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Sat

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Sun

PM Rain
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WEEKLY VERSE

*There is a judge
for the one who
rejects me and
does not accept
my words; the
very words I
have spoken will
condemn them at
the last day.*

John 12:48

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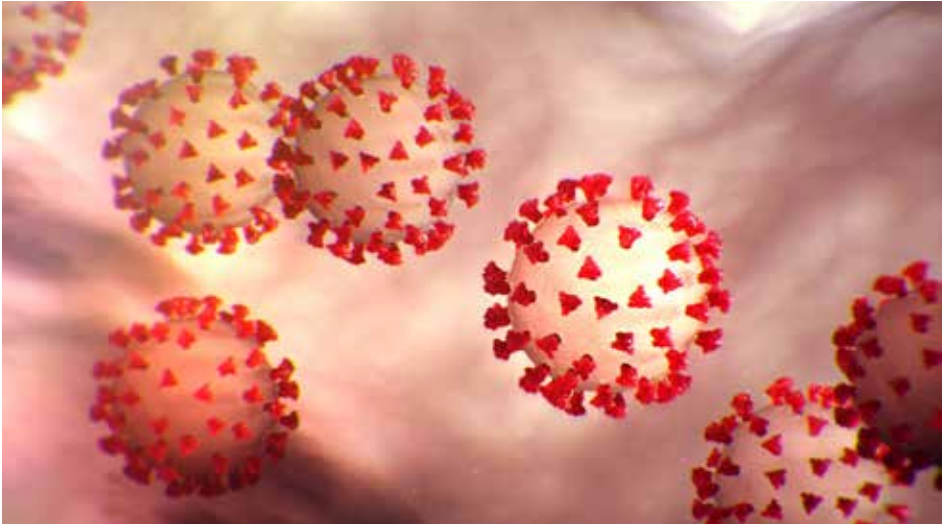


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Coronavirus Almost Shuts Down Sampson County



Sampson County is finding itself adjusting to a new norm due to COVID-19 and county officials and agencies are quickly adjusting. The county has Declared a State of Emergency and has made many changes on a daily basis. We wanted to keep you abreast of the current situation. Please check The Sampson Weekly Facebook for any changes as they happen.

The Sampson County Health Department reported its first presumptive positive case of the novel corona virus (COVID-19) in Sampson County on March 16th. The test will be submitted to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) lab for confirmation. The person is doing well and is isolating at home. The County will treat presumptive cases as positive and follow CDC guidelines to protect public health and limit the spread of infection, while awaiting confirmation of results from the CDC.

The presumptive positive patient had traveled internationally. The [COVID19, see P. 2](#)

ALE SEARCH WARRANTS YIELD ARRESTS, SEIZURES ACROSS TWO COUNTIES



Over the weekend, ALE special agents concluded several gambling, drug and alcohol investigations with the execution of 6 search warrants spanning two counties. The raids netted 12 arrests on 23 charges and the seizure of cocaine, marijuana, firearms, and over \$100,000 in cash.

On Friday, ALE special agents, Sampson County Sheriff's Office and the Clinton Police Department raided two residences for gambling and illegal alcohol sales. The first location, 2915 N. Spring Branch Road in Dunn, was a residence with a large outbuilding which was used as an illegal gambling casino. The owner, Deborah Barefoot, 61, of Dunn, was charged with gambling, maintaining a gambling location, possession of illegal gambling machines, and possession of illegal slot machines.

The second residence, 406 Weeks Street in Clinton, operated as an illegal bar. The owner, Garretta Faison, 70, of Clinton, was charged with selling alcoholic beverages without an ABC permit. Two patrons, Anthony Hargrove, 49, and Thorton Bethune, 53, were arrested and served with numerous outstanding criminal processes.

On Saturday, ALE special agents and Fayetteville Police Department raided three residences and an ABC-licensed business for numerous alcohol and drug offenses. 10470 Colliers Chapel Church Road in Linden and 1409 Coley Drive in Fayetteville were raided for illegal alcohol sales. James Mckoy, 66, of Fayetteville, who had five prior charges of illegal alcohol sales, was charged with selling alcoholic beverages without an ABC permit.

Yassin Said, 31, of Fayetteville, the permittee of Jackpot Mini Mart at 503 Grove Street in Fayetteville, allowed illegal drug transactions to occur at the ABC-permitted store. Customers of the

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Blood Donors needed now as COVID-19 poses risk of critical blood shortage



Over the past week, blood centers throughout the country have experienced a significant drop in blood donations due to the mounting COVID-19 outbreak. Sampson Regional Medical Center (SampsonRMC) is among them, and the need for donors is urgent. As people are self-quarantining and social distancing and because schools and large events are cancelled, so are scheduled blood drives. The SampsonRMC Blood Donor Center is asking healthy and eligible individuals to give!

Due to additional precautionary guidelines amidst COVID-19, usual walk-ins cannot be accommodated. The Blood Donor Center requests all donors to make an appointment by calling 910-596-5417.

Donors must be at least 16 years old and weigh 110lbs or more. Donors younger than 18 years must have parental consent and may have additional height and weight requirements.

Donors are screened before giving to ensure they have a healthy temperature, blood pressure, and hemoglobin level. Donors are asked a brief set of questions regarding their health history to make sure they can safely donate, and that their blood can be used for patients.

Additionally, the Blood Donor Center has tightened eligibility requirements for donors in response to COVID-19. The following people should not attempt to donate:

- Anyone who has traveled outside of NC and/or by public transportation within the last 14 days
- Anyone who has flu-like symptoms including a fever, cough or shortness of breath
- Anyone who has interacted with someone who could have been exposed to COVID-19

If a prospective donor has specific questions about eligibility requirements, they may contact the Blood Donor Center at 919-596-5417.

The coronavirus does not post any known risk to blood donors during the donation process. The SampsonRMC Blood Donor Center uses sterile collection protocols required by law and is regulated by the FDA and American Blood Bank Association. This includes disinfecting donation areas frequently.

As an additional precaution, donors can exclusively and safely

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CORONAVIRUS SAFETY



Follow these easy steps to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.



Disinfect surfaces around your home and work.



Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds.



Sneeze or cough? Cover your mouth.

LOCAL NEWS

From the Desk of Senator Brent Jackson



This week, we have seen numerous and quickly changing updates on the virus. It is my goal to keep you all updated on these changes and make you aware of the different state mandates and suggestions to help mitigate the effects of the virus.

North Carolina Update:

As of this morning, North Carolina has 97 new cases of coronavirus according to the latest count on the state Department of Health and Human Services’ website. Gov. Cooper has banned mass gatherings of 100 people or more, closed K-12 public schools and ordered bars and restaurants to close except for takeout and delivery.

The state says at least 2,505 tests have been completed.

This latest update includes 11 new cases in Durham County; five new cases in Wake County, bringing the county total to 22; and three new cases in Mecklenburg County that bring the total there to 14. Buncombe County announced its first case of the virus. County health officials said the person is in isolation in Macon County. Lincoln, Hoke, Moore, Union and New Hanover counties also announced their first cases, and Watauga County reported its second case. The state announced its first known case of the virus on March 3. The virus has now been found in 23 of the state’s 100 counties.

Closing of Restaurants and Bars Throughout the State

On Tuesday, Governor Cooper announced that North Carolina restaurants and bars will be closed to sit-down service and limited to take-out or delivery orders. Grocery stores, gas stations, and convenience stores, are exempt from this order and will remain open, though they may not serve sit-down food.

The Executive Order limits the congregation of individuals by prohibiting sit-down service in restaurants. Congregation is strongly discouraged to limit the spread of COVID-19. Restaurants are allowed to provide carryout, drive-through and delivery options. Restaurant staff is not permitted to serve patrons indoors or in the outdoor seating area. If a restaurant has outdoor seating, onsite consumption in the outdoor seating area is only permitted for carry-out food and is subject to mass gathering restrictions and social distancing guidelines.

Local law enforcement agencies and district attorneys are generally responsible for enforcement of the Order provisions. Law enforcement officers are authorized to enforce the Order pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.30(a)(2) and violations are punishable as a Class 2 misdemeanor in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-288.20A.

In addition, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 130A-18 and 130A-25, failure to comply with the imminent hazard abatement order issued by the Secretary of the NC Department of Health and Human Services may result in injunctive relief or prosecution for a misdemeanor offense.

Cafeterias and on-site dining facilities can provide only carry out meals. Employees are encouraged to take their food to smaller settings to prevent large gatherings of people in one location but may be allowed to utilize eating areas as long as mass gathering restrictions and social distancing guidelines are adhered to.

