graduate could take over production, logistics and the supply chain in various fields. We are very excited to be offering this program and I would encourage those interested to prepare today by contacting us and getting on the list before fall."

Supply chain undergraduate placement rates are between 85% to 100% and usually graduates are accepting higher starting salaries than finance and accounting majors. The average starting salary for undergraduates is \$53,584. The average Supply Chain Manager salary in the United States is \$108,498, but the range falls between \$95,861 and \$125,344. For more information about this new program offering, contact Huskey at lhiskey@sampsoncc.edu.

HCA Junior and Senior Betas Win Big at State Convention



More than forty top five titles and awards were presented to the Harrells Christian Academy Betas at the State Convention held in Greensboro, NC. Eligible students in grades 4-8 competed as Junior Betas. Awards in the Elementary category (4th and 5th grades) were as follows: 4th place in Book Battle; Lexie Sawvel 1st place in Creative Writing; Jack Bowker 4th place in Digital Art, Will Owens 1st place and "Best in Show" in Drawing; Channing Jackson, Jack Dubose, Trey Bryan, Rivers Robinson, Jake Gooden 4th place in Engineering; Windor Farior 5th place in Fiber Arts; Piper Nelson 4th place in Jewelry; Kailee Pope 2nd place in Language Arts; 1st place in Marketing and Communications; Gracie Brice 4th place in Math; Cooper Barber 5th place in Mixed Media; Gracie Johnson 2nd place in Painting; Marleigh Sidbury 2nd place in Photography; Gracie Johnson 3rd place in Poetry; Mary Willow Rumbold 5th place in Recyclable Art; 2nd place in Robotics; Hutchens Glenn 5th place in Science; Trey Bryan 1st place in Sculpture; Adriana Wasserman 4th place in Social Studies; Lily Powell 2nd place in Social Studies; Walker Clifton 2nd place in Woodworking. Awards in the Junior category (grades 6th-8th) were as follows: 4th place in Living Literature; Daughtry Jackson 2nd place in Math; Hudson Griffin 1st place in Speech; 1st place in Songfest; 1st place in Performing Arts Junior Group Talent.



Students in grades 9-12 competed as Senior Betas. Awards were as follows: Jeana Grace Bowker 3rd place in French; Thomas Rhodes 5th place in Creative Writing; Grice Bell 5th place in Onsite Painting; Rhylee Pope 3rd place in Science; Thomas Rhodes 3rd place in Short Story; Gracy Peterson 1st place in Woodworking; Anna Edwards 2nd place in Drawing; 5th place in Performing Arts Senior Group Talent; 3rd place in Show Choir; 5th place in Two Dimensional Banner Design; 3rd place in Club Trading Pin; 3rd place in Problem Solving Scenario; 5th place in Marketing and Communications; 2nd place in Freshman Problem Solving; Olivia Lanier 4th place in Language Arts. Eleventh grader Will deAndrade also ran for the office of Secretary, and although he was not elected, his campaign skit did place 2nd overall. Beta Sponsor Ruth Ann Parker received the Service Award for her work as NC Senior State Sponsor.

Both groups earned eligibility to compete at the National Convention in Oklahoma this summer. Pictured are both groups proudly displaying their awards. Congratulations to all of our winning Crusaders!

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April 18, 2019

****Please contact the school in your district to schedule an appointment for your child to attend the clinic.**

Copies of the child's birth certificate and immunization record are required for the clinic.

If your child has not had their Health Assessment done prior to the clinic date, please schedule an appointment with your child's physician or your local Health Department as soon as possible. **These physicals are required by State Law to be completed within 30 days of the beginning of school and no earlier than one year prior to school enrollment.**

At the present time, North Carolina State Law requires a Comprehensive Vision Screening by a health care provider prior to beginning Kindergarten. If your child fails the vision screening, the health care provider will refer your child to an ophthalmologist or optometrist for a complete vision exam.

****All children who reach age five on or before August 31 are eligible for entry into Kindergarten.**

Early College Beta Club Takes Awards



The NC Beta Club Convention was held on Thursday, February 7 and Friday, February 8 at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, NC. Sampson Early College High School had 29 students and 2 sponsors attend. The winners were:

-1st place in Two-Dimensional Design (Yadira Paz)

-3rd place in Living Literature (Ramon Sanchez, Manuel Valbuena, Cristian Ramirez, Jason Lopez, Arbey Romero, Oscar Maldonado, Maria Meza, Leandro Navarro, Rosio Montalvo, Yarely Gonzalez)

-4th place in Division I Spanish (Nidia Pineda)

-5th place in Division I Fiber Arts (Nidia Pineda)

Sponsors attending were Anna Gillespie and Hannah Baxter.

All winners are eligible to compete at National convention this summer in Oklahoma City, OK.

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How Patients Can Ensure They're Considering Every Cancer Treatment Option



Melanoma, the deadliest skin cancer, is one of the most common types of cancer in the U.S. and rates are on the rise. Choosing a course of treatment is one of the biggest decisions one makes while battling cancer, but experts say that many patients aren't being told about a critical option: clinical trials.

Only one in four people know anything about clinical trials, according to the National Institutes of Health, and only 15 percent of patients report ever having been asked to participate. But clinical trials are not only a way to gain access to new, potentially lifesaving treatments that may prove more beneficial than drugs on the market, they are also what's made every single FDA-approved drug that exists today possible.

While melanoma therapies have improved dramatically over the past decade, there's still no cure.

"We have made enormous strides in treating melanoma, but too many people still aren't benefiting from even the newest approaches," says Marc Hurlbert, Ph.D., Melanoma Research Alliance, chief science officer. "Lack of awareness about treatment opportunities, particularly for patients seen outside of premier cancer centers, along with myths associated with research studies, continue to present obstacles for patient participation."

Patients should understand all of their options to make the best possible decisions about their care.

"I would not be alive today, I mean hands down, without clinical trials. Stage IV melanoma had a 14 percent five-year survival rate when I was diagnosed in 2012," says Jamie Troil Goldfarb, a stage IV melanoma survivor.

Choosing a treatment direction, including whether or not to enter into a clinical trial, is a big decision. To help people make informed decisions and understand just how important clinical trials are to everyone, the Melanoma Research Alliance created resources and tools about clinical trials, and is dispelling these five common myths:

1) MYTH: Clinical trials are a last resort.

REALITY: Joining a clinical trial is a viable treatment option from day one of your diagnosis.

2) MYTH: I might get a sugar pill (placebo) without any real treatment.

REALITY: In melanoma clinical trials, patients may receive a placebo in addition to an FDA-approved standard of care treatment. Whether you're getting a standard or investigational therapy, by participating in a clinical trial, you'll receive close monitoring of your condition.

3) MYTH: Clinical trials cost more than standard treatment.

REALITY: The trial sponsor usually pays for the experimental therapy. They may also pay for any additional tests or visits required for the study. Patients, or their insurance, are responsible for the usual costs of care needed regardless of being in a clinical trial.

4) MYTH: If clinical trials were right for me, my doctor would say something.

REALITY: Not all doctors are aware of all options. Patients should be their own advocate and research what's available.

5) MYTH: If I change my mind, or the treatment isn't working, I'm stuck.

REALITY: Clinical trial participation is voluntary and you can quit any time for any reason.

Currently, there are over 400 melanoma-focused trials actively enrolling patients. These trials will help develop new and improve existing treatments, and offer patients an opportunity to access cutting edge therapies. To learn more and be matched to clinical trials in your area, visit curemelanoma.org/clinicaltrials.

If you are battling melanoma, or any cancer, remember to ask about clinical trials. You haven't considered all of your options until you do.

Must-Know Health Tips for Faster Flu Recovery

With last year's flu season having been associated with 80,000 deaths -- one of the deadliest in decades -- focusing on immune health is important.

