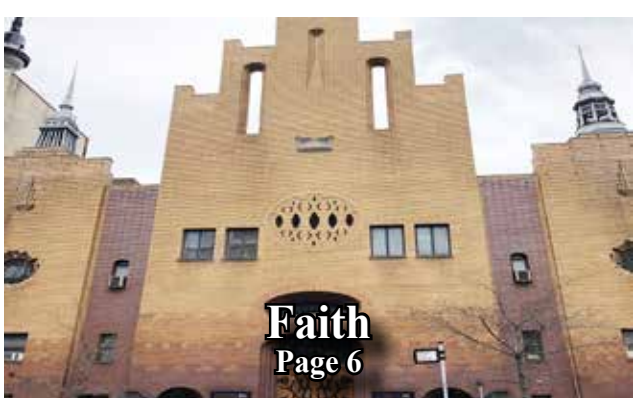




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Sampson Regional Prepares for Coronavirus



Beaman Street entrance at SRMC will be temporarily closed off to the public

Hospital leaders have worked rapidly during the last three weeks to prepare Sampson Regional in the case of a COVID-19 outbreak. Among the many precautionary measures, the hospital has expanded its visitation restriction, previously put in place for flu season, and will begin screening all visitors, effective Monday, March 16, 2020. Temporarily, the only visitor entrance into the hospital will be through the Emergency Room & Outpatient Entrance, accessed by Cooper Drive. The entrance on Beaman Street will be closed to the public. Visitors can expect to be screened before gaining access to any area of the hospital.

As of Thursday, March 12, 2020, hospital leaders do not report any confirmed cases of COVID-19; however, the visitor restrictions and screening process [SRMC, see P. 4](#)

Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War



The Vet Center will conduct a Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War at the Sampson County Exposition Center on Wednesday, March 18th, at 1:00 p.m. The location will be at 414 Warsaw Road, Clinton, NC 28328. Refresh-

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Lakewood High School Receives Bomb Threat



On Thursday at approximately 12:37pm, Lakewood High School received a Bomb Threat. According to Principal John Goode, "A message was left on the voicemail of an office phone at Lakewood High School in which the caller stated there was a bomb in the building. No other information was given."

Goode continued, "The message was received by staff at 12:39pm, and we immediately implemented critical incident procedures and evacuated all students and staff from the building. Law enforcement was also notified. All students and staff were out of the building in less than two minutes."

Deputies from the Sampson County and Cumberland County Sheriff's Departments responded, in addition to Sampson County Fire and EMS. At 2:21pm, the building was confirmed by law enforcement to be clear, and all students and staff returned to the building.

According to Principal Goode, "During this threat, our first concern was- and always will be - on the safety and well-being of our students. For that reason, we concentrated on securing our students in a safe location and clearing the building rather than making a public notification while the event was still in progress." Goode went on to thank the parents, students and staff of Lakewood High, "We appreciate your patience, understanding, and cooperation during this time."

According to Lt. Marcus Smith with the Sampson County Sheriff's Office, "Deputies responded to a reported bomb threat at Lakewood High School sometime after lunch, today. It was learned through the investigation that a phone call came into the school by an unknown person stating a bomb was inside the building. Students were immediately evacuated, and emergency personnel responded to investigate. A bomb canine from Cumberland county responded and rendered the school safe and students returned to class. An investigation is on-going at this time and no further details are available."

WEEKLY VERSE

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.
1 John 5:14

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North Carolina Coronavirus Status Update

As the outbreak of the coronavirus continues globally, here are the latest updates on the virus and information concerning how to receive assistance if necessary.

State of Emergency Declared by Governor Cooper:

Gov. Cooper declared a state of emergency this afternoon as our state continues to deal with the coronavirus.

The state now has 7 people who have tested positive for COVID-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus.

All of the patients are in isolation while officials identify their close contacts.

All UNC hospitals will set up triage tents outside their facilities where people can come and be screened for COVID-19. On its website, UNC Health Care advises people who have symptoms and have reason to believe they have been exposed to the virus to call UNC's COVID-19 helpline at 1-888-850-2684.

The triage centers will allow health care workers to determine which patients can be sent home and which ones need to be hospitalized. The measure is designed to prevent hospitals from being overwhelmed if the spread of illness accelerates.

Coronavirus is primarily a respiratory disease, with symptoms similar to seasonal flu. According to the CDC, symptoms of coronavirus include fever, cough, and shortness of breath.

People with questions or concerns about COVID-19 can call the state's phone line at 866-462-3821.

Latest Coronavirus Update:

Five more people in Wake County have tested presumptively positive on Tuesday for coronavirus (COVID-19). According to a press release from NC DHHS. All five traveled to Boston in late February to attend a BioGen conference. Several cases of coronavirus across the country have been traced to attendance at the conference. These cases are not related to the earlier individual in Wake County who tested positive last week. All are reported to be in isolation at their respective homes.

The tests were conducted by the North Carolina State Laboratory of Public Health and are presumptively positive. The tests will be confirmed by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) lab. While awaiting confirmation of results from the CDC, NC DHHS will treat presumptive cases as positive and follow CDC guidelines to protect public health and limit the spread of infection.

Wake County's Public Health Division is already working to identify close contacts. The CDC defines close contact as being within approximately 6 feet of a person with an infection for a prolonged period of time. County health officials will assess risks of exposure and determine which if any additional measures are needed. These include temperature and symptom checks, quarantine and/or testing.

What are coronaviruses?

Coronaviruses are a large group of viruses that can cause illness in animals and humans. Some coronaviruses commonly circulate in the United States and usually

cause upper respiratory symptoms such as cough or runny nose, although some can cause more serious illness. The 2019 novel (new) coronavirus causes the illness coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

What is COVID-19?

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a disease that was identified in Wuhan, China, and is now being spread throughout the world. People are encouraged to take common-sense precautions to prevent the spread of all infectious diseases, including COVID-19.

1. Wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds at a time.
2. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
3. Avoid close contact with people who are ill.
4. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
5. Do not reuse tissue after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose.
6. Clean and disinfect surfaces that are frequently touched.

How does COVID-19 spread?

Coronaviruses like COVID-19 are most often spread through the air by coughing or sneezing, through close personal contact (including touching and shaking hands) or through touching your nose, mouth or eyes before washing your hands. Learn more from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) about how COVID-19 spreads and how to protect yourself and your community from getting and spreading respiratory illnesses.

Exposure and symptoms:

Symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, cough, and shortness of breath.

Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure.

If you think you may have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop symptoms, you may need to seek medical attention. Call your local health department for further guidance. Before going to a health care provider, clinic, hospital or emergency room, call ahead to describe your symptoms and how you may have been exposed to the virus. In the event of an emergency call 9-1-1.

Find out more about current testing options for COVID-19.

Also, please visit <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/> to get the latest information on the Coronavirus

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

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ments will be provided.

The Vet Center would like to recognize and say thank you to the many Vietnam Veterans within the Sampson County area as well as the Vietnam Veterans in the surrounding counties on this important day. Please join us as we honor our Vietnam Veterans and remember their sacrifice.

According to Susan Deckant, Veteran Outreach Program Specialist, “Even though it’s a Vietnam Commemoration Ceremony, thanking Vietnam Veterans for their service, all Veterans are more than welcome to attend as we plan on having various resources and informational tables set up for all Veterans.”

County and State Veteran service officers will be available to answer benefit questions, VA Transitional Care will be available to enroll folks in the VA Health system, the Defense Brain Injury center will be available to answer questions regarding TBIs, the VA Homeless Veterans program will be available, NCServes case managers will be available, the Cohen Veterans Clinic representatives, and many more providers will be present.

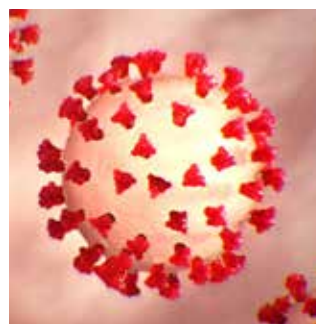
The Vet Center Director will be the keynote speaker, Mr. Edward Clark, and the VA Chaplain, Paul Witt, will give the invocation prayer. The Clinton High School JROTC will post the colors at the beginning of the event per Jon S. Pendell, LTC (Ret), U.S. Army JROTC Senior Army Instructor.

As the Vet Center service areas continues to grow, this center will have even more opportunities to reach out and help Veterans and Active Duty Military as they return home and move to the next phase in life. Our goal is to provide a safe refuge where Active Duty Service Members and Veterans can heal, hope, and dream once again.

The Fayetteville Vet Center is located at 2301 Robeson Street, Suite 103, Fayetteville, NC 28305. The Center is open Monday, 7am to 4:30pm and Tuesday through Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., providing free Readjustment Counseling Services to Active Duty Service Members and Veterans returning home from combat as well as their family members.

For more information about the Vietnam Commemoration Ceremony or Vet Center remote counseling site services, please contact Edward Clark, Director, Fayetteville Vet Center at 910-488-6252 or visit http://www.vetcenter.va.gov/Vet_Center_Services.asp.

North Carolina Recommends New Steps to Protect Against COVID-19



Governor, DHHS urge North Carolinians to follow guidance

RALEIGH: Governor Roy Cooper today announced that North Carolina is taking proactive steps to protect the health and well-being of our state in the face of growing cases of the coronavirus COVID-19 around the nation and here in North Carolina. Included in today’s guidance is a recommendation to cancel or postpone gatherings over 100 people and telework if possible.

“North Carolina has more tough decisions ahead, and we will be ready to make them. We have the benefit of learning from other countries and other states about the best ways to fight this

pandemic,” said Governor Cooper. “We know that if we can slow the spread of this virus now, then fewer people will be infected or become seriously ill. And we can be more effective in avoiding an overload of our medical system. It will save lives.”

North Carolina currently has 15 positive cases reported with more expected.

NC DHHS is making the following recommendations for all North Carolinians to reduce the spread of infection while we are still in an early stage in order to protect lives and avoid strain on our health care system. NC DHHS is making these recommendations for the next 30 days and will re-assess at that point.

1. SYMPTOMATIC PERSONS

If you need medical care and have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or suspect you might have COVID-19, call ahead and tell your health care provider you have or may have COVID-19. This will allow them to take steps to keep other people from getting exposed. NC DHHS recommends that persons experiencing fever and cough should stay at home and not go out until their symptoms have completely resolved.

2. HIGH RISK PERSONS WITHOUT SYMPTOMS

NC DHHS recommends that people at high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 should stay at home to the extent possible to decrease the chance of infection.

People at high risk include people:

Over 65 years of age, or with underlying health conditions including heart disease, lung disease, or diabetes, or with weakened immune systems.

3. CONGREGATE LIVING FACILITIES

NC DHHS recommends that all facilities that serve as residential establishments for high risk persons described above should restrict visitors. Exceptions should include end of life care or other emergent

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are additional steps in protecting the hospital’s patients and healthcare workers. “While we have not seen COVID-19 in our community, we take the threat very seriously, as there are more and more cases reported in our state daily,” said Dr. Shawn Howerton, CEO & CMO for Sampson Regional Medical Center. “We cannot prevent the coronavirus from coming into our community, but we will do our part to support the public health system in slowing the spread of this virus. And, we will act responsibly to protect our patients and staff,” he added.

Visitor restrictions include:

- No children younger than 18
- No person with a fever (determined at visitor screening)
- No person displaying symptoms of respiratory illness (cough, sore throat, shortness of breath), or other contagious illness.
- No person who has traveled internationally within the last 14 days
- No person who has been in close contact with an individual who has COVID-19

“Even healthy people can spread germs,” offered Wanda Holden, RN, Infection Control Coordinator for Sampson Regional Medical Center. Holden reminds visitors how important it is to clean hands frequently, especially after touching high contact surfaces, after using the restroom, and before eating. “It’s always a healthy habit to avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth to reduce the spread of germs,” she explained.

The hospital continues to monitor COVID-19 daily. “This is an evolving situation, and we continue adjusting and responding based on new information,” stated Dr. Howerton. He and his team members are working collaboratively with local agencies related to public health and the physician community to ensure the hospital continues providing safe and quality care amidst the coronavirus. Other precautionary steps include sizing up supplies, equipment, and medications and implementing a temporary travel policy for staff.

Anyone with additional questions regarding COVID-19 can follow Sampson Regional online at www.SampsonRMC.org/COVID-19 or on social media @SampsonRMC.org.

About Sampson Regional Medical Center

Sampson Regional Medical Center (SampsonRMC) is a progressive healthcare facility located in Clinton, NC. SampsonRMC has served the medical needs of the people in Sampson County since 1950. The 146-bed facility offers a full range of medical services—from outpatient surgery, radiology, and nuclear medicine to cardiopulmonary and pediatrics. SampsonRMC provides comprehensive hospital and community-based services that preserve and restore health, provide comfort, and maintain dignity for all who seek care.