Additionally, the order lifts some restrictions on unemployment benefits to help workers unemployed due to Covid-19 and those who are employed but will not receive a paycheck. Additionally, it adds benefit eligibility for those out of work because they have the virus or must care for someone who is sick.

This Order will directly aid workers who may have lost wages in restaurants and meeting places due to mass gathering restrictions. For example, workers who lose income due to tips or scheduled work hours, but are still employed, would be eligible for benefits.

Unemployment Insurance for Workers

Workers who may have lost wages in restaurants and meeting places due to mass gathering restrictions. Workers who lose income due to tips or scheduled work hours, but are still employed are eligible for benefits. The one-week waiting period to apply for unemployment payment for those workers who lose their jobs. There is no requirement that a person must be actively looking for another job during this time when many potential employers are closed and social distancing guidelines are in effect. Employees who lose their jobs or, in certain cases have their hours reduced due to Covid-19 can apply for unemployment benefits. Employers will not be held responsible for benefits paid as a direct result of these COVID-19 claims. Workers can apply for benefits online or by phone. To find out more information or to apply for these benefits please visit: <https://des.nc.gov/apply-unemployment>.

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Health Department will work to identify close contacts, which the CDC defines as being within approximately 6 feet of a person with a COVID-19 infection for a prolonged period of time of 10 minutes or longer. Based on information provided by the individual, County health officials will assess risks of exposure, determine which if any additional measures are needed such as temperature and symptom checks, quarantine and/or testing.

The Health Department reminds every one of the recommended measures to prevent the spread of infection, which are:

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

According to Sampson County officials, “We join the chorus of voices that are telling you that there is much uncertainty about the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. As of March 16th, Sampson County has seen its first presumptive positive case of COVID-19. The progression of the outbreak and responses to it are, by necessity, ever evolving. However, what is of absolute certainty is Sampson County’s commitment to their mission: protecting the health, safety and welfare of our citizens. To fulfill that mission, we have taken and will continue to take actions, that while they may be inconvenient, are in the best interest of our citizens and our employees and based upon guidance and direction from federal, state and local health officials. We ask for your patience and understanding.”

“We have developed a resource page that will offer you information on what the County is doing in response to COVID-19 as well as guidance from public health professionals. Please understand that information is subject to change frequently, and with little to no notice.”

“The Sampson County Health Department will continue to provide health care services during this difficult time. The health department will abide by guidelines from the NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The Sampson County Health Department has also established a direct line for Sampson County residents with COVID-19 health questions. Call (910) 490-1056 between the hours of 8 am – 5 pm, Monday through Friday.”

State of Emergency Declaration

On Wednesday Sampson County along with each municipality across the county, declared a State of Emergency.

Currently, our state possesses a \$3.8 billion unemployment reserve. Through the actions and planning of the General Assembly, our legislature has worked to increase the size of this fund for the sole purpose of protecting North Carolinians from future economic downturns.

We are prepared to use these reserves to deal with the present and future potential negative economic impact of the COVID-19 virus. We know that our North Carolina Employers have paid these funds into this account to prepare for times like this and we are willing to use these funds to help their employees. Adjustments and changes will need to be made to our state program when the federal program becomes clearer. We anticipate knowing more specifics concerning the federal program in the coming days. However, we are prepared and we stand ready to act.

U.S. Small Business Administration Grants

The U.S. Small Business Administration granted our state’s request for a disaster declaration for small businesses that are suffering economic losses due to the new Coronavirus, COVID-19.

The SBA granted a disaster declaration to small businesses across the state, allowing affected businesses to apply for low-interest SBA disaster loans.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA’s secure website at DisasterLoan.sba.gov.

Businesses and individuals may also obtain information and loan applications by calling the SBA’s Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 or 1-800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing, or by emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Loan application forms can also be downloaded at disasterloan.sba.gov.

H-2A Workers

Late in the evening on Monday, the State Department announced that in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City and all U.S. consulates in Mexico will cancel routine immigrant and nonimmigrant visa services starting today. Although they intend to continue processing H-2 cases, they have modified their procedures to follow recommendations from public health authorities. Instead, they will prioritize the visa processing of returning H-2 workers. Returning H-2 workers are applicants whose H-2A or H-2B visas have expired in the last twelve months and are now applying for the same visa classification and did not require a waiver for their previous application. The Embassy will not be making appointments for first-time applicants or applicants who require an interview every year due to law enforcement or immigration violations.

North Carolina Agriculture is especially dependent upon foreign labor, including the H-2A agricultural visa program, and other non-immigrant agricultural worker visas to meet our intensive labor needs. The potential disruption of visa processing and limitations to visa programs could significantly alter our state’s economy and our nation’s food supply chain. Many of our farming communities depend on these visa programs to provide the needed labor that keeps food in our grocery stores and on our plates daily. Although this new protocol will still allow for previously approved H-2A and H-2B workers to return to farms, it will also undoubtedly prevent potential first-time or trial usage by new and growing operations hoping to participate in the program this growing season.

I am optimistic that we will be able to resolve these issues. Our state and federal delegation are well-aware of the potential impact on our agriculture communities and they will continue to advocate on behalf of our state’s economic backbone. In speaking with Commissioner Troxler, Rep. Rouzer, and Sen. Tillis’ office, we are confident that this will be worked out and H2a’s will be able to come back to the farms and work this season.

Resources and Contact Information

NC 2-1-1 is now available 24/7 as a resource for assistance related to COVID-19. Dial 2-1-1 to get connected to resources in your community and text COVIDNC to 898211 to get alerts on the North Carolina’s COVID-19 updates.

Additionally, visit the NCDHHS website, www.ncdhhs.gov/coronoavirus, and check the Updates page. You should also visit the CDC website for the latest information at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus. If you have specific questions or concerns related to COVID-19 in North Carolina, call 866-462-3821 for more information.

Please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html> for the updates as well.

I encourage you to stay tuned for daily updates from the CDC and NCDHHS. My office remains open for business. Please call 919-733-5705 to reach us. We will continue to serve NC families in a responsible, safe way. Please let us know if we can be of any assistance to you.

According to county officials, “Sampson County has enacted a State of Emergency related to the COVID-19 outbreak. The document was endorsed and effective as of 3:30 p.m. (on Wednesday) The State of Emergency allows designated personnel to take appropriate preventative measures related to response to the event. The State of Emergency includes the County and, by request of the mayors of the Towns of Autryville, Garland, Harrells, Newton Grove, Roseboro, Salemburg, and Turkey, the corporate limits of those municipalities.”

“The SOE orders that all emergency management personnel subject to the control of the Sampson County Board of Commissioners cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of this Declaration, all applicable local ordinances, state and federal laws, and the Sampson County Emergency Operations Plan. Further, the Sampson County Manager is authorized to take such protective action as he deems necessary or prudent, including the implementation of prohibitions and restrictions on the County’s employees and the public use of Sampson County’s facilities, alterations of the manner in which services are provided by Sampson County, and the procurement of additional resources to promote and protect the public welfare during this public health emergency.”

Event Cancellations/Postponements:

In compliance with the Governor’s prohibition on mass gatherings that bring together more than 100 persons in a single room or single space at a time, many events and programs are cancelled. As this situation evolves, additional cancellations, even small group meetings, are likely to occur. The county will offer guidance in the future regarding our Board of Commissioners meetings and the scheduled public hearings.

- Sampson County Parks and Recreation has suspended its Baseball and Softball season along with all other sports activities, including all assessments, workouts, skill development, practices and contests, until further notice.
- All events scheduled to be held at the Sampson County Exposition Center are cancelled through Tuesday, March 31, 2020.
- The Rally for Agriculture and Sampson County Ag Day have been cancelled or postponed.
- Effective immediately, all Clinton Recreation and Parks indoor facilities, including the Sampson Center and Bellamy Center will be temporarily closed and all programming, including classes, are cancelled until further notice. No facility or shelter rentals will be taken through April 6th. As previously noted, all spring sports programs including practices, games, training sessions, etc. have been postponed. The City is taking this action in consideration of the advice of public health officials and Governor Roy Cooper, to prevent or slow the spread of COVID-19 in our state.
- The 2020 Roseboro Bloomfest has been cancelled.
- Newton Grove and Garland Easter Egg Hunts cancelled.

If you have an event cancellation, please contact The Sampson Weekly **COVID19, see P. 3**

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via Facebook or email us at info@thesampsonweekly.com and we will post it to the community.