There are essentially three stages of the flu: incubation -- the development of the virus within your body; infection -- when most symptoms are strongest; and convalescence -- as your body recuperates from the virus.

"Most people are familiar with vaccines to prevent the flu and remedies to relieve symptoms. There is less awareness about the recovery stage, when your body is weakened by the virus and at risk for other ailments," says Dr. Fred Pescatore, renowned natural health physician.

Last year, a study found adult patients had higher risk of heart attack after an influenza diagnosis.

To ensure proper recovery, Dr. Pescatore is offering the following tips.

Increase Air Moisture

Adding moisture to the air can help reduce congestion and soothe the throat while recov-



ering from the flu. Using a humidifier in dry rooms can ease symptoms. Also, try a face steam. Begin by boiling a pot of water. Remove it from the heat and bring your face close while draping a towel over your head to breathe in the steam. This is an easy at-home remedy that you can put your own spin on by adding herbs and oils. Dr. Pescatore recommends drops of peppermint to open up the nasal passages even more.

Get Rest

You may be feeling better, but you're still recovering. Even when symptoms ease, your body and immune system are in a weakened state. It's tempting to jump right back into your routine, but you still need extra rest and hydration.

Drink Herbal Tea

Drinking herbal tea is one of the easiest ways to soothe lingering symptoms.

"Licorice tea makes for a great-tasting recovery tool. It has a sweet flavor without the sugar of other sweet teas. In addition, licorice supports immunity, which is what you need at this stage of the flu," says Dr. Pescatore.

Add a Super-Antioxidant

A new peer-reviewed study shows that supplementing with the natural super-antioxidant Robuvit (Ro-boo-vit), French oak wood extract, supports flu recuperation.

Participants in the study took 300 mg of Robuvit daily for three weeks once their flu symptoms ended. Researchers found that after 10 days, participants who supplemented with Robuvit experienced increased post-flu strength, enhanced attention and concentration and better sleep quality.

"There are few products on the market that support your immune system during the recovery period, yet it is one of the most vulnerable health periods, particularly for seniors. This is exciting news for anyone looking for a safe, natural way to recover faster from the flu," says Dr. Pescatore.

Robuvit is backed by more than a dozen studies showing its benefits for natural energy, flu recovery, detox and sports performance. For more information, visit www.robovit.com.

"The body is under stress during a bout of flu. Inflammation is up and oxygen levels and blood pressure can drop. Helping your body recover fully is important," says Dr. Pescatore.

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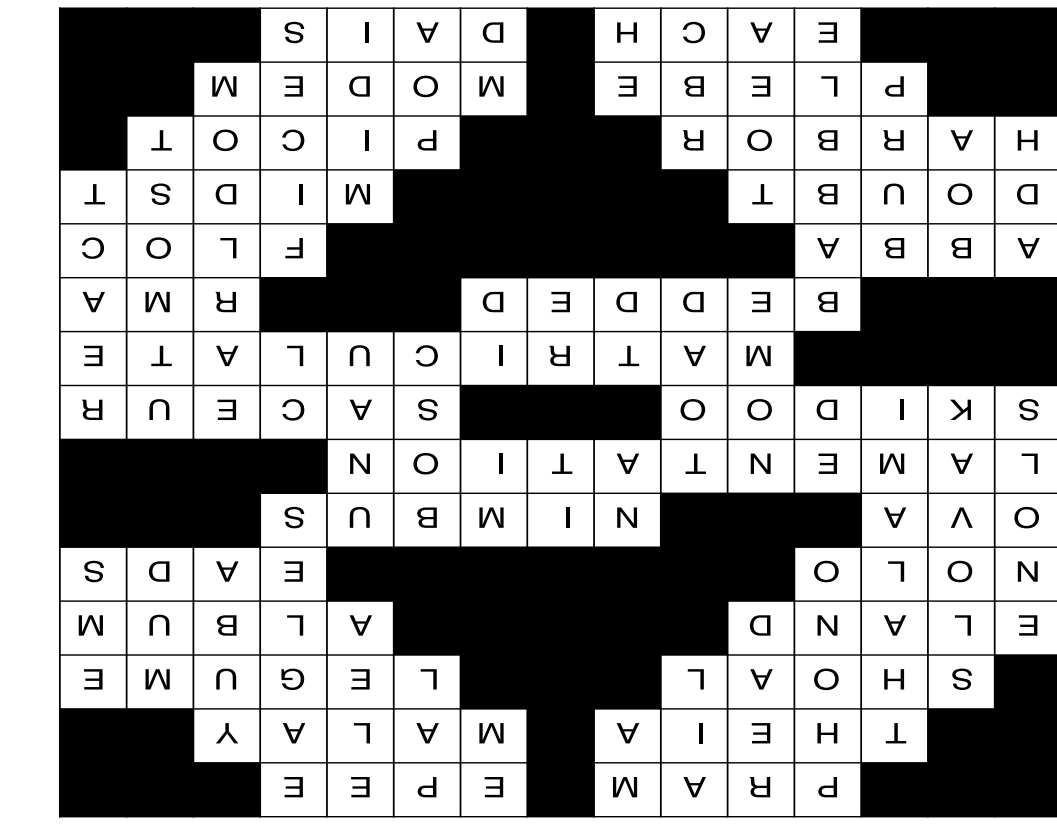
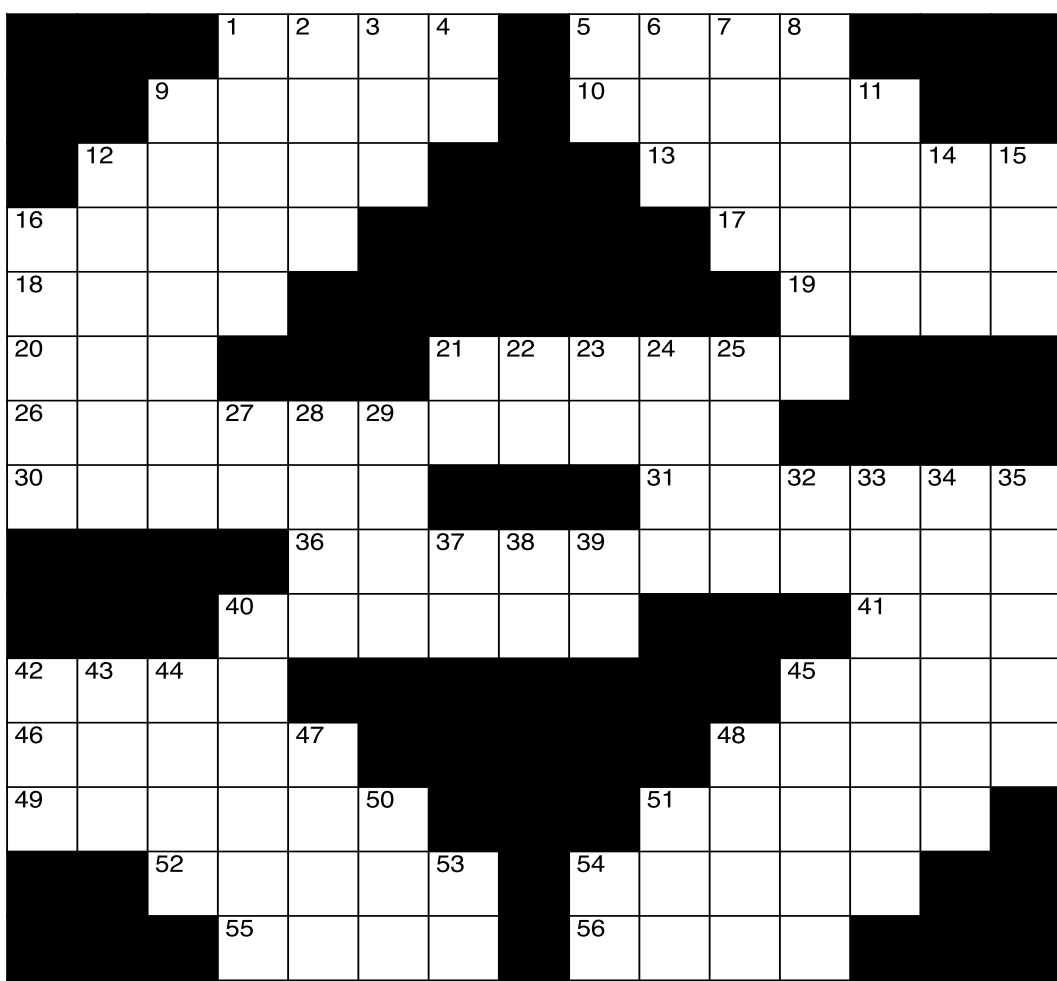
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 - A fencing sword
 - Titan mother of Helios
 - S.E. Asian peninsula
 - A stretch of shallow waer
 - Pea, bean or lentil
 - African antelope
 - Recording of different songs
 - ___ contendere, plead no contest
 - Diving bell inventor
 - Egg cells
 - Cumulus rain cloud
 - Cry of sorrow
 - 23 _____: go away
 - Supreme Allied Commander Europe
 - Enroll as a student
 - Furnished sleeping quarters
 - ___ Sandhurst
 - Swedish rock group
 - Bouquet of flowers
 - Suspect to be false
 - In the middle of
 - Give shelter to
 - Lace edging of small loops
 - Cadet
 - Device for data over phone lines
 - Being considered individually
 - Raised speaking platform