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situations determined by the facility to necessitate a visit. If visitation is allowed, the visitor should be screened and restricted if they have a respiratory illness or potential exposure to COVID-19. Facilities are encouraged to implement social distancing measures and perform temperature and respiratory symptom screening of residents and staff. These establishments include settings such as nursing homes, independent and assisted living facilities, correction facilities, and facilities that care for medically vulnerable children.

4. SCHOOLS

We do not recommend pre-emptive school closure at this time but do recommend that schools and childcare centers cancel or reduce large events and gatherings (e.g., assemblies) and field trips, limit inter-school interactions, and consider distance or e-learning in some settings. Students at high risk should implement individual plans for distance or e-learning. School dismissals may be necessary when staff or student absenteeism impacts the ability to remain open. Short-term closures may also be necessary to facilitate public health investigation and/or cleaning if a case is diagnosed in a student or staff member.

5. WORKPLACE

NC DHHS recommends that employers and employees use teleworking technologies to the greatest extent possible, stagger work schedules, and consider canceling non-essential travel. Workplaces should hold larger meetings virtually, to the extent possible. Additionally, employers should arrange the workspace to optimize distance between employees, ideally at least six feet apart. Employers should urge high risk employees to stay home and urge employees to stay home when they are sick and maximize flexibility in sick leave benefits.

6. MASS GATHERINGS, COMMUNITY, AND SOCIAL EVENTS

NC DHHS recommends that organizers of events that draw more than 100 people should cancel, postpone, modify these events or offer online streaming services. These events include large gatherings where people are in close contact (less than 6 feet), for example concerts, conferences, sporting events, faith-based events and other large gatherings.

7. MASS TRANSIT

Mass transit operators should maximize opportunities for cleaning and disinfection of frequently touched surfaces. People should avoid using use mass transit (e.g. buses, trains) while sick.

As the number of cases of COVID-19 rise in North Carolina and the United States, and with the designation of COVID-19 as a pandemic by the World Health Organization, the state is responding with a whole government response. COVID-19 is a new infection that is particularly severe in older persons and those with medical conditions, such as heart disease, lung disease, diabetes, and weakened immune systems.

At this time there are no approved treatments and no vaccine to prevent it. However, there are known methods to reduce and slow the spread of infection. Individuals can practice everyday prevention measures like frequent hand washing, staying home when sick, and covering coughs and sneezes. Community-based interventions can also help slow the spread of COVID-19. This includes measures collectively known as “social distancing.” Social distancing measures aim to reduce the frequency of contact and increase physical distance between persons, thereby reducing the risks of person-to-person transmission. These measures are most effective when implemented early in an epidemic. We are at a critical inflection point where we may have the opportunity to slow the spread of this epidemic by taking proactive steps now.

Because COVID-19 is most commonly spread through respiratory droplets, North Carolinians should take the same measures that health care providers recommend to prevent the spread of the flu and other viruses, including washing your hands, avoiding touching your face, staying home if you are sick and covering coughs and sneezes with your elbow.

It is important to make sure the information you are getting about COVID-19 is coming directly from reliable sources like the CDC and NCDHHS. For more information, please visit the CDC’s website at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus and NCDHHS’ website at www.ncdhhs.gov/coronavirus, which will also include future positive COVID-19 test results in North Carolina.

Going forward, the Department of Health and Human Services will update the count of positive test results daily on online at dhhs.nc/coronavirus.

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We Should Know . . .



Dr. Mason Fuller Smith with J.W. Simmons host of We Should Know

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

The topic for this week’s show is the Boys and Girls Home of North Carolina and the guest is Dr. Mason Fuller Smith, Director of Civic Club Relations for Boys and Girls Home of North Carolina.

Dr. Smith received his undergraduate degree from Campbell University and his Master of Divinity from Duke University. He received his Doctorate from Columbia Theological Seminary. Smith is originally from Columbus County.

JW Simmons says Dr. Smith is well traveled and is known to be a master storyteller. He asks Smith to tell the audience a little about himself and how he ended up back at Lake Waccamaw with the Boys and Girls Home.

“Well the little farming community I grew up in is affectionately Hog Waller. But its just a couple of families right on the county line. Then we moved to Whiteville, so being in Columbus County I really grew up with Boys and Girls Home kids. Some of the kids went to our church, several were involved in a scout troop. But it was kind of one of those experiences where you know about something, but I had no idea the extent of what Boys and Girls Home really meant until I was living ion Raleigh, I was still a student about to have my first kid and was looking for an opportunity. Someone mentioned to me have you thought about Boys and Girls Home. They had just built a chapel. A beautiful, multimillion-dollar facility second only to Duke Chapel.”

“So, I looked into it and I was just beside myself,” adds Smith. “With the amount of services with foster care, with adoptions. The way they were caring for kids. The mission. The heart that they had to provide kids a place and fell in love with it instantly. I served there for several years as the First Chaplin and preformed my first baptism right there in Lake Waccamaw with the fishes and the alligators swimming by.”

Sampson County VITAL STATS

- Deaths**
-Clarice Goodridge
-Cathy Sellars
-Vertie Mae Vann
- Marriage Certificates**
-Zachary Wayne Gersch to Lorette Dawn Watley
-Timothy Jamel McLean to Hilda Yareny Matute Cruz
-Christopher Lee Cornett to Britany Nicole Pate
-Jesus Isaac Cruz Ramirez to Brenda Leticia Garcia Rosales
-Anthony Glen King to Gabrielle Elizabeth Thornton
-James Maxton Knowles to Sydney Melinda Johnson
- Land Transfers**
-Michelle Antoinette Besaw Muzzy, Cory Muzzy to Sabrina N Taylor, Tyrone J Taylor- Lot 49 of Roseboro Builder Inc Pine Lake Estates Section Iv Little Coharie
-Jerome A Herring to DOT- Lot Sampson
-Albert Gene Holmes, Jane Elizabeth Holmes, Brenda G Jackson, Kenneth Ray Jackson to Billy Glenn Jackson- 1.0 Acre Newton Grove
-Bobby Raynor McDaniel, Carol Avery McDaniel to Maria Consuelo McDaniel, William Nelson McDaniel- 2.17 Acres South Clinton
-James B Darden IV/MBR, Jeffrey Todd Johnson/MBR, Main Property Group LLC to Anne Bryan Faircloth- 0.34 Acres South Clinton
-James Lee Buchanan to Parsell Murphy, Sebrena Murphy- 0.63 Acres Little Coharie
-Donnie Mack Autry, Dora Autry, Jackie Wayne Autry, Martha Faye Jennings to Donnie Mack Autry- Lots 2 and 3A 13.35 Acres Little Coharie
-C Earl Smith, Dianne P Smith, Aubrey Andrew Wood Jr, Pennie P Wood to Joseph A Warren Jr, Linda B Warren- Lot Honeycutt
-Charles E Reihl, Vickie G Reihl to Mintz Baptist Church of Roseboro NC- Tract 6B 0.29 Acres McDaniels
-A&G Residential LLC, David Wells Alderman IV/MGR to David Wayne Mitchell- Lot 37 Stagecoach Estates
-Ashleigh Reed Bowden/By TR, David Allen Bowden, David Allen Bowden/TR to Melissa Ann Turner Faircloth, Sammy Lee Faircloth- Lot 1 Halls
-Ruby J Butler to Ruby J Butler, Eric Jackson- 3 Tracts w/exceptions
-Sylvester Caldwell to Juan Cornejo Juanchi, Lillian Nayrobi Morales Garcia- Lot North Clinton
-Marjorie Lynn Greenlee, Marjorie Lynn Greenlee/EXR, Jean Carter McLeod Estate to Ada Lynn Sessoms, Gregory L Sessoms- 2 Tracts Little Coharie
-Veronica Hollingsworth Boulware to Randolph S Hollingsworth- Lot 5 1.00 Acre Franklin
-Cathy Grooms Bain, Daniel Carroll Bain to Jose Alberto Lozano- 2 Tracts Little Coharie
-James Prentice Williams to Gina Harris Williams, Prentice Scott Williams- 20 Acres w/ exceptions Dismal
-James Prentice Williams to Rhonda Williams Sumner- 1.01 Acres Dismal
-Jim Warren Mobile Homes Inc, T&W Development DBA, Thornton Logging Company to Francisco Vanegas- Lot 21 0.57 Acres Hillside Landing Subdivision Little Coharie
-Albertelli Law/AIF, Fannie Mae/by AIF, Federal National Mortgage Association/AKA to Clifford J Weaver III- 4.50 Acres
-Franklin Eugene Brown/AIF, Wilbert Eugene Brown/By AIF to Christopher Kyle Brown, Ashton Brooke Odum- 2.31 Acres Little Coharie
-Dorothy Sutton to David Leon Sutton, Mark James Sutton- 161.5 Acres Taylors Bridge
-Beverly Peterson Golder, Paul A Golder, Anthony Peterson, Charlene Peterson, Bernadette Peterson Reid to Danniell Barbour- One Acre Lisbon
-Kenneth Logan Pate to Chifford L Pate, Edna K Pate, Melody Pate- 29.14 Acres Hall
-DMB Partners LLC, Karen T Sutton/MGR to Ryan L Rutherford, Tanya L Rutherford- Lot 105 Timberlake Subdivision Section Sixteen 0.62 Acres
-Benjamin F Holden/MBR/MGR, Holden Farms LLC to Simpson Farms LLC- 63.7 Acres Little Coharie
-George Brent Jackson, Shelda Renee Jackson to Thomas Stewart
-Marie Ann McKoy Fryar to Kimberly Nicole Black, Jimmy Christopher Fryar, John Hampton Fryar, Joseph Tyrone Fryar, Karen Marie Fryar, Marie Ann McKoy Fryar, Theersa Ann Wells- 4 Tracts
-Covington & Shaw LLC, Terrace Miller/MGR to Shirley Marie Jones- Lot 10

“But life moved me away from there travelling internationally serving other agencies and ministries. But I think something about the need the kids faced and the way Boys and Girls Home was approaching that need and the believe that every kid deserves to be loved; that every kid deserves an opportunity. That gets into your DNA. It really changed me as a person and the way I see children and the opportunity to care for children. So, I always wanted to come back. I always wanted some avenue to come back, but it never panned out until Gary Green who was doing what I’m doing now retired.”

“I kept hearing Gary’s going to retire soon, but no body can replace him. And so, when he finally did, and this opportunity presented itself I called President Gary Faircloth at Boys and Girls Home and he said now who are you. And I said nobody. And so, that was the open door for me to come back and was really trilled to do so. And to be doing what I’m doing now, which is essentially just telling their story. Their story is worth hearing and they deserve to have it told.”
“So, I travel all over the state. I talk to civic clubs mostly and other organizations and churches and just try to tell what going on in the lives of the children today.”

Next, Simmons says that Smith is a good fit for his position and then he states the vision of Boys and Girls Home, “To be a leading human services provider, addressing the ever-changing needs of children and families, led by people of excellence and compassion.”

He asks Smith to discuss the 140-acre campus at Lake Waccamaw and the children who are there. Simmons says that a large space of land, but Simmons says there is a lot going on there.

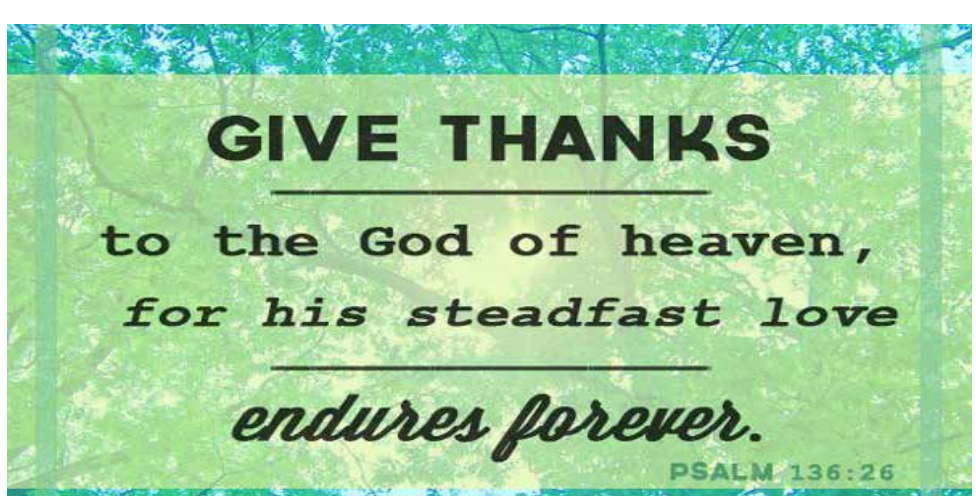
“There is,” agrees Smith. “One of our sayings is that beauty is a silent teacher and you couldn’t ask for a more beautiful place than Lake Waccamaw. Lake Waccamaw is the largest natural lake from Florida to Maine. It’s got such a diversity of life and our campus sits in a pecan grove. It’s actually one of the largest pecan orchards in the state. At one time we had hundreds and hundreds of trees. We’ve lost many of them over the years and we’re in a replanting process. But that beauty of the orchard, the lake right there next door to us, the way we manicure and keep the place; it creates a different mindset for the kids. They’ve gone from some place that may be very dirty, very ugly, very hard, to a place that’s soft and beautiful and full of life and growth and it has an effect on those kids.”