Sampson County Fire Marshal Office

The Sampson County Fire Marshal Office will perform inspections per COVID-19 event guidance provided by the Chief State Fire Marshal. Thus, fire inspections will be primarily limited to those for life safety matters.

Aging Department

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak nutrition sites and senior centers will be closed to congregate participants starting Thursday, March 19, 2020 through Friday, April 3, 2020. The Department of Aging will reassess the situation and make updates at a later date. At this time, home delivered meals will continue to be delivered to those participants as normal. The Adult Day Health Care is open; however, it is recommended to keep the participants home if at all possible.

Register of Deeds

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, and the declaration of local, state, and national emergency, this is notification the Register of Deeds Office will be taking the following steps to restrict access to the public since receiving confirmation of COVID-19 in Sampson County!

Effective March 23, 2020 the office will be closed to the public until further notice.

All Submitters are urged to use our electronic recording system for recording documents.

The office will accept regular mail-in recordings, as well as overnight deliveries via FedEx, UPS, USPS, etc.

The public is urged to use the Register of Deeds website to process requests for copies of birth, death, and marriage records. If Internet availability is a problem, the customer may mail in a written request for copies. The request must contain the type or record requested (birth, death, or marriage certificate), name of the individual on the record, relationship to the individual (self, parent, child, etc.), a return address, and a signature of the requestor.

Request may be mailed to: Sampson County Register of Deeds, 126-A W. Elizabeth Street, Clinton, N.C. 28328.

Notaries needing to take their oath of office, couples wanting to obtain a marriage license, or veterans needing to record their discharge papers (DD214), may do so by appointment only. All those seeking appointments will not be seen if they are sick.

Appointments may be made by calling (910) 592-8026. There will be no walk throughs by Funeral Homes. All documents must come to this office by way of mail.

According to county officials, “Under these circumstances, we must do things differently while adopting practices to protect personnel and the public. We will continue to conduct business to assist the public in the best way we can. If something were to happen to cause this office to be closed, no one would be able to receive any services for at least 14 days! Be assured that our focus is on doing the best we can under these circumstances.”

Soil and Water Conservation Services

In accordance with a Federal Government USDA Departmental Administrative Guidance, Sampson Soil & Water Conservation recommends that visitors call to schedule an appointment in advance, or be able answer “no” to the following health questions:

Have you, or someone living in your household, someone you’ve been in close or frequent contact with, or someone you are caring for been diagnosed with COVID-19 (Coronavirus) or had any contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19?

In the last 14 days, have you or someone living in your household, or someone you have been in close or frequent contact with, or someone you are caring for returned from, or made a travel connection through a CDC Level 3 or Level 2 country or State Department Level 3 or Level 4 country?

Do you currently have, or have you had within the last 24 hours, any cold or flu symptoms with a fever greater than 100.4 or acute respiratory distress (e.g., shortness of breath and coughing).

To ensure that visitors and staff are safe, visitors will undergo the screening process above, as will be noted on the door of the Soil and Water Conservation Building (80 County Complex Rd., Bldg G). Please call 910-592-7963 ext. 3 or email Melanie Harris at melanie.harris@nc.nacdnet.net for more information.

Social Services

As a result of Coronavirus (COVID-19), certain program requirements have changed at DSS. Assistance including Food and Nutrition Services, Energy, Medicaid, Childcare and Child Support may not require an office visit. You may call the Agency at 910-592-7131 or utilize available online services linked on this website. DSS also has an outside drop box available for those who may not need to enter the Agency and there are public computers with internet service available as needed for any visitors.

Sampson Area Transportation

Effective immediately and through April 3, 2020, Sampson Area Transportation will limit transportation to those which are medically necessary or for employment. Clients will be notified. Precautions will be taken to protect the health of clients that may be high risk due to age or underlying medical conditions, including increased sanitation of transportation vehicles and screening questions for symptomatic individuals to identify those with potential exposure to COVID-19.

Sampson County Public Works

An important front-line defense to prevent the spread of the disease is to wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; therefore, Public Works will temporarily cease water disconnects. That does not release customers from payment of their water bills. If you have concerns regarding your water bill, please contact them at (910) 592-0188.

Sampson County Public Libraries

Sampson County Public Libraries will be closed to the general public beginning Wednesday, March 18th through March 31st. If you have questions or concerns regarding your library account, some essential staff can be reached by calling the J.C. Holliday branch, (910) 592-4153, from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm each day. Patrons are encouraged to use the book drop box for returning borrowed materials; however, fines and fees will be discontinued during this closure.

Sampson County Schools/Clinton City Schools/Sampson Community College

On March 14th, Governor Roy Cooper ordered all K-12 public schools in North Carolina to close for a minimum of two weeks in response to COVID-19. The Executive Order also bans gatherings of more than 100 people. North Carolina currently has 23 people in 12 counties who have tested positive for COVID-19.

“We do not have the luxury of a wait-and-see approach. These are hard decisions but they are necessary so we can learn more about the virus,” Governor Cooper said. “We do not want any regrets in the rearview mirror, and I am guided by one objective – doing what we must to keep people from getting sick and to make sure that those who do can get excellent care.”

The Executive Order directs all public schools to close beginning Monday, March 16, 2020 for at least two weeks. The two-week period allows time for North Carolina to further understand the impact of COVID-19 across the state and develop a plan for continued learning for students should a longer closure be needed.

Clinton City Schools- Message from Superintendent Dr. Wesley Johnson:

“Grab and Go meals will continue as scheduled with Friday’s delivery including breakfast and lunch for Saturday and Sunday. We will begin distributing Chromebooks Friday, March 20 between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm at the Auxiliary Services warehouse to Sunset Avenue School students who indicated need on the survey along with any Clinton High or Sampson Middle school

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access the Blood Donor Center through the side door of the SampsonRMC Outpatient Diagnostic Center located at 233 Beaman Street, Clinton, NC. Upon arrival, donors are asked to ring the side doorbell and wait to be greeted by a staff member.

Blood donations help those fighting life threatening illnesses, suffering from rare blood disorders, or trauma victims in need of a lifesaving transfusion. The SampsonRMC Blood Donor Center is not affiliated with other blood donor agencies, such as the American Red Cross or The Blood Connection, so it relies heavily on the loyalty of donors who live or work in Sampson County. When community members give, their donation is used to care for patients at the hospital. SampsonRMC urges the public to help maintain the blood supply needed for critically ill patients.

About SampsonRMC’s Blood Bank

The Sampson Regional Medical Center Blood Donor Center is accredited by both AABB and the Joint Commission and is registered with the Food and Drug Administration.

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drug transactions were directed to Said or the clerk, who then sold them packaged bags of drug paraphernalia. Said was charged with conspire to sell/deliver cocaine, deliver drug paraphernalia, possession with the intent to sell/deliver drug paraphernalia, failure to maintain drug paraphernalia log and allow violations to occur on the ABC-permitted premises. Sarah Aamer, 20, of Aberdeen, was charged with deliver drug paraphernalia and failure to maintain drug paraphernalia log.

ALE special agents found the illegal drug transactions at Jackpot Mini Mart originated from 412 B Street, a residence behind the store. The following individuals were arrested and charged:

-Lionel Avery, 56, of Fayetteville, was charged with sell/deliver cocaine, possession with intent to sell/deliver cocaine, and possession of firearm by a felon.

-Martinez Fisher, 44, of Fayetteville, was charged with sell/deliver cocaine, possession with intent to sell/deliver cocaine, and conspire to sell/deliver cocaine.

-Dwight Holland, 52, of Fayetteville, was charged with possession of cocaine.

-Donald McNeil Jr., 37, of Fayetteville, was charged with maintaining a vehicle for controlled substances and possession with intent to sell/deliver marijuana.

“ALE special agents routinely partner with other law enforcement and state agencies to make the greatest impact to improve our communities.” said Bryan House, Director of Alcohol Law Enforcement. “Because Jackpot Mini Mart holds ABC permits, we will be sending a report of our investigatory findings to the NC Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission who may decide to sanction the business through fines, a suspension, or a revocation of the ABC permits.”

About ALE: ALE’s 109 specially trained agents have the authority to arrest and take investigatory action throughout North Carolina. Their primary responsibility is the enforcement of Alcoholic Beverage Control, tobacco, state lottery and gambling laws.

students who have not yet received their device. Families of students who indicated need will receive separate communications with more details concerning pickup of Chromebooks. The KaJeet hotspots for Internet access that were ordered have not yet arrived. We will send updated information on distribution of these devices when we receive the shipment. Teachers will continue reporting for required workdays with flexibility for telework Friday with signed agreements. Principals, child nutrition, custodians, bus drivers, data managers, receptionists, nurses, assistant principals, instructional assistants, bookkeepers, behavioral specialist/social workers and central office staff will report to their normal work sites until further notice is provided unless they choose to apply for and take appropriate leave.”