- CLUES DOWN**
- A type of plug
 - Comprehend written words
 - Feel ill
 - 1/1000 of an ampere
 - Dorothy's auntie
 - Chum
 - Greek colony founded by Xenophanes
 - Philly football team
 - Sensory brain parts
 - Marysville, CA college
 - Language spoken in Bratislava
 - Wet, sticky earth
 - Emergency Medical Service
 - a.k.a. Alkenols
 - Sodium
 - Addams Family cousin
 - 3rd tone of the scale
 - Pear variety
 - Two-toed sloth
 - , ___, denotes past
 - Alaskan town
 - The family bufonidae
 - Centilitre
 - Earl's jurisdiction
 - Extreme
 - Show a response
 - Touchdown
 - Rhenium
 - Potato state
 - Utter incoherent words
 - Pitressin
 - A tropical constrictor
 - A baby's belch
 - Nervous little mongrel dogs
 - Papuan monetary unit
 - Musical Instrument Digital Interface
 - Corpuscle count (abbr.)
 - Bluegrass genus
 - Common Canadian phrase
 - Physicians designation

SUDOKU

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.

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

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Word Search — Musically Inclined

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Revival

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Speaker: Rev. Dean Bays
 Sacramento, California

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CRIME

Arrest Reports

02-21 Floyd Patterson Rich, 59, Trespassing, Bond \$500. Court Date 03-21
 02-21 Michael Anthony Simpson, 46, Interfere Emergency Communication, Assault on Female. No Bond. Court Dare 03-19
 02-21 Shameka Sarah Beckett, 25, No Operators license. Court Date 03-25
 02-22 Winfield Sespiner Smith, 43, Murder. No Bond. Court Date 03-01
 02-22 Devane Nicole Letteri, 27, DWLR Not Impaired Revocation FTA. Bond \$500. Court Date 03-18
 02-22 James Kimberly Williams, 54, Driving Under the Influence. Bond \$500. Court Date 03-12
 02-22 Demetrius Devon Douglas, 25, Driving Under the Influence. No Bond. Court Date 04-16
 02-23 Javier Antonio Zuniga Meza, 28, MO Driving Under the Influence. Bond \$2000. Court Date 04-16
 02-23 Antonia Shanai McKoy, 25, Trespass. Court Date 04-01
 02-20 Fernando Ramos Jesus Dubon, 18, MO Driving Under the Influence, MO Hit and Run, MO Resisting Public Officer. Bond \$6000. Court Date 04-16
 02-23 Ana Rosa Garcia, 31, Failure to Comply with Community Service- FTA, Shoplifting Concealment Goods- FTA. Bond \$1000. Court Date 03-11
 02-23 De Jesus Carias Salvador, 33, Assault by pointing a gun. Bond \$1500. Court Date 03-25
 02-24 Milton Lee Strong, 59, Larceny. Court Date 04-11
 02-24 Giovante Ontonio Devone, 26, Child Support. Bond \$800. Court Date 03-06
 02-24 William Edward Harlow, 48, All other Larceny. Bond \$1000. Court Date 03-28
 02-22 Christopher Dale Locklear, 28, Hit/Run Leave Scene Prop Dam, DWLR Not Impaired Rev, Fail to give Info/Aid Per Inj, Failure to Reduce Speed, Poss Stolen Goods/Prop, 2 counts Misdemeanor Larceny. Bond \$5000. Court Date 02-28
 02-22 Michael Jermaine Pearson, 49, Resisting Public Office, Disorderly Conduct,

Communicating Threats. Court Date 03-18
 02-23 Krissy Ann Garcia, 39, No Operators License- FTA. Bond \$500. Court Date 03-19
 02-24 Patrick Wayne Moore, 20, Larceny. Court Date 03-22
 02-24 John Christopher Richardson, 36, Fail to Comply. Bond \$205
 02-22 Gregory Scott Taylor, 38, Unsafe Movement, Hit/Run Leave Scene Property Damage. Bond \$4000. Court Date 03-15
 02-22 Taleisha Dainelle Banks, 29, Resisting Public Officer- FTA, Resisting Public Officer, Larceny Remove/Dest/Deact Compo- FTA, Assault Government Official/Employee- FTA, Misdemeanor Larceny. Bond \$45000. Court Date 03-14
 02-23 Jessica Dianna Anderson, 34, Speeding-FTA. Bond \$500. Court Date 03-15
 02-23 Roseann Marie Beastro, 35, OFA-FTA Fail Maintain Lane Control/DWLR Not Impaired Rev. Bond \$500. Court Date 03-20
 02-22 James Donald Norris, 42, FTA- Fict/Alt/Title/Reg Card, FTA- Expired Registration Card/Tag, FTA- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. Bond \$500. Court Date 03-21
 02-22 Refugio Rojas Hernandez, 19, Possession of Marijuana, Marijuana Paraphernalia. Bond \$500. Court Date 04-10
 02-22 Caleb Anthony Charles Hill, 23, Expired tag, DWLR. Court Date 04-01
 02-24 Percy Sherman Chestnutt, 46, Possess Marijuana up to 1/2 oz, Posses marijuana paraphernalia. Bond \$250. Court Date 03-27
 02-22 James Donald Norris, 42, FTA- Speeding. Bond \$500. Court Date 03-21
 02-24 Stephanie Ann Garcia, 30, Probation Violation Out of County, Located Wanted Person. Bond \$25000. Court Date 03-27
 02-25 Tykeecia Dajoi Burden, 25, DWLR. Court Date 03-19
 02-25 Jessie Franklin Oates, 37, Habitual Impaired Driving. Bond \$5000. Court Date 03-08
 02-25 Matthew Thomas Deton, 26, Order fo Arrest- Possess Marij Paraphernalia. Bond \$250. Court Date 03-07
 02-25 Charles Deangelo Banner, 22, FTA- Assault on a Female, FTA- Simple Affray. Bond \$3000. Court Date 03-26