“Our campus is sort of divided by Sam Potts Highway, and so the residential side we have our nine cottages set up kind of like a little village and at the top of the hill is the chapel. Across the corner is Thomas Academy which is our North Carolina State Charter School that gives kids an opportunity to learn, but also a vocational education. We’re using that space to teach them culinary arts, woodworking, wielding, auto mechanics. And across the highway is the farm. That’s a working horse farm. We have the enormous Benton Arena where we have horse shows every weekend. Rodeos. Kids have the opportunity to learn about horse care. To do equine therapy. To learn about pecans and how they grow. It just gives a different environment, a different opportunity. And the opportunity to work. The opportunity to realize that I can work hard and earn a little money and I get to use that freely. How to invest it. So, we’re really doing adulting on that campus and living that farm life. Everybody should work on a farm for at least a week in their life.”

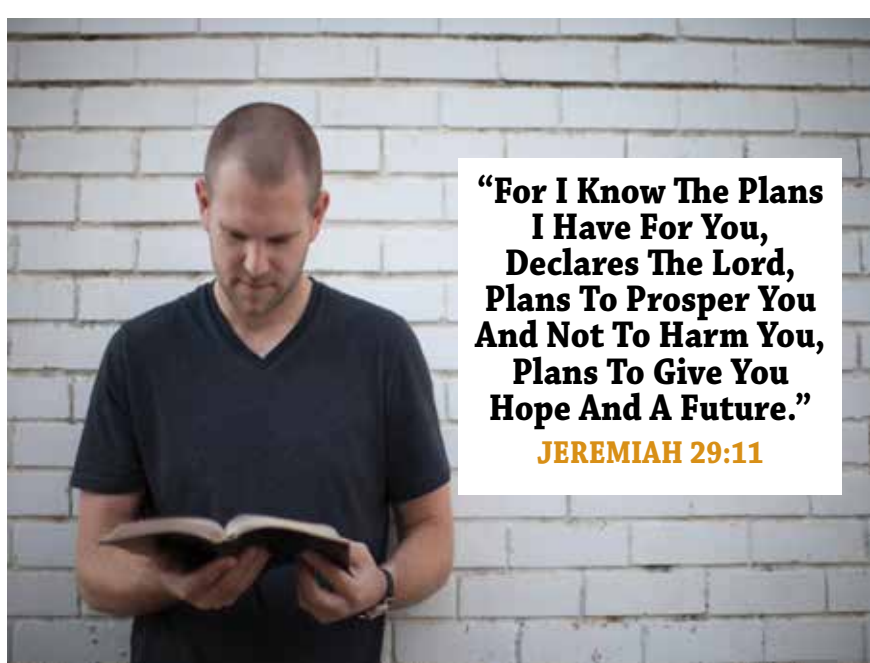
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JEREMIAH 29:11

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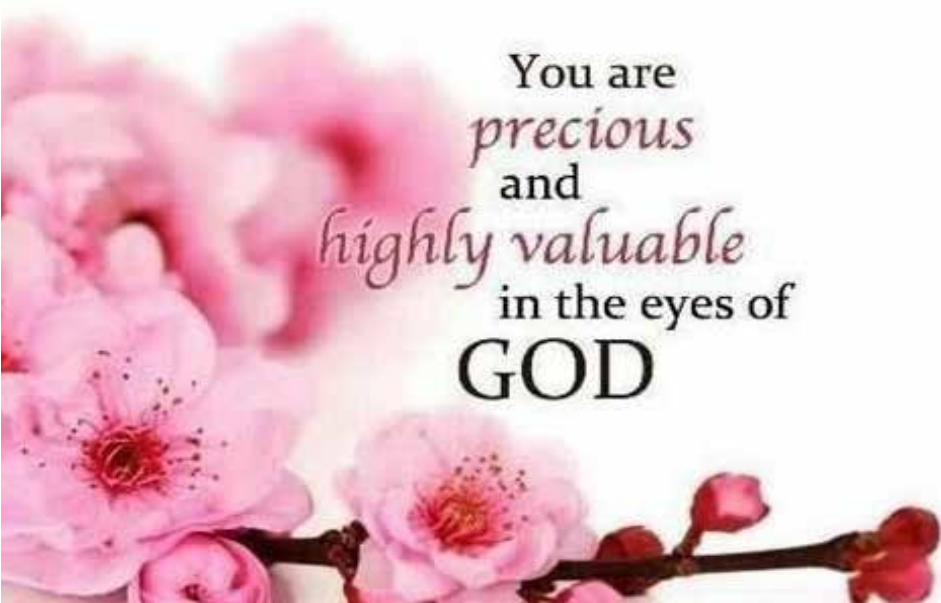
30-Day Residential Treatment Program

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FAITH

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Titus 2:9-10, “Bondservants are to be submissive to their own masters in everything; they are to be well-pleasing, not argumentative, not pilfering, but showing all good faith, so that in everything they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior.”

The apostle Paul is not endorsing slavery in the passage of Titus chapter 2, however he is using an extreme example to advocate what so many have printed on tee shirts, bracelets and posters that say WWJD – “What Would Jesus Do? In all circumstances, we should let our moral commitment to Jesus prevail and not let the transient circumstances of life determine how we act.

Regardless if we are in the state prison in Raleigh for life, born at Sampson Regional Medical Center with a low IQ, destitute or homeless in Pender County, we should not let these things affect our relationship with the Son of God. This doesn’t mean feeling satisfied with our circumstances, but rather accommodating to whatever circumstances prevail in our lives. Whether we’re young or old, male or female, black or white, we must maintain our true allegiance first and foremost to Christ. It is a blessing to read Romans 5:8, “But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” When we are at our worse God still offered His best gift. That type of giving is unheard of in a world full of greed, gimmicks and gloom. Perfection is not required for God to love you; God loved you in the very beginning because of His perfect Son.

As believers in Jesus Christ our standing or acceptability before God does not depend on whether we can read and write, have high social standing, are living on the streets or are sleeping under a bridge in Wilmington. As Christians, we can always act based on our commitment to God’s Son, and not on temporary circumstances.

What good is it if we live by our allegiance to God only when things are good and when we have the comfort in everything we desire? What does it mean if we put our faith on hold when things go bad or circumstances change for the worse? Is wishy-washy devotion really faith at all? True lasting faith remains constant and goes to the core of our being, so that we live for Christ through all circumstances, no matter what life may deal us. I encourage you this week to move forward in faith, not so you can point to your accomplishments, but to point to the all-sufficient grace of Jesus. Don’t allow the enemy to cause you to forget that you were made in God’s image, according to His likeness. Genesis 1:26 proclaims, “Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” You are not a cosmic accident, but a unique individual created by the same God who created this universe.



By Ken Smith

Decide to live like Jesus lived even if it means suffering comes into your life. When you pray for wisdom and strength to serve God the great news is He will answer your prayers. Remove the self-doubt of your worth and accept how valuable you are to God. Regardless of how others view you, I can promise that God has a superior view of your worth. Live out the rest of your life as a child of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

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Help in Times of Trouble



Who do you trust and turn to in times of trouble? Where do you seek time with God and prayer in terrific or troubled times? Rising early (on a March morning when time springs forward), after tossing, turning, and thinking of this tumultuous season we are in, I settle in a cozy chair by the window in my son and his wife’s high rise apartment in the middle of Manhattan to write what stirs from within...what will happen in our world as things spiral out of control? Where are we safe? How do we witness during times like this?

As the city - home to millions of people from all walks of life- awakens with smells, sights, and sounds different from what we wake up to in our hometown. Worldwide woes can isolate people in fear or unite us in faith. We chose to sing... “Oh, the troubles I’ve seen or Through it all I’ve Learned to Trust in HIM”

Comfort comes, knowing God (a promise keeper) will never leave or forsake His children but will allow suffering. Job suffered immense loss but stayed true to God who blessed Job beyond measure ...in His perfect timing - not in Job’s timing! Job loved and grieved the family he lost but stayed faithful to His heavenly Father who blessed Job with another wife and children to color his world with love...after loss. God can do the same for all His children...IF we embrace Job like faith, stop blaming God and people for our plight, let go of painful pasts, step in faith to His plans for the rest of our lives, and let our little lights shine...LOVINGLY!! How can I count the ways I love my blended family and look forward to times we are together? My neverending thankful list (like yours) proves the power of closely connected families through terrific and troubled times. Jack Johnson’s song rings in my ears as shadow’s from the rising sun are cast on skyscrapers touching the blue sky....“It’s better when we’re together”!

Closing my computer for an early morning cup of coffee and conversation with my son quenches my thirst and hunger for time together. Loved ones can stay closely connected even when living far apart. Oh, the joy of sharing time with those we love and the One who loves all His children! In a world saturated with troubles and an epidemic spreading like wildfire, we must remain faithful not fearful...and stay connected! Yet, many circles will be broken and connections lost as people pass away from coronavirus in countries all over the world.

Troubled times in our world, Jack Johnson’s ‘Better When We’re Together’ song, time with my son, and an early morning church service - Clint and I walked ten blocks to attend - stir this story. What stirs your early morning stories... your Sunday morning stories? Sensational start up sights and sounds (meditating, reading the Word, praying, laughing, listening, hugging, encouraging one another, worship, coffee brewing, cars zooming, cows mooing , praising the Lord and loved ones, and sweet spirit flowing) can connect and keep us in one accord. When closely connected to Father and family, we are assured of staying CHARGED UP - a FAVOR-ITE in their sight... morning, noon, and night!

Clint promised attending Trinity Baptist Church would be awesome as we walked past amazing sights on the streets of New York City. Entering the historic church, we were greeted with smiles and elbow bumps, praise music and free worship, sweet spirit and closeness to Christ and His children flowing.

Sharing words (I sang and scribbled in my journal) from songs the praise team surely chose, ‘for such a time as this’ still stir within as I write this story. Hopefully, each reader will feel the powerful praise message too. “In every season Your grace has been enough, and I’m trusting the best is yet to come. Your Presence is an open door; we want and need You, Lord, like never before!”

The preacher’s timely message pounded a gigantic message for all people ... like the shot heard around the world. Trying to read my notes from his sermon, I share in faith that your hearts will be tenderly touched too.

“Today, we gather at Trinity Baptist Church (153 years old) in New York City - where millions of people seek light in a hard, dark time. This church has been a spiritual guide through many troubled times - like Depression years, wars, twin tower tragedy, and now, worldwide coronavirus epidemic. We will not close our doors but open them to people to come, to pray and ponder in solace. How do we actively witness to our community in a season most close up? We can be salt and light to all people - be practical but not prejudiced. Life is to be lived by faith in happy and hard seasons.”

Completing the service with scheduled communion seemed risky. Clint whispered, Mom, is it safe with pieces of bread others could have touched?”

The pastor politely invited all who wanted to partake to come forth. “He said, “Being cautious and careful in this hard time is important. He held up a small, individually wrapped package and showed how to open the top portion for the bread representing Christ’s body and the bottom portion which held the wine (juice) as the blood He shed for our sins. Clint and I shared communion and a sacred experience with strangers who seemed like family as we shook the pastor’s hand, departed the beautiful old church, and talked nonstop on our long but lovely walk home.

Hopefully, sharing this personal story during a perilous time, even in our little corner of the world, will help each of us to heed the messages within and share them with family and friends:

Spend precious time with the Lord and loved ones. Embrace words of songs that can bring us closer to our Father and families for: it really is “Better When We’re Together”, refuse to hide in fear but stand strong in faith, actively witness without prejudice, and be salt and light to all people in this hard time. Amen. ~ *Becky Spell*

ENTERTAINMENT

What's Happening

By Angela Martin

at **SCT**



The Sampson Community Theatre is still in the middle of renovations and we are still in the middle of rehearsals for Disney's The Little Mermaid. The production is directed by Angela Martin and is sponsored by David H. Hobson, Attorney at Law. The show is scheduled for April 24-26 and May 1-3 with show times on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm and Sunday matinee at 2:30 pm. The production features people young and old in the show and we are delighted to have such a talented group of people to grace our stage. Today I would like to focus on two of our characters - Chef Louis and Grimsby. Chef Louis is being portrayed by Jose Burgos. Jose is a junior at Hobbton High School and has been in productions at Hobbton including, The Wizard of Oz where he portrayed the Cowardly Lion and he is currently in High School Musical, in which he is playing Jack Scott. Jose is a junior and is the son of Ramon Burgos. He is extremely talented and we are thrilled to see Jose in his first SCT production. Grimsby is portrayed by Chris Floyd. Chris is the son of Catherine Floyd and has been in numerous productions at SCT including, How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying, Elf, Jr., Fame and Les Miserables. Chris is also a member of Angela's Musical Troupe and has performed at Disney World with the troupe twice. Come out to see Chris and Jose and the rest of this talented cast. You will thoroughly enjoy this family-friendly and fantastic production.

