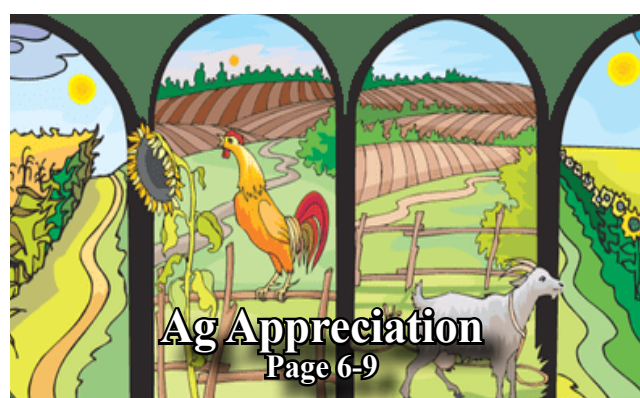




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Friends of Ag Hold Rally for Farmers Under Fire



The Sampson County Friends of Agriculture held their 18th annual Ag Rally this past Tuesday night drawing one of the largest audiences to date. The annual event included a meal by Sandpiper and the keynote speaker this year was Andy Curliss, CEO of the NC Pork Council.

While introducing Curliss, Don Butler stated that hiring a former **AG, see P.4**

Wild Game Cookout Continues to Grow in Popularity- Group to Hold 19th Annual Event



What do beaver, deer, catfish, wild-boar, squirrel, crawfish, raccoon, bear and wild-turkey have in common? They will all be served in many different styles on Saturday, March 16th in downtown Clinton at the Clinton City Market located on Lisbon Street. Turkey nuggets, beaver stew, barbecued wild boar, deer stew, deer roast, deer sausage, catfish chowder, barbecued raccoon, deep fried bear and squirrel stew is a few of the many different variety of dishes served to outdoor enthusiast and curious palate at previous events. Event coordinators, Friends of the Sampson County Waterways stated, "Approximately 200 meals will be served, at the noon event." The yearly event is normally in January but due to the weather, the group decided to change it to March.

"Over the past few years the event has not changed that much. It has changed a lot since we first started the event. What started out in the backyard by way of clearing out space in our freezer has grown into an annual event which the county looks forward to at the beginning of the new year each year. Years ago, we let everyone help themselves to the dishes which caused a lot of waste. Now we serve just a sampling of the dishes to those in attendance. We used to put the event on for donations. We are a non-profit group and this event has become one of our biggest fund raisers to keep the rivers in Sampson County clear".

Coordinators are urging more hunting clubs in the area to get involved with the cookout. **WILD, see P. 3**

Students Receive Computers to Bridge the Digital Divide



Computer Giveaway volunteers at Roseboro Salemburg Middle School

On Friday, the Kramden Institute donated 150 computers to deserving students at Roseboro Elementary and Roseboro Salemburg Middle Schools.

This donation was in part made possible through Roseboro native Rubestine Potter and her husband. Rubestine and her husband Robert L. Potter, **STUDENTS, see P. 3**

WEATHER

Fri Cloudy 20%
Hi: 81° Lo: 48°

Sat Partly Cloudy 0%
Hi: 61° Lo: 55°

Sun Partly Cloudy 0%
Hi: 57° Lo: 35°

Mon Partly Cloudy 0%
Hi: 60° Lo: 36°

Tues Partly Cloudy 10%
Hi: 56° Lo: 35°

Wed Sunny 0%
Hi: 61° Lo: 38°

WEEKLY VERSE

Restore us, O God Almighty; make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.
Psalm 80:7

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LOCAL NEWS

From the Desk of Senator Brent Jackson

I hope you are having a great week. This week I got the chance to attend the annual Sampson County Friends of Agriculture Rally. There I got to hear from keynote speaker Andy Curliss, CEO of the N.C. Pork Council, who spoke about the importance of pork in our district and the need to support this crucial NC industry.

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

Legislative Recap Ag. Disaster Fund Bill

This week, I am happy to report that our bill to extend disaster recovery to Iredell and Wilkes Counties (S.B. 77) has been sent to the Governor for his signature. We are extremely proud of this accomplishment that will allow applications that were held up by logistical issues to be filed and processed soon.

The ongoing recovery effort is complex, but we are dedicated to doing what is right for North Carolina. I fully expect 2019 to be a more productive and fruitful year for farmers than it otherwise would have been without this group effort.

From the District Sampson County New Ag Program Developed at SCC

Sampson Community College broke ground on their new welding facility last week and current plans for a new truck driving facility. This growth is also reflected in the new program offerings the college is bringing to Sampson County as well.

The new Agribusiness Technology program prepares students to manage agricultural businesses and agriculturally related operations within diversified corporations. Coursework will include instruction in agriculture, agricultural specialization, business management, accounting, finance, marketing, planning, human resources management, and other managerial responsibilities.

Students will learn the fundamentals of agriculture, focusing on crop production and business. Emphasis is placed on entrepreneurial and field training. Students will learn the principles of our economic system and government policies and programs relating to agriculture.

Only last week, the college announced its new Supply Chain Management program. That program focuses on the flow of goods and services, and involves the movement and storage of raw materials, of work-in-process inventory, and of finished goods from point of origin to point of consumption. To learn more about any current or new programs at SCC, visit the college's Facebook page or at www.sampsoncc.edu.

District Spotlight Clinton-Sampson Chamber Honors Own

The Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce held their 49th annual celebration at the Exposition Center Thursday night and recognized accomplishments and work of local businesses and business owners and employees.



Business Person of the Year Award-Samantha DiPinto, owner of Southern Style BBQ and Chicken was named the Chamber's Business Person of the Year. After graduating from college, her parents decided to give up the family farm and open what they thought would be a "mom and pop" restaurant to carry them through until retirement. Now, 30 years later, DiPinto continues to run the family business, Southern Style BBQ and Chicken.

I am so happy for you all being rightfully recognized for your fantastic accomplishments. Thank you for your hard and service to our district.

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

Election Board Takes Oath of Office



Sampson County Board of Election members took their Oath of Office last week at the Board of Elections office in Clinton. Clerk of Court Chris Fann administered the oaths. The five member board now consists of new board member Emily Devane, Danny Jackson (5 years on the board), GH Wilson (1 year on the board), Quincy Edgerton (25 years on the board), Chairman Horace Bass (8 years on the board). Sampson County Board of Election Director is Mrs. Ashley Tew.



Awards were given to individuals and businesses in several categories such as small business, entrepreneurial success and business person of the year.

The biggest award of the night went to Dee Bryant, for Outstanding Chamber Member of the Year. The Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce Chamber Member of the Year award requires someone that is involved with the Chamber and Sampson County in many aspects. This individual is someone that has a passion for the people, the community, and the well being of Sampson County. Small Business Excellence Award-Kids Only Preschool earned the Chamber's Small Business Excellence Award. Kids Only strives to provide a rich learning experience that encourages children's natural curiosity and supports them to take risks that lead to new skill development. The preschool setting provides a warm and nurturing environment where children feel safe, respected and cared for while learning occurs.

Entrepreneurial Success Award-Matthew Register was honored with the Entrepreneurial Success Award. Register and his wife Jessica opened Southern Smoke BBQ in 2014 in Garland, carrying on a Eastern North Carolina tradition of smoking pork the old fashioned way — low and slow over an oak wood fire in their custom designed smoker.

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told the county before any more funds would be dedicated the County would have to make an effort to keep it clean. Of course, the county did not have money so FSCW was formed to try this endless task. We maintain a fleet of boats including kayaks and canoes and chainsaws which require maintenance. We also sponsor paddle trips for churches, scouts and other organizations.”

The Friends of the Sampson County Waterways help to maintain and cleanup the Black River, South River, Six Runs Creek, Little Coharie and Great Coharie Creeks.

The Annual event which is sponsored by the Friends of the Sampson County Waterways continues to attract hundreds from around the county and state. Those who attend look forward to sampling dishes which used to be staples on plates in North Carolina from the not so distant past. Many of the dishes that will be served on Saturday would be easily recognized by your grandparents and their parents.

Event coordinators want everyone to come with a hearty appetite and open mind. Admission to the event is \$8 per adult and \$4.00 for children ten and under. Bring a dish to share and enjoy one free admission per dish. Proceeds from the annual cookout will be used by The Friends of Sampson County Waterways to help keep our local creeks and rivers cleared and scenic for generations to come. Barbecue and pimento cheese sandwiches will be available to those with the pickier palate.

There will be tickets available for \$5.00 for a Kayak Raffle and a Hurricane Santee; drawing will be held after lunch.

For more information contact Cebron Fussell at (910)592-7373 or Don Meece at (910)592-7373.

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Roseboro Principal Tonya Colwell helps students learn about their new computers

have been volunteering with the Kramden Institute for years where Rubestine is also a board member. The Potters currently live in Durham. Rubestine is a retired educator herself, so education is paramount for her.

It’s a mission that’s dear to their hearts, getting technology into the hands of children who otherwise would not have the opportunity to own their own computer. The Potters make sure that the children of Sampson County, especially their hometown of Roseboro, receive opportunities to expand their digital education. Hundreds of computers have been given out in Sampson County through the generosity of the Kramden Institute and the Potters over the last couple of years.

Potter stated that it is essential for children to get computers into the homes to help bridge the digital divide in Sampson County. She also noted that it was important for children to have access to internet in their homes as well.

Mr. and Mrs. Potter started the Gwyn Fisher Turman Scholarship Fund, which is named in honor of her late sister. Rubestine noted that it was her sister’s desire, along with herself, to give back to the community that they grew up in, Roseboro.

The Gwyn Fisher Turman Scholarship Fund, established in 2009, honors Gwyn Fisher Turman, who attended Roseboro Colored High School and graduated from Charles E. Perry High School in 1964. She was a graduate of Livingstone College, City College of New York and was a distinguished retired New York City educator. “Our mission is to bring resources to children in Sampson County, North Carolina, which will help them become contributing and forthright members of society.”

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LOCAL NEWS

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News and Observer reporter to lead the NC Pork Council may seem to be an odd choice, but that Curliss was a “pitbull” that could uncover information that might otherwise not be known.

Curliss centered his discussion Tuesday night on the ongoing Hog Farm Trials and the money behind the scenes. But he began by providing some history behind the pork industry in North Carolina. Curliss explained that when big tobacco was falling out of favor, state leaders began to look for alternative areas in agriculture to make up for the loss revenue tobacco would have generated.

Leaders from NC State and others looked to Iowa and the pork industry out there as an example. Soon, Smithfield would open a pork processing plant in Wilson, NC and the demand for pork in eastern North Carolina took off.

With other pork processing plants opening in the state, researchers and farmers looked for more innovative ways to raise hogs that would improve sanitation, the health of the hogs and have less impact on resources. Joey Carter was one of those first hog farmers to look at innovation.

Oddly enough, Joey Carter’s farm is also named in two of the first five trials in which millions of dollars have been awarded to a handful of plaintiffs despite numerous witnesses who testified in court that their life nor property had been negatively impacted. During the speech a short film of Joey Carter and the impact the trials have had on his 30 plus year farming operation was shown.

“Law suits so far,” stated Curliss, “36 plaintiffs, 5 jury trials, \$550 million in jury awards.” After a cap on punitive damages, Curliss explains that the award is still at \$96 million. “And there are about 476 more plaintiffs to go.”

Curliss went on to explain some of the strange and questionable testimony and the fact that jurors have not been allowed to visit any of the farms despite repeated request from Murphy Brown the defendant in the cases.

In one case, a house in question was positioned one mile away from a farm. Curliss asked the audience to try to consider what would be one mile away from their home. Curliss went on to explain that the judge in these cases. “with a stroke of the pen” completely blew up the Right to Farm law in North Carolina stating that it simply didn’t apply in these cases.

Curliss also questioned why research and testimony from the world’s leading authority on odor, Dr. Pam Dalton, would be thrown out by the judge because it favored Smithfield. While pictures of self-described activists wearing hazmat suits around hog lagoons would be shown to jurors. “Anyone here in the hog farming business wear a hazmat suit,” Curliss questioned.

Finally, Curliss detailed the connections between the lawyers for the plaintiffs and the money backing from wealthy activist. One such connection was Fred Stanback, one of North Carolina’s richest people, and neighbor of plaintiff’s lead lawyer in North Carolina, Mona Lisa Wallace.

Curliss also pointed to the connection of the Texas law firms Baron and Budd and the Kaeske Law Firm with that of environmental activist groups funded by Facebook co-founder Dustin Moskovitz.

Near the end of his speech, Curliss looked out into the audience to point out the Joey Carter family. Met with a standing ovation, it was announced that Joey Carter had been named the NC Pork Council’s Producer of the Year.

Curliss ended his time at the podium by encouraging everyone to get to know their local, state and federal leaders and letting them hear their voice.

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Volunteers for the event on Friday include: Rubestine Potter, Robert L Potter; Volunteers at Roseboro Salemburg Middle School- Donna St. Pierre, Blanche Boone, Wilma Boone Lucas, Aleaha Parker; Volunteers at Roseboro Elementary- Tiffany Edwards, Melma July, Gloria Anderson, Trudy Tatum, Pantrice Parker; 14 Tarheel Challenge Cadets (7 at each school); and Kristina Parks, Tom Walters, Cari DelMariani, Liles Stephens- Kramden Staff.

Roseboro Mayor Alice Butler was grateful for the donations to local students, “The mission of the Kramden Institute is “Providing Technology Tools and Training to Bridge the Digital Divide.” This non-profit collects, refurbishes and awards computers to students and families without a computer in their home. Their goal is to inspire students to succeed by teaching them critical computer, software and Internet skills. By recycling and reusing donated computers and parts they are extending their lives and reducing e-waste.”