Sampson County Schools- Message from the administration

“Instructional packets for students have been prepared. Packets may be picked up at schools Tuesday, March 17 from 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM and Wednesday, March 18 from 8:00 AM until 12:00 noon. All packets not picked up will be delivered by bus on Wednesday, March 18. Buses will leave campus at 12:30 PM and follow the early release drop off schedule. Please have someone at the bus stop to pick up materials. Undelivered materials will be brought back to the school. Those who requested digital access to packets should receive their access to these materials no later than Wednesday. Contact the school for digital access information.

Beginning Wednesday, free meals are being provided daily from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM at the following schools - Hargrove Elementary, Hobpton High, Midway Elementary, Roseboro Salemburg Middle and Union Middle. Snow Hill Church in Ivanhoe will also serve from 12:00 noon until 1:00 PM daily. Meals will consist of a lunch and a breakfast for the next day. This is a drive thru service.”

Sampson Community College- message from administration

Sampson Community College is monitoring novel coronavirus (COVID-19) with updates from local, state, and national authorities. We will continue to provide necessary updates and information regarding the situation.

IMPORTANT UPDATES:

- The College has moved the Easter Break originally scheduled for April 13-17 to next week, March 23-27.

- All face-to-face curriculum courses will be suspended and transitioned to online instruction starting March 30.

- Selected Continuing Education courses will continue instruction and training. Please contact the Continuing Education office at (910) 592-7176 for more information about specific courses.

- The College is cancelling all May 2020 graduation and pinning ceremonies. We intend to postpone these events and celebrate our students’ achievements at a later date if permitted.

- Students may expect more specific communication regarding courses to come from instructors.

Visit the Sampson Community College website for information and announcements.

Sampson County Courts

Notice will be posted at all court facilities directing any person who has likely been exposed to COVID-19 to not enter the courthouse. Any person who has likely been exposed and has business before the courts should contact the Clerk of Superior Court’s office by telephone at (910) 596-6630 or other remote means for further instruction.

In an order entered on March 13, 2020, the Chief Justice has directed that local courts postpone most cases in district and superior court for at least 30 days, with some exceptions, effective Monday, March 16.

Restaurants and Bars Only Open for Take Out

On Tuesday March 17th, Governor Roy Cooper announced a new executive order closing all restaurants and bars to dine-in customers, allowing only take-out only.

The Sampson Weekly is currently getting a list of all restaurants throughout the county who are offering take-out. Please contact us via Facebook or email us at info@thesampsonweekly.com to let us know what your restaurant is doing.

Sampson County Residents and Businesses can Apply for Assistance Due to Covid-19

Sampson County residents who are now unemployed or their hours have been cut can apply for unemployment benefits due to the Coronavirus pandemic. You can apply online at <https://des.nc.gov/apply-unemployment> or call 1-888-737-0259 Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The U.S. Small Business Administration granted Governor Roy Cooper’s request for a disaster declaration for small businesses that are suffering economic losses due to the coronavirus. This is a first, immediate step that small business owners can take to apply for relief. Small business owners can visit the SBA’s website here for more information and to apply. Businesses and individuals may also obtain information and loan applications by calling the SBA’s Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955.

“We are all in this together”.

EAT TODAY?

THANK A FARMER.

Food for Life.
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forever first®

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Forever First.®

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What's Happening

By Angela Martin

at **SCT**



The Sampson Community Theatre will be postponing our production of Disney's The Little Mermaid. We are still going to have our production - at some point - but with our world norms changing daily we are unsure when it will be safe to gather with more than a certain number of people. Our production is filled with 90 plus actors and we hope that everyone stays healthy and we are ready to take on 2020 with our first production of the year soon.

Our production of Disney's The Little Mermaid is sponsored by David H. Hobson, Attorney at Law and directed by Angela Martin. We hope that you will make plans in the upcoming months to see our production. We have a phenomenal production team that is working to make our costumes perfect. Our costume team is Lila Maxwell, Ruth Ann Parker, Michele Jones, Krystin Turlington and Catherine Floyd. This team of artistic and talented people are responsible for approximately 100 costumes and they are going to be creative and innovative. The Little Mermaid is focused on using lots of brilliant colors and creative imagery to literally take you "under the sea." Come see what this creative team brings to life. In the meantime during this national crisis - please stay healthy, stay happy and see you soon.

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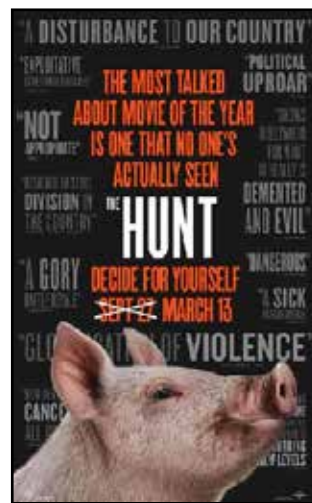
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Lilyana Wilson Named This Week's Star Athlete of the Week



Clinton High School Sophomore Lilyana Wilson says she was 'surprised' when told she was this week's Performance Auto/Sampson Weekly Star Athlete of the Week.

"Well, I knew something was up when my coach (Jennifer Edgerton) asked me for my number," the 16-year-old softball standout said. "It makes me feel good to know that I was thought of enough to even be nominated."

The pitcher/third baseman said that her team, which was 1-3 going into the break, was upset that they were told that they would have to sit out thanks to COVID-19 or the Coronavirus.

"We were disappointed," she said. "I love softball and it is something that I look forward to every year. I mean, I plan my classes around it. I love it so much."

Born in Fayetteville and raised in Clinton, Wilson started her athletic career in recreational soccer. "I used to play soccer," she explains. "I used to play travel soccer until the sixth grade."

When asked why she quit playing soccer, Wilson says, "I still liked playing, but it became more social to me and I didn't like that. I started taking pitching lessons and that was it."

For the past three years, Wilson has been playing travel softball with NLTT, out of Benson, "My coach (Sterling Holmes) has helped me a lot," she says. "In travel ball, it is different than high school... we just played in a Showcase Tournament in Tennessee, which has been good," as well as a leader on her Clinton High School Softball team.

It should come as no surprise at her talents in softball, "my mom and grandma and my dad grew up playing baseball and softball," she said. "When my mom and grandma played - both were MVPs at Union High School."

Growing up, Lilyana enjoyed watching the Atlanta Braves. "Our favorite player was Chipper Jones, who played third base," she said. "He was number 10, so when I pick my number, I always try to get number 10. I can remember getting to go to a game when I was about five years old and they went into extra innings and my grandpa was like, 'Do you want to go?' and I was like 'No, I want to stay'."

A straight 'A' student, who says her favorite subject is Math/Science - "because you can learn something new every day," she says, wants to go to college.

"I plan on going," Wilson said. "I am still undecided on where I want to go, but I want to stay close to home, so it may be Meredith, Methodist or East Carolina University, something close. I want to study health science because I want to become a physician's assistant."

When asked why, she says, "Well, originally, my grandma had COPD and people would come to her house and just be great with her," Wilson said. "That had an impact on me."

Will she play softball in college? "Not positive," Wilson answers honestly. "I love softball, but my college will help my career."

What has helped her has been the support of her family - mom Kecia; dad -Rodney; grandpa - Terry Williams and Grandma Rebecca, who passed away in 2017 and Garvis Wilson.

"My family has always supported me in everything," she said. "In everything that I've done, they've always been there for me. I would also like that thank all of my friends, my pitching coach and his wife and all of my teachers for always being there to help me."

What piece of advice would she give an upcoming freshman? "I would tell them that it's completely different from middle school," she says. "There's a little bit more freedom, but I would tell them to just enjoy it because my freshman and sophomore year has just flown by. So, you have to take time to enjoy it."

When asked what she will miss the most about high school, Wilson says, "The people. I have always been friends with upperclassmen and when they have gone, I have missed them."

However, Wilson said that she holds a special place in her heart for Sampson County. "I plan on coming back to Sampson County," she said. "It will always hold a piece of me."

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Food Pantry Provides ‘Fuel’ For Students, Despite Limited Access to Campus



Amanda Raynor gathers bags to distribute to students now that campus has limited access to students. (Cheyenne McNeill)

With Sampson Community College restricting access for students, the staff knows there's a likelihood that some students experience food insecurity without access to campus resources. Student Engagement Coordinator, Amanda Raynor, compiled bags from the Viking Fuel Food Pantry to give to these students, faculty, and staff.