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Mon-Wed 6:30p



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A live-action adventure comedy based on the global blockbuster videogame franchise from Sega that centers on the infamously brash bright blue hedgehog. The film follows the (mis)adventures of Sonic as he navigates the complexities of life on Earth with his newfound human best friend Tom Wachowski

Fri 7:00p

Sat-Sun 1:30p 4:30p 7:30p

Mon-Wed 6:30p



ONWARD

NOW SHOWING

Rated PG for action/peril and some mild thematic elements

Two teenage elf brothers embark on an quest to discover if there is still magic left in the world.

Fri 6:15p 8:30p

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

Mon-Wed 6:30p



I STILL BELIEVE

NOW SHOWING

Rated PG for thematic material

One love can change your life. One life can change the world. From the creators of I Can Only Imagine comes an inspiring love story for the ages. Rediscover the wonder of love in I STILL BELIEVE, based on the real-life story of chart-topping singer Jeremy Camp.

Fri 6:00p 8:30p

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

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INVISIBLE MAN

NOW SHOWING

Rated R for some strong bloody violence, and language

Trapped in a violent, controlling relationship with a wealthy and brilliant scientist, Cecilia Kass (Moss) escapes in the dead of night and disappears into hiding, aided by her sister, their childhood friend, and his teenage daughter.

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Start Your Day Strong with Breakfast

FAMILY FEATURES

Starting the morning on the right foot can help set a path toward a successful day, and for many, that strong start begins with breakfast. In fact, a lot of research supports the idea of having a balanced meal in the morning. When you turn to breakfast to fuel your morning, look for seasonal recipes that provide a delicious way to start your day.

For example, you can skip high-sugar grains with refined carbohydrates like doughnuts and pastries to instead opt for savory, protein-rich dishes like this Asparagus and Goat Cheese Frittata and Fluffy Scrambled Eggs. If you're an on-the-go eater, try easily transportable recipes like a Tropical Green Smoothie or Vanilla Almond Crunch Overnight Oats.

These breakfast recipes are bolstered by the rich, creamy texture and nutrition profile of fairlife ultra-filtered milk, a lactose-free option with 50% more protein, 50% less sugar and 30% more calcium than regular milk. The recipes also take advantage of fresh, seasonal ingredients.

Find more breakfast inspiration at fairlife.com.



Asparagus and Goat Cheese Frittata

Prep time: 21 minutes

Servings: 4

- 4 large eggs
- 1/4 cup fairlife 2% Ultra-Filtered Milk
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher or sea salt, plus additional, to taste, divided
- freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 1/3 cup thinly sliced basil leaves, plus additional for serving
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 10 medium asparagus spears, cut into 1 1/2-inch lengths
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped shallot or red onion
- 1 1/2 ounces soft goat cheese, crumbled (1/4 cup)

Heat oven to 400° with rack in middle.

In large bowl, beat eggs, milk, 1/4 teaspoon salt and pepper, to taste; beat in 1/3 cup basil until just combined.

In 8-10-inch ovenproof nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat until hot but not smoking. Add asparagus and salt and pepper, to taste. Reduce heat to medium and cook, stirring occasionally, 5 minutes. Add shallot and continue cooking until asparagus spears are lightly golden and just tender, 2-4 minutes. Pour in egg mixture. Cook 1 minute then scatter goat cheese on top.

Bake until frittata is set, 4-6 minutes. Using spatula, slide onto cutting board then sprinkle with salt, to taste, and additional basil. Cut into wedges. Serve warm.

Nutritional information per serving: 140 calories; 10 g total fat; 190 mg cholesterol; 200 mg sodium; 3 g total carbohydrates; 10 g protein.

Tropical Green Smoothie

Prep time: 5 minutes

Servings: 2 (8 fluid ounces each)

- 1 cup fresh baby spinach or baby kale
- 3/4 cup fairlife 2% Ultra-Filtered Milk
- 1 ripe banana
- 2/3 cup fresh or frozen diced pineapple
- 1 lime, zest only
- 1 lime, cut into wedges
- 1 tablespoon virgin coconut oil
- 3/4 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1 pinch ground cinnamon
- 3/4 cup ice (optional)

In blender, blend spinach, milk, banana, pineapple, lime zest, juice of one lime wedge, coconut oil, vanilla extract, cinnamon and ice, if desired, until smooth. If refrigerating prior to serving, omit ice.

Nutritional information per serving: 120 calories; 2 g total fat; 5 mg cholesterol; 55 mg sodium; 22 g total carbohydrates; 6 g protein.



Vanilla Almond Crunch Overnight Oats

Prep time: 10 minutes, plus at least 6 hours refrigeration

Servings: 2 1/2 (about 2 1/2 cups each)

- 1 carton (5-6 ounces) non-fat or low-fat vanilla Greek yogurt
- 2 teaspoons pure honey
- 2 teaspoons flax seeds
- 2 pinches cinnamon
- 2 pinches kosher salt
- 4 tablespoons blanched, slivered or sliced almonds
- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1 cup fairlife Fat-Free Ultra-Filtered Milk

Toppings (optional): cut berries or citrus

additional yogurt
additional flax seeds
or almonds

Divide yogurt, honey, flax seeds, cinnamon, kosher salt, almonds, oats and milk evenly between two 8-10-ounce glass jars or small glass bowls with tight-fitting lids.

Securely close or cover containers; refrigerate at least 6 hours, or up to 48 hours.

When ready to serve, remove lid, stir and top with berries or citrus, yogurt and flax seeds or almonds, if desired.

Nutritional information per serving: 380 calories; 9 g total fat; less than 5 mg cholesterol; 280 mg sodium; 53 g total carbohydrates; 22 g protein.



Fluffy Scrambled Eggs

Prep time: 10 minutes

Servings: 4

- 6 large eggs
- 1/3 cup fairlife Whole Ultra-Filtered Milk
- 1/8 teaspoon kosher salt, plus additional, to taste, divided
- pepper, to taste

In medium bowl, vigorously whisk eggs until about double in volume and light and lemon-colored, about 1 minute. Use immersion blender for extra fluffiness, if desired. Set aside.

In separate bowl, vigorously whisk milk until light and

frothy, about 30 seconds.

Gently fold frothy milk and 1/8 teaspoon kosher salt into fluffy eggs.

Pour egg-milk mixture into lightly greased skillet over low heat. Let setup 1 minute then use silicone spatula to gently fold eggs over on top of themselves. Rest and repeat until cooked through.

Serve with salt and pepper, to taste.

Nutritional information per serving: 120 calories; 8 g total fat; 280 mg cholesterol; 190 mg sodium; 1 g total carbohydrates; 11 g protein.

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Lakewood's Derrick Mitchell Named Star Athlete of the Week



Derrick Mitchell says that he was “excited” when he was told he was this week’s Performance Auto/Sampson Weekly Star Athlete of the Week.

“Yes sir,” the 17-year-old Lakewood High senior and three-sport standout (basketball, football and track) said Wednesday evening when told he won the honor. “I am really excited about it.”

The track standout, who says he can run the 400M in 50 seconds, says he started running track in the ninth grade. “I liked running so, I figured I should try it out,” he said. “It’s worked out well for me.”

Since then, he’s been burning up the track. During last season’s outdoor track season, Mitchell placed third in the 300M Hurdles at a home meet with a time of 56.34; and third in the Triple Jump with a leap of 30’7 at another home meet on March 13. During the Indoor Track season, Mitchell placed first in the 300M with a run of 43.34 at the Princeton Polar Bear Meet (On January 9) and placed second in the Triple Jump with a leap of 32’5.5 at the Lakewood Polar Bear Meet on November 29.

Born in Kansas City, Kansas, Mitchell began his athletic career in rec ball. “I was about six or seven,” he remembers. “I played basketball, baseball and soccer. When I was in the eighth grade, I dropped baseball and soccer and started playing football too.”

Mitchell currently plays wide receiver and corner back for the Leopards football team and is a forward on the Lakewood basketball team.

Although he moved to Roseboro about 10 years ago, Mitchell has fell in love with Lakewood High School.

“I love it,” he said. “I am going to miss this high school. I will miss my friends and family here and my teammates too.”

Mitchell, a straight ‘A’ student, says that he is undecided about which college that he wants to attend, but knows that he wants to study physical therapy and sports medicine and play sports.

“If I had a dream college, I would pick Clemson,” he says. “I just like the school; I think I could feel really good over there. I think I would want to run track or play football for sure.”

Currently, his favorite subject is science. “I like studying the body,” he says. “I am very interested in it.”

The secret to his success has come from being supported by his family. “They have been very supportive of me,” he said. “We are pretty tight.”

So, it is no surprise when he is asked who he would like to thank, Mitchell says, “My mom and dad, my sister and my brother. They have been there for me in everything that I’ve ever needed. I just really appreciate it.”

He continued, “I would also like to thank Coach Hulen and Coach Davidson, Col. Mack; all my teachers; all my teammates; my track buddy Eric Morales and my cousin, Jeremiah.”

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EDUCATION

UMO Extends Spring Break and Plans for Online



MOUNT OLIVE-In a memo dated March 12, 2020, and addressed to all University of Mount Olive faculty, staff, and students, Interim President Dr. Ed Croom announced that the University

is extending spring break through Friday, March 20, 2020 as it monitors the COVID-19 virus. The memo further indicated that starting March 23, all seated courses will move to an online delivery mode until further notice. At this time, the campus will remain open and operational during the extended spring break and during the online delivery process. All adult and graduate program courses will continue as planned in the online format.

"We have been monitoring the COVID-19 virus situation for the past several weeks," Croom stated. "Although we have had no cases reported involving the UMO community, we are fully aware of the need to be proactive in implementing steps to keep the entire UMO community as safe as possible."

In another safety move, the University is canceling all events booked by third party reservationists for a three-week time period. All University campus activities and events,

including departmental events, lecture series, professional meetings, chapel, club meetings, and student activity events are being canceled until further notice. In an effort to limit exposure from outside community members, the University is restricting community access to the cafeteria, Pope Wellness Center, and Moye Library.

"We are in on-going discussions with Conference Carolinas in regards to our athletic programs and sporting events," said Dr. Dan Sullivan, Senior Vice President for Student Affairs and Athletics. "We anticipate additional directive from the conference later today on how we will proceed with scheduled athletic events. This is a fluid situation and we continue to monitor and adapt University operations with the help of all available government resources."

"This situation is very unfortunate and continues to change daily," Croom said. "Part of our mission is to serve the mind, body and soul of the entire UMO community. The actions being implemented are our attempt to fulfill our cause. Let's continue to pray for God's direction and healing as we move through the next several weeks and months."

The most current information and directives can be found at <https://umo.edu/coronavirus/>.

SCC Set to Launch New Programs This Fall



A student installs insulation in the Construction Systems Technology program at SCC. There is a great deal of correlation between current SCC programs and upcoming programs. (Cheyenne McNeill)

This fall, Sampson Community College will introduce four new programs in its Applied Technical Programs division. The four programs are Air Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Technology (HVAC), Construction Management, Electrical Systems Technology, and Public Safety Administration. Leaders and instructors at SCC have been coordinating for months to establish the programs.

Graduates of each program will receive an Associates of Applied Science. Certificate and diploma options are offered for each program as well. Director of the Applied Technical Programs Division, Barney Grady, believes these programs will appeal to high school students and "non-traditional" college-aged students looking to advance or take the next step in their careers.

Many of these job areas are in desperate need across the state. Wanda Capps, Vice President of Academic Affairs says this is why the North Carolina Community College System put the applications for these programs on a "fast track."

Still, for Grady, Capps, and others at the college, bringing these new programs to SCC has been a long road. Some programs have been in high demand for students, but also for industry leaders in the area.

Bringing the programs to SCC assists the students and the community. Capps stated, "The new programs of electrical, HVAC and construction management are a perfect fit not only for the current programs we already have but for the community of Sampson County."

Because of the great need in these areas, Grady says companies often train employees from the ground up due to an immediate demand for workers. Graduates will develop the necessary skills to work with residential, industrial, and commercial settings. This will automatically prepare them for careers in these areas where workers are in high demand.

Each program is accessible for all students—high schoolers choosing the College and Career Promise Pathway or working professionals looking to attend online or part-time. Several types of course options will be available, making these programs ideal for any student.

forward to careers in areas of public safety and service, including but not limited to law enforcement, government agencies, and more. This program allows students to gain a deeper understanding of the managerial and professional side of public safety and governmental organizations.