Union Middle School and Union Elementary Schools are scheduled to receive computers from the Kramden Institute in April.

History of the Kramden Institute

Kramden was born out of a father/son project initiated in June 2003 by Mark and Ned Dibner (“Kramden” is ‘Mark’ and ‘Ned’ spelled backwards). The idea came from Ned, then 13, who suggested to his father that they refurbish and fix older computers to donate to middle school honor-roll students in Durham, NC who could not afford home computers. From July 2003 through March 2004, over 90 personal computers and 50 monitors were donated by individuals and businesses allowing Mark and Ned to create and complete 50 computer systems to donate. These PCs were given to sixth, seventh and eighth grade students on the school honor rolls but who could not afford home computers. By May 2004, each honor-roll student in the school had a computer in their home.

Kramden’s Impact

In the years since, Kramden has awarded more than 30,000 computers to deserving students across 81 of North Carolina’s 100 counties. They have partnered with numerous schools, other non-profits and military aid organizations across the state to award computers to those in need. More than 3,000 students and adults have taken part in their education programs.



Computer Giveaway volunteers at Roseboro Elementary School

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We Should Know . . .



**Robert Honeycutt with JW Simmons
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Tuesdays from 2:30 PM until 3:30 PM, J.W. Simmons hosts a radio show on 1170 AM called "We Should Know", and The Sampson Weekly will feature portions of the transcripts in our continuing efforts to bring you more coverage of what is happening in our community.

The topic for this week's show is all thing music with the guest being Robert Honeycutt, Board Director to the NC Music Hall of Fame.

Robert Honeycutt, a Sampson County native, was introduced to music early in life and music has always been a major part of his life. A graduate of then Campbell College, Honeycutt played in bands during high school and college, and worked at Williams Lake, a popular hangout for teens in the late 50s and 60s.

In 1965, Honeycutt took over management of Williams Lake and began signing major recording artists to play at the lake. The club closed in 1970, but Honeycutt brought a revival to the Williams Lake era in 2008 with the Williams Lake Dance Club Reunion. In 2015, Robert Honeycutt was appointed to the board of directors for the NC Music Hall of Fame.

JW Simmons begins the show stating that in November of 2018, Governor Cooper signed a proclamation declaring 2019 as the Year of Music in North Carolina. Within the proclamation was a list of artists who had a national impact on the music industry including names like James Taylor, Earl Scruggs, Nina Simone, Doc Watson and many more.

Simmons asks Robert Honeycutt to discuss the Year of Music in North Carolina. Honeycutt begins by stating, "Well, North Carolina probably has more different varieties of music and musicians than any state in the United States. We don't just have Country Music or Beach Music. We have everything from Blue Grass to Opera."

Simmons says Honeycutt, while at Williams Lake, was responsible for bringing African American bands to Sampson County that would later become national recording artists. Honeycutt replies, "Well, I brought in people like Jackie Wilson. He was super big. The Platters, when they were the Platters. The Drifters. The Coasters. Martha Reeves and the Vandellas. Of course, all of our local groups like The Embers. Gene Barbour and the Cavaliers. The Tassels who later became Pieces of Eight, they hit the national scene. Maurice Williams and the Zodiacs. There was a lot of national entertainment that came through Williams Lake."

Simmons next asks Honeycutt to explain why he chose to provide live entertainment at Williams Lake and deal with the many late nights and large crowds of people. Honeycutt explains, "Well, really it all happened accidentally. I started trying to play the saxophone in high school and was lucky enough to get in a few bands. And when Mr. Williams retired, I had worked with him in high school and when I was at college at Campbell, he approached me about my band playing."

"Anyway, I ended up leasing the building for almost five years. It started out as a juke box joint. They started playing music in 1936 and the first juke box ran on a generator. Mr. Williams would open Wednesday of Easter Week and run until Labor Day. When I took it over and brought in the bands, we decided to keep it open year-round."

Honeycutt goes on to say, "We pretty much enclosed the building with plywood panels. If you remember the front and back of the building was open. We cut plywood to put in those opening and in the summer, we would take them out. Of course, we had no air conditioning and very little heat."

Next, Simmons asks Honeycutt how he found the bands and was able to book them at such a rural area. Honeycutt states, "Some of them I knew like the Embers or Buddy Skipper from Wilmington. Bob Collins and the Fabulous Five, I had met them. In fact, Bob Collins opened up I believe it was April 21st on a Wednesday night in 1965 with no advertisement, all word of mouth, and we had cars from one curve all the way around to the next curve and people standing in line to get in on a

Wednesday night."

"I started advertising on WKIX in Raleigh and some on the local stations here, but most of the national acts came through a booking agency. And probably half the bands did, and they were out of Greensboro and Charlotte."

Next, Simmons says there must have been some risk booking bands and having to pay the booking fees not knowing how many tickets would sell. Honeycutt replies, "Booking bands is not like selling merchandise. If don't sell your merchandise today, you got it tomorrow to sell. When you do a concert or even with music, you've got your money invested and you either make your money that night or you pay out of your pocket."

In a later segment of the show, JW Simmons and Robert Honeycutt discuss the NC Music Hall of Fame and an upcoming event in Wilmington that will feature three legends of beach music.

On Sunday March 24, 2019 The North Carolina Music Hall of Fame will present a fundraiser concert titled "Spring Beach Blast" from the Greenfield Lake Amphitheater in Wilmington, North Carolina. Three legends of beach music will perform live.

Doors at the Greenfield Lake Amphitheater open at 12 noon with the event starting at 12:30 pm. Tickets are \$30. The price will increase on the day of the event at \$35.

Tickets may be purchased online at the North Carolina Music Hall of Fame museum. Tickets are also available at both Redix locations in the Wilmington, North Carolina area or you can call Robert Honeycutt for tickets at 910-214-2858.

The following groups, who Honeycutt says have never appeared on the same show, will perform live: The Chairmen of the Board: With one of Soul Music all-time great group names, 1999 NC Music Hall of Fame inductees The Chairmen of the Board have captivated music lovers for over 50 years with hits such as "Give Me Just A Little More Time" and "Everything's Tuesday".

The Embers: 2014 NC Music Hall of Fame Inductees The Embers have solidified their position as music group that have left an impression on beach music lovers for decades. With hits such as "I Love Beach Music" and "Far Away Places". The Embers have created lasting memories since 1958.

Band Of Oz: 2016 NC Music Hall of Fame Inductees Band of Oz is arguably one of the most successful groups in the East Coast Beach Music scene. With 5 decades of memorable hits such as "Shaggin" and "Shama Lama Ding Dong" which is considered to be the most requested beach songs of all time.

They also intend to honor Buddy Skipper, a legend in eastern North Carolina who played the first 6 Saturday nights at Williams Lake.

The North Carolina Music Hall of Fame Museum is located at 600 Dale Earnhardt Blvd. Kannapolis, NC 28081. The Hall of Fame exhibits memorabilia from those who have been inducted into its Hall of Fame.

The individuals or bands inducted into the Hall of Fame are from all types of genres and all areas of the professional music industry including singers, songwriters, music producers, musicians and music industry executives who have roots in North Carolina.

Exhibits tell the musical career of each inductee with the display of their wardrobe pieces, signed albums, award albums, accessories, and more. Inductions at the Hall of Fame are held annually with a celebration event to recognize and honor these legends who have created N.C.'s rich musical heritage.

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

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

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What Is Ag Day?

It's a day to recognize and celebrate the abundance provided by agriculture. Every year, producers, agricultural associations, corporations, universities, government agencies and countless others across America join together to recognize the contributions of agriculture.

When Is Ag Day?

Ag Day is celebrated on March 14, 2019. National Ag Day falls during National Ag Week, March 10-16, 2019.

Who Hosts Ag Day?

The Agriculture Council of America hosts the campaign on a national level. However, the awareness efforts in communities across America are as influential - if not more - than the broad-scale effort. Again this year, the Ag Day Planning Guide has been created to help communities and organizations more effectively host Ag Day events.

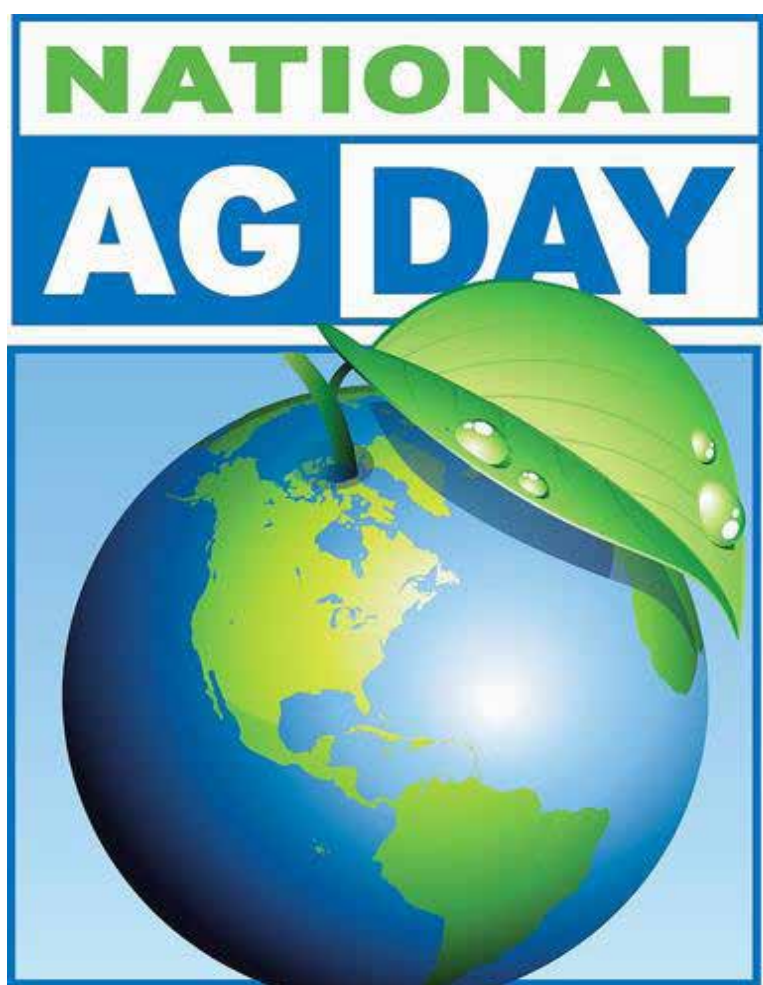
What Is Ag Day All About?

Ag Day is about recognizing - and celebrating - the contribution of agriculture in our everyday lives. The National Ag Day program encourages every American to:

- Understand how food and fiber products are produced.
- Value the essential role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy.
- Appreciate the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable products.

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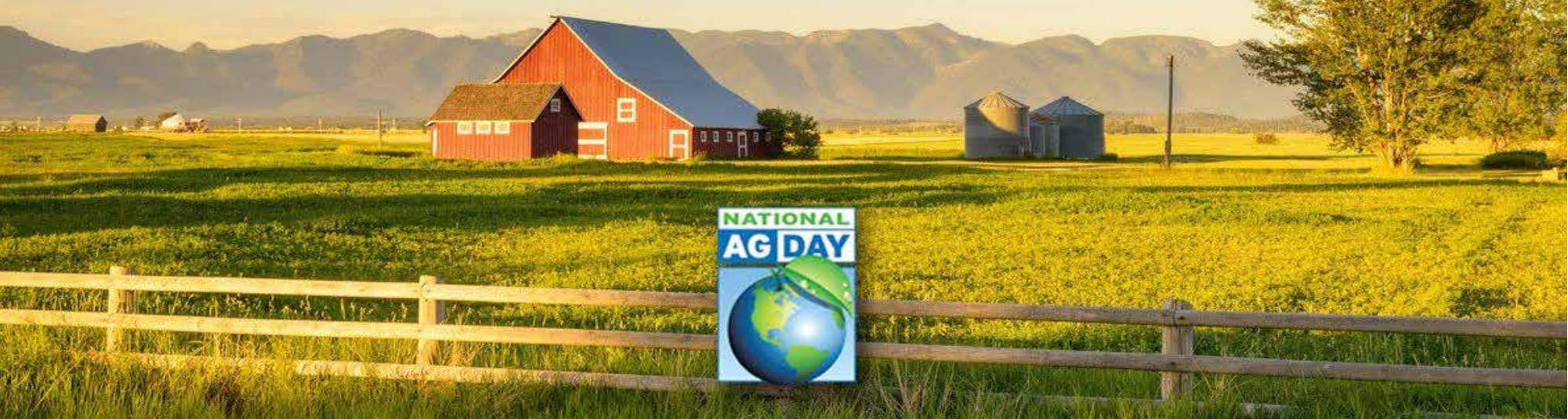


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What's Happening

By Angela
Martin

at **SCT**



Pocahontas set to open March 22

March 22 is fast approaching and for our two casts that date will signify opening night. Pocahontas the Musical was originally slated for a January opening but due to unforeseen circumstances the show moved to a March opening date. You have 8 chances to see this Native American Princess and her cast, March 22- March 31 - with Friday and Saturday night performances at 7:30 pm and Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2:30 pm. This production is filled with music, dancing and fun so come on out to see it. The production is directed by Angela Martin and is sponsored by Performance Dodge/Ford. The set of our musical is painted by Ms. Anne Wicke. Anne has been a featured artist at our theatre onstage as well in various shows as a primary artist on all of our backdrops. Anne is so very talented and we can't wait for you to see Jamestown from the 1600s.