Raynor says that the unknown threat of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is already daunting enough for students. When considering the idea that some students are unsure of where their next few meals are coming from, these next few weeks can become even more unnerving.

When the Viking Fuel Food Pantry first opened in the Activity Center, Raynor's original intent was for the pantry to be a free resource for any and every student on campus. When it comes to being a resource during the COVID-19 pandemic, that doesn't change.

"I want this to be for all students! Anyone can come to get a snack, or come get one of these bags and water," Raynor stated.

Raynor plans to distribute the bags to any interested students, faculty and staff members. No specific need, age, or circumstance needs to be proven. As of this morning, she's collected over 20 bags for distribution. The bags include canned goods, boxes of pasta, miniature bags of hygiene products, and more. There is also plenty of bottled water available.

Dean of Student Services, Blair Hairr, says this is the perfect opportunity to serve students through the food pantry. She noted, "To use our resources to best serve our community, we want to distribute all of the food and water in the Viking Fuel Pantry at this time. We want to use this opportunity to provide for those in need and for those who are just interested in receiving a bag!"

Resources at the pantry are distributed on a first come first serve basis. Students can contact Amanda Raynor by telephone at (910) 900-4012 or by email at araynor@sampsoncc.edu to receive a bag.

Distance Learning Grows at SCC



Whether courses are online or face-to-face, students use Moodle, the College's learning management system, to access classwork, announcements, and other assignments. (Cheyenne McNeill)

Since the first online class at SCC launched in 2001, the Distance Learning curriculum at Sampson Community College has grown rapidly. Before, there was one class. Today, there are over 300 courses offered online each year.

Marion Pope, Director of Distance Learning, says that looking back over the data shows how dramatic the growth of the program has been. In 2006 and 2007, so few students took advantage of the courses, notes suggested complete suspension of the program.

Now, Pope says the program regularly "exceeds goals."

Partly due to intentional goal setting and benchmarking put in place by the college to prioritize distance learning, the number of distance learning courses at SCC exploded from the 2017-2018 academic year to the 2018-2019 year. The number of courses offered increased by 18 percent.

Students commonly have the misconception that online courses are effortless, but Pope says they can often be more rigorous. There are deadlines, the need for better time management. Much more of the responsibility is on the student.

Pope says, "The face-to-face factor isn't there."

Lew Gravis, Division Chair of Arts and Sciences, says that his programs want to accomplish academic rigor in every course. Because of his background as the former Director of Distance Learning, he created a special system for evaluating online courses.

Gravis noted, "We want to ensure academic rigor in our program. I have this check sheet that I collaborated with other people on that we use to evaluate all of our online courses to make sure that they are rigorous and conform to high standards."

He encourages instructors to put meaningful material in their online courses so that students get the best out of each. Since online coursework must be self-motivated, it needs to be engaging as well.

This is why Pope often leads training and seminars with faculty and students. She says it's her favorite part of the role.

Pope said, "I enjoy helping them help each other and help themselves."

Students with questions about distance learning at SCC can contact Marion Pope at mpope@sampsoncc.edu or (910) 900-4074. Distance Learning at SCC can be found in the Academic Success Center on the ground floor of Kitchin Hall within the SCC Library.

Roseboro Elementary



Roseboro Elementary Students close out Black History month by entering Citi Trends Dream Contest. Each student had to submit a dream letter, sharing how they will achieve their dreams and how their dreams will lead them to change the world. Students who participated were: Walter Santillana, Jr., Jonathan Ventura-Sosa, Jack Kersey, Jr., Alejandro Torres, Brintney Dominguez, Luis Jose Morales, Shon Pone Jr., Allegro West, Marquis Owens, Makila Rich, Esiahi Smith, Savannah Hicks, Calvin Lacewell, Jahmai Rich, Tayler Fye, and Honesty Owens.

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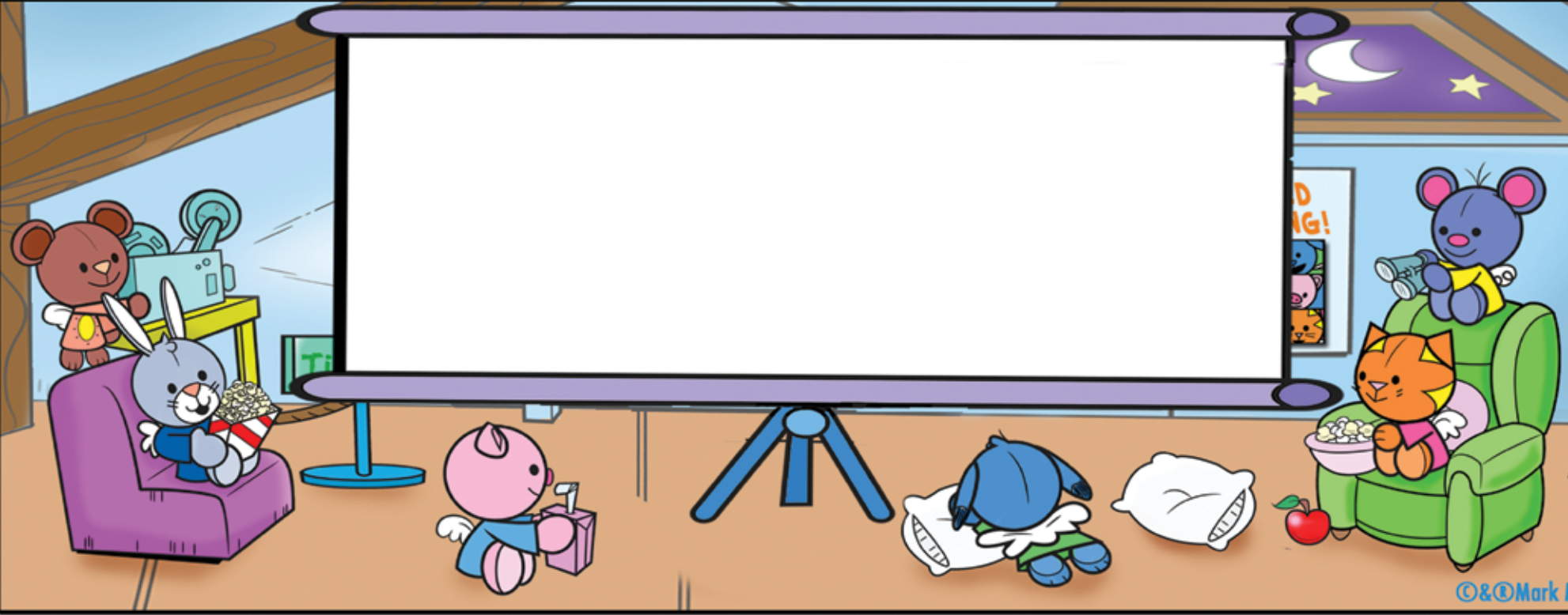
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For the 2018-2019 academic year, including Summer 2019, distance learning students made up 20 percent of the College's total enrollment. Another goal is to see the number of online course offerings grow and increase by two percent each year.

There are no completely online programs at SCC yet. However, having so many online courses gives working students the opportunity to complete coursework. Part of the College's 2019-2021 strategic plan proposes offering some complete online program options at SCC, but that has yet to happen.