02-25 Luther Matthew Lambert, 28, Domestic Violence Protection Order Violation. Court Date 03-26
 02-25 Elijah James Williams, 29, Possess Marijuana. Court Date 04-09
 02-26 Chanta Danielle Ashley, 41, Simple Worthless Check, DWLR. Court Date 03-25
 02-26 Stranje Vanique Owens, 23, Disorderly Conduct. Court Date 03-12
 02-26 Cody Gabrielle Fleury, 22, Communicating Threats. Court Date 03-04
 02-26 Misty Suzanne Horne, 38, Order for Arrest- FTA- Child Support. Bond \$2000. Court Date 03-12
 02-27 Derrick Lamont Hooper, 50, Unauthorized use of Motor Vehicle, Assault on a Female, Unsafe Passing Crest or Curve, fail to Heed Light or Siren, DWLR not Impaired Rev, Reckless Driving to Endanger, Speeding, Drive Left of Center, Resisting Public Officer, Flee/Elude Arrest W/MV, Assault on a Child under 12, 2 counts AWDW Minor Present. Bond \$102,500. Court Date 03-20
 02-26 Javon Kirby, 23, Communicating Threats, Damage to Personal Property. Bond \$1000. Court Date 03-19
 02-26 Ronald Lawrence Blackmore, 49, DWLR- Not Impaired Rev. Court Date 04-03
 02-26 Jeffery Shane Moore, 22, Flee to Elude Arrest with Motor Vehicle, Reckless Driving to Endanger, DWLR, Fictitious Registration Plate, Exceed Posted Speed Limit, Inspection Violation, Drive Left of Center, fail to Stop at Stop Sign, Drive without two headlamps, No Insurance. Bond \$7500. Court Date 03-08
 02-27 Audrey Aman Balsey, 37, OFA- DWLR Not Impaired Rev. Bond \$500. Court Date 03-18
 02-27 Lykheim Tyshaun Simmons, 25, OFA-FTA Possess Stolen Firearm/Possession of Firearm by Felon. Bond \$40000. Court Date 03-25
 02-27 Jeremy Alexander Holmes, 27, OFA- FTA Speeding/DWLR Not Impaired Rev. Bond \$500. Court Date 03-18
 02-27 Michael James Perry, 44, OFA- FTADWLR Not Impaired Rev. Bond \$500. Court Date 03-19
 02-27 Marquis Daniel Johnson, 30, Credit Card Fraud, Identity Theft. Bond \$50000. Court Date 03-08
 02-27 Hannah Joy Payne, 25, Possession of marijuana paraphernalia, possession of marijuana.

Court Date 04-16

Incidents

02-22 Sunoco on Sunset Avenue reported Counterfeit Money in the amount of \$100.
 02-23 James Cornell Parker reported Motor Vehicle Theft at Byron Butler Court. Subaru Legacy valued at \$1500
 02-22 Cruz Kirkland reported Breaking & Entering on Bonnetsville Road. Items stolen included flat screen television, BB Gun, Basket of Laundry and damage to door frame.
 02-22 Mary Mason reported All Other Larceny on Hobpton Highway. Stolen items include trailer with wooden sides, Green riding lawn mower.
 02-23 Tanner Kendall reported Larceny of Firearm on Autryville Road.
 02-24 Dianna Strong reported Larceny on Ozzie Road of \$625.
 02-24 Steven Fletcher reported Larceny on Roseboro Street of Household Goods totaling \$500.
 02-25 Jackie Jackson reported Larceny of a Firearm on Southwood Drive.
 02-25 Evelyn Jackson reported Theft from a Motor Vehicle. Stolen head lamp assembly.
 02-25 Miriam Ann Hollingsworth reported Theft from Motor Vehicle. Stolen was money and laptop computer.
 02-25 Michael Jermaine Best reported Damage to Property at Smithfield PVA. Damage to automobile and windshield.
 02-26 Ronald Jackson reported Burglary/Breaking & Entering on Rabbit Street. Damage to wooden door frame.
 02-26 Elbert Boone of Old Mintz Hwy reported Burglary/Breaking & Entering. Stolen 55 inch television.
 02-27 Kristine Garrant of Plain View Hwy reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering. Stone was appliances, car rims, multicolored van.

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

Sampson County VITAL STATS

Deaths

-Estalene Autry
 -Tracy Junnie Burns
 -Kathleen Cannady
 -Carita Hortense Carr
 -Elizabeth Ann Faircloth
 -Roosevelt Wayne Green Sr
 -Clyde Franklin Honeycutt
 -Armon Henry Jacobs
 -Linda Merritt
 -Dustin James McLamb
 -Beatrice Rivera
 -Johnnie Ray Sessoms
 -Barbara Ann Smith
 -David Allen Sessoms
 -Charles Hooper Tart Sr.

Marriage Certificates

-Jaime Neri Patraca to Rocio Perez Garcia
 -Sidney Blake Naylor to Amber Nicole Oates
 -Ben Thomas Warwick to Samantha Eulalia Sabourin
 -Chastida Odom Leiva Gonzales to Neeaham Bryant Goodson
 -Shelton Cleve Horne to Carmen Baylee Leiva Gonzalez

Births

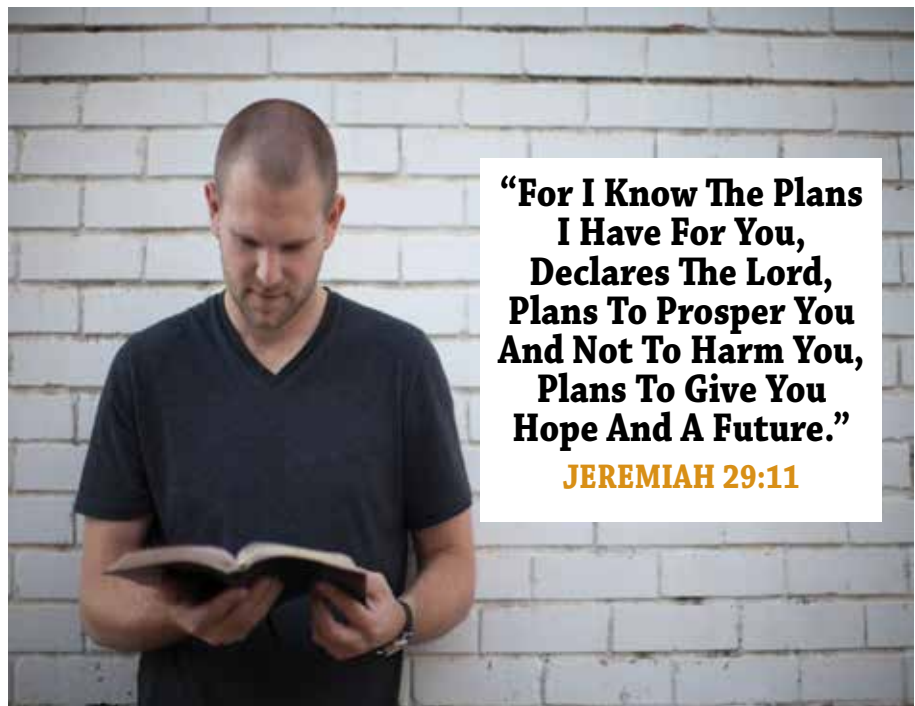
-Christopher Ferrell Jones III born on February 14, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Christopher Farrell Jones II and Anna Marie Williford