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

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

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Ideas for an easy Easter menu

FAMILY FEATURES

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Go with what you know. Trying out new recipes is fun, but it can also add stress when they don't turn out like you expected. Stick to tried and true dishes you can prepare and serve with confidence and save the experimenting for another time.

Take shortcuts. At the center of many Easter feasts is a ham that has been expertly cured and cooked to perfection. Even so, starting with a full-cooked ham is a shortcut that no one is likely to

notice, especially if you heat it properly. For exceptional quality and a variety of flavor profile options to choose from, turn to America's Original Butcher, Omaha Steaks. The meats are fully cooked then frozen before being delivered to your door for maximum convenience.

Work ahead. Plan your menu to incorporate items you can make ahead of time so you're under less pressure the day of your dinner. Even handling the prep work like slicing veggies the night before can buy back precious minutes, that way when guests begin arriving, you can step out of the kitchen and enjoy the day right along with them.

Find more ideas to make hosting this year's Easter meal easy at OmahaSteaks.com/buy/meals/easter.

How to Heat a Frozen Ham

Many frozen hams are fully cooked and can be served as soon as they're properly thawed, which is an ideal solution for a casual brunch with mini sandwiches on the menu. However, if you're serving an elegant holiday dinner, you're more likely to prefer a warm centerpiece dish. A fully cooked ham is still a time-saving option; you'll just need to allot time to heat it in the oven once it's thawed.

Start by thawing a fully cooked ham in the refrigerator for 24-48 hours.

To keep your ham extra moist, always put the cut-side down. You might also consider placing a baking rack in the pan and adding a quarter-inch of water before placing the ham on the rack.

For a spiral-cut, bone-in ham, heat the oven to 325 F. Remove ham from film and foil. Place ham cut-side down on a raised edge baking pan lined with foil. Heat uncovered 60-75 minutes for the entire ham or 10 minutes per pound for smaller portions.

For a boneless ham, heat the oven to 350 F. Place the ham, cut-side down, on a raised edge baking pan lined with foil. Cover the ham tightly with foil and heat 35-40 minutes.

Another option for adding extra juicy flavor is a glaze, which can be as simple as dissolving three parts brown sugar into one part honey in a small saucepan. Or for a more elegant affair, consider a fruit-infused glaze to complement the savory pork.

A Host of Hams

If you always thought a ham is a ham is a ham, it's time to think again. From the type of meat to the smoking preparation to specialized slicing that makes serving easy, there are plenty of options to consider from a supplier like Omaha Steaks when choosing the right ham.



Savory

For an elegant gathering that demands premium ingredients, an all-natural Duroc Boneless Country Ham may be the answer. These hams tend to feature more marbling for an exceptionally rich flavor and texture, making for a tender, savory and juicy main course with no basting or injection needed.



Smoky

Put a little flair in your Easter meal with a uniquely flavored ham like the Pecanwood Smoked Flank Ham, smoked with real pecan wood for 8 hours to add a rich yet mellow smoky flavor. This tender, juicy uncured whole-muscle ham earns its place of distinction on your holiday table. Complementary sides with subtle nutty notes, such as a sweet potato casserole, can enhance the menu even more.



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Apricot Glaze

- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon cornstarch
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 cup apricot nectar, canned

In saucepan, mix brown sugar, cornstarch and ginger. Stir in apricot nectar. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens and boils.

Cranberry Orange Glaze

- 1 can (16 ounces) cranberry sauce
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1/2 teaspoon cloves, ground
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon, ground
- 1/4 teaspoon allspice

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CHS Junior Kayla Yang Helping To Lead Lady Horses



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Soccer standout humbled by fan, community support

Earlier this week Clinton High School's Kayla Yang helped lift the Clinton High School girls' soccer team to a 9-0 win against James Kenan.

In addition to a sparkling performance from the entire team – offensive and defensively – Yang, a midfielder/striker, managed to add two goals of her own, along with an assist, helping her team to a victory on the road. Last week, the junior delivered another solid performance in the Lady Dark Horses' 7-0 blanking of visiting Havelock (Yang had 3 assists in the contest).

The team was on a two-game win streak headed into Thursday night's road match against cross-town rivals, the Hobbton Wildcats (final results were not available before press time Thursday).

The team is currently 4-2-1 overall and 1-0-0 in the conference and will play again tonight when they begin a 3-game home stand against Swansboro, followed by next week's games versus Midway (Tuesday 3/19) and Goldsboro (Friday 3/22).

In addition to having a busy week of playing soccer, Yang has been honored with the Performance Auto/Sampson Weekly Star Athlete of the Week Award.

"I really didn't know anything about it," the 17-year-old said early Wednesday evening. "It was a big surprise and it feels good that my coach (Jeff Smith) thought that much of me to even nominate me."

It should come as no surprise.

Through 7 games the Clinton native has amassed 18 points; 4 goals and 10 assists.

"Kayla is a fine player," said head coach Jeff Smith. "She works hard in her training and is a true leader."

Smith continues, "She is just an impressive young lady and I

am proud to have her part of this team."

Yang pushes any praise onto her coaches and teammates.

"Most of us have played soccer together since we were little," she explains. "We have also played travel soccer together for years as well, so we are really close and because of that, we have great chemistry on and off the field."

Coming into this season, the Lady Dark Horses returned only 4 seniors, which means the underclassmen had to step up. Yang is one of 8 in the junior class; followed by 5 sophomores and 8 freshmen.

"I think it really motivated me," Yang admits. "Everyone is out here working hard [as a team] and pulls their own weight. My goal is to go out and give 110 percent on the field every game. I really want to help my team and have an impact."

A native of Clinton, Yang's first foray into sports came at a very young age.

"I first started playing soccer when I was about 4-years-old," she remembers with a laugh. "At first I hated it. I hated the heat ... I just didn't want to play it at all."

But that all changed as she got older.

"I have an older brother and sister (Casey and Katey, respectively) and I grew up watching them," Yang said. "As I started to get older, I really started to enjoy it a lot more ..."

In addition to her older siblings, Yang's father, Ken, was a major influence on how she developed her game into what it is today.

"He was always made time to work with me to get better, whether it was at practice, in the back yard or just discussing ways to improve over dinner," she said of her father, who has coached her travel team since she was little. "He has really shaped me into the athlete I am today."

Although Yang is an accomplished swimmer, as well as a trained dancer (Yang has trained at the Performance Arts School in Clinton since she was just a few years old), her desire to play soccer was sparked when her youth team began competing with tough competition.

"I can remember traveling to Fayetteville and playing against boys' teams," Yang remembers. "That is really when it began to get fun. It became more competitive."

Through the years of playing travel, recreation and school soccer, Yang has adapted her game at each level - putting in the extra time and effort to stay prepared for her opponent.

"The pace is faster," Yang says of playing travel soccer. "You are playing against players at 4A schools, so you really have to be ready for that. High school is a fast pace too and it was an adjustment for me coming into my freshman year. To have been able to start on the team [as a freshman] is a huge honor ..."

Athletic teams at Clinton High School have a long tradition of having senior leaders reach out to the younger players and help them adjust to what is expected on and off the field.

"I was lucky enough to have my sister be there for my freshman year – she was a senior," Yang remembers. "Ever since I was little, I would come to her and my brother's

games [at CHS] and watch them play – I just really looked up to them and here I was, a freshman, playing with my sister. It was really a great experience."

As a junior, Yang finds herself in that same 'leadership' position and is determined to pass down what has been taught to her – keeping the Dark Horse Tradition alive.

"It keeps me humble," Yang said. "I do what I can to help the younger players. Dark Horse Camp is a great opportunity to go out there and help out. You see the young, aspiring soccer players out there – all ages ... It is just really rewarding."

A straight 'A' student, who considers Math as her favorite subject, Yang says she knows she is going to college; however, she is undecided on her major and school she wants to attend.

"I want to go and really focus on my education," Yang admits. "I don't think I am going to play on a team, but I might play club soccer. I am just not sure just yet."

What she is sure of is that she will miss the only school system she has ever known.

"I have been thinking about that recently," Yang admitted. "It is going to be bittersweet for me because it truly is like family here at the school and in this community. Anywhere you go, everyone is always so welcoming ... It is really incredible."

Yang continues, "We recently had our first fundraiser, and everyone was just so supportive and really, really generous. Having that kind of community support – helping us out, coming to our games and just showing all that love, it really is humbling."

Although Yang has been very busy this school year, when she does get free time, the standout likes to spend time with friends and family, as well as golfing with her father when she gets the chance.

While that free time is limited this year, Yang says that she is taking the time to enjoy the time she does have left of her high school career.

"It really flies by," Yang said. "Coming in, you don't think it will, but it does go by fast."

When asked if there is a piece of advice that she would send to upcoming freshman, Yang doesn't hesitate.

"I would tell them to come in taking an optimistic view. Take things head on. Get involved with the things going on at school. It really does go fast. I know right now, for me, I am really starting to realize that this is it and I want to enjoy the things going on ..."

In addition to her teachers, coaches and teammates, Yang said that she wanted to send a special 'thank you' out to her family (father, siblings and mother, Grace) "For always being there and believing in me"; Coaches Adam and Lindsey – for "continually making an effort to shape me into being a better player"; and "all of my friends".

Yang had a last special shout-out to her head coach.

"I just want to thank coach Jeff Smith for nominating me for this award," she said. "And, for also being the coolest coach ever."

You can catch Yang and her teammates tonight at the Clinton Dark Horse Soccer Complex when they begin their 3-game home stand against Swansboro. Game time is 6 p.m.

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Rotary Youth Leaders Recognized



At the March Clinton City School Board meeting, Rotary Youth Leaders were recognized by the board. Adrian Donatelli, Savanna Mathis and Reid Walters.

New Program Developed at SCC



Bass hopes students will take advantage of the new program.

Sampson Community College continues to grow. Look no further than the groundbreaking of the new welding facility last week or current plans for a new truck driving facility. This growth is also reflected in the new program offerings the college is bringing to Sampson County as well.

"Our new Agribusiness degree is one I am excited about," says Chet Bass, Department Chair for Applied Animal Science. "It partners well with the program we currently offer, and it is structured in a way that will allow students a path to potentially double major in both while they are here."

The new Agribusiness Technology program prepares students to manage agricultural businesses and agriculturally related operations within diversified corporations. Coursework will include instruction in agriculture, agricultural specialization, business management, accounting, finance, marketing, planning, human resources management, and other managerial responsibilities.

Students will learn the fundamentals of agriculture, focusing on crop production and business. Emphasis is placed on entrepreneurial and field training. Students will learn the principles of our economic system and government policies and programs relating to agriculture. "Ag economics will play a huge role in this new program," adds Bass. "Farm business management, soil science and similar courses will supplement the other program well. Hopefully, this will allow students to become well rounded in the entire business arena of farming and they will be able to enter the workforce more successfully."

Only last week, the college announced its new Supply Chain Management program. That program focuses on the flow of goods and services, and involves the movement and storage of raw materials, of work-in-process inventory, and of finished goods from point of origin to point of consumption. To learn more about any current or new programs at SCC, visit the college's Facebook page or at www.sampsoncc.edu.



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HEALTH

Getting the Facts: Genital Herpes

Genital Herpes

Facts



by Kelly Parrish, PHN III

Genital Herpes is a very common sexually transmitted disease however, due to its nature, can go undetected. In fact, most people with genital herpes do not even realize they have it. Unfortunately, this is why it is difficult to contain. Your sexual partner can pass the virus along to you even when he/she is not having symptoms. Currently, there is no cure for genital herpes but there are medications you can take to help alleviate symptoms during an outbreak.

Genital Herpes is caused by two types of viruses: herpes simplex virus type 1 and herpes simplex virus type 2. As stated earlier, it is very common and in the United States, it is estimated that about one out of every six people ages 14 to 49 have the virus.

You can get herpes by having vaginal, anal, or oral sex with someone who is infected. The fluids found in the herpes lesion carry the virus and contact with these fluids can cause infection. However, you can also get the virus from an infected sex partner who does not have a visible sore or who may not know they are infected with herpes. This can occur due to the virus shedding which is when it is released through your skin and spreads to your sex partner.

How can you protect yourself from getting herpes? The only absolute way to protect yourself from any STDs is to not have vaginal, anal or oral sex. However, if you are sexually active there are a few ways to protect yourself. Being in a

long-term mutually monogamous relationship with a partner who has been tested and is negative for all STDs is the best way to protect yourself, second to abstinence (absence of sex). Another way to protect yourself is to use latex condoms, the correct way, every time you have sex. It is important to note that although areas affected by herpes, on both male and female genital areas, outbreaks can also occur in other areas that are not covered by a condom. It is because of this fact that condoms may not fully protect you from getting herpes.

As stated earlier, some people who are infected with herpes are not aware they are infected. This is due to the fact that most people infected have no, or very mild symptoms that are often mistaken for another skin condition, such as a pimple or ingrown hair. Genital herpes sores usually appear as one or more blisters on or around the genitals, rectum or mouth. The blisters break and leave painful sores that may take several weeks to heal. When this occurs, the person is classified as "having an outbreak". Often, the first time an outbreak occurs, the person will also have flu-like symptoms that accompany the blisters. Repeat outbreaks are common but are usually milder and less severe than the first. The number of outbreaks also tends to decrease over time, although the virus will be present in the bloodstream for the rest of your life. You should seek medical evaluation as soon as you notice the blister forming or have an unusual sore or discharge.