Graduates of the Basic Law Enforcement Training program are already ahead of the curve in the new Public Safety Administration program, as they may transfer into the program with 20 credit hours. This option would leave only three semesters remaining to graduate from the Public Safety Administration program with an Applied Associate in Science degree.

Grady says bringing each program to SCC is something to look forward to this fall. Grady noted, "We have received many requests from both the industry and people seeking training in these areas to help satisfy the needs in our community. We have been successful in adding the programs, and with securing trained faculty to instruct our future students."

Despite these programs beginning in the fall, interested students can begin general education coursework in the summer. Summer registration for currently enrolled students begins on April 6th and lasts until April 24th. New students can begin enrollment on May 13th and 14th.

Anyone interested in pursuing these programs can contact division director, Barney Grady by email at bgrady@sampsoncc.edu, or by telephone at (910) 900-4118.



Anyone currently working in public safety, or hoping to work in public safety, is a perfect candidate for the Public Safety Administration program. (file photo)

Tart Crowned Miss Hobbton



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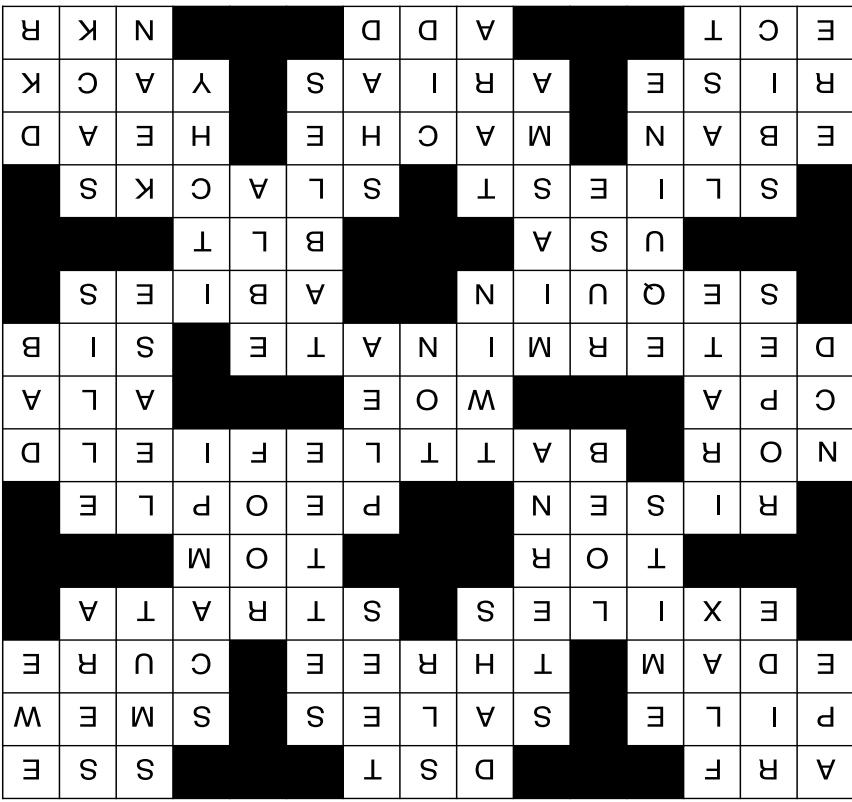
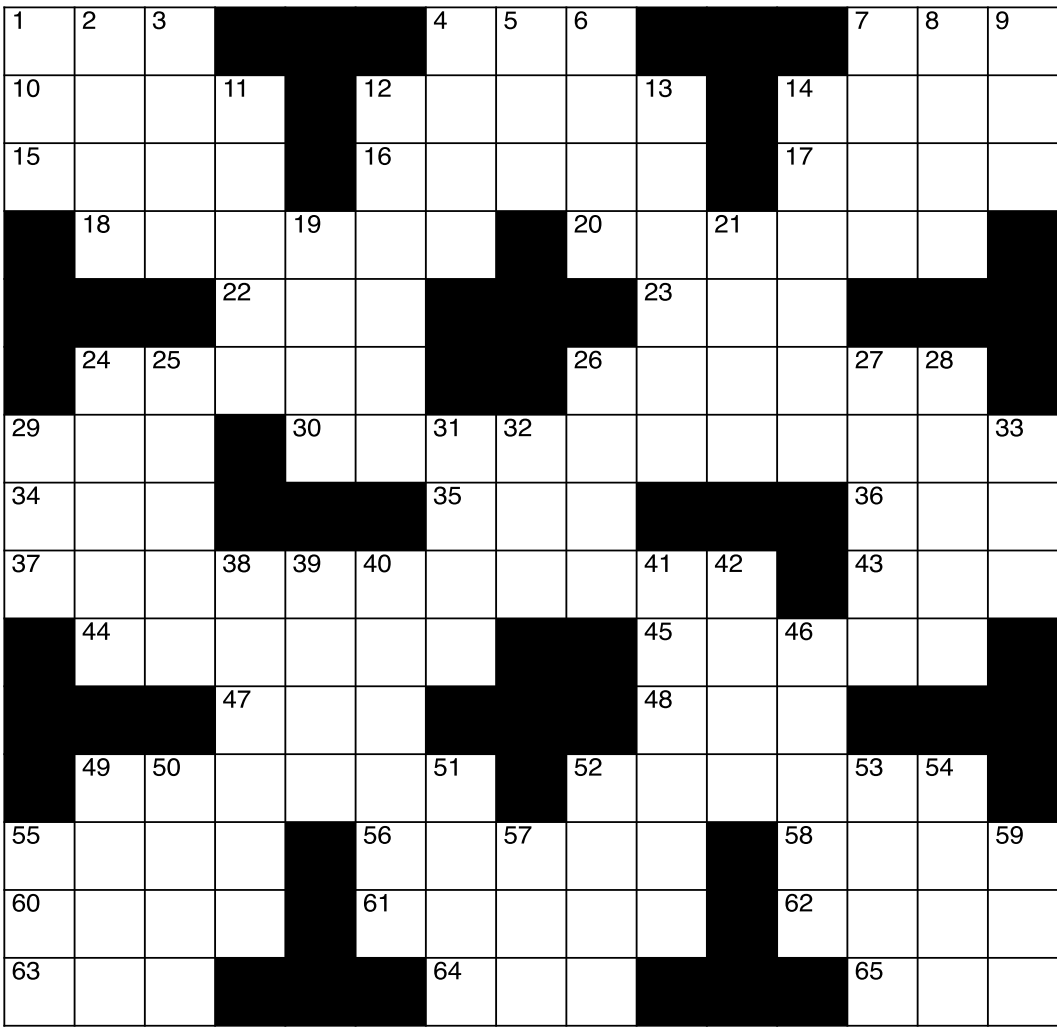
Crossword Puzzle

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Dog’s bark
- 4. Fall back (time abbr.)
- 7. Point midway between S and SE
- 10. Heap
- 12. Gross revenue
- 14. Smallest merganser
- 15. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
- 16. Small integer
- 17. Restore to health
- 18. Banishments
- 20. Layers of rock
- 22. Hill (Celtic)
- 23. Male cat
- 24. Past tense of 60 across
- 26. Humans as a group
- 29. Introduces a further negative
- 30. Area of conflict
- 34. A licensed accountant
- 35. Deep distress or misery
- 36. A winglike structure
- 37. Having defined limits
- 43. A brother or sister
- 44. A small shiny ornamental disk
- 45. True firs
- 47. No. Am. republic (abbr.)
- 48. Bacon-lettuce-tomato sandwich
- 49. Most guileful
- 52. Casual trousers
- 55. Abba ____, Israeli politician
- 56. Papier-____, art material
- 58. Am. costume designer Edith
- 60. Stand up
- 61. Operatic songs
- 62. Talk incessantly
- 63. Shock treatment
- 64. Form a sum
- 65. Norweigan currency (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Mimic
- 2. Journey on horseback
- 3. Linen plant
- 4. Dashes
- 5. Single Lens Reflex
- 6. Golf ball stands
- 7. A particle of dirt
- 8. Clear blood fluids
- 9. Female sheep
- 11. Utters
- 12. Tern genus
- 13. Small sofa
- 14. Shrimp sauteed in butter and garlic
- 19. Leopold and ____
- 21. Top of motor vehicle
- 24. Securing devices
- 25. Highly incensed
- 26. Earnest entreaty
- 27. Rent
- 28. Am. immigration island
- 29. National Council on Disability (abbr.)
- 31. Same birthdate sibling
- 32. 2,000 pounds
- 33. A light stroke
- 38. Relating to a horse
- 39. A subterfuge
- 40. Unwholesome atmosphere
- 41. Dining, coffee and card
- 42. Cuneiform tablets found in 1974
- 46. Scratchy
- 49. Invests in little enterprises
- 50. Foot-shaped shoe form
- 51. Scarlett’s home
- 52. Genus alosa
- 53. New Jersey university
- 54. Paper bag
- 55. Before
- 57. Castilian knight El ____
- 59. Denmark



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	3	4			2	7		
	8				7			
		6		3				
		3				9		
			7			6	5	2
5				2	9			
1					5	2		9
	4					1		
					6		7	

Here’s How It Works:
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4	7	8	9	6	1	2	5	3
5	3	1	8	7	2	6	4	9
6	9	2	5	4	3	8	7	1
1	8	3	6	2	4	7	9	5
2	5	9	3	8	7	1	6	4
7	4	9	1	6	5	3	2	8
8	2	5	4	3	6	9	1	7
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9	1	7	2	5	8	4	3	6



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CRIME REPORTS

03-04 Jonas Trevone Highsmith, 25, Clinton. Felony Probation Violation, Trespass During Emergency. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 03-25-20

03-04 Salvador Calton Pacheco, 24, Dunn. Expired Registration Card, DWLR. Bond \$500. Trial Date 04-02-20

03-04 Gloria K Irving, 56, Clinton. Speeding, DWLR. Bond \$500. Trial Date 03-16-20

03-04 Otis Ray Covington, 36, Dunn. Assault and Battery, Simple Assault. Bond \$1250. Trial Date 03-19-20

03-05 Jordan Matthew Lilliston, 21, Dunn. Possess Stolen Motor Vehicle, Larceny after Break/Entering, Breaking and Entering, Alter/Dest/ETC Stolen MV/Part. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 03-06-20

03-06 Antwan Rich, 26, Roseboro. Trespass of Real Property. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 03-17-20

03-06 Jeffrey Melvin, 32, Clinton. Second Degree Trespass, Contributing Del Of Juvenile. Bond \$500. Trial Date 03-30-20

03-06 Brandon Jaleel Cobb, 26, Roseboro. Fail To Comply. Bond \$365. Trial Date 04-02-20

03-06 Rogelio De La Cruz, 20, Clinton. AWDW Serious Injury, Kidnapping, Assault Serious Bodily Injury, Misdemeanor Larceny, Second Degree Kidnapping. Bond \$150000. Trial Date 03-20-20

03-06 Tavis Rachae Autry, 26, Garland. Child Support, Fail To Wear Seat Belt-Driver, Fict/Alt Title/Reg Card/Tag, Operate Veh No Ins, DWLR Not Impaired Rev. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 03-17-20

03-06 Trey Daquan Underwood, 19, Turkey. Fail to Comply. Bond \$355. Trial Date 03-31-20

03-06 Isaiah Oneal, 19, Elizabethtown. No Operators License- FTA, Hit/Run Fail Stop Prop Damage -FTA, Operate Vehicle No Insurance -FTA, Fict/Alt Registration Card/Tag - FTA, Expired Registration Card/Tag -FTA, Expired/No Inspection- FTA, Failure to Yield – FTA.