Land Transfers

-Jacob Cohen/QR, Minorities of Turkey Trust to Jose Fernando Quiroz Sevilla, Jasmina Judith Almendarez Zelaya- 2.15 Acres Turkey
 -Jerri Robin Brooks, John Joseph Brooks, James Edward Neal, Regina Anne Neal, Andrea Oliver Stewart, Christopher Wayne Stewart to Samuel David Cain - 37 Acres Lot 5 Dismal
 -Wilbert Louis McClenny to Wilbur Allen McClenny- Lot 5 Turkey
 -Ashley Honeycutt, Keith Grant Honeycutt to Heather Brooke Goodrich, Ryan Tucker Hall- Lot 1 Block B of the DJ Rivenbark Subdivision w/exceptions North Clinton
 -Brenda Ford Barding, Clarence Harding, James Edward Harding Jr, Jannie Hobbs Harding, Marshall Keith Harding Sr, Robert Earl Harding Sr, Sandra Smith Harding, Terrence Andra Harding to Mamie Elizabeth Harding - Lot 15 Butler Avenue Division South Clinton
 -Stephen C Howard to Stephen C Howard/TR, Stephen C Howard Revocable Trust- Lot 3 Sandterra Subdivision Plainview
 -James W Hairr, Kera Davis Hairr to Ashley N Honeycutt, Keith Grant Honeycutt- Lot 71 Timberlake Subdivision SectionTwelve North Clinton
 -Rebecca Lynn Carter, Robert F Carter Jr, Robert Franklin Carter Jr to Donald Earl Carter, Tara Lynn Marr Carter- Lot 26 0.43 Acres Pinecroft Subdivision Plainview
 -Whippoorwill Enterprises Inc to Joyce H Pait, Will L Pait Jr- 2 Tracts South River
 -Rose Cilio, Rose M Cilio/TR, The Rose Cilio Revocable Trust to Jill Mooring Usher, Patrick Lawrence Usher- 5.00 Acres Newton Grove
 -Mamie Jane Cromartie to Melinda Washington- 2.5 Acres w/exceptions Franklin
 -Angela Hinson, Anita Jean Grantham Hinson/EST, Billy Robert Hinson Jr, Billy Robert Hinson Jr/EXR to K&T Family Farms LLC- Honeycutts 6.63 Acres & 2 Tracts Honeycutts
 -Billy D Tyndall to Candelaria Valdez Nunez- 0.85 Acres Tract 6 North Clinton
 -Gary B Tanner, Lynette Tanner to JFC Partnership LLC- 2 Tracts w/exceptions
 -Aube Della B Dail to George Edgar Dail- Lot 56 Colonial Heights Subdivision

-Board of Trustees of First United Methodist Church, First United Methodist Church to William Kenneth Sutton, Michael Wayne Thornton- Lots 36 & 37 of Country Club Acres Subdivision North Clinton
 -Alma Belem Mendez Botello, Manuel Botello Perez to Miranda Jimenez Araceli Nohemy, Adnis Ivan Varela- 0.19 Acres South Clinton
 -Raymond Lewis Howe to Roxanne Lester- 1.32 Acres Lot 1 Belvoir
 -Elmer Danillo Montes, Cesar Plinio Streber, Dunia Lourdes Zaldivar, Ilda Suyara Zaldivar to Eduin Roberto Flores Escobar- Franklin Lot 2 0.55 Acres
 -Janice Armwood, Robbin Armwood, Vincent Armwood to Rafael Delgado- Lot 5 of the Roseboro Builders Inc Pine Lake Estates Section 1
 -Jose Mardunqueo Manuel to Julio Manuel Diego- 0.73 Acres Piney Grove
 -Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Rogers, Townsend, & Thomas PC/AIF to Megan Reeds, Patrick Reeds- One Acre Mingo
 -Carroll Odean Fields, Rhonda Fields, Hettie Larue McConnell, Billie Fields Pass, Samuel D Pass to Lela Joyce Fields- 3 Tracts Newton Grove
 -Justin Mulholland, Lindsey Mulholland to Allen Warren Shepard, Darcey Nicole Shepard- Lot 1 0.66 Acres Roy V Tew III Subdivision
 -Comfort Homes Inc to Tammy H Lacy- Lot 19 Phase 2 Hudson Farms Subdivision
 -Matthew Paul Andrasko, Brittany Lynn Rackley, Gregory Scott Rackley to Teresa B Smith- 1.01 Acres
 -Frances Harris Royal Estate, Frances Harris Royal, Jackson Wade Royal, Patrick Harris Royal, Sherrye Lee Royal, Sherrye Lee Royal/EXR to Jorval Properties Inc - 1.07 Acres Tract 1
 -HBH Construction Company LLC, H Brewer Honeycutt/MGR, Hillary B Honeycutt/MGR to Deborah E Raynor- Lot 29 Stagecoach Estates Section Two Little Coharie
 -Linda Rouse Murphy, Thurman Morris Murphy to William Kenneth Sutton, Michael Wayne Thornton- Lot31 of Country Club Acres Subdivision Second Section w/ exceptions
 -Harold L Hope to Jessica Lynn Hope Brinson- 1.42 Acres Taylors Bridge
 -Harold L Hope to Bonnie Hope Williams- 2 Tracts Taylors Bridge

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OBITUARIES

DUNN

Mr. Milton Bass, 80, of Dunn died Saturday morning February 23, 2019 at Rex Hospital. He was born in Sampson County on October 21, 1938 to the late Allen and Virginia Jackson Bass. He was preceded in death by his wife, Brenda Bass, five brothers, Percy, Ellis, Merless, Bernice and Tilton Bass, and a sister, Hazel B. Tyndall. Milton worked with Dunn Coca-Cola and Bottling Company as a route driver and route supervisor for seventeen years. He then went to work for Lundy Packing Co. in Clinton as a long-distance truck driver for twenty years. Milton was a retired volunteer fire fighter for Spivey's Corner Fire Dept. for over twenty years. He attended Robert's Grove OFWB Church for many years and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Dunn. A funeral service was held Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church by Dr. Len Keever and Dr. Ricky Warren. Burial followed in Robert's Grove Church Cemetery. He is survived by two daughters, Regina Johnson of Dunn, Suzette Smith and husband Donald of Dunn, a son, Mike Sills and wife Annette of Dunn, six grandchildren; Katie McPhail, Parrish and Hayden Smith, Lindsay Moore, Lauren Greene, Sara Katherine Sills, four great grandchildren, Kinsley Moore, John Luke, Noah and Madelyn Greene. The family received friends Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home and other time at his home, 161 Plain View Hwy, Dunn NC 28334. Memorials may be made to Robert's Grove OFWB Church, 725 Roberts Grove Rd, Dunn, NC 28334 or to the First Baptist Church, 309 W. Broad St. Dunn, NC 28334.



CLINTON

Maryland Phillips Beard 80 of 207 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. passed away on Friday, February 22, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center in Clinton. Home going service was held at 2:00 on Thursday, February 28, 2019 at Andrews Chapel Baptist Church, 2541 Reedsford Rd, Clinton with Elder Gerald Underwood officiating, burial followed in the church cemetery. She leaves to cherish her memory: brothers: Samuel L. Phillips (Dorothy), Eddie L. Phillips, Sr. (Mary), Percy Phillips (Brenda) and Morris Phillips. Sisters: Eva Mae Taylor, Lovistin Phillips and Magdalene Tatum. Five children: Gloria Bennett (Roy), Shirley Phillips-Royal (John), Judy Beard, George Beard and Ernest Beard. Four Grandchildren: Roy Bennett Jr. (YoLanda), LaToya Price (Kenyatte), Anita Phillips and Cory Bennett, Twelve Great-Grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, friends and other relatives. A special friends Eddie Stillman. A public walk thru will be held on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Service, 1246 Hobpton Hwy. from 2:00pm - 6:00pm with the family present from 5:00pm - 6:00pm.



CLINTON

On the evening of February 19, 2019 at Presbyterian Hospital of Charlotte, NC, George Thomas Bennett, formerly of Clinton, NC was called home to be with the Lord. George was born in Sampson County on March 24th, 1948 to the late Mitchel & Savannah Bennett, as the 8th son in a line of 11 boys and 1 girl. He was a 1966 graduate of Charles E. Perry High School. On July 10, 1966 he married the beautiful lady with the hazel eyes, Peggy Ann Beckwith, who preceded him in death 25 years ago. A man of many trades, George's known professions were truck driver and farmer. George is survived by his 3 daughters Elder

Peggy Renee' Goodman of Smithfield NC, Lisch LaChelle Terrell of Goldsboro NC, and Macie Savannah Bennett of Charlotte NC, mother in law Macie Carter of Brunswick NJ, 5 brothers, 1 sister, 8 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Memorial Services Saturday 3/2/19 at 12 noon Butler & Son Funeral Services, Clinton, N.C.