Your medical provider can often times diagnose herpes just by evaluating your symptoms. They can also take a sample from the sore and test it. Although there is no cure for herpes, your doctor can prescribe you medication to prevent or shorten the duration of outbreaks.

If you feel like you or your partner has genital herpes, the best thing to do is talk about it. It would be best to include your medical provider so that you can be sure you are getting the most accurate information. Although it is not curable, it can be managed with medications as discussed earlier. If you have herpes, you should inform your sex partners and let me know the risks. Wearing condoms will decrease the risk but will not rid the risk completely. Since genital herpes causes sores or breaks in the skin, it does increase the risk of acquiring HIV if your partner is infected.

For more information on genital herpes and other STDs, you can call your local Sampson County Health Department at 910-592-1131, extension: 4972.

Seniors: How Healthy Feet Can Reduce Your Risk of Falling

Among older Americans, falls are the number one cause of injuries and death from injury, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Not only are seniors more at risk for falls, when they do so, it poses a greater risk for injuries, hospitalization and complications. For a ground-up approach to fall prevention, seniors should start by examining the health of their feet.

"Painful foot conditions, such as osteoarthritis, corns, bunions, hammer-toes and diabetes complications, can make it difficult for seniors to maintain balance and coordination when walking or standing," says Michael Ambroziak, DPM, FACFAS, a board-certified foot and ankle surgeon and Fellow Member of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgery (ACFAS). "Compounding the issue is that the very exercises intended to correct risk factors for falls, such as lower-body weakness, as well as gait and balance problems, are made difficult to perform when one is suffering from painful foot and ankle conditions."

While the factors causing falls are numerous, experts say that seniors, and everybody for that matter, can take steps to reduce their risk by minimizing or even eliminating foot pain. Doing so will improve balance, coordination and stability when walking or standing.

Foot and ankle surgeons recommend the following ways to help keep feet and ankles healthy:



- Don't ignore pain: Foot pain is not just a normal consequence of growing older, so don't resign yourself to aching and suffering. You likely have a treatable condition. For a proper diagnosis and intervention, be sure to pay attention to your feet and see a foot and ankle surgeon if and when you experience pain.

- Examine your feet: You are the gatekeeper of your own health, making regular at-home foot examinations critical. At the sign of bumps, lumps or other changes in your feet, make an appointment with your foot and ankle surgeon.

- Exercise: Simple stretching exercises can help you maintain strength and mobility in your feet and ankles, as well as provide pain relief. Talk to your physician about appropriate exercises for you.

- Protect: Use padding, insoles or whatever special footwear you are prescribed. Be sure to wear these, along with comfortable, sensible shoes, every day.

- Be flexible: Know that at times, surgery is the most appropriate treatment for a given condition. Fortunately, many simple surgical techniques allow foot surgery to be performed on an outpatient basis.

For more ways for to keep feet and ankles healthy, prevent falls or to find a foot and ankle surgeon near you, visit FootHealthFacts.org, the patient education website for ACFAS. Foot and ankle surgeons are experts in providing both conservative care as well as surgical approaches to foot and ankle healthcare.

Remember, just one fall can permanently rob seniors of their independence and dramatically reduce their quality of life. Taking good care of feet and ankles however can reduce the risk of a life-altering slip, trip or fall.

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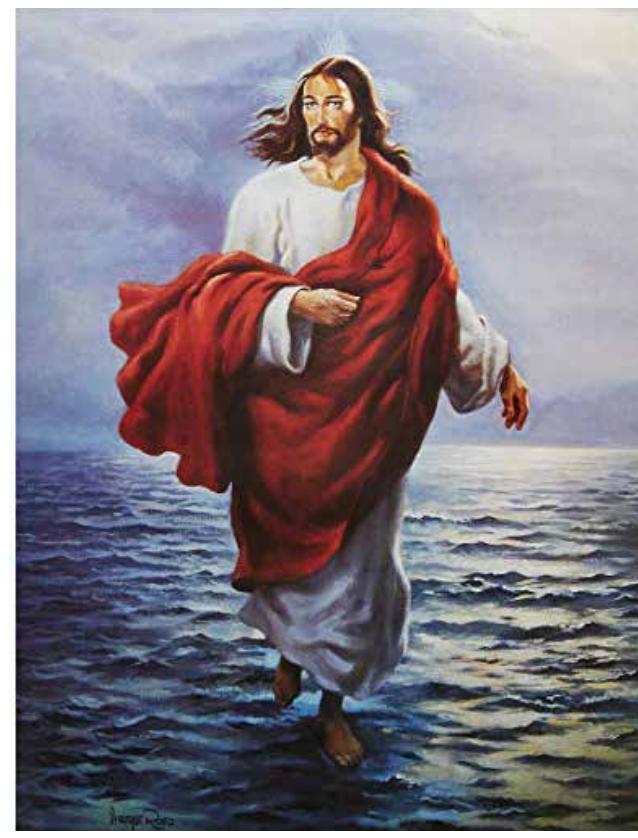
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John 11:3-4, "So the sisters sent a message to Him: "Lord, the one you love is sick." When Jesus heard it, He said, "This sickness will not end in death but is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!" (John 9:25). In effect, he was saying, "I lack the theology training you might have. I don't know how to scrutinize Scripture or interpret the prophets of old. All I know is that a miracle has happened to me."

I was once asked by a young man, "Why would God allow Lazarus to die just so Jesus could perform a miracle of resurrection, or that the Lord made a man blind just so Jesus could heal him?" The only way I could answer such a question is to know that God is sovereign. It is certain that these sad cases we read about in the Bible provided opportunities for Jesus to demonstrate the power and love of God, the Creator of the universe.

We too can have faith in Jesus Christ based on the Bible's simple accounts of His life and ministry. When we read of these miracles, we too can witness the power and glory of God and respond in amazement and wonder. Matthew 9:35, "Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness." Jesus never changes and His supremacy never loses its strength. We are to also be willing to seek out His comfort when our world seems to be spiritually deteriorating.

A man had died, and Jesus raised him from the darkness of the grave. A man couldn't see, and Jesus opened his eyes and gave him sight. Through these curing miracles, God's glory shone forth, giving us the opportunity to recognize that glory and to accept Jesus as Savior. The apostle John explains why he recorded these miracles: "that you may have life in His name" (John 20:31). We don't have to know how the many miracles were done or explain all that happens in Scripture. We simply must recognize the truths about God and His Son, Jesus Christ.

Despite the familiarity of the stories of the Bible, they still can impact and reveal God's glory, as revealed by these amazing miracles. God can bring to your heart the unshakable conviction that the same Jesus who raised the dead and gave sight to the blind wants to be present in your heart, bringing full and joyful lives to those around you. Saint Augustine proclaimed, "Miracles are not contrary to nature, but only contrary to what we know about nature." Although we might not be able to explain everything or anything about God's power, it does not change that fact that He is able to do all things.

encouraged by the word of the apostle Paul found in Philippians 4:6-7, "Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Writer and hymnist John Newton proclaimed, "How sweet the name of Jesus sounds, in a believer's ear! It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds, and drives away his fear." However, not everyone is excited about the healing power of Jesus. When the Jewish religious leaders questioned the formerly blind man and accused Jesus of being a sinner, the man replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know.

I encourage you to remember that regardless of the pain you are suffering, you can always seek the love and healing of Christ. You might never see on this side of eternity all the miracles that have been performed in your life, but I promise we all have been blessed by the great miracle worker. Be

THE "BLESSING SEED"

One morning as the class I taught met for Sunday School, Each member there received – to be used as a tool – A coin, or a "talent" as our lesson portrayed, They were asked to invest it in our Lord's work and not be afraid To perform a service, do some ministry, or satisfy a need, And later report to the class about their good deed.

Alas! One member was dismayed, only a penny did she get! It seemed like such a small amount she thought, and yet.... Oh, yes, I will invest it to spread joy near and far, So, she simply put her little "talent" in a big "Blessing Jar". She placed the jar in her Beauty Shop where all could behold, As folks would come and go no one escaped being told Of the unspeakable joy that will surely come to me, and to you, And how every single "talent" is needed God's great work to do.



One by one folks got the message and began to take part in the plan. They said, "I can't do much, but I'll certainly do what I can, To relieve a burden, give a helping hand, or perhaps a smile, That will help life have more joy and certainly be more worthwhile." It was not long until that big "Blessing Jar" was filled to overflow, And a plan was set in motion, these were seeds they could sow!



Martha M. Pierce

Now my dear friends, you too can be a blessing no doubt. Please use even a little "talent" and as you go about, Simply invest in a gift, a small remembrance will do, Give to someone who needs a lift and an expression of love too. Please allow me to give you this "talent", the bright new DIME, Invest it wisely, consider others, devote some of your time. When you feel led to share your gift or perhaps to meet a need, Be sure to keep the little PENNY for another "BLESSING SEED".

Psalms for the Soul

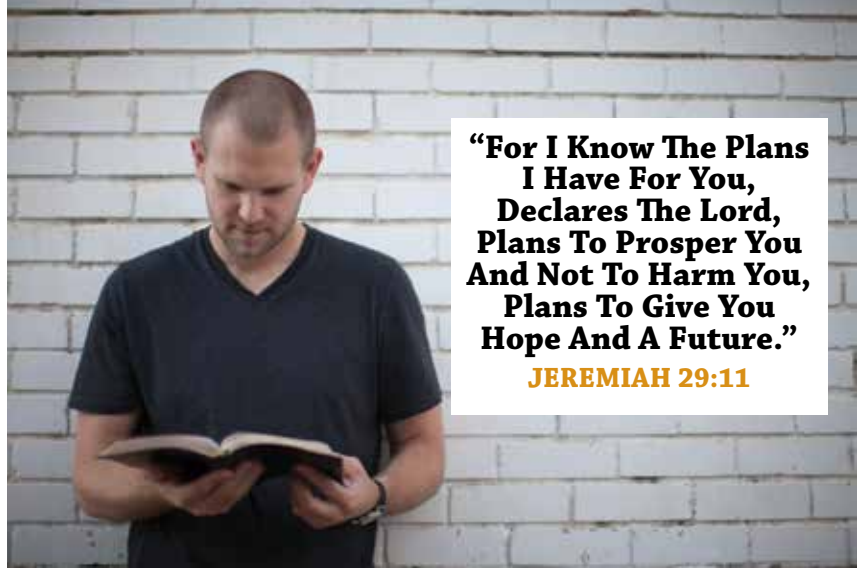


Written by Linda Herring

The Bible speaks to us but the Psalms speak for us. Psalm 133:1 says, "God honors the prayers of those who pay the price to live together in harmony and peace." In scripture, you will find many different kinds of prayer.

I found prayers of surrender, prayers of commitment, prayers of intercession, prayers of petition, and prayers of agreement, and the prayer of thanksgiving. With all these types of prayers, where does praise fit in? It is the weapon we use to not get discouraged when our prayers are not answered like we think they should be. We need to praise the Lord first and then go into our prayer time. God will not release us into the fullness of all He has planned for us, until we become thankful for what we have already received. We can pray without ceasing by being thankful all day long, praising God for His favor, mercy, loving kindness, grace, longsuffering, and goodness. Do not let the stresses of the day steal your Psalm. Contact me at herring.theword@gmail.com.