03-06 Tijaun Terrill Campbell, 23, Harrells. Felony Probation Violation. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 04-09-20

03-06 Jeffrey Scott Smith, 56, Roseboro. Resist Delay Obstruct. Bond \$2500. Trial date 03-06-20

03-06 Megan Elizabeth Davilacruz, 30, Garland. Unauthorized Us Of Motor Vehicle. Trial Date 04-06-20

03-06 Cynthia Shuree Mclellan, 25, Clinton. FTA- DWLR Not Impaired Rev, FTA-Speeding. Bond \$500. Trial Date 03-19-20

03-06 Silvestre Del Valle, 47, Clinton. Kidnapping, Misdemeanor Larceny, Assault Serious Bodily Injury, AWDW Serious Injury, Second Degree Kidnapping. Bond \$50000. Trial Date 03-20-20

03-06 Altamiece Tianna Kahdesia Spell, 20, Clinton. Second Degree Tres/Remain – WFA. Trial Date 03-30-20

03-07 Christopher Allen Gautier, 45, Seven Springs. OFA/DWLR Impaired Rev, DWLR Not Impaired Rev, OFA/FICT/Title/Reg/Car/Tag, OFA/Expired/No Inspection, OFA/Fail to Secure Passenger under 16, DWLR Not Impaired Rev. Bond \$12000. Trial Date 03-20-20

03-07 Timothy Jaquan Joyner, 22, Clinton. Simple Possession Schedule VI. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 04-08-20

03-07 Willie Lee McLean Jr, 40, Clinton. Possess Firearm by Felon, Remove Gun Serial Number, NOL. Possess Marijuana, Open container Passenger Area, Fail to Dim Headlights. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 03-20-20

03-07 Marcos Adan Luna Jr, 20, Clinton. DWI, Break Light Violation. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 04-09-20

03-08 Yatazia Lequitta Dais, 21, Godwin. Habitual Larceny. Bond 47500. Trial Date 04-06-20

03-06 Anya Marie James, 40, Clinton. Obtaining Property by False Pretenses. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 03-20-20

03-07 Quinn Alexander Peterson, 33, Clinton. Poss Stolen Goods/Prop, Driving While License Revoked, Fict/Alt Title/Reg Card/Tag., Drive/Allow MV registration, No Liability Insurance. Trial Date 05-26-20

03-06 Joe Nathan Killett, 26, Clinton. Possess Schedule II. Trial Date 04-13-20

03-06 Donna Jean Smith, 39, Clinton. DWI, Drug Equipment Violation, DWLR Aft Impaired Rev Notice, Rear Lamp Violation Bond \$750. Trial Date 04-13-20

03-07 Eric Dewayne Robinson, 26, Roseboro. Non Compliance. Bond \$225. Trial Date 03-27-20

03-07 Timothy Gordon Howard, 55, Mount Olive. Carry Concealed Gun, Possess Sch II. Trial date 04-13-20

03-07 April Elizabeth Parker, 42, Clinton. Simple Assault. Trial Date 03-19-20

03-07 Beverly Diane Vann, 52, Clinton. Communicating Threats

03-07 Cory Keith, 41, Ivanhoe. Fail To Return Rental Property. Trial Date 3-32-20

03-07 Jer’Marvis Dea’Avionn Rich, 19, Sandlemburg. Intoxicated And Disruptive, Consume Alcohol Underage, Resisting Public Officer. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 04-09-20

03-07 Gary Lamar Arnold, 35, Mount Olive. FTA- Fail To Return Rental Property. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 04-07-20

03-08 Emoni Jaheem Monk, 18, Clinton. Simple Poss Marijuana, Poss Marijuana Paraphernalia. Bond \$1500. Trial date 04-09-20

03-08 William Ravon Goodman, 71, Godwin. Fail to Return Rental Property. Trial Date 04-02-20

03-08 Patrick Aaron Jernigan, 24, Smithfield. No Operators License, Obtain Property False Pretense. Bond \$40000. Trial Date 03-10-20

03-08 Cynthia Melvin Williams, 45, Clinton. Larceny by Employee. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 03-20-20

03-08 Jessica Boyette, 33, Roseboro. Possession of Stolen Goods. Bond \$500. Trial Date 04-02-20

03-08 Lennon Nmn Owens, 52, Clinton. Speeding, DWLR not Impaired. Bond \$12500. Trial Date 03-18-20

03-08 Maycon Gutierrez Gonzales, 20, Faison. OFA-Fail to comply with monies. Bond \$315. Trial Date 04-02-20

03-08 Odell William Williams, 32, Benson. Possess Marijuana up to 1/2 oz, Possess Marijuana Paraphernalia. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 03-19-20

03-08 Jamie Kajuan McDougal, 36, Newton Grove. Misdemeanor Larceny, Warrant Service for other agency. Bond \$500. Trial Date

03-30-20

03-09 Charlie Ray Lassiter, 39, Turkey. Fail Stop Stop sign/Flash Red Light – WFA, Hit/Run Leave Scene Property Damage – WFA, Assault on a Female- WFA. No Operators License- WFA, Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle- WFA. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 04-14-20

03-09 Joel Rodriguez, 27, Clinton. No Operators License- FTA, Fail To Stop-Steady Red Light-FTA. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 03-30-20

03-09 Jessica Jazmine Cruz, 24, Clinton. Second Degree Trespass, Contributing Del Of Juvenile. Bond \$500. Trial Date 03-30-20

03-09 Odell Williams Williams, 32, Coats. OFA-FTC-Child Support. Bond \$500. Trial Date 04-08-20

03-09 Malik Williams, 26, Turkey. Probation Violation. Bond \$25000. Trial Date 05-06-20

03-09 Johnathon Frank Taylor, 25, Pelion SC. Obtain Property False Pretenses. Bond \$5000. Trial date 04-03-20

03-09 Dennis Ray Taylor, 53, Faison. Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 03-11-20

03-09-20 Bianca Michelle Boone, 23, Roseboro. Larceny by employee. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 03-20-20

03-10 Hunter Brandon Williams, 21, Benson. Assault on Female, Larceny. Trial Date 03-27-20

03-10 Ronald Glen Yarboro, 51, Dunn. Threatening Phone Call. Trial Date 04-07-20

03-10 Jerome Howard Ryals, 40, Godwin. Larceny After Break/Enter, Poss Stolen Property, Burglary/Breaking & Entering. Bond \$25000. Trial date 03-20-20

03-10 Justin Michael Gaddy, 25, Roseboro. Failed To Appear. Bond \$1000. Trial date 03-18-20

03-10 Pedro Modesto Billarreal, 43, Clinton. Intoxicated and Disruptive. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 03-19-20

03-10 James Ramon Rivera, 19, Clinton. Burglary/Breaking & Entering, Larceny after Break/Enter, Possess Marijuana. Bond \$30000 & \$20000. Trial Date 03-20-20

03-10 Edwin Matthis, 54, Clinton. RDO, Disorderly Conduct. Bond \$45000. Trial Date 04-14-20

03-11 Alexander William Bowman, 33, Clinton. Alter/Steal/Dest Criminal Evidence. Bond \$4500. Trial Date 03-20-20

03-11 Allen Simmons, 64, Clinton. Possess Meth, Posses Drug Paraphernalia, Possess Marijuana. Bond \$10000. Trial date 03-20-20

03-11 John Allen Coleman, 39, Clinton. Obtain Property False Pretense- FTA. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 04-03-20

03-11 Nicholas Allen Cash, 32, Roseboro. Communicating Threats. Trial Date 03-30-20

03-11 Thomas Quantez Raham Wilson, 29, Fayetteville. Order for Arrest- FTC-Child Support. Bond \$1838.09

03-11 Malik Williams, 26, Turkey. Order for Arrest- FTC-Child Support. Bond \$800. Trial Date 03-24-20

03-11 James Staton, 29, Clinton. Possession of Meth. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 03-20-20

03-11 Ursula Sinclair Hill, 32, Warsaw. Felony Larceny - FTA, Misdemeanor Larceny, Poss Stolen Goods/Prop -FTA, Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle – FTA, Obtain Property False Pretense, Felony Conspiracy- FTA. Bond \$35500. Trial Date 03-23-20

03-11 Lawrence Anton Wilson, 36, Clinton. Order for Arrest- FTA-Child Support. Bond \$1347.53. Trial Date 03-24-20

03-11 Charles Elijah James, 41, Roseboro. Assault Serious Bodily Injury. Bond \$25000. Trial Date 03-20-20

INCIDENT REPORTS

03-04 Luther Tatum of Rose Hill reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering, Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property- stolen handgun (\$250) and damage to door (\$200)

03-04 James Woodrow Kibler of Dunn reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering- stolen generator (\$1100), fishing gear (\$270) and battery (\$80)

03-04 Mathew Clifton Smith of Dunn reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering- stolen air compressor (\$1000), fuel (\$70) gas cans (\$60)

03-04 Louis Joseph Edwards of Clinton reported Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property

03-06 Curtis Dean Parker of Roseboro reported Breaking & Entering and Destruction of Property- stolen saw (\$150), Pier Cart (\$350), Fishing Equipment (\$250), Sockets (\$150), Wrench (\$150), Nailer/Stapler (\$180). Damage top door and window ((\$450)

03-06 Wendy Christina Peterson of Clinton reported Damage to Property

03-06 Mary Monk Malloy of Clinton reported Damage to Property

03-06 Walmart of Clinton reported Obtaining Property by false Pretenses- \$95.00

03-06 Katelyn Blackburn Fox of Clinton reported Theft From Motor Vehicle- license plate

03-07 Roses of Clinton reported Larceny by Employee- \$4100

03-07 Joshua Adam Marion of Roseboro reported Larceny and Credit Card/Automatic Teller Machine Fraud

03-08 Dollar General of Roseboro reported Embezzlement- \$1062

03-08 Carlie C’s of Clinton reported Shoplifting \$201.86

03-08 Bennie Ray Peterson reported - Theft From Motor Vehicle- pistol \$250

03-07 Walmart of Clinton reported Shoplifting \$199

03-08 Walmart of Clinton reported Shoplifting \$25

03-09 John Mark Sorie of Dunn reported All Other Larceny- kayak (\$1500), Fishing equipment (\$400)

03-09 Patricia Ann Leake of Dunn reported Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property-damage to vehicle \$1200

03-09 Regina Mae Wilson of Roseboro reported Theft From Motor Vehicle- pressure washer \$3282

03-09 Donna Gay Brock of Autryville reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering and Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property- damage to door \$500

03-10 Gerald Max Pope of Clinton reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering- weed trimmer (\$350)

03-11 Doris Tart of Harrells reported Larceny of Yamaha motor \$2000

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

OBITUARIES



CLINTON
Mary Bell, Age-88 of Clinton, N.C died Saturday, March 7, 2020 at Kitty Askins Hospice Center, Goldsboro, NC. Funeral service was held Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 1 pm at Six Runs Baptist Church Turkey, NC. Interment: Sandhill Cemetery, Clinton, NC. Visitation was held on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 1:00 to 6:00 pm with family present 5:00 to 6:00 pm at Butler & Son Funeral Services, Clinton, NC. Mrs. Bell leaves to cherish her memories husband, Mr. Rudolph Bell; Six Sons: Reynold James Bell, Rev. Herman Bell, William Arthur Bell, Dwight M. Bell, Preston D. Bell, and Clemont Bell. Three Daughters: Rev. Carolyn Thompson, Connie Smith, and Veronica Bell; Four Brothers: Nathaniel Simmons, Matthew D. Simmons, Rev. Otis R. Simmons, and William James Simmons; Two Sisters: Annie C. Draughon and Doris Watkins; 19 Grandchildren, 39 Great Grandchildren, and 2 Great Great Grandchildren. Butler & Son Funeral Services Clinton, NC.

HARRELLS



Mrs. Betty Ray Sellars Johnson of Harrells, NC, departed this life on Tuesday, March 03, 2020 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, Wilmington, NC. She leaves to cherish her memories: Sons: Henry Ray (Betty) Johnson, Sr. of Wagram, NC; Alonzo Wayne Johnson, Sr., NC Veterans Home, Fayetteville, NC; Carl Lee (Pearlene) Johnson, Bowie, MD; and Evans Thompson (Pamela) Johnson, Madison, TN. Daughters: Betty Carolyn Johnson and Sylvia Johnson (John) Akins; both of Harrells, NC. Sisters: Edna P. Lewis and Glorious M. Alford; both of Harrells, NC. Brothers: Jimmy L. Sellars, Washington, DC; Ivory Sellars, Philadelphia, PA, and Jeffrey F. Sellars, Harrells, NC. Also, she is survived by many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and a host of relatives, friends, and other loved ones who affectionately called her “Ma Betty”, “Granma Betty”, “Ms. Betty”, even “Ms. BJ”. Funeral services were held on Sunday, March 8, 2020, 2:00 PM at Keathern Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, 92 Bland School Road, Harrells, NC. Burial followed in the church cemetery. A visitation for relatives and friends was held on Saturday, March 07, 2020, 2:00-4:00 PM at Carter Funeral Home in Garland, NC. The family was in

attendance from 3:00-4:00 PM.



CLINTON
Walter Percy “W. P.” Collins, Jr., 79, of 477 Byrd Yancey Bass Road, died Sunday, March 8, 2020 at MUSC in Lancaster, SC. A funeral was held at 1 PM, Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at Rowan Baptist Church, with Rev. Clay Carter and Rev. Mike Shook officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery. The family received friends at the church just before the service from 12 PM – 12:45 PM and at other times at the home. W. P., born in 1940, was the son of the late Walter Percy Collins and Sudie Mae Cook Collins. He was an auto mechanic and was a member of Rowan Baptist Church. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by sisters, Jane Haven Tisdale and Dorothy Collins Smith. An avid outdoorsman, W.P. enjoyed many happy years of hunting, fishing, and camping. He loved a summer’s day or evening on a pond or lake and enjoyed the fellowship that all of these activities brought. In his later years, he loved telling jokes even if he told the same ones to the same people over and over. Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Joyce Bass Collins, son, Walt Collins and wife Ashley of SC, and grandchildren, Jack, Abby, Caroline and Ellie Collins. The family is grateful for care received in the last several weeks by the medical staff at MUSC Health: Lancaster Medical Center. Special thank you for their care and assistance in the final weeks to Billy and Peggy Cottle and special friend and caregiver Linda Moore. Also, sincere appreciation is expressed to friends of the family at USC Lancaster and Rowan Church for their many expressions of love. The family is grateful for all of the calls, cards, texts, and other expressions of care and kindness in recent days. Memorials may be made to The Collins Family Endowed Scholarship Fund for Travel Study, @ USC Lancaster c/o Educational Foundation of USC Lancaster, PO Box 889, Lancaster, SC 29721. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com. Arrangements are by Crumpler-Honeycutt, 118 Fayetteville Street, Clinton, NC 28328.