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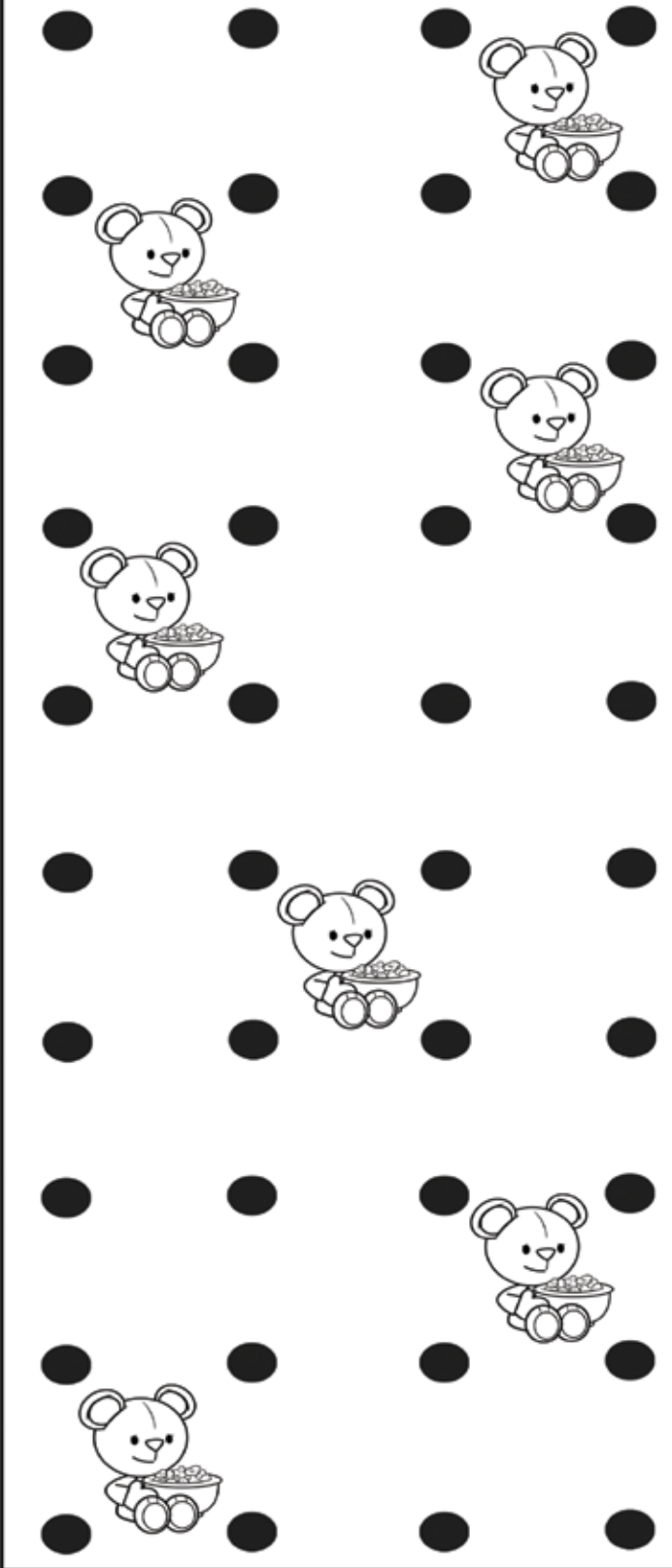


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- 9. An instrument that magnifies
- 14. Sledgehammer
- 15. Ran away from
- 16. Old European silver coin
- 17. “Rule Britannia” composer
- 18. Rend or tear apart
- 19. Oats genus
- 20. Greater TV resolution
- 23. Kiln
- 24. A furrow in the road
- 25. 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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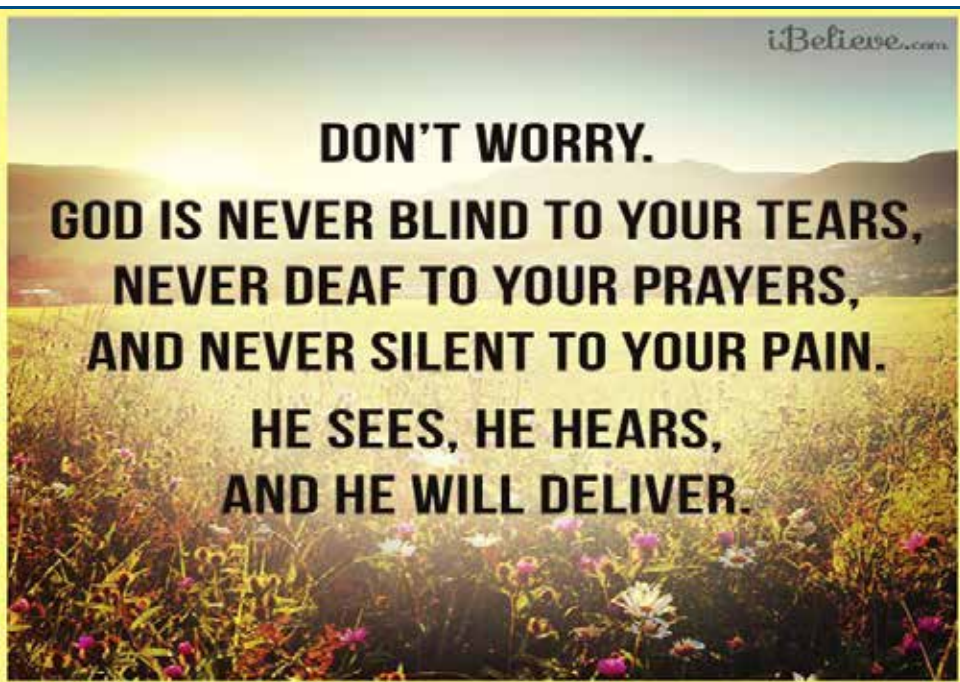
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CRIME REPORTS

03-12 Thomasina Kuulei Sutton, 41, La Grange. Harassing Phone Call. Trial Date 04-06-20

03-12 Rickeya Minay Brown, 39, Roseboro. Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, DWLR Not Impaired Rev- FTA, Speeding, Fictitious Information to Officer, Felony Possession of Cocaine – FTA. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 03-19-20

03-12 Edward Eugene Richardson, 61, Clinton. Indecent Liberties With Child. Bond \$30000. Trial Date 03-20-20

03-12 Peggy Moore Melvin, 58, Clinton. Littering 15 - 500 LBS. Trial Date 05-26-20

03-13 Melissa Kay Bradsher, 44, Clinton. Reckless Driving, Speeding. Bond \$400. Trial date 04-08-20

03-13 Julian Bradsher, 45, Clinton. Domestic Criminal Trespass, Assault on a Female. Trial date 04-13-20

03-13 Candice Caonia Cline, 31, Harrells. Order for Arrest- FTA- Child Support. Bond \$200

03-13 Jasmine Beale Williams, 24, Newton Grove. Fail to comply w/monies. Bond \$365. Trial Date 04-27-20

03-13 Thornton Ferrell Bethune, 53, Clinton. OFA-DWLR Not Impaired Rev, OFA- Fail Stop Sign/ Flsh Red Lt, OFA- Fail to Comply. Bond \$2365. Trial Date 04-24-20

03-13 Anthony Antonio Hargrove, 49, Clinton. OFA- Fail to Comply. Bond \$255. Trial Date 04-27-20

03-14 Eric Dewayne Robinson, 26, Roseboro. DWI. Bond \$1000.

Trial Date 05-27-20

03-14 Shannon Le Cruz, 34, Clinton. Shoplifting. Trial date 04-15-20

03-14 David Fryer, 61, Clinton. Simple Possession Sch II, DWLR. Bond \$750. Trial Date 05-01-20

03-15 Nehemiah Jerrell Armwood, 24, Mount Olive. Speeding, NOL, Drug Violation. Bond \$500. Trial Date 04-20-20

03-15 Corey Alexander Parker, 25, Roseboro. Fail to Comply with Monies, Resisting Public Officer. Trial Date 05-28-20

03-15 Brandon Lee Owens, 37, Spring Lake. Fail to Comply Monies. Bond \$585. Trial date 04-30-20

03-15 Micah Shawn Ledford, 26, Clinton. Breaking and Entering. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 03-17-20

03-15 Donald Ray Spell, 34, Dunn. Interfere Electronic Monitor. Bond \$7500. Trial Date 03-17-20

03-15 Kandice Regina Puckett, 34, Kinston. Larceny. Bond \$500. Trial Date 03-30-20

03-15 Corey Alexander Parker, 25, Salemburg. Simple Possess SCH VI CS (M), Resisting Public Officer, Communicating Threats, Simple Assault. Bond \$7000. Trial Date 04-16-20

03-16 Jessica Lynn Taylor, 28, Roseboro. Resisting Public Officer, Motor Vehicle Theft, Possess Stolen Motor Vehicle, Communicating Threats, Bribery. Bond \$15000. Trial Date 04-17-20

03-16 Yatazia Laquitta Davis, 21, Godwin. Misdemeanor possession of stolen goods. Trial Date 04-03-20

03-16 Penny Kay Robinson, 55, Clinton. Threatening Phone Call, Communicating Threats. Bond

\$500. Trial Date 05-04-20

03-16 Jon Michael Harrell, 54, Clinton. Simple Assault. Bond \$500. Trial Date 05-12-20

03-16 Lacesha Harrell, Clinton. Communicating Threats. Bond \$500. Trial Date 05-12-20

03-16 Alonza Williams, 29, Parkton. Failure To Reduce Speed, Driving While Impaired, Fail Maintain Lane Control. Bond \$6500. Trial Date 05-07-20