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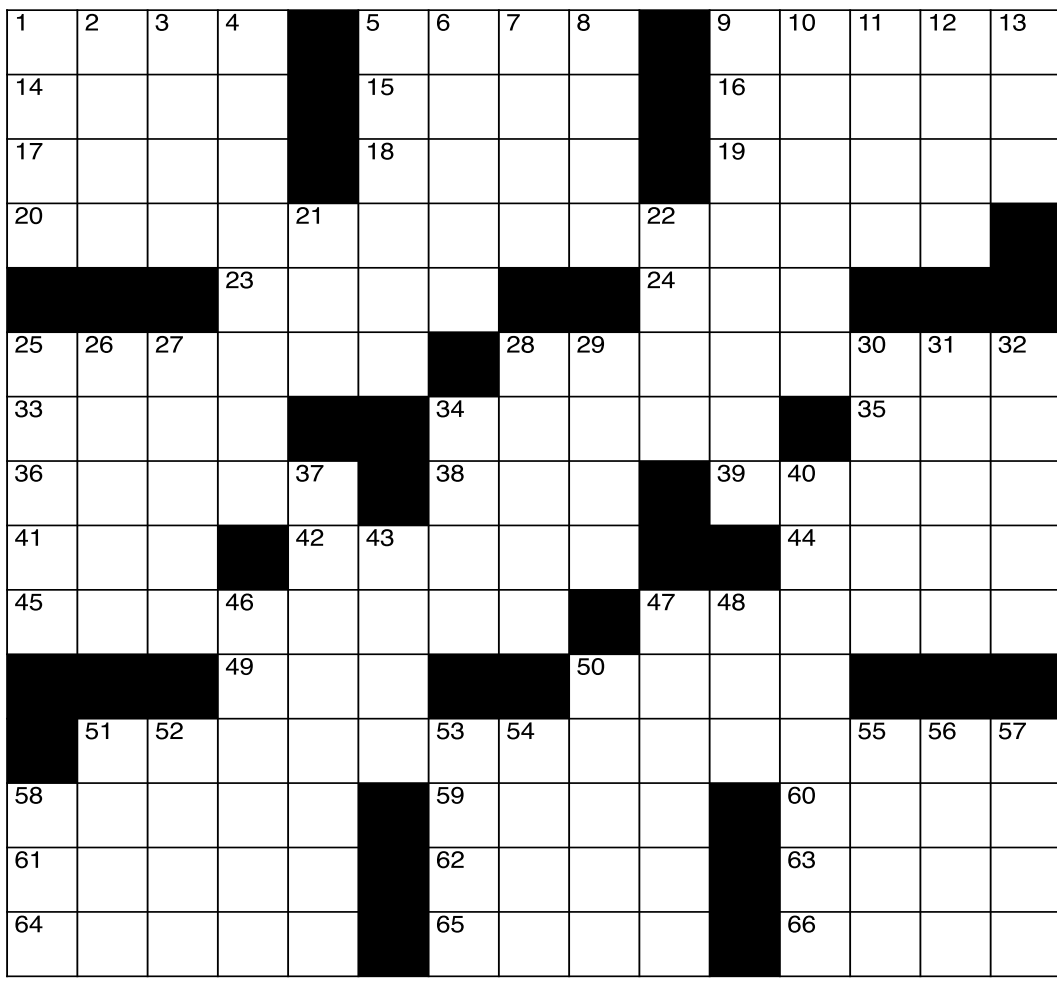
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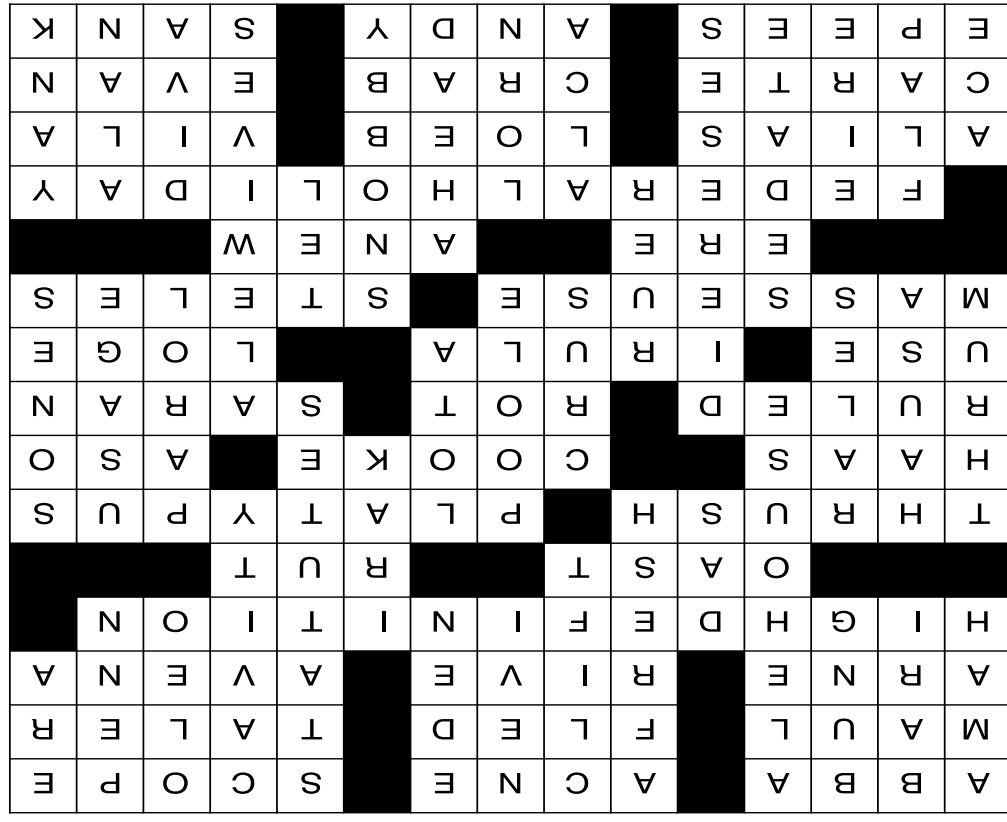


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Swedish rock group
- 5. Teen skin disorder
- 9. An instrument that magnifies
- 14. Sledgehammer
- 15. Ran away from
- 16. Old European silver coin
- 17. "Rule Britannia" composer
- 18. Rend or tear apart
- 19. Oats genus
- 20. Greater TV resolution
- 23. Kiln
- 24. A furrow in the road
- 25. Family Turdidae
- 28. Duck-billed mammal
- 33. German tennis star Tommy
- 34. "You Send Me" singer Sam
- 35. Volcanic mountain in Japan
- 36. Governed over
- 38. Process of decay
- 39. Clear wrap brand
- 41. Put into service
- 42. Snake catcher tribe of India
- 44. Best section of the mezzanine
- 45. Masseur
- 47. Funereal stone slabs
- 49. Before
- 50. Again
- 51. 1 of 10 official U.S. days off
- 58. Alternate name
- 59. One of Bobby Franks' killers
- 60. Port capital of Vanuatu
- 61. Individual dishes are a la ___
- 62. Shellfish
- 63. Welsh for John
- 64. Fencing swords
- 65. Griffith or Rooney
- 66. Titanic's fate

CLUES DOWN

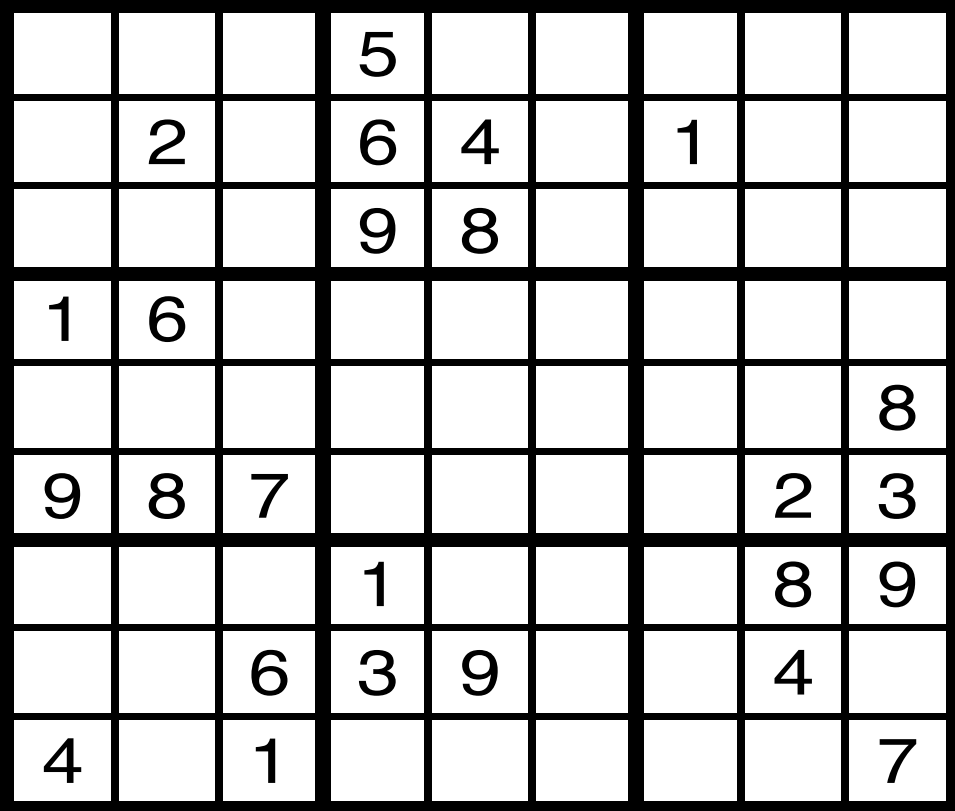
- 1. Far East wet nurse
- 2. Apulian seaport
- 3. Barrel hole stopper
- 4. Tavern where ale is sold
- 5. Anew
- 6. Actor Montgomery
- 7. Pigmented skin moles
- 8. Adam & Eve's garden
- 9. Legislative acts
- 10. Pit
- 11. Butter alternative
- 12. Actor Sean
- 13. A major division of geological time
- 21. Hyrax
- 22. Country of Baghdad (alt. sp.)
- 25. Repetitive strumming
- 26. West Chadic
- 27. Rattling breaths
- 28. Savile Row tailor Henry
- 29. Burbot
- 30. Christmas lantern in the Phillipines
- 31. Utilization
- 32. Sound units
- 34. Leg shank
- 37. Umlauts
- 40. Female owners of #4 down
- 43. One who regrets
- 46. Serenely deliberate
- 47. Stuck up
- 48. Cablegram (abbr.)
- 50. In advance
- 51. Envelope opening closure
- 52. Ireland
- 53. Australian Labradoodle Club of America (abbr.)
- 54. Poetic forsaken
- 55. Female operatic star
- 56. Actor Alda
- 57. An American



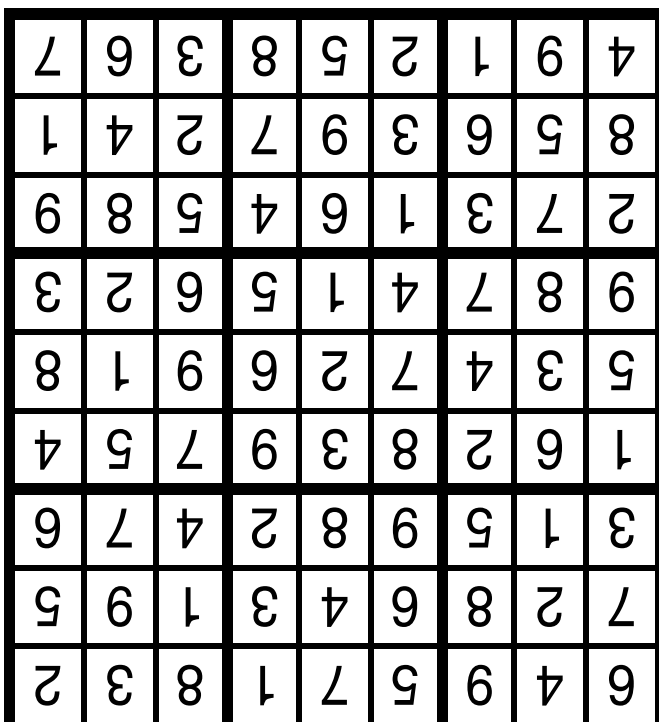
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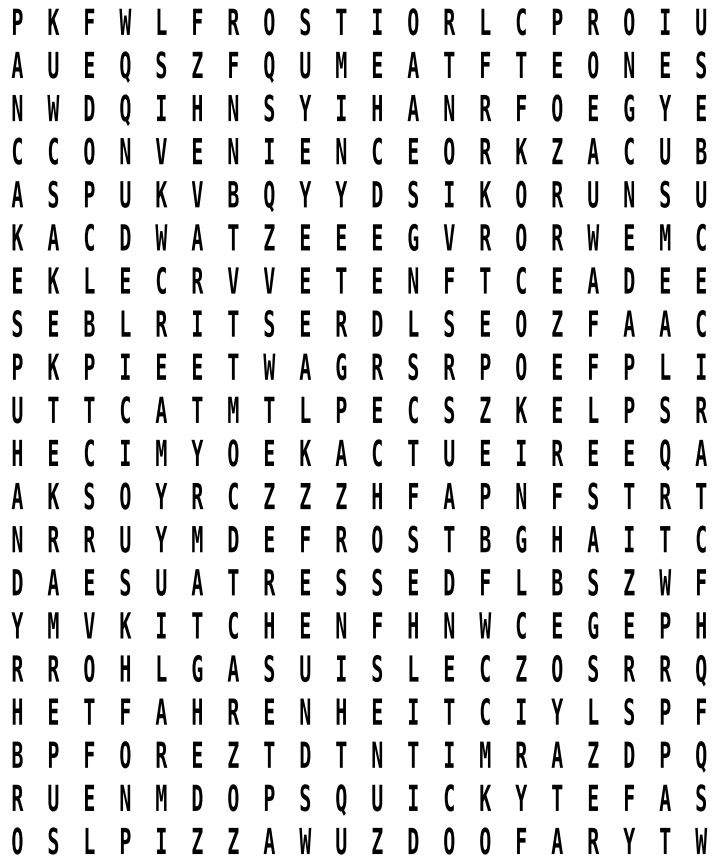


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WORDS



- APPETIZERS
- ICE CUBES
- CAKE
- KITCHEN
- CELSIUS
- LEFTOVERS
- COLD
- MEALS
- CONVENIENCE
- MEAT
- COOKING
- PANCAKES
- CREAM
- PIZZA
- DEFROST
- QUICK
- DELICIOUS
- REFRIGERATOR
- DESSERT
- SAFETY
- FAHRENHEIT
- SORT
- FOOD
- STORAGE
- FREEZER
- SUPERMARKET
- FRESHNESS
- VARIETY
- FROST
- VEGETABLES
- FROZEN
- WAFFLES
- HANDY
- ZERO

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03-07 James Thomas Carr, 22; 3964 Andrew Chapel Church Rd., Roseboro; DWLR Not Impaired Rev; Bond \$1,000; Court Date 03-20

03-07 Carlos Jerod Owens, 36; 130 Tarheel Dr., Clinton; Fail to Comply with Money; Bond \$580; Court Date 04-03

03-07 Gary Tevon Parker, 27; 2132 Midway St., Autryville; DWLR; Court Date 05-13

03-07 Barbara Lynn McNeil, 54; 175 Mingo Church Rd., Dunn; No Operators License; Fictitious Information to an Officer; Court Date 04-17

03-08 Ralph Delano Dumpson, 24; 10122 Garland Hwy., Clinton; Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle; Court Date 03-19

03-08 Jonus Emmanuel Mclymore, 19; 11439 Garland Hwy., Clinton; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Possession of Marijuana; Court Date 03-27