NEW BERN

Mrs. Linda Gray Spell Britt, 76, of 108 Gibbs Rd. New Bern, NC (formerly of Clinton, NC), went home to be with the Lord on Friday, February 22nd, 2019 at Grantsbrook Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Grantsboro, NC. Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 27th, at 3:00PM in the Chapel of Royal-Hall Funeral Home, 301 McKoy St. Clinton, NC, with Rev. Matthew Barefoot officiating. Burial followed in the Spell-Tyndall Grove Cemetery. Born on December 6th, 1942 in Sampson County, Linda was the daughter of the late Murphy and Louise Simmons Spell. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend to all those lives she touched. Linda was a member of Pleasant Acres Freewill Baptist Church of New Bern for many years as well as Tabernacle Baptist Church, which she attended while her health permitted. Linda is survived by the love of her life for 56 years, Harry Shore Britt, Jr.; son, Larry Thomas Britt of New Bern; daughter, Cathy Britt Mills and husband, Kenny, of Vanceboro; granddaughter, Taylor Anne Mills of Vanceboro; two brothers, Homer Spell and wife, Ilene, of Clinton and Jimmy Spell and wife, Louise, of Clinton; sister, Vivian Spell Smith of Wallace. In addition to her parents, Linda was preceded in death by her brother, Wayne Spell, and sister, Greta Knowles. The family received friends Wednesday afternoon prior to the service beginning at 2:00PM in the Chapel of Royal-Hall Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org or by mail 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Britt and Spell families.



CLINTON

Clyde Franklin Honeycutt, 75, of 707 Northwest Blvd, passed away Friday, February 22, 2019 at his home. A memorial service was held at 7 PM, Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at Immanuel Baptist Church with the Rev. Tim Ameen officiating. The family received friends at the church from 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM, just prior to the service and at other times at the home of Randy and Anita H. Lane. Clyde, born in 1943 in Harnett County, was the son of the late Wilmer Smith Honeycutt and Emma Lunet Lockamy Honeycutt. He was a general contractor for 44 years. He was a charter member of Immanuel Baptist Church, and has been a member of Hiram Lodge #98 since 1996. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his first wife, Linda Faye Honeycutt, son, Gary Franklin Honeycutt, and sister, Joann Honeycutt. Survivors include; wife, Nona Tippet-Honeycutt of the home; daughter, Anita Lane and husband Randy; grandchildren, Jonathan Lane and wife Sarah, Justin Lane and wife Rachel. Children, Summer Tippet-Myers and husband Jamie, Daniel Tippet and wife Lindsay; Luna Myers, Charlotte Myers, and Lila Tippet; great-grandchildren, Kenner Lane and Wiley Lane; sister Linda Coats and husband Winston;



brother Donel Honeycutt and Wanda; nephew, Dustin Honeycutt and wife Jaclyn, niece Amber Honeycutt and Cristy Barns and husband Scottie. The family will have a celebration of Clyde's life at the home of Randy and Anita Lane on Saturday, March 2, 2019 from 2-6 PM. There will be food, music, and story-telling. We hope you will join us and bring your favorite Clyde story! In the event of rain, we will meet together at Grove Park Baptist Church at 609 NE Blvd, Clinton, NC 28328. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Immanuel Baptist Church, 1017 Sunset Ave., Clinton, NC 28328. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com. Arrangements are by Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville Street, Clinton, NC 28328.

SALEMBURG, NC

Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Guy Faircloth, 63 of Salemburg, passed away Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at her home. The funeral service was held at 2:00pm Sunday, February 24, at Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, with Rev. Ronald Davis and Rev. Bryan Strickland officiating. Burial followed at Memorial Park, Dunn. The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00pm Saturday evening at Butler Funeral Home. She was born September 17, 1955 in Harnett County to James and Elizabeth Tew Guy. She was preceded in death by her parents; and brother, Buddy Guy. She was a homemaker. She is survived by her husband, Roger Faircloth; children, Carl Robinson (Shannon) of Salemburg, Valerie Wright of Fayetteville, Brandon Bowers (Kendra) of Fairborn, Ohio; step children, Nicholas Faircloth of Clinton, Matthew Faircloth (Kim) of Dunn; and grandchildren, Taylor Averitte, Walter Robinson, Gregory Robinson, Benn Wright, Jacob Bowers. Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro is serving the family.



CLINTON

Delmonte Herring 58 of 117 Tarheel Drive passed away on Friday, February 22, 2019. Home Going service was held at 2:00pm on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Chapel, 1246 Hobpton Hwy. Clinton, burial followed in the Sandhill Cemetery. He is survived by his loving, devoted wife of 22 years: Velma Herring of Clinton, daughter: Lashaundra Miller of Clinton, son: Louis Jones (Christy) of Roseboro, NC, three grandchildren: Nelexus Jones of Harrells, NC, Daiyona Miller and Donte Singleton (DJ) of Clinton, NC, uncle: Philmore Herring (Rosa Mae) of Roseboro, NC, sister-in-law: Ida Jones (Jimmy) of Clinton, NC nieces: Jacqueline Jones Williams (Brian) of Clinton, NC and Lisa Jones of Clinton, NC, great-nieces: Tiondra Jones of Clinton, NC Aaliyah Moore of Clinton, NC, great-nephews: Osharmaine Jones of Clinton, NC and Jaelyn Browne also of Clinton, NC, Special cousins: Doreen Herring of Fuquay-Varina, NC, Beverly Watson of Union, NJ, A special (four legged) grandson: Rocky Balboa. A public walk thru was held on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Service & Cremation, 1246Hobpton Hwy. Clinton from 2:00pm - 6:00pm with family present from 5:00pm - 6:00pm.



STEDMAN

Mr. Donald Woodrow Johnson, 75 passed away Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill. A graveside service will be held at 11:00am Friday, March 1, 2019 at Cumberland Memorial Gardens in Fayetteville, officiating will be Pastor David Bays. He is preceded in death by his parents, Alton McKoy Johnson and Elma Boone Johnson; son, Derran Johnson; brothers, Mack and Carl Johnson; and a sister, Diane Johnson. He is survived by his wife, Doris Johnson; daughters, Angi Bowen & husband, Charles, Manuela Hayes & husband, Jeff and Marie Jackson & husband, Alan; 5 grandchildren, Brandon, Blake and Brooke Bowen, Jeffery Hayes, Jr. and Maddie Johnson; 3 great grandchildren; brother, Rudolph Johnson and sister, Joan Price. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 6535 Clinton Road, Stedman.



CLINTON

Mrs. Antionette "Peter Pan" Diane Maynor 66 of 440 Sasser Lane, Clinton, NC died Saturday, February 23, 2019 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington, NC. Funeral service will be held at 1:00 P.M. Saturday, March 02, 2019 at Hayes Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the Maynor Cemetery. Mrs. Maynor is survived by two daughters, Chantel R, Maynor of Turkey, Martia Mathis of Greensboro, one son Danniell Maynor of Clinton, mother, rosie Cowan Herring and father Philmore Herring, one brother David Lee Herring (Debra) of Roseboro, one sister, Phyllis Britt of Charleston, SC, 4 grandchildren, Antwon Maynor, Daniel Maynor, Bradden Ingram, Aniyah Ingram. 3 great-grandchildren, JaMiyrah Underwood, Kamari Maynor, Zymere Maynor. The public will be received on Friday, March 01, 2019 from 1:00 P.M.-6:00P.M., with family present from 5:00P.M.-6:00P.M.