03-16 James Clifton Owens, 52, Roseboro. Break Or Enter A Motor Vehicle, Misdemeanor Larceny. Bond \$4000. Trial Date 04-17-20

03-16 Jessica Lynn Taylor, 28, Roseboro. Second Degree Trespass. Bond \$500. Trial Date 05-12-20

03-16 Taylan Emon Lewis, 24, Faison. Larceny By Employee. Trial Date 05-14-20

INCIDENT REPORTS

03-12 Brigid Ann Edwards of Dunn reported Larceny- ladder (\$80), Gas Station Sign (\$500), Yard Cart (\$100)

03-12 Wilco Hess reported Larceny of Fuel- \$38

03-12 Carrie Ellen Balance of Clinton reported Theft From Motor Vehicle- wallet \$100

03-13 Michael Harvey Lawton of Roseboro reported a Breaking & Entering- stolen cell phone (\$250), wallet (\$25), money (\$100), keys (\$50)

03-13 Joyce Harris King of Newton Grove reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering- stolen 2 liter soda, car keys and house key

03-13 Do Much Trucking of Clinton reported Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property- damage to window \$1000

03-14 Kaitlyn Michelle Pierpont of Clinton reported a Breaking & Entering- stolen laptop \$500, toys \$100, assorted misc \$100

03-14 John Dirkland Bradshaw of Newton Grove reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering- stolen medication

03-14 Walmart of Clinton reported Shoplifting- assorted merchandise \$90

03-15 Eastern Chinese of Roseboro reported Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property- by suspect driving through building \$15000

03-15 Carl Ray James Mcneil III of Rose Hill reported Larceny of firearm- pistol \$260

03-15 Chris Gainey of Roseboro reported Motor Vehicle Theft- truck \$22000

03-16 Edward Blair Thornton of Willard reported Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories- golf cart batteries- \$100

03-16 Glenwood King of Clinton reported Larceny of lawn mower \$800

03-17 Jamal Nijel Moore of Clinton reported Larceny of cell phone- \$125

03-18 Michelle Lana Jacobs of Clinton reported Damage to Property- front and rear windshield of car- \$600

03-18 Shoe Show of Clinton reported Shoplifting- Timberland Boots- \$110

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

Sampson County VITAL STATS

Deaths

- Jamie Lee Beach
- Johnny Frank Bowden
- Lisa Yvonne DeVictoria
- Alan Dail Hudson
- Fulton Heidi Johnson
- _Luther Simpson Jackson
- Margaret Elizabeth Pope
- Bertha Mae Pope
- Romie T Swinson
- Edna Ruth Sinclair
- Faye Brown Warren

Births

- Aspen Oak Lambert born on March 9, 2020 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Luther Matthew Lambert and Brittiney Nicole Simmons
- Dav Eddy Pierre born on February 25, 2020 at Sampson Regional Medical center to Eddy Pierre and Berline Limage
- Ny’Asia Nicole Butler born on February 26, 2020 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Eric Desean Butler and Shanequa Renee’ Tatum
- Kinslee Brooke Pate born on February 27, 2020 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Jonathan Ryan Pate and Katie Love Pate
- Alex Meza Meza born on March 2, 2020 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Seily Meza Puerto
- Alexa Meza Meza born on March 3, 2020 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Seily Meza Puerto
- Ashley Daniela Santos Lopez born on March 4, 2020 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Angie Nicoll Santos Lopez
- Jessie Ray Boles Jr born on March 5, 2020 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Jessie Ray Boles and Brandy Lee Caride
- Alexa Victoria Marquez Espana born on March 9, 2020 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Nicolas Marquez and Elvia Espana Crespo
- Eli Alexander Rosales born on March 9, 2020 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Yanira Elizabeth Rosales

Marriage Certificates

- Misael Neftali Alcocer Gonzalez to Jessica Gutierrez
- Mario Borja Baltazar to Maria Nolberta Lopez Sanchez
- Michael Javier Salmeron to Ciara S L Devane Hayes
- Eric Mondale Sampson to Terri Tammaneshia Oates
- Eric Raymond Martin to Melanie Shannon Lemme
- Halery Dale Tew to Anna Catherine Sessoms

- Michael Ray Gautier to Lisa Barnes Rice
- Joshua Scott Harrell to Summer Briana Pittman
- Matthew Craig Butler to Audrey D’anna Sessoms
- Jonathan Wesley Satcher to Linda Denise Williams Merritt

Land Transfers

- Covington & Shaw LLC, Terrace Miller/MGR to Shirley Marie Jones- Lot 10
- Kathryn Prudence Herring Dawson, Robert Eugene Dawson, Ann Denning Herring, Rufus McPhail Herring, James Osborne Vaughn, Martha Lewis Herring Vaughn to Watery Branch LLC- 2 Tracts Herring
- DMB Partners LLC, Jimmy Edward Kersey, Marilyn S Kersey, Karen T Sutton/ MGR to Daniel Ross Kimbro II, Sheryl Ann Kimbro- Lot 4 Timberlake Estates 10.61 Acres North Clinton
- Craven L Register, Eloise S Register to Craven L Register- 3 Tracts Taylors Bridge
- Carlton Leon Register, Craven L Register, Eloise S Register to Carlton Leon Register- 5 Tracts w/exceptions Taylors Bridge
- Dorothy D Cooper to Matoya Yaticia Warre- 1 Acre McDaniels
- Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church Inc to DOT- Lot Sampson
- Patricia Green to DOT- Lot Sampson
- Christine C Matthews, Lee Taft Matthews to DOT- Lot Sampson
- Deborah Joyce Smith/TR, The Marvin Ramson Whitfield and Joyce Whitman Whitfield Trust, Joyce Whitman Whitfield, Marvin Ramson Whitfield, Stephen Mark Whitfield/TR to Deborah Joyce Smith- Lot 6 Phase 1 CW Price Division Piney Grove
- Deborah Delynn Rackley/AKA, Debra Delynn Rackley to Bobby E Rackley, Gina Rackley- 39.53 Acres w/exceptions North Clinton
- Phillip Wayne Andrews/MBR/MGR, Southern Properties of Sampson LLC to Alex Hernandez- Lot 41 Britt Corporation Subdivision Hillcrest North Clinton
- H Brewer Honeycutt/AKA, Hillery Brewer Honeycutt to Benjamin Stout Real Estate Services Inc- Lot 27 and Lot 34 Stage Coach Estates Section Two Little Coharie
- Cristina Molina Gonzalez, Jose Francisco Rangel to Isadro Quinta Montano- Lot 13 Magnolia Acres Belvoir
- Carol Monk, George Monk, Bacilia Romero to Bibiano Romero- Lot 3 Aaron Hobbs Division 17.6 Acres South Clinton
- TWB Property Services Inc to T&T Boys Inc- 3.09 Acres
- Erica Faircloth, Patrick Faircloth to Charles F Lewis and Alice Kay Lewis Trust, Alice Kay Lewis Tr, Charles Franklin Lewis Tr- 2 Tracts
- Gloria Wallace Edwards to Gena Minchew Strickland- Lot 19 of the Edwards Land Company Third Division Coharie Woods North Clinton
- Covington & Shaw LLC, Terrace Miller/MGR to Kimberly M Chance, Melvin C Chance II- Lot 1
- James Carl Poe and Nancy S Pope Trust, Nancy S Poe

OBITUARIES

DUNN

Donald H. Addison, Sr. age 73 of Ashe Ave., Dunn, died on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at Johnston Memorial Medical Center in Smithfield. Donald was born on September 15, 1946 in Harnett County the son of the late William Addison, Sr. and Zona Davis Addison. Donald was a U.S. Army Veteran and was retired with New York State and retired Martin Marietta Aggregate. He enjoyed pier fishing at the beach, gardening and working with his hands. He is survived by his wife: Jessie Addison of the home; Daughters: Tammy Sue Morrison and husband Robert of Erwin; Sherri Lee Addison and husband Dale Stanley of Erwin; Son: Donald H. Addison, Jr. and wife Timi Jo of Godwin, NC; Grandchildren: Dale Wilson, Jr., Andy Wilson, Brooke Morrison, Luke Morrison & Tyler Morrison; Sisters: Peggy Barefoot of Sampson County; Janice Lucas and husband Roger of Dunn, NC; Pam Whittington and husband Sam of Erwin, NC; Brothers: Phil Addison and wife Theresa of Dunn, NC and Billy Addison and wife Pam of Erwin, NC The family received friends Tuesday, March 17, 2020 from 11:00 am – 12:00 Noon at Cromartie Miller Funeral Home in Dunn. One hour prior to the Service. A Memorial Service to celebrate his life was held Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 12:00 noon at Cromartie Miller Funeral Home Chapel with Military Honors. Rev. Phil Addison & Rev. Jerome Pope officiating the service. All arrangements are entrusted to Cromartie-Miller Funeral Home of Dunn. Online condolences may be expressed at www.cromartiemiller.com