03-08 Bradley Clark Hefner, 22; 143 Lee's Chapel Church Rd., Dunn; Possession of Stolen Goods/Property; Misdemeanor Larceny; Break or Enter a Motor Vehicle; Bond \$7,500; Court Date 03-12

03-09 Jamie Ray Jones, 36; 468 Gibbs Rd., Garland; DWLR Not Impaired Revoke; Bond \$310; Court Date 03-25

03-09 James Michael Mcleod, 38; 813 South 12th St., Erwin; 3 Counts: Misdemeanor Probation Violation; Bond \$51,100; Court Date 04-09

03-09 William Franklin Chavis, 44; 42 Wildflower Lane, Clinton; Communicating Threats; Assault on a Female; Bond \$2,000; Court Date 04-05

03-10 Darius Laquan Williams, 27; 200 West Maple St., Clinton; Misdemeanor

Child Abuse; Bond \$750; Court Date 04-01

03-10 Victor Navarro Lopez, 46; 1119 Garland Hwy., Garland; No Operators License; Court Date 04-16

03-10 Rafael Morales Sedillo, 39; 543 Sasser Lane, Clinton; No Operators License; Allow Unlicensed to Drive; Court Date 04-01

03-10 Trent James Kersey, 26; 1685 Bull St., Garland; Speeding; Possess Methamphetamine; Possess Marijuana Paraphernalia; Simple Possession of Marijuana; Bond \$10,000; Court Date 03-22

03-10 Charles Marvin Faulkner, 34; 537 Kitty Fork Rd., Clinton; Felony Possession Schedule II Controlled Substance; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Bond \$5,000; Court Date 03-22

03-10 Marion Roy Hales, 31; 183 Autry Rd., Stedman; Misdemeanor Larceny; Bond \$5,000; Court Date 04-10

03-10 Jerry Terrell Williams, 29; 210 Angela Lane, Clinton; Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear- No Operators License/ Fail Stop Sign/ Flashing Red Light; Bond \$500; Court Date 04-03

03-10 Rufus Kevin Carter, 51; 390 Tyndall Town Rd., Clinton; DWI; Bond \$500; Court Date 04-11

03-11 Tyler Scott Nelson, 19; 341 Hanson Rd., Clinton; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Possession Marijuana up to ½ ounce; Bond \$1,000; Court Date 04-11

03-11 Joshua David Autry, 18; 565 Reeda Branch Rd., Roseboro; Possession Marijuana Paraphernalia; Possession of Marijuana Paraphernalia up to ½ ounce; Bond \$1,000; Court Date 03-11

03-11 James Devorn Faison, 21; 2426 New Hope Church Rd., Turkey; Possession Marijuana Paraphernalia; Possession Marijuana up to ½ ounce; Bond \$1,000; Court Date 04-11

03-11 Jeremy Lee Hudson, 37; 553 Rosin Hill Rd., Newton Grove; Failure to Appear- Exceeding Safe Speed; Failure to Appear- DWLR Not Impaired; Failure to Appear- Fail to Wear Seat Belt Driver; Failure to Appear- Expired Registration Card/Tag; Failure to Appear- Expired/No Inspection; Failure to Appear- Drive Left of Center; Failure to Appear- No Operators License; Failure to Appear- Speeding; Failure to Appear- Possess Drug Paraphernalia; Failure to Appear- Possess Methamphetamine; Bond \$11,000; Court Date 04-22

03-12 Corey Alexander Parker, 24; 44 Jenny Lane, Roseboro; Possession of Marijuana less than ½ ounce to 1 ½ ounce; Bond \$500; Court Date 03-27

03-12 Jonathan Wayne Faircloth, 32; 118 Dunn Rd., Roseboro; 2 Counts: Larceny; DWLR; Bond \$1,500; Court Date 03-12

03-12 Janel Elijah Herring, 48; 350 Cecil-Odie Rd., Clinton; Inspection Violation; Expired Tags; Court Date 04-04

03-12 Eric Montrell Owens, 29; 421 Wade St., Warsaw; No Operators License; Bond \$500; Court Date 03-20

03-13 Tyler Ray Toodle, 19; 550 Dillon St., Roseboro; Communicating Threats; Court Date 03-28

03-13 Fredrick Douglas Rich, 39; 3245 Boykin Bridge Rd., Clinton; Resisting a Public Officer; Fail to Report New Address Sex Offender; Bond \$410,000; Court Date 03-25

03-13 Keith Laroy Smith, 30; 445 Pink Lane, Roseboro; Trespass; Bond \$500; Court Date 04-01

03-13 Daniel Cardona, 24; 2280 Southeast Blvd., Clinton; Hit and Run; No Liability Insurance; No Operators License; Bond \$4,000; Court Date 04-01

03-14 Ashleigh Reed Bowden, 20; 4219 Needmore Rd., Turkey; Order for Arrest; Bond \$1,000;

Court Date 04-10

03-14 Doris Janeth Ayala-Alvarado, 55; 321 Byrd-Yancey-Bass Rd., Clinton; No Operators License; Court Date 05-13

Incidents

03-09 Robert Jackson reported the Larceny of a Boat and Trailer located at 45 Bay-side Rd., Dunn.

03-10 Ray Williams reported a Burglary located at 3289 Governor Moore Rd., Clinton. Items reported missing included compound bow and chop saw.

03-10 Gabriel Bahena Caravajal reported a Breaking and Entering located at 104 Eastover Ave., Clinton. Items reported missing tools.

03-11 James Moore reported a Burglary located at 3009 Garland Hwy., Clinton. No items were reported missing.

03-11 Carrie Smith reported the Larceny of Medication located at 175 Waterhouse Circle, Clinton.

03-12 Charles Larouche reported the Larceny of a Firearm located at 291 Harry Rackley Lane, Clinton.

03-13 Mario Castillo reported a Breaking and Entering located at 16 Granny Lane, Dunn. Items reported missing included an necklace, shower curtain, shoes, blankets, TV and clothing.

03-13 Timothy Martin reported the Larceny of a Generator located at 11822 Hobpton Hwy., Newton Grove.

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

Sampson County VITAL STATS

Deaths

- Kenneth Wayne Bass
- Brett Hamilton Lewis
- Lonnie Moore Sr
- Larry Thomas Matthis
- Pinda Marie Owens
- Richard Posa
- Betty Jewel Porter
- Luis Rodriguez
- Elaine Hernandez Saez

Births

- Nazareth Eunice Morales Morales born on February 19, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Bayron Morales Juarez and Ovilia Morales
- Autumn Lanae Peete born on February 19, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to William Isiah Peete and Nekya Jada Daniel
- Kamora Nameria Williams born on February 19, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Tyshena Monae Frederick
- Braelyn Nevae Butler born on February 22, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Kari Lynn Butler
- Fabian Torres Salazar born on February 23, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Jonathan Vladimar Torres and Fabiola Salazar Zuniga
- Jayla Necole Jones born on February 26, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Gary Lee Jones Jr and Ericka Janae Faison
- Allen James Tyndall born on February 25, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Zachary Owen Tyndall and Leslie Megan Roberts
- Santos Raffiel Tyndall born on February 25, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Zachary Owen Tyndall and Leslie Megan Roberts
- Karter Kamari Bryant born on February 27, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Elijah Kamari Bryant and Tiana Vire Owens
- Jasmine Angelina Antunez born on March 1, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Junior Fabian Antunez and San-Juanita Diaz

Marriage Certificates

- Justin Anthony Ortiz to Joselyn Narie Diodonet
- Kevin Randell Bradford to Sheila Louise Blagg Sims
- Shane Loe Black to Kristie Dianne Autry
- Sean Michael Smith to Meredith Lynn Pope

Land Transfers

- Daniel Lupo to Garry F Bullington and Joan Hairr Bullington- 0.4 Acres
- Thomas Baggett, Shirley L Rich to Samantha Stevens- 4.12 Acres Tract 2 South River
- Angelica Ruiz to Jose G Osoria- Lot 1 Williams Lake Acres Mingo
- Dwayne Eric Rich, Teresa Lynn Rich to Johnnie Ann Bishop- Lot 10 4 Acres Honeycutts
- Ellen Radford Ward, Gabriel Alexander Ward, Henry Eugene Ward, Katie H Ward to Ellen Radford Ward, Henry Eugene Ward-Tracts 3 & 5 5.85 Acres Newton Grove
- Ellen Radford Ward, Henry Eugene Ward to Gabriel Alexander Ward, Katie H Ward- Tract 1 2.41 Acres Newton Grove

- Gabriel Alexander Ward, Katie H Ward to Joshua Adam Ward- Tracts 2 & 6 3.75 Acres Newton Grove
- Danny E Norris, Joan L Norris to Leonard P Renzo, MaryEllen Renzo- Lot 18 Barefoot Acres Plainview
- Comfort Homes Inc to Cathy H Daniels, Robert R Daniels- Lot 17 Phase 2 Hudson Farms Subdivision
- Joyce Brewer Bass, Marion Glenn Bass to Joyce Brewer Bass, Marion Glenn Bass, Richard Glenn Bass, Mary Sheila Bass Steed- 0.66 Acres Halls
- Amber Randall Rinka/By AIF, Charles Jason Rinka/By AIF, John Arthur Rinka/By AIF to Merceliane Anofils- Lot 43 Block D North Clinton
- Erik L Blue, Iris Annette Blue to Betty Jean Mathis- North Clinton
- Felicia Ann Wardrick, Lawrence Wardwick to Betty Jean Mathis- North Clinton
- The Wright Family Trust, Wayne B Wright/TR to Wayne B Wright- 1.1 Acres Little Coharie
- Wayne B Wright to Donnie Ray Bain, Phyllis Diane Bain- 1.1 Acres Little Coharie
- Anita Vann Royal, Jeffrey Lee Royal, Kaitlyn Leigh Royal to Marsha Bass, Terry Shelton Bass- 0.85 Acres Plainview
- David Hickmond III, Cassandra Lewis Liles, Tyrone W Liles to Joyce Lewis Miles- 1 Acre JD Lockamy Tract
- Dulce D Prieto, Javier Prieto to Jose Santos Hernandez, Maria Guadalupe Hernandez- Mingo Lot #9 1.18 Acres
- Josefina Caldera Manzo, Jesus Caldera Valenzuela to Zenaida Lira Gonzales- Dismal Lot #10 Ivey Place
- Kim G West, William D West to Craig Henry Watkins, Jennifer Phillips Watkins- Dismal 1.9 Acres
- Kim G West, William O West to Craig Henry Watkins, Jennifer Phillips Watkins- 0.32 Acres Dismal
- George C Register Jr to George C Register Jr and Ronald Clayton Register- 2 Tracts w/exceptions Taylors Bridge
- Alfonza Armstrong, Delphine Lynette Turner to Willie T Turner- 0.50 Acres Taylors Bridge
- Gloria D McCormick to Marisa Mariscal- South Clinton
- Chasie Shane Jacobs, Jessica B Jacobs, Shane Jacobs WATA to Jeffery W Strickland- Lot 20 1.09 Acres Williams Lake Acres Mingo
- Archie Newitt III, June Gail R Norris to Rebecca S Spell- 18.33 Acres
- John Carl Allen Jr/TR, John Carl Allen Jr Revocable Trust to Houston Deardl Faircloth Jr, Dana Elizabeth Vigo- 1.0 Acres Plainview
- Ida Jean Howard/AKA, Ida Jean Robinson to Darius Newton- Halls Lot
- Grace N Hubbard to Jeffrey Douglas Heath, Nancy Raynor Heath- North Clinton
- Margaret T Malpass, Ann Malpass Sutton to DOT- Lot Sampson
- Helen G Hobbs to C&L Farming LLC- 2 Tracts w/exceptions
- Glenn Edward Peterson Jr, Lynn Hobbs Peterson to Cumbo Farms LLC- Halls 39 Acres
- Isiah Herring Jr to Brenda Herring, Isiah Herring Jr- 11.6 Acres McDaniels
- Javier Pena, Ma Guadalupe Espinoza Valdez to Armandina Salinas, Miguel Salinas- Lot 24 Morgans Meadow Subdivision Halls
- Alice Ray Johnson Estate, Floyd Anthony Johnson, Wanda Smith Johnson, Lisa Smith Powell, Ricky Earl Smith, Brenda Smith Sessoms, Lal D. Sessoms, Matthew Sessoms/ADMR, Bobby James Smith, Donnie Ray Smith, Glenda Felts Smith, Jana Michelle Smith, Leroy Jackson Smith, Mildred Ann Smith, William Thomas Smith, Charles H Tippet Jr, Shirley Smith Tippet to Kelly Joe Riley - Lot 6 White Lake Lumber Company South River
- Mary B Melvin, Thomas S Melvin to Lisa Hudson Jernigan, Timothy George Jernigan- 2 Acres South River
- Joseph Ronald Szilagyi to Jeannie Warren Newman, Jeannie Warren Szilagya/FKA, Joseph Ronald Szilagyi- McDaniels 2.08 Acres
- Thornton Homes CO to Dennis Ray Owens- Honeycutts 0.65 Acres

OBITUARIES

MINGO

Mrs. Ruth Jackson Altman, 94, passed away peacefully on March 8, 2019. She was born in the Mingo community of Sampson County on July 10, 1924 to Herman and Nellie Honeycutt Jackson. In her early years, Ruth, along with her older sister Margaret and younger sister Frances, worked with their parents on the farm and in their father's general store. In 1950 Ruth married Lewis W. Altman and they were blessed with two daughters Ruthie and Laurie. Their lives together would be spent in the store business. As a husband and wife team they operated several stores over their careers, but they were most well-known as the proprietors of Altman's Grocery Barn, on the corner of Highway 13 and Wrench Rd. in Sampson County. Ruth loved her family, friends, and customers; was kind and loving to all, and was rarely seen without a smile on her face. She was a lifelong member of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church where she served and worshipped God faithfully. Traveling on bus trips with friends, spending time with her family on Oak Island, and working in her yard and flower beds were some of the great joys of her life. Ruth is preceded in death by her parents, Herman and Nellie Jackson; sisters, Margaret Jackson and Frances Jackson, and husband Lewis Wilborn Altman. Ruth is survived by her daughters, Ruthie Jackson and Laurie Jackson, sons-in-law, Bruce Jackson and Don Jackson; four grandchildren, Aaron Jackson and wife Shannon, Brian Jackson and wife Morgan, Reggie Jackson, Valerie J. Branch and husband Landis and six great grandchildren, Reagan,



Corbin, Waylon, Luke, Colt and Ace Jackson, all of which are very thankful to the staff of Harnett Woods Nursing Center for the great care they provided her. A funeral service was held at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church on Monday, March 11, 2019 at 11 a.m. with Rev. Kyle Burrows and Rev. Neal Vick officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. A visitation was held Sunday, March 10, 2019 from 6-8 p.m. at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home and at other times at the home of Bruce and Ruthie Jackson. Memorial made be made to the Alzheimer's Association Eastern North Carolina Chapter, 5171 Glenwood Ave Suite 101, Raleigh, NC 27612.