BENSON

Mr. Wayne Gardner Parker, 70, of Benson, passed away on Sunday, February 24, 2019. A graveside service was held on Wednesday, February 27, 2019, at 11:00 am at Hoods Grove Baptist Church Cemetery Newton Grove, NC. Officiating the service was Rev. Bill West. Survivors of Mr. Parker include daughters; Angela and Robbie Price of Benson, Sheila and Bob Ferguson of BunnLevel, six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, sisters; Jeanne Hayes of Benson, Brenda and Harold Dean of Broadway, Connie and Travis Lassiter of Four Oaks, brother; James E. Parker of Benson. Mr. Parker is preceded in death by parents; Edward and Jean Parker. Condolences may be made at www.westanddunn.com. Services have been entrusted to West & Dunn Funeral Home of Benson, North Carolina.



ROSEBORO

Surrounded by her family, Mrs Betty Jewel Tew Porter went home to be with her heavenly father on Monday, February 25, 2019. A funeral service was held Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 3:00 pm at the Hollands Chapel Church Family Life Center. Officiating was Rev. Billy Hall and Rev. Michael Oliver. Mrs Porter was born in 1934 in Sampson County to the late Owen Dallas and Bettie Jane Wrench Tew. She was preceded in death by her husband Bobby Ray Porter and daughter, Dina Porter Fann. She was also preceded in death by her brothers



Carlton and Charles Tew and sisters, Estaline Bass and Reavis Tew. Mrs. Porter is survived by her daughters Malia P. Hollingsworth, and husband Billy and Kaye P. Heinz and husband Dan, both of Salemburg; five grandchildren, Gina H. Autry and husband Max; Daniel Ivan Heinz and wife Melissa, Brynn Porter Fann, Allyson Jewel Heinz, and Anna Kathleen Heinz. She is also survived by three great grandchildren; Hollin Blake Autry, Lia Gracyn Autry, and Cole Porter Autry. Prior to her retirement Mrs. Porter worked as a Teacher's Assistant of the Exceptional Children's Class at Lakewood High School. She also worked as a substitute teacher for Sampson County Schools. She was a faithful and dedicated member of Hollands Chapel Pentecostal Holiness Church. The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to Dr. Tommy Newton, and 3HC staff; Natalie Oliver, Brooke Tedder, Daisy Alexander, Gwen Pope, Yvette Williams, and Videshia Royal; as well as her special volunteer, Mary Herring Lee; for their compassion and care shown to their Momma and Ma-Ma Betty. Mrs. Porter expressed her love for her family and friends through the many birthday cakes, goodies and Sunday lunches she provided. She loved her grandchildren and great grandchildren with all her might and always made sure they had a treat when they came to see her. The family received friends from 6:00pm to 8:00pm Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at the funeral home. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.

CLINTON

Mrs. Mary Vivian Spell Smith, 83 of 2280 Peterson Rd., went home to be with the Lord Tuesday evening, February 26, 2019 at Dayspring of Wallace, with her loving family by her side. Funeral services will be held Saturday, March 2nd at 3:00PM at Spirit of Life Church of God, 180 Overland Rd., Clinton, with Rev. Darian Parker and Rev. Matthew Barefoot officiating. Burial will follow in the Spell Tyndall-Grove Cemetery. Born on June 27th, 1935 in Sampson County, Mary-Vivian was the daughter of the late Murphy and Mary Louise Simmons Spell and the widow of James Leon Smith. She was a retired housekeeper for Clinton Medical Clinic and Taylors Bridge Fire Department and a member of Spirit of Life Church. She enjoyed gardening, serving her church, and adored her family, especially her granddaughters and great-grandchildren. Mrs. Mary-Vivian is survived by her daughter, Betty Smith Mathis and husband, Ronnie of Clinton; three granddaughters: Betty Ann Strother (Neil); Rhonda Lynn Cannady (Eddie); Mary Elizabeth Barefoot (Matthew); and six great-grandchildren: Summerlyn, Kelly, Joshua & Caleb Cannady and Nella & Auden Barefoot; and two brothers: Homer Spell and wife, Ilene; and Jimmy Spell and wife, Louise, also of Clinton. In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by her brother, Wayne Spell and her sisters: Greta Knowles and Linda Spell Britt. Visitation with family and friends will be held immediately prior to the service on Saturday afternoon, beginning at 2:00. The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to the staff of Dayspring of Wallace for their kindness and compassion shown during her stay there. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Spell-Smith families.



HERRING

Sara Celestial Warren, 102, of the Herring community, went to be with the Lord on Monday February 25, 2019. A funeral service will be held at 11 AM, Friday, March 1, at Hickory Grove Baptist Church with Rev. Matthew Creech and Rev. W. H. Calcutt officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6 PM - 8 PM, Thursday, February 28, at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home. Sara, born in 1916, was the daughter of the late Grady Griffon Tart and Mary Azubah Gainey Tart. Her primary legacy is that in her 81 years at Hickory Grove Baptist Church, she taught and guided generations of young people. She loved her church, her family, her community and her flower and vegetable gardens. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, James L. Warren. Survivors include daughters, Jane Warren King (Ed) of Clarksville, VA and Jill Warren Godwin of Chapel Hill and special grandchild, Mary Page of Clement, NC. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Sampson Community College Foundation, PO Box 318, Clinton, NC 28329, on line at sampsoncc.edu or NC Baptist Cameron Boys and Girls Programs in care of Hickory Grove Baptist Church, 11341 N US 421 Hwy, Clinton, NC 28328. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com. Arrangements are by Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville St., Clinton, NC 28328.



STEDMAN

Mr. William "Buck" Edwin Campbell, Jr., 66 passed away Sunday, February 24, 2019 at Rex Healthcare in Raleigh. Funeral services will be held at 2:00pm Saturday, March 2, 2019 at Temple Baptist Church, officiating will be Dr. Kelly Bullard. Burial will follow at Old Bluff Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Wade. The family will receive friends from 12:00pm to 1:45pm Saturday at the church prior to the service. He is preceded in death by his parents, William Edwin Campbell, Sr. and Daisy Lee Campbell. He was owner of Buck's Farrier Service. He is survived by his daughters, Kira Taylor & husband, Kyle and Brandi Campbell; and 2 grandchildren, Wesley and Madilynn Taylor. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 6535 Clinton Road, Stedman.

CLINTON

Gary Holland Davis, 68, of 3080 Union School Road, passed away Thursday, February 21, 2019 at Duke Raleigh Hospital. Funeral service was held at 3 PM, Monday, February 25, 2019 at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church with the Rev. Matthew Burris and Rev. Preston Burris officiating. Interment with military honors will follow in the Matthis Family cemetery. The family will receive friends from 4 PM to 6 PM, Sunday, February 24, 2019 at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home and at other times at the home. Gary, born in 1950 in Sampson County, was the son of the late Bethel Holland Davis and Sudie Olivia Matthis Davis. He was a Civil Engineer with the USDA Rural Development, a US Navy Veteran and attended Mt. Gilead Baptist Church. Survivors include; wife of thirty-nine years, Rhonda Ann Stowers Davis; sons, Marshall Owen Davis, Charles Bryan Davis and Wesley Allen Davis (Kristen); grandchild, Owen Cole Davis; and sisters, Priscilla Jane Davis Cochrane and Olivia Beth Eisler. Memorials may be made to the Arthritis Foundation, 1355 Peachtree Street, NE, Suite 600, Atlanta, GA 30309. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com. Arrangements are by Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville St., Clinton, NC 28328.