CLINTON

Mrs. Lakachia G. Hicks Faison, 49, of 391 Quail Run Lane, Clinton, NC, passed away Saturday, March 7, 2020 at UNC Hospitals, Chapel Hill, NC. The funeral service will be held at 1pm, Saturday, March 14, 2020 at Andrews Chapel Baptist Church with Rev. Gerald Underwood officiating. Burial in Sandhill Cemetery, Clinton, NC. Mrs. Faison is survived by her husband, Rayford



Faison of the home; mother, Gladys Hicks of Clinton, NC; daughters, Shakeshia Hicks and Jalesa Hicks both of Clinton, NC; sons, Aaron Hicks and Rayquan Faison both of the home; sisters, Sandra Hicks of Clinton, NC and Deborah Israel of Raleigh, NC; brothers, Vernon Hicks of Raleigh, NC, Thomas Hicks and Michael Hicks both of Clinton, NC, Joseph Hicks of Jacksonville, NC; 4 grandchildren. A Visitation will be held on Friday, March 13, 2020 from 1pm-6pm with family present from 5pm-6pm at the Worley Funeral Home, Inc., Clinton, NC. Online condolences may be sent to worleyfuneralhomeinc.com.

CLINTON

Marshall Johnson, 79 of Clinton, NC, passed away Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at his home. He was born December 15, 1940, in Sampson County, NC, to the late Dallie and Avaniel (Green) Johnson. A graveside service will be held at 11 AM, Saturday, March 14, 2020 at Grandview Memorial Garden with Rev. Fred Baker officiating. The family will receive friends from 6 PM to 8 PM, Friday, March 13th at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home and at other times at the home. Surviving are: daughters Laura Jackson (Eddie) of Godwin, NC, Loretta Holland (Richard) of Fayetteville, and Diane Johnson-Trtan of Clinton; son, Marshall Johnson, Jr. (Lynn) of Autryville; grandsons, Alex Jackson, John Mitchell Jackson, Daniel Jackson, Josh Holland, Jeremy Holland; great grandsons, Garren Jackson, Kaisan Jackson; sisters, Justine Lee of NC and Mary Dixie Ginn of Virginia; brothers, Ray Johnson of Raleigh, NC, and Donnie Johnson of Goldsboro, NC. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife, Edna Grace Johnson and brothers, Billy Johnson, Milton Lee Johnson, Mossett Johnson and Robert Johnson and sisters, Helen Kessel, Edna Ruth Moss, Grace Edwards, Eva Pearl Johnson and Hazel Florence Johnson. Marshall retired from North Carolina Department of Correction. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He was a member of the Moose Lodge in Clinton. Marshall served our country in the US Air Force. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com



OBITUARIES



NEWTON GROVE

Kenneth Edward Warren of Newton Grove, NC, passed away March 11, 2020. He was born on July 31, 1947. Kenneth was the son of the late Joe Britt Warren and Annie Lee Britt Warren of Newton Grove. Surviving are two brothers, Joe Britt Warren, Jr., of Newton Grove, David Earl Warren of Montgomery, AL, and one sister, Willie Lee Warren Schmidt of Midlothian, VA, and her husband,

Donald K. Schmidt. Also surviving are five nieces and nephews; Britt Warren (Megan), Brandy Russell (Phil), Regan Warren (Stephanie), Tyler Schmidt (Elizabeth) and LeeAnn Robbins (Brandon); grand nieces and nephews; Benjamin Warren, Penelope Warren, Soren Russell, Annesley Warren, William Warren, Ethan Schmidt, Grayson Schmidt, Emma Robbins and Aubrey Robbins. Kenneth earned a Bachelor's Degree from N.C. State University in 1971. He was a Pesticide Inspector for the N.C. Department of Agriculture for 31 years. After retirement in 2002, he assumed management of his father's business, Circle Appliance Company, serving the community in this capacity for 18 years. He was an active member of Newton Grove United Methodist Church and served many years as a volunteer fireman with the Newton Grove Fire Department. The funeral service is scheduled for Monday, March 16, 2020 at Newton Grove United Methodist Church beginning at 2:00 P.M. Visitation will be from 6 till 8 P.M. at West Dunn Funeral Home in Newton Grove on Sunday, March 15, 2020 and at the church one hour prior to the service. Interment will be at Hillcrest Cemetery in Newton Grove. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Newton Grove United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be made at: www.westanddunn.com. West & Dunn Funeral Homes, Inc., Newton Grove, North Carolina is honored to serve the Warren Family.

CLINTON

Mrs. Merita Azadale Lane, 71, of 302 Turlington Street, Clinton, passed away Wednesday at home. The funeral was held at 1 p.m., Sunday, March 8, 2020 at Lisbon Street Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Dr. Thaddeus Godwin officiating. The burial in Sandhill Cemetery. Mrs. Lane is survived by her HUSBAND-Freddie Lane, Sr. of the home; DAUGHTERS-Tara Lane-Taylor of Fayetteville, NC and Shana Lane of Clinton, NC; SONS-Freddie Lane, Jr. of Fayetteville, NC and Jeffrey Lane of Clinton, NC; SISTERS-Lavern Carr Richardson, Vanessie Moore both of Clinton, NC, Mary Etta Murphy of Harrells, NC, Gail McLamb of Clinton, MD, Odessa Callaway of Martinsville, VA, Sylvia Hargrove of Stratford, CT, Linda Owen and Idia Carr both of Bridgeport, CT; BROTHERS-Henry Carr of Clinton, NC, James Carr of Ingold, NC, Emeory Carr of Stratford, CT, Kerry Carr of Bossier City, LA; 10 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Visitation at Worley Funeral Home Saturday, March 7, 2020 Public 4-6 p.m., Family 5-6 p.m. Online condolences may be sent to worleyfuneralhomeinc.com.



DUNN

Mrs. Ruth Earp Lee, age 99 of Dunn, died on Monday, March 2, 2020 at Pinehurst Healthcare & Rehab. Ruth was born October 18, 1920 in Sampson Co. the daughter of the late James Edgar Earp, Sr. and Lela Pope Earp and is preceded in death by her husband, Edward Wilton Lee, her son, Bobby Howell Earp and her son-in-law, Fred Styers, Jr. She is also preceded in death by her brothers;

Billy Earp, James E. Earp, Jr., Deleyotte "Dee" Earp, Warren C. Earp and sisters; Callie E. Allen, Becky E. Hardison, Rothenelene E. Lewis, Iris Etheridge. Ruth came from a large family making family very important to her. She loved her family and enjoyed her grandchildren, nephews and nieces visiting her in the summer in Durham, NC. Ruth was known to be a good cook and her family loved her chicken pastry, pound cakes and coconut pies. She enjoyed listening to gospel music. Ruth and Wilton were resident managers of University Apartments in Durham for over thirty years. She attended Dunn Schools and Watts School of Nursing in Durham. A Celebration of Life Service will be held Saturday, March 7, 2020 at 2:00 pm at Greenwood Cemetery in Dunn with Rev. Beth Gaines officiating. Ruth is survived by: her daughter: Mary Jo Lee Styers of Southern Pines, NC A Daughter-in-law: Marinda Naylor Earp of Dunn, NC; Grandchildren: Fred Styers, III & Robin Wilson of Whispering Pines, NC Tracie Styers-Pickett & Michael Pickett of Southern Pines, NC Hal Earp & Vickie Earp of Raleigh, NC Dee Ann Hayes & Ronald Hayes of Dunn, NC 7 Great Grandchildren Sisters: Patty E. Lockamy of Dunn, NC; Kitty E. Sexton of Kissimmee, FL; and Gerald "Gerry" Dorman of Selma, NC. And many nieces and nephews, to include three very special nieces, "Peachie" Lee Johnson, June Gail Price & Debbie Blackmon. The family received friends Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 12:00 Noon - 1:30 pm at Cromartie Miller Funeral Home in Dunn prior to the Graveside at Greenwood Cemetery. Ruth was passionate about St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tn. donating frequently. Flowers are welcome but memorials may be made to: St. Jude's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or to a charity of one's choice.

CLINTON

Lena Matthews 67 passed away on Wednesday, March 04, 2020 at Sampson Regional Medical Center in Clinton. Home Going service was held at 1:00 pm on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at Hayes Chapel Church in Delway. Visitation was held on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm with family present from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm at Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Service & Cremation.



HILTON HEAD

Mrs. Peggy McCoy, 78, of 68 Kingston Dunes Road, Hilton Head, SC died Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at her residence. Mrs. McCoy was born October 12, 1941. Mrs. McCoy is preceded in death by her parents. A funeral service will be held at 1:00 PM on Sunday, March 15, 2020 at Evening Light Holiness Church, Garland. Interment will follow at the McCoy Family Cemetery, Garland. Mrs. McCoy is survived by her husband; William Clayton McCoy, her children; Lisa McCoy Wadley (Dr. James C. Wadley), Kelli McCoy Nettles (Darius Nettles), her grandchildren; Darius Clayton Nettles, Savannah Skye Nettles, Cairo Wadley and Corbin Wadley. Friends will be received on Saturday, March 14, 2020 from 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM with the family present from 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM at Carter Funeral Home, Garland. A Memorial Service/Celebration of Life will be held in New Jersey. The date and venue are yet to be determined.

CLINTON

Bertha Mae Pope, 90, of 1001 Pope Road, passed away, Sunday, March 8, 2020 at Sampson Regional Medical Center. A funeral was held at 4 PM, Wednesday, March 11th at Mt. Vernon Baptist



Church with Rev. E. C. Mattocks, Rev. Bill West and Rev. Jonathan Daniels officiating. Interment followed in the Clinton City Cemetery. The family received friends from 6 PM - 8 PM, Tuesday, March 10th at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home and at other times at the home. Bertha, born in 1930 in Sampson County, was the daughter of the late Arthur Tate Pope and Rowena Tyndall Pope. She was a caregiver and a member of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by siblings, Alton Pope and Dorothy Carter. Survivors include: daughter, Gloria Royal; son, Melvin Carter; grandchildren, Shannon Jones and husband James, Brandie Daniels and husband Jonathan, and John Royal; great grandchildren, Avery Jones, Trace Jones, Ian Daniels, Madison Daniels, Jacob Daniels, Malaki Royal, Lexi Royal and Whitney Royal. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com.



CLINTON

Kenneth Ray Simmons, 47, of 4671 Bass Lake Road, passed away Sunday, March 8, 2020 at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill. A funeral service was held at 2 PM, Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. John Hobbs officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery. The family will receive

friends from 6 PM to 8 PM, Tuesday, March 10th at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home and at other times at the home of his mother, Judy Simmons, at 4641 Bass Lake Road, Clinton, NC. Kenneth, born in 1972 in Sampson County, was the son of Judy Hobbs Simmons and the late Donald Ray Simmons. He was a farmer and a member of Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church. Survivors include: wife, Holly Ray Simmons; sons, Dylan Ray Simmons, Alston Ray Burgess and Ryan Adam Burgess; mother, Judy Simmons; sister, Donna Simmons Boone and husband Mike; niece, Dawn Daughtry and husband Derek; and two great nieces, Belle and Alley Ray. Flowers are welcome or memorials may be made to Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church, 1481 Fleet Cooper Road, Roseboro, NC 28382. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com.



WHITE LAKE

Mr. Adrian G. Smith, 84, of White Lake, died March 7, 2020 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. He was born in Big Sandy, TN on March 17, 1935 to the late James Edward Smith and Lois Waters Smith. He was preceded in death by his wife of 45 years, Alice McCullen Smith, a sister, Carol Key of Clinton, a brother Billy Smith of Clinton and a brother, Harvey Smith

of Nashville, TN. Adrian worked for the Lundy Packing Co. for 35 years as a livestock buyer. He was a member of Grove Park Baptist Church in Clinton, NC where he served as deacon before moving to Dunn where he became a member of Westfield Baptist Church and was active for 30 years. After moving to White Lake, he attended Colly Chapel Church. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, friend and neighbor to all. He always went out of his way to help others. He loved fishing, gardening and especially spending time with his great-grandchildren, Kelsey, Parker & Madelyn and was excited that another one was on the way in April. A funeral service was held at 2 pm Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home Chapel in Dunn with Pastor Jim Woodruff officiating. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service. Interment followed in Grandview Memorial Gardens in Clinton at 3:30 p.m. He is survived by a son, Kent Smith and wife Lisa of White Lake, two grandchildren, Karen Alderman and husband Blair of Clinton, and Kevin Smith and wife Hannah of Fayetteville; three great-grandchildren, Kelsey & Madelyn Alderman of Clinton and Parker Smith of Fayetteville; two brothers, Philip Smith and Jim Smith, both of Clinton.