DUNN

Mr. Gene R. Best, 77, of Dunn died Friday evening at Rex Hospital. He was born in Sampson County on November 12, 1941 to the late Graham and Lucy Best. He was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Linda Sue Whittenton Best, a daughter, Gena Lynne Best, and a sister, Vickie Best. Gene graduated from Dunn High School in 1959. He was co-owner and president of Whit Truck Brokers, Inc for over 38 years. Gene loved spending time with his children, grandchildren, and most recently his first great grandchild. He also enjoyed going to car shows and reminiscing with his former employees and colleagues. A funeral service was held Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home by Warren Williams. Burial followed in Memorial Park Cemetery. He is survived by a son, Michael Best of Dunn,



a daughter, Suzanne B. Neighbors of Youngsville, a brother, Ben Best and wife Pat of Dunn, five grandchildren; Hayden Neighbors and wife Jessica, Falyann Neighbors, Blythe, John Michael and Luke Best, a great grandchild, Hank Neighbors. The family received friends Tuesday from 2 to 3 p.m. at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home.

CLINTON

Mrs. Kayward Fore "Kay" Gore, 81, of 1292 Browns Church Rd., passed away on Tuesday evening, March 12, 2019, surrounded by her family. Funeral Services will be held at 2 pm Saturday, March 16th at Grove Park Baptist Church with Rev. Mike Shook and Dr. Dennis Bazemore officiating. Burial will follow in the Grandview Memorial Park Cemetery. Born on April 8, 1937 in Columbus County, Kay was the daughter of James Ballard and Harriett Leona Nye Fore. She graduated from Campbell College and then Atlantic Christian College and retired as a language arts teacher. She was a longtime member of Grove Park Baptist Church and served on the Church Directory Committee. She enjoyed her church, especially giving the children's sermons. Some of her favorite interests were traveling, shopping, the Garden Club and luncheons with her girlfriends. She loved her family more than anything and enjoyed having large gatherings during the holidays. Kay was a kind and loving person to her friends - lifelong and new, and best known for her great sense of humor and always seeing the best in others. She is survived by her husband,



OBITUARIES

Charles Abner Gore; her children, two daughters: Robbie Gore Williams (Todd) of Clinton; Abbie Gore Smitherman (Heath) of Goldsboro; a son, Charles Gore, II of Woodland Hills, California; and son-in-law, Jeff Denny of Wake Forest. She was also blessed with six grandchildren: Mabry & Ford Williams, Jack & Brooks Denny, and Hank & Carson Smitherman. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Ramona Gore Denny and sister, Ida Jane Bordeaux. Visitation for family and friends will be held prior to the service, from 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm at the church; and other times at her home. Flowers are welcome, or memorials may be made to Grove Park Baptist Church, Adult 1 Sunday School Class, 609 Northeast Blvd., Clinton, NC 28328. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Gore Family.

FAYETTEVILLE

Mrs. Lula Jane Hall, 99 of Fayetteville, passed away Sunday, March 10, 2019 at her home. The funeral service will be held at 11:00am Friday, March 15, at Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro with Reverend Andy Wood officiating. Burial will follow at Lafayette Memorial Park, Ramsey Street, Fayetteville. Mrs. Hall was born May 3, 1919 in Sampson County and was preceded in death by her mother, Melissa Ann Hall; and husband, William L. Hall. She is survived by three daughters, Frances Jones of Fayetteville, Joan Ashlock (Keith Andy) of Long, SC and Sue Haines (David) of Broken Arrow, OK; two sons, William L. Hall, Jr. (Elaine) of Siler City and James Hall (Linda) of Leland; fourteen grandchildren, twenty-three great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren. The family received friends from 6:00-8:00pm Thursday evening at Butler Funeral Home in Roseboro. Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro is serving the family.



CLINTON

Mr. Charles Jackson, 78, of 603 Fairfax Street, passed away on Thursday evening, March 7, 2019 at UNC Rex Healthcare in Raleigh, with his family by his side. Funeral Services were held Sunday, March 10th at 3:00 pm in the sanctuary at First Baptist Church with Dr. Ray Ammons and Rev. Charles Allard officiating. Burial followed in the Clinton Cemetery. Born on March 8, 1940 in Sampson County, Charles was the son of the late Charlie and Bessie Weeks Jackson. He was a member of First Baptist Church, where he was a former Sunday School Teacher and former member of Board of Deacons. He was a former employee with Caison's Building Supply and self-employed building contractor and landscaper. He is survived by his wife, Norma Jean Cannady Jackson; his daughter, Laura Jackson Glover and husband Delton; two sisters: Marie J. Pope and Pamela J. Matthis and husband, Thomas; one brother, Dwight Jackson and wife, Sherry; and two brothers-in-law: Kendall McLamb and Keith Powell; all of Clinton. Charles was also blessed with three very special grandchildren: Trace Glover, Jackson Glover and Laura Catherine Glover. In addition to his parents, Charles was preceded in death by his two sisters, Linda J. McLamb and Marsha J. Powell. The family received friends at the church prior to the service, beginning at 1:30 pm; and other times at his home. Flowers are welcome, or memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 408 College St., Clinton, NC 28328; or to UNC Kidney Center by mail: 7024 Burnett Womack Building, CB# 7155, Chapel Hill, NC 27599 or online: www.unckidneycenter.org. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Jackson Family.



HARRELLS

Mrs. Helen Sutton Mitchell, 87 of 5290 NC Hwy. 210 East, died Friday, March 08, 2019 at Mary Gran Nursing Center in Clinton, NC. Mrs. Mitchell was born January 14, 1932 in Bladen Co. the daughter of the late Hubert Sutton and Mattie Lee Sutton. Funeral service was held at 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at Riverside Baptist Church, by the Reverend Scott Conner and Reverend Buddy Mitchell. Burial will be held in the Sutton Cemetery. Mrs. Mitchell is survived by her husband, James Edward Mitchell, one daughter, Janet Allen and husband Kent of Harrells, one brother, W.C. Sutton of Harrells, 2 grandchildren, Mitch Allen and Kelly Allen. Service by Carter Funeral Home in Garland.



TURKEY

Mrs. Betty Lois Casteen McGee, 57 of 1454 Bowden Rd., passed away Sunday, March 10th, 2019 at Vidant Duplin Hospital in Kenansville. Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 12th at 7:00PM at Royal-Hall Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. James Deluca officiating. Born on February 6th, 1962 in Sampson County, Betty was the daughter of the late Aden and Rachel Inez Jones Casteen. Betty was also part owner and operator of McGee Body Shop. She is survived by her husband, Douglas Johnson "Johnny" McGee, Jr. Two sons, Jason Bryant Renfrow and wife Leonila of Turkey, Brandon Leslie McGee and wife Victoria of Turkey, One step-son Douglas Johnson McGee III of Turkey. Four sisters, Judy Ann Casteen Brown of Fountain Town, Shirley Casteen of Clinton, Susan Cannon of Ga. and Deborah Casteen. One brother, Johnny Casteen and wife Judy of Wilmington, Two grandchildren, Lilliana McGee and Bryan McGee. She was preceded in death by a brother, James Lee Casteen and a sister, Linda Brown. The family received friends at Royal-Hall Funeral Home from 5 til 7 PM prior to the services. Condolences may be sent by visiting www.royalhallowfuneralhome.com. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the McGee family.



NEWTON GROVE

Pinda Marie Jones Owens September 25, 1955-March 11, 2019. Pinda is preceded in death by her father Carl Jones, brother Dwight Jones and Sister Wanda Oglesby. She leaves to cherish her memory her Mother Ida Jones of Newton Grove NC, Daughters Melina Jacobs (Curtis) of Clinton NC, Rev. Angela Bowden (Willie) of Autryville NC, Grandchildren Breanna Jacobs, Jasmine Eason, Melina (Leelee) Jacobs of Clinton NC, Tyson King and Jaden King of Autryville NC, Great Grandson Kartier King of Lumberton NC, Brother Andre



Jones (Wanda) of Durham NC, Audrey Herring of Dumfries VA. Nieces Nicole Herring and Jasmine Jones, Nephews Joshua Oglesby, Andre Jones Jr., Christopher Herring and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, classmates, co-workers, friends and students. Funeral service will be Sunday, March 17, 2019 at 3:00 pm at Running Branch Disciples Church in Clinton, NC. Interment: Running Branch Disciples Church Cemetery. Public Viewing: One hour prior to the service (2:00-3:00 pm) at Running Branch Disciples Church. In lieu of flowers, the family would like donations to be made to Brogden Middle School, Dudley NC or Running Branch Church of Christ, DOC Youth Department.

CLINTON

Rachael Jeannette Crumpler Rothermel, best known as "Granny," of Clinton, NC died Saturday, March 9, 2019 at Hospice & Palliative Care of Cabarrus County in Kannapolis, NC. She was 87 years old. Jeannette was the daughter of the late Houston and Annie Crumpler, also of Clinton. She was the sister of the late Etta Ann Tart and Houston 'Buster' Crumpler. She was the loving Mother of Margaret Ann Swaringen who preceded her in death in 1982 and Billy Ray Rothermel of Fayetteville, NC. She is widow of the late George F. Rothermel who died in 2002. She graduated from Clinton High School and went on to study nursing. She began her nursing career with Dr. Kendall of Clinton, NC. After helping deliver many children in Sampson County, she moved on to private duty nursing in Fayetteville and finally worked as a nurse and office manager for Dr. William R. Caviness in Fayetteville for more than 30 years until her retirement. Granny was a devoted member of West Clinton Baptist Church. This is the church she attended growing up and returned to after moving back to Clinton. Her church life had been very active throughout her life. She taught lessons, played the piano on occasion, helped with the administration, led outreach programs taking food and sending cards to the sick and frequently lead the church in prayer for invitation. She loved her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and loved her Church family and friends. She spent her entire life showing others the love of Christ through her actions. She was an extraordinary cook and always shared that talent with others. Granny took meals and baked treats to the local fire department, police station, hospitals and nursing homes almost daily. She devoted herself to helping others and making sure people felt loved. This also showed in how she treated her family. She was an endearing Grandmother to Ricky, her grandson, and her Great Grandchildren, Brittney, Evan and Lauryn; a devoted wife to her late Husband George; a faithful and loyal Mother to her late daughter, Margaret; a wonderful role model for her son, Billy Rothermel; a caring sister to all her siblings, and a loving aunt to all her nephews and nieces. Jeannette was a strong woman in body, spirit and commitment. She lived for God and her family and cherished each one. She is survived by her son, Billy Ray Rothermel; grandson, Richard V. Odom Jr. and wife, Debra; three great-grandchildren, Brittney Little, age 24, Evan Odom, age 13, and Lauryn Odom, age 6. She is also survived by many nephews, nieces and cousins all of which she loved dearly. A celebration of Jeannette's life was held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, March 14, 2019, at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home in Clinton, NC. Reverend Don Fleming will be officiating the service. The family received friends from noon until 1:30 p.m. prior to the service. The grave side service followed in Grandview Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to Hospice & Palliative Care of Cabarrus County, 5003 Hospice Lane, Kannapolis, NC 28081. Condolences may be made at http://www.crumpler-honeycutt.com.



CLINTON

Susan Beasley Hill, 74, of 105 Royal Lane, passed away Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at Mary Gran Nursing Center. Funeral service will be held at 11 AM, Saturday, March 16, 2019 at Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. John Hobbs officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour before the service at the church and at other times at the home of her daughter at 2195 Fleet Cooper Road, Roseboro. Susan, born in 1944 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, was the daughter of the late William Lee Beasley, Jr. and Alice Odelle Taylor Beasley. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by brother, William Lee Beasley, III and sister, Taylor "Tay" Beasley. Survivors include; daughter, Susannah Hobbs and husband Rev. John Hobbs; and grandchildren, Johnnah Belle, Chloe, Anna Macon, Joshua, Enoch and Isaac Hobbs. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com. Arrangements are by Crumpler-Honeycutt, 118 Fayetteville St., Clinton, NC 28328.