CLINTON

Brenda Spell Dunn 57 of 120 Southwood Drive passed away on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at Mary Gran Nursing Center in Clinton. Funeral Service was held at 6:00 pm on Saturday, February 23, 2019 at Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Chapel, 1246 Hobpton Hwy. Clinton, burial will be held privately. Brenda leaves to cherish her memories: Children: Amanda Jane Dunn, James Everette Dunn, of Burlington, NC, Billy Joe Dunn, Sisters: Glenda Spell, Stephanie Chavis and Alyia Lamb all of Roseboro, NC, Brother and sister-in-law: Leslie Everette and Renae Spell and family of Clinton, NC Grandchildren: Sean Lee Honeycutt, Madison Faye Boland, Lauren Patrice Boland, Kayden Robert Boland, Logan Eugene Boland, David Hance Brown, Zoe Aldeline Brown, James Everette Dunn Jr., William Casey Dunn and Alyia Lamb. The Family will receive friends following the service.

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SPEED FREAKS

A few questions we had to ask ourselves

Are we any smarter now than we were before Daytona Speedweeks?

GODSPEAK: Ask me on March 18 after they get done with the Wild West Tour — Las Vegas, Phoenix and California.

KEN'S CALL: I'm not. Hopefully after this week we'll have a better feel for things.

Kyle Busch is now at 195 combined wins. When does he reach 201?

GODSPEAK: I'm going to put my chip on before the Cup Series returns to Daytona in July. Spin the wheel.

KEN'S CALL: Something tells me Memorial Day Weekend at Charlotte, probably in the 600.

FEUD OF THE WEEK

MARTIN TRUOX JR. VS. RICKY STENHOUSE JR.:

Stenhouse was a lap down in the closing laps and blocked Truex, who was racing for the win against Brad Keselowski. Truex finished a close second.

GODWIN KELLY'S TAKE: I feel the Truex pain here. Lapped cars should be more respectful. "It completely killed us for 25, 30 laps to the point my front tires were gone once I finally got by him," Truex said.

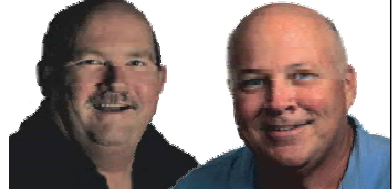
GODWIN'S PICKS FOR LAS VEGAS

WINNER: Joey Logano
REST OF TOP 5: Kyle Busch, Chase Elliott, Kevin Harvick, Clint Bowyer
FIRST ONE OUT: Ty Dillon
DARK HORSE: Chris Buescher
DON'T BE SURPRISED IF: Logano wins in some sort of bizarre, late-race scenario.

MOTOR MOUTHS PODCAST

Two races down, 34 to go. The Pod is just getting warmed up.

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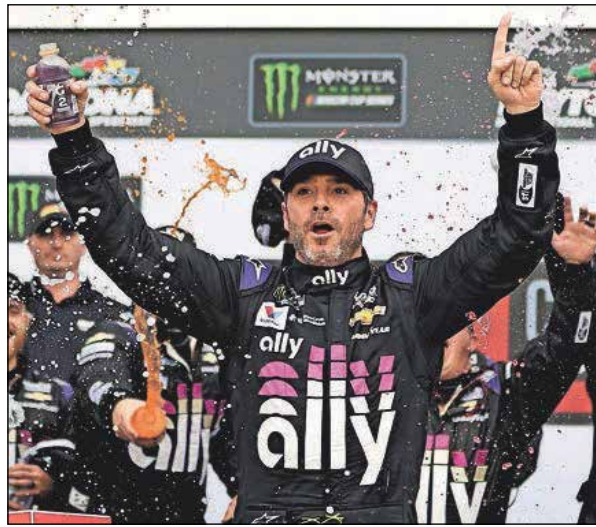


LAS VEGAS

THREE THINGS TO WATCH

1. JJ's Funky Town

Jimmie Johnson is in a funk. Yes, the 43-year-old driver did win the Daytona Clash, but he hasn't won a points race since 2017. He was 24th at Atlanta. The good news for Johnson is that the Cup Series is going to one of his favorite tracks, Las Vegas, where he stands as the all-time winner with four career triumphs. Nevada's "Sin City" may hold the cure for what ails the seven-time NASCAR champ.



Jimmie Johnson hopes to find Victory Lane soon and put the brakes on his losing streak. [AP/JOHN RAOUX]

2. Real test

Before Cup Series drivers ever set foot in Atlanta for Sunday's race, they said the 1.54-mile course would not be a good indicator of the new aero/body package. Most said Las Vegas, which has a much smoother surface, would provide a true tell. "There is no track that we go to anymore that is as

slick as this and as hard on tires," Clint Bowyer said of Atlanta. "It will be interesting to see what Las Vegas brings."

3. Pit-road madness

Two races and two weird pit-road incidents, which begs the question: Is this a trend? At Atlanta, BJ McLeod seemed to get lost on pit road. His

No. 52 Chevy came to a virtual dead stop four pit boxes from where he was supposed to get service. He got hammered by Ryan Preece in the No. 47 Chevy. "I looked up, he was coming in the pits," Preece said. "So, it's a mistake. What are you going to do? It's just unfortunate."

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ATLANTA

THREE THINGS WE LEARNED

1. Sick win

Brad Keselowski had the stomach flu so bad, he needed two bags of IV fluids for relief. Despite being under the weather, "Kez" won at Atlanta while symbolically fading in the closing laps. He is now car owner Roger Penske's all-time win leader with 60, surpassing Mark Donohue.



Brad Keselowski drives into Victory Lane after winning at Atlanta. [AP/JOHN AMIS]

2. New package

There was no revolt by NASCAR drivers over the new aero/body package that debuted at Atlanta. "I don't think there was any more passing, I don't think there was any less passing," driver Erik Jones said.

"I think it was kind of the same. It's just different."

3. Trucking

Kyle Busch pushed his way to the top of the NASCAR Truck Series all-time win list. He now has 52 career wins

after his triumph at Atlanta. "It means a lot," Busch said. "It's a big deal for me and a big deal for this team." He holds the same title in NASCAR Xfinity.

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QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers

Is Kez truly the new king of Penske Mountain?

Statistically speaking, you have to give it to him. His 60th win for Team Penske came at Atlanta. He's up to 27 Cup wins and 33 Xfinity wins in Roger Penske's equipment. That puts him one ahead of Mark Donohue, who first teamed with Penske in the 1960s and won races across a very broad spectrum of the sport, including late-'60s domination of Trans Am in their acid-dipped Camaro. That's right, acid-dipped.

Why acid-dipped?

Penske and Donohue were a lethal combination when it came to setting up a race car. As a topper, Donohue was a fabulous all-around racer. When they learned they could soak the pieces of their Camaro in acid and make unnecessary ounces of weight disappear all over, they had the fastest car on the circuit. It was dubbed "The Unfair Advantage," which turned out to be the title of Donohue's 1974 autobiography. It's a great read for gear-heads of all ages.

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

NASCAR CUP STANDINGS

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WHAT'S ON TAP

CUP SERIES: Pennzoil 400
SITE: Las Vegas Motor Speedway (1.5-mile quad-oval)

SCHEDULE: Friday, practice (Fox Sports 1, 3 p.m.), qualifying (Fox Sports 1, 7:30 p.m.). Saturday, practice (Fox Sports 1, 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.). Sunday, race (Fox, coverage begins at 3 p.m., racing at 3:30 p.m.)

XFINITY: Boyd Gaming 300

SITE: Las Vegas Motor Speedway
SCHEDULE: Friday, practice (Fox Sports 1, 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.). Saturday, qualifying (Fox Sports 1, 12:30 p.m.), race (Fox Sports 1, 4 p.m.)

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SITE: Las Vegas Motor Speedway
TV SCHEDULE: Friday, qualifying (Fox Sports 1, 5 p.m.), race (Fox Sports 1, 9 p.m.)



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