CLINTON

Ms. Teresa Carter, 58, passed away on Tuesday morning, March 10, 2020 in Johnston County as the result of a car accident. Born on July 17, 1961 in Sampson County, Teresa was the daughter of the late Lonnie George and Fannie Byrd Carter and attended Union High School. Teresa was a people person and loved everybody. If she didn't know you, then it wasn't long and you were talking to her like you'd known her forever and you were immediate friends. Everyone was instantly drawn to her vivacious personality and her genuine kindness. She was full of life and embraced it to the fullest. Her great big smile would light up any room. When Teresa was in the room, you knew it - because you felt her love. She always put others before herself. She loved cooking and sharing not only her meals, but anything else she had to offer a friend or family member. She would give anyone the shirt off her back or the last dime she had. She was just that type of woman. She owned her own cleaning business for most of her life and worked whenever and wherever she needed to be. No matter how tired she was - she kept going. She loved antiques, decorating her home and yard for every holiday and season of the year and loved spending time with her family, friends and her Poodle, "Doc". Those left to cherish her memory her two daughters: Amanda Taylor; Candice Carr (Kirston) of Clinton; sister, Carolyn Tart (Ronnie) of Dunn; six grandchildren: Leah, Megan, Earl, Joseph, Abraham and Maliyah and several cousins and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Lonnie "Buddy" George Carter, Jr. A Memorial Service will be held Sunday, March 15, 2020 at 3:00 pm at Royal-Hall Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Jimmy Flowers officiating. A visitation for friends and family will be held immediately following the service at the funeral home. Teresa's passing was a tragic accident, and her family, loved ones and friends are all in shock and heartbroken. If anyone would like to help her daughters out with the financial burden of the funeral costs, please contact Royal-Hall Funeral Home by phone or by email (royalhallaftn@aol.com) - anything will be greatly appreciated. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the family.

GARLAND

Mr. Alfredo Sanchez Torres, 67, of 32 N. Herring Ave., died Sunday, March 08, 2020 at Sampson Regional Medical Center in Clinton, NC. Mr. Torres was born May 06, 1952 in Valparaiso, Zacatecas, Mexico. Mr. Torres is preceded in death by his father Otilio Sanchez. Funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at Carter Funeral Home. Interment followed at Garland Cemetery. Mr. Torres leaves to cherish his wife; Santos "Escobedo" Falcon, six daughters; Maria Sanchez, Luz Sanchez, Amparo Sanchez, Silvia Sanchez, Paula Sanchez, Cecilia Sanchez, four sons; Alonso Sanchez, Teodoro Sanchez, Alfredo Sanchez, Sergio Sanchez; 25 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. The family received friends on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM at Carter Funeral Home.



CLINTON

Mrs. Faye Spell Warren, 84 of 303 Iverness Rd., passed away Sunday, March 8, 2020 at Southwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. A Funeral Service was held Tuesday, March 10th at 2:00PM in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church, 408 College St. with Dr. Ray Ammons officiating. Burial followed in the Clinton Cemetery. Born on January 27, 1936 in Sampson County, Faye was the daughter of the late Robbie H. Spell and Annie Lee Spell. Faye was a true southern lady who has spent her life caring for her family and the community she loved. She was a devoted member of First Baptist Church where she served on the Board of Deacons and a former teacher of the "Love" Sunday school class. She loved to work in her garden, especially tending to her roses. Faye is survived by her loving husband of sixty-three years, Douglas Wayne Warren, who was her sweetheart. She also leave behind her two sons: Robbie Warren of Clinton and Walt Warren and wife, Caroline of Raleigh; her five grandsons: Mason, Ridge, Ethan, John Page and Reid Warren; and her brother, Lynwood Spell of Roseboro. In addition to her parents, Faye was preceded in death by her daughter, Lisa Warren and a son, Wayne Warren, a brother, Walter Richard Spell and her sister, Ann Spell Jeffords. The family received friends at her home. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Warren family.



WHITEVILLE

Virginia Williams, Age-81 of 628 Blue Jean Rd., Whiteville, NC formerly of Godwin, NC died Saturday, March 7, 2020 at Lower Cape Fear Life Center, Whiteville, NC. Funeral service will be held Friday, March 13, 2020 at 1 pm at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Wade, NC. Interment: Mill Branch Cemetery, South Rived Rd., Autryville, NC. Public Visitation: Thursday, March 12, 2020 from 1:00 to 6:00 pm at Butler & Son Funeral Services, Clinton, NC. Family will receive friends at the home of her son George (Linda) Williams on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm at 90 Mustang Lane, Godwin, NC 28334. Butler & Son Funeral Services Clinton, NC.



CLINTON

Johnnie Frank Bowden, Age-84, 2754 H.B. Lewis Rd. died 3/4/20 at home. Funeral services will be Sat. 3/14/20 at 2:30 pm, Western Assembly Headquarters Building, Newton Grove, N.C. Interment in the Sandhill Cemetery, Clinton, N.C. Visitation on Friday 3/13/20, 1 to 6 pm Butler & Son Funeral Services in Clinton, N.C. www.butlerandson.com.

WARSAW

Sylvia Faye Rogers Frederick, 74, of Warsaw passed away Thursday, March 5, 2020 at Vidant Duplin. Sylvia was born April 3, 1945 in Sampson County to the late Bruce Rogers and Maggie Swinson Rogers. Funeral services were held 2:00 pm Sunday, March 8, 2020 at the Warsaw United Methodist Church. Burial followed in the Carlton Pollock Cemetery. Mrs. Frederick is survived by husband, Wade Frederick of Warsaw; son Jimmy Frederick and wife, Susan of Warsaw; daughter, April Groves and husband, Kent of Hampstead; grandchildren, Erin McCullen, Mackenna Hanley and husband, Daniel, James Hunter Frederick and wife, Alyssa, William Clayton Frederick and wife, Breezy; great grandchild, Wade Cameron Frederick; brother, Wilton Rogers of Myrtle Beach, SC; sisters Ruby R. Heyer of Rose Hill and Rose Shields of Jacksonville, FL.

CLINTON

Clarice Goodridge, Age-94 ,117 Harmon St. died at her home. Funeral services will be Sat 3/14/20 at 11am, Butler & Son Funeral Services in Clinton, N.C. Interment in the Hillcrest Cemetery in Clinton, N.C. Visitation 1 hour prior to the service. www.butlerandson.com.

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SPEED FREAKS

A few questions we had to ask ourselves

That's 25 career Cup wins for Joey Logano. Where will he land at career's end?

GODSPEAK: Joey is about half-way there. I think he will be in the low 50s when he gets to his early 40s.

KEN'S CALL: I'll say another 25-30, landing him alongside Ned Jarrett, Junior Johnson, Rusty Wallace and a few others.

Kyle Busch has 56 Cup wins, Jimmie Johnson has 83. Does Kyle catch Jimmie?

GODSPEAK: Kyle averages 3.5 wins a year. If he retires at 42, that's 28 more wins, which would put him one ahead of Jimmie when he's all done.

KEN'S CALL: Kyle is 34 with a lot of time left. But it depends on motivation as "family time" possibly becomes a larger lure in a few years. But I'll say 90 is within reach.

GODWIN'S PICKS FOR ATLANTA

WINNER: Ryan Blaney
REST OF TOP 5: Kevin Harvick, Chase Elliott, Denny Hamlin, Martin Truex Jr.

FIRST ONE OUT: Denny Hamlin

DARK HORSE: Matt DiBenedetto
DON'T BE SURPRISED IF: Warning! Warning! The Blaney flood gates are about to open.

BY THE NUMBERS

4 Kevin Harvick's top-10 finishes this season
25 Joey Logano's career Cup race wins
73 Caution laps at Phoenix
93 Laps led by Chase Elliott at Phoenix
122 All-time Cup Series wins by Team Penske

MOTOR MOUTHS PODCAST

The Podsters dissect the Western Swing and consider future travel plans.

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ATLANTA

THREE THINGS TO WATCH



Kyle Busch celebrates his seventh consecutive NASCAR Truck Series victory at Las Vegas Motor Speedway in February. [MATT SULLIVAN/GETTY IMAGES/NASCAR]

1. Bounty hunters

Atlanta Motor Speedway will be filled with bounty hunters this weekend as a NASCAR Cup Series driver tries to put the skids on Kyle Busch's seven-race winning streak in Saturday's Truck Series race. Kevin Harvick and the series sponsor (Gander) have put up a \$100,000 bounty. Chase Elliott will chase the money at Atlanta while Kyle Larson has a ride in Homestead the following week.

2. Truck love

The Truck Series is NASCAR's version of Double A baseball, so it doesn't get the spotlight of its two older siblings (Cup, Xfinity). Harvick's bounty challenge is giving the truck guys a much needed boost. Halmar International, which

sponsors a truck team, has caught bounty fever and promises to ante up \$50,000 to any full-time Truck Series driver who can beat Busch. Said Busch, "Bring it on."

3. Family friendly

Atlanta Motor Speedway is very family friendly. For instance it has produced two father-son victories. Ned Jarrett won in 1964 and his boy Dale Jarrett got a victory in 1997. Dale Earnhardt collected nine wins at Atlanta and Dale Jr. won there in 2004. Several sets of brothers have won at Atlanta, including Terry and Bobby Labonte. In 1996 Bobby won the Atlanta race and older brother Terry captured the Cup championship.

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PHOENIX

THREE THINGS WE LEARNED

1. NASCAR numerology

Through the first four races of the NASCAR Cup Series, only stock cars with identical double-digit numbers have won: Denny Hamlin (No. 11), Alex Bowman (No. 88) and Joey Logano (No. 22, twice). Could Reed Sorenson (No. 77), Timmy Hill (No. 66) or Quin Houff (No. 00) be next?

2. Penske power

Team Penske's three drivers are making serious performance statements this season. Logano leads the way with two wins, but Ryan Blaney, who just extended his contract, and Brad Keselowski have made impressive runs. Looking ahead, "Kez" has won two of the last three Atlanta races.

3. Blaney's balk

Blaney arrived at Phoenix as the



Joey Logano stands on his race car at the start-finish line as he celebrates after winning the NASCAR Cup Series race at Phoenix. [AP/RALPH FRESO]

Cup Series points leader and left the desert sixth in points. What happened? He was knocked out in a three-car crash on Lap 66. "Just an innocent bystander there," he said. "It sucks to have it end so early like that and have that happen so early in the race."

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QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers

What's with Jimmie Johnson's IndyCar flirtation?

He'll join the McLaren IndyCar team for an April 6 test at the beautiful Barber road course in Birmingham, Alabama. After that ... well, it might depend on the lap times. You'd like to think Jimmie wouldn't tempt fate by spending any of his "retirement" years on the ultra-fast Indy ovals, but some road-course events obviously have his interest.

What's the point?

Former F1 champ Fernando Alonso was first to talk about spreading his wings in wide fashion, and has done so over the past few years — he even ran the recent Dakar Rally. Fernando and Jimmie have become friends. Jimmie's persona never matched the other two men with seven Cup championships, but this late-career itch might help carve out his own niche in that department.

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WHAT'S ON TAP

(All times Eastern)

CUP SERIES: Folds of Honor Quiktrip 500
SITE: Atlanta Motor Speedway (1.54-mile oval)
SCHEDULE: Friday, practice (Fox Sports 1, 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.). Saturday, qualifying (Fox Sports 1, noon). Sunday, race (Fox, coverage begins at 1:30 p.m., green flag at 2 p.m.)

XFINITY: EchoPark 250
SITE: Atlanta Motor Speedway
TV SCHEDULE: Friday, practice (Fox Sports 1, 2:30 p.m. and 5 p.m.). Saturday, qualifying, (Fox Sports 1, 11 a.m.), race (Fox Sports 1, 4 p.m.)

GANDER RV & OUTDOORS TRUCK SERIES: Vet Tix/ Camping World 200
SITE: Atlanta Motor Speedway
TV SCHEDULE: Friday, practice (Fox Sports 1, 4:30 p.m.). Saturday, qualifying (Fox Sports 1, 10 a.m.), race (Fox Sports 1, 1 p.m.)



KEN WILLIS' TOP 10 NASCAR DRIVER RANKINGS

JOEY	KEVIN	KYLE BUSCH	DENNY	ALEX	KYLE	BRAD	JIMMIE	CHASE	KURT BUSCH
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