CLINTON

Dr. Roscoe Harold Turlington, 95 of Wrightsville Beach (formerly of Clinton) passed away Saturday, March 9th, 2019 at Lower Cape Fear Hospice of Wilmington. He was born to Mallie Gould Underwood and Dr. Roscoe Allen Turlington in Kenley, NC, on September 1, 1923. His family moved to Clinton, NC, three years later. He was predeceased by his wife, Mary Louise Parker Turlington; his sister, Evelyn Dixon Turlington Colwell. Dr. Turlington is survived by a daughter, Wynette Louise Turlington Page of Charlotte, NC, sons Harold Lester Turlington (wife, Anne Covington Thompson Turlington) of Wilmington, NC, and Roscoe Parker Turlington of Idaho and Wrightsville Beach, NC. His grandchildren are Elizabeth Louise Wilson Turlington of Birmingham AL; Harold Lester Chandler Turlington of Wilmington, NC; Brett Myers Page (wife, Ali Kroeger) of Cary, NC.; Corbin Tate Page (Fiance, Dr. Jessica Selter) of NYC, NY. His great-grandchildren are Amanda Kennedy Page and Abigail Elizabeth Page of Cary, NC. He is also survived by his niece, Lyn C. Roberts, and friend for over a decade, Mrs. Christian Humphrey Swiers. Dr. Turlington was a graduate of Randolph-Macon Academy, Wake Forest University, Emory University School of Dentistry, and Dewey School of Orthodontia. He was a Navy veteran of World War II and a life member of the V.W.F and American Legion. He was a registered land surveyor in N.C. He practiced Dentistry, a profession he dearly loved and enjoyed, in Clinton, NC from 1953 until retiring in 1977. He was a longtime member of First United Methodist Church of Clinton and taught the C. Freeman Heath Sunday School Class. Dr. Turlington also served for several years as a director on the Corporate Board of Directors of the East Coast Federal Savings Bank, and later on the local board of BB&T. He was a charter member of the Clinton 100 Committee, and president of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, and Coharie Country Club. After moving to Wilmington, he enjoyed his Thursday Lunch Brunch. A special thanks to Dr. Turlington's devoted



caregivers Morgan Cobb, Retha David, the Home Instead staff and the Lower Cape Fear Hospice angels. A graveside service for Dr. Turlington was held on Monday, March 11th, at 2:00PM at the Clinton City Cemetery with Rev. Jay Sidebotham officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Lower Cape Fear Hospice, 1414 Physicians Dr. Wilmington, NC. 28401 or to First United Methodist Church, 208 Sampson St. Clinton, NC. 28328. Royal-Hall of Clinton is honored to serve the Turlington Family.

EASTOVER

Louise Weeks, 95 passed away Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at Bethesda Healthcare Facility in Eastover. Graveside service was held at 12:00pm Friday, March 8, 2019 at Lafayette Memorial Park, with Rev. Andy Wood officiating. The family received friends from 10:30am to 11:30am Friday at the funeral home before the service. She is preceded in death by her parents, Rob Maxwell and Ada Averitt Maxwell; husband, Claude Stacy Weeks, Sr.; daughter, Linda Snell; and siblings, J.R. Maxwell, Charles Maxwell, James Gray Maxwell, Danny Maxwell and Ida Lancaster. She is survived by her son, Stacy Weeks, Jr. and wife, Debora; grandson, Jordan Weeks and wife, Summer; great grandchildren, Darla and Vayda Weeks; brothers, Ciscero, Bill and David Maxwell; and a sister, Mildred Rice. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 6535 Clinton Road, Stedman.



GODWIN

Retired Air Force T/SGT William Leon "Buddy" Bill Lee, age 83, of Godwin Passed away on Monday, March 11, 2019. He was the son of the late Joseph Leon and Maxine Core Lee. In his 21 years in the Air Force, he served in Communications, Intelligence and Missile. He was preceded in death by his loving and wonderful wife of 50 years, Naomi B. (Eddy) Lee; daughter: Bette L. Strickland, Dunn, NC; Stepdaughter: Jennifer Whitney, Buies Creel, NC; stepson: Robert R. Dunn, Lawrence, KS. He is survived by his Sister: Callie L. Stephenson of Wythe, VA; Daughter: Kimberly Nelson of Godwin, NC; Son: William D. Lee of Paduca, NV; Granddaughters: Crystal Gillis and husband Ron and their son Luke of Godwin, NC, Rene Sosa and her sons, James and Cody of Godwin, NC; Nephews: Michael C. Stephenson and wife Patty of Dublin, VA, Keith Barbour and wife Janice of Angier, NC; niece: Pam Hill of Goldsboro, NC; Very close friend: James Walker of Godwin, NC; Grandstep son: Josh Whitney and wife Amy and their daughter Taylor of Buies Creek, NC; Son-in-law: Donnie Strickland of Dunn, NC. He was a member of Corinth Free Will Baptist Church of Dunn, NC. A graveside service to commemorate the life of William Leon Lee was conducted on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 in Greenwood Cemetery with Rev. Robert Moore officiating. All arrangements are entrusted to Cromartie-Miller Funeral Home. Online Condolences may be expressed at www.cromaritemiller.com.



SALEMBURG

James Woodrow (Jackie Boy) Blackmon Sr., Age-70, 145 Noel Lane, Salemburg, NC died Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at his residence. Funeral arrangements are incomplete. Butler & Son Funeral Home, Inc. Roseboro, NC.

ROSEBORO

Ms. Willie F (Baby Ray) Culbreth, Age-75, 627 Boone St., Roseboro died Sunday, March 10, 2019 at Wayne Memorial Hospital, Goldsboro, NC. Funeral service will be held Saturday, March 16, 2019 at 11:00 am at St. Thomas A.M.E. Zion Church Roseboro, NC. Interment: Roseboro Cemetery. Public Viewing: Friday, March 16, 2019 from 1:00 to 6:00 pm at Butler & Son Funeral Home, Inc. Roseboro, NC. Butler & Son Funeral Home, Inc. Roseboro, NC

SALEMBURG

Charlie Davis 71 1016 Old Fayetteville Road died Monday March 11, 2019 at Kitty Askins Hospice Center in Goldsboro. Home Going Service will be held at 1:00 pm on Saturday, March 16, 2019 at Mt. Pleasant Church with burial following in the Roseboro Cemetery in Snow Hill Community. Visitation will be held on Friday, March 15, 2019 from 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm with family present from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

SMITHFIELD

Mr. Donnie "Carol" Jackson, 85, of Smithfield, passed away Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at the SECU Hospice House, Smithfield. A graveside service will be held Friday, March 15, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. in Hillcrest Cemetery, Newton Grove. The family will receive friends at West & Dunn Funeral Home on Friday, March 15th from 1:30 till 2:30 p.m. prior to the service and other times at the home of Greg & Paula Best, 726 Alex Benton Road, Newton Grove. Officiating will be Rev. Debra Steely. Carol is survived by his wife; Jean Jackson, sisters; Audrey Jackson Thornton and Sallie Jackson Whitfield, brother; Larry Dail Jackson and wife Brenda. He was preceded in death by his parents; Clement H. & Dorcas K. Jackson, son; Phillip D'Carol Jackson and sister; Doris Jackson Holloman. Online condolences may be made at www.westanddunn.com. Services have been entrusted to West & Dunn Funeral Homes, Newton Grove, North Carolina.

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NASCAR THIS WEEK

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SPEED FREAKS

A few questions we had to ask ourselves

Four races, four winners. Who's next in line?

GODSPEAK: Remember when Kyle Larson's first four wins happened at two-mile tracks? He will be back in form Sunday.

KEN'S CALL: Since the Penske squad has been fast out of the box, and since Ryan Blaney was really good at Phoenix ... never mind, I say Kurt Busch.

NASCAR Cup banquet heading to Nashville ... what took so long?

GODSPEAK: Viva Las Nashville. This is part of the new vision to find parts of the old NASCAR. Great move.

KEN'S CALL: Apparently, they had to get that big-city and showbiz glitz out of their system first. With its modern flair and Southern roots, Nashville is a perfect fit.

FEUD OF THE WEEK

DANIEL SUAREZ VS. MICHAEL MCDOWELL:

They both went to a hockey game Thursday, were brawling on pit road during qualifying Friday, then started next to each other for the race.

GODWIN KELLY'S TAKE: It's good to see drivers show some passion. This is a tough sport with a lot of pressure, and sometimes the steam valve pops open. We are told they have an "understanding."

GODWIN'S PICKS FOR CALIFORNIA

WINNER: Kyle Larson

REST OF TOP 5: Joey Logano, Kevin Harvick, Chase Elliott, Denny Hamlin

FIRST ONE OUT: David Ragan

DARK HORSE: Matt DiBenedetto

DON'T BE SURPRISED IF: You see some Daytona- and Talladega-style drafting because this track is fast enough to handle it.

MOTOR MOUTHS PODCAST

No twin fiddles, but we're into the current Western Swing.

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CALIFORNIA

THREE THINGS TO WATCH



Will we see Daytona-like pack racing at Auto Club Speedway this weekend? The new NASCAR package combined with the track's speed could make it happen. [AP/TERRY RENNA]

1. California drafting

With NASCAR's new aero/motor package, you may just think you're watching a race from Daytona or Talladega at Auto Club Speedway in Fontana, California. The 2-mile oval has always been a superfast course, and now that speeds are up in the corners, drafting may come into play. Drivers can hold the throttle down longer and stay bunched up. If you see some pack racing, NASCAR scores a win.

2. Penske's streak

Team Penske saw its tiny, two-week winning streak come to an end at Phoenix, but look for the three-car team to pick right back up where it left off at Las Vegas. Ryan Blaney started from the pole and led 97 laps at Phoenix, but

faded to third over concerns he didn't have enough fuel to go the distance. Team owner Roger Penske can boast success across the board with Brad Keselowski, Joey Logano and Blaney.

3. Johnson update

Seven-time NASCAR champion Jimmie Johnson, winless since the early part of the 2017 season, said Hendrick Motorsports is crawling out of its hole and will be a factor this season. He finished eighth at Phoenix. "No, it's not a victory, but it's definitely a solid day for (us)," he said. "These guys have been working so hard at Hendrick to get us more and more and we took a good step in the right direction."

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PHOENIX

THREE THINGS WE LEARNED

1. Best ever?

ISM Raceway hosted two NASCAR races and Kyle Busch won them both, boosting his career total to 199 victories. The breakdown: Cup Series, 52; Xfinity, 94; Truck Series, 53. As for comparisons to Richard Petty's 200, Busch said, "It's not for me to worry about."

2. More Busch

Busch has won at least one race each season for the past 15 years, the longest active streak in the NASCAR Cup Series. He announced his career goal after Sunday's race at Phoenix — 100 Cup wins. Since he is just 33 years old, that number doesn't seem off the mark.

3. Pit brawl

Who won the pole for Sunday's race? Nobody was paying much attention



Kyle Busch does a burnout after winning Sunday's race in Phoenix. [AP/RALPH FRESO]

after Daniel Suarez jumped Michael McDowell on pit road during first-round qualifying. Suarez complained McDowell got in his way during his hot lap. Suarez was wrestled down by McDowell's crew.

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QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers

Why the Kyle-King comparisons?

The number, that's all. Kyle Busch is one win away from a career total of 200 combined in NASCAR's three national circuits. Comparing that with Richard Petty's 200 career Cup Series wins isn't something serious people do. Kyle does say he's set a goal of 100 Cup wins. He's currently at 52 and if he maintained his recent pace, he'd likely get there. But that's very hard to do.

Wait ... is the number 201?

Yes, don't overlook Petty's 1959 win in NASCAR's old Convertible Series. He won a 1959 race in Columbia, S.C., finishing ahead of Jack Smith and Glen Wood. For what it's worth, the King also won a 1973 USAC Stock Car race at Pocono — the Acme Super Saver 500. And finally, Petty's 200 Cup wins came in 1,184 starts, while Kyle's 199 combined wins have come in 996 starts. But only 15 of Petty's starts were outside the Cup level, while nearly half of Kyle's (494) were non-Cup.

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NASCAR CUP STANDINGS

1. Kyle Busch	177
2. Joey Logano	171
3. Kevin Harvick	168
4. Denny Hamlin	165
5. Martin Truex Jr.	140
6. Kyle Larson	138
7. Aric Almirola	134
8. Brad Keselowski	133
9. Kurt Busch	126
10. Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	123
11. Clint Bowyer	118
12. Ryan Blaney	113
13. Chase Elliott	108
14. Erik Jones	106
15. Jimmie Johnson	98
16. Alex Bowman	94
17. Ryan Newman	92
18. William Byron	82
19. Paul Menard	81
20. Daniel Suarez	77

WHAT'S ON TAP

(All times are Eastern)

CUP SERIES: Auto Club 400

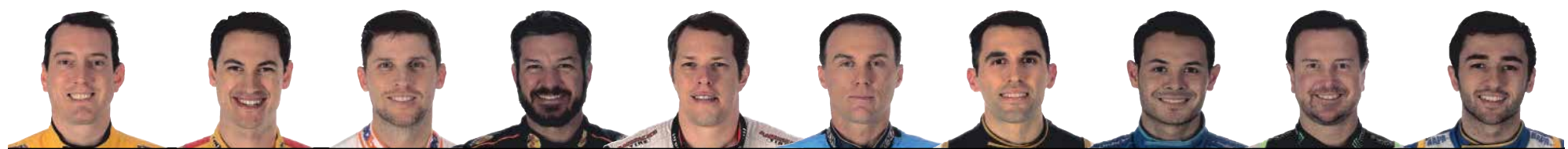
SITE: Auto Club Speedway (2-mile oval) in Fontana, Calif.

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

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SITE: Auto Club Speedway

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