FAISON

Mrs. Ann W. Best age 74 of Creel Road, Faison passed away March 12, 2020 at her residence. Mrs. Best's funeral service was held on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 2 pm. The funeral was held at West & Dunn Funeral Home Chapel in Newton Grove with Rev. Stanley King officiating the service. Mrs. Best was laid to rest at Blackman's Grove Baptist Church Cemetery in Four Oaks. The family received family and friends at the funeral home 1 to 2 pm. Mrs. Best's survivors include her husband, Dan Best of the home; her children, Kim Johnson and husband Bobby of Four Oaks, Dana Wise and husband Wayne of Dunn and Robin Norris and husband Shawn of Angier; grandchildren, Layne Wise, Colton Wise, Ana Payton Norris and Ashton Norris; brothers, Gene Williams of Ga. and Dean Barefoot of Fl. Mrs. Best was preceded in death by her parents, Lindon & Ruth Barefoot; her siblings. Memorials may be made to: Suttontown EMS. Online condolences may be made at www.westanddunn.com. Services have been entrusted to West & Dunn Funeral Home of Newton Grove, North Carolina.



CLINTON

Houston O'Neil Bouchard, 23, of 7587 Hwy 421 N, passed away Saturday, March 14, 2020. Houston, born in 1997 in Wayne County, was the son of Kim Wilson and Christopher O'Neil Bouchard. He was a graduate of Hobbton High School and Cape Fear Community College. He had recently fulfilled his lifelong dream of returning to the family farm, DL & B Enterprises in Clinton, NC. He attended Keener United Methodist Church. Houston had a special zest for life and lived each day to the fullest. He loved farming, tractors, and spending time with his son and family. Houston was always friendly, smiling, and shaking hands. He was loved by everyone who was lucky enough to have met him. A private family service will take place with Rev. Leanne Calhoun officiating. Survivors include: his beloved son whom he adored, Bryson Matthew Hunt; parents, Kim Wilson and Christopher O'Neil Bouchard; brother, Doran Bouchard and wife Laura; maternal grandparents, Doug and Linda Wilson; paternal grandparents, Doran and Patsy Bouchard; aunt and uncle, Pete and Christy Bustabad; special cousins, Lindy and Reagan; aunt and uncle, Joanna and Greg Gmyr; aunt and uncle, Ellis and Cindy Bouchard, and aunt, Lori Roy; several cousins; and beloved dog, Vitus. Memorials may be made to Keener United Methodist Church, c/o Ann Hobbs, 4750 Hobbton Hwy, Clinton, NC 28328. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com.

GARLAND

Mrs. Ruth Staton Cashwell, 90, of 11500 Old Mintz Hwy. Garland, NC, died Thursday, March 12, 2020 at her residence. Mrs. Cashwell was born July 06, 1929 in Richmond Co., Rockingham, NC, the daughter of the late Thomas Washington Staton and Lola Link Staton. She was preceded in death by her husband Harry Felton Cashwell, three sons Felton Cashwell, Scott Cashwell and Terry Cashwell, and a son-in-law Clay Cannady, eight brothers, JB Staton, Walter Staton, Forney Staton, James Staton, Henry Staton, Clyde Staton, Howard Staton, Roy Lee Staton, five sisters, Louise Smith, Mary Smith, Cloeden Johnson, Thelma Stanley, Eleanor Bentz. Funeral service washeld at 3:00 P.M. Sunday, March 15, 2020 at Garland Baptist Church, by the Reverend Ed Rouse and Rev. Darian Parker. Burial followed in the Garland Cemetery. Mrs. Cashwell is survived by three daughters, Rebecca C. Collins and husband Donald of Ammon, NC, Joan C. Garcia and husband Juan of Garland, Sallie C. Cannady of Ocala, Fl, two sons, Hal Cashwell and wife Lori, of Fayetteville, Ga., Myron L. Cashwell and wife Tammy of Garland, two sisters Betty S. Warwick of Elizabethtown, NC Annie Strickland of Garner, NC, 21 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild. The family received friends on Saturday, March 14, 2020 from 6:00 P.M.-8:00P.M. at the Garland Baptist Church 55 West 2nd St., Garland, NC 28441



ROSEBORO

Mrs. Bette Cox, 80 of Roseboro passed away on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at her home. The funeral service was held at 2:00 PM Monday, March 16 at Peters Creek Baptist Church with Dr. David Bays officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery Mrs. Cox was a native of Coledale, PA, the daughter of Chester Davis and Mary Elizabeth Englert Kasper. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Eddie Leon Cox, a son, Michael Finchcork and three brothers, Charles Davis, Harold Davis and Edward Davis. She was a homemaker. She is survived by two daughters, Mary Brown of Cameron and Kimberley Welker of Wade; three sons, Louis O'Boyle of Eastover, Billy O'Boyle of Florida and John O'Boyle of Roseboro; sister, Adele Mann of Pennsylvania; two brothers, Paul Kasper of New Jersey and Joseph Kasper of Pennsylvania; six grandchildren and six great grandchildren. The family received friends from 6-8 PM Sunday, March 15 at Butler Funeral Home in Roseboro and at other times at the home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Butler Funeral Home, PO Box 638, Roseboro, NC 28382 to help family



with funeral expenses. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.

NEWTON GROVE

Jacob Thomas Fail age 20, of Newton Grove, passed away Monday, March 16, 2020. His graveside service was held Thursday, March 19th at 11:00 a.m. His service was held in the Hastings Family Cemetery, Princeton. The family received family and friends at his home; 7580 Harper House Road, Newton Grove. Officiating was Rev. Danny Harris. Jacob was an Angel sent by God for his family. He was a gift to everyone that knew him. A best friend to his Dad and Brother, he was a buddy and protector to his Mom. Jacob will always be loved by everyone that knew him and missed a lot by all. Jacob leaves to cherish his memories his parents; Don and Barbara Fail, brother; Joshua Lane Fail, maternal grandmother; Barbara Eatmon and his nephew; Hayden Lane Fail. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather; Rev. Leland Eatmon and paternal grandparents; Clyde and Margie Fail. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to; West & Dunn Funeral Home, P.O. Box 32, Newton Grove, N.C. 28366 or online thru Jacob's obit. Online condolences may be made to; www.westanddunn.com Services have been entrusted to West & Dunn Funeral Home, Newton Grove, North Carolina.



CLINTON

Mrs. Annie Catherine "Kitty" Brice Flake, 93, formerly of Clinton, passed away peacefully on Wednesday afternoon, March 18, 2020 at Elmcroft Assisted Living Facility in Asheboro. Funeral arrangements will be made by her family as soon as possible and will be announced by Royal-Hall Funeral Home.



STEDMAN



Mrs. Betty Lou Tyndall Hall, 77, of Stedman passed away on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at the Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. Mrs. Hall was native of Sampson County, the daughter of Wilbert and Elma Hairr Tyndall. She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Roy Keith Hall, grandson, Bret West and a brother, Wayne Tyndall. She was a retired employee of the Cumberland County

Dept. of Social Service and a member of the Long Branch Baptist Church. She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Roy H. Hall of the home; daughter, Lisa H. Bullard and husband, Frank of Fayetteville; two grandsons, Nick West and Eli West both of Fayetteville; granddaughter, Brittany Bullard of Fayetteville; great granddaughter, Danica Gibson of Fayetteville and a brother, Michael Tyndall of Hope Mills. In light of the recent restrictions due to the Coronavirus, the family will have a private service on Friday, March 20, 2020 at Butler Funeral Home in Stedman with Rev. Ricky Spell officiating. Burial will follow in the Daniel Hall Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the home, 160 John Nunnery Rd., Stedman on Thursday from 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM. Friends are also welcome to come by the funeral home starting Thursday at 12 noon until 5:00 PM to pay their respects to Mrs. Hall. In Lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Long Branch Baptist Church Operation Christmas Child P.O. Box 461 Autryville, NC 28318. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 6535 Clinton Road, Stedman, NC.

ROSE HILL

Harold Lewis Hope, 74, of 309 Bobby Hope Road, passed away, Sunday, March 15, 2020 at his home. A funeral service was held at 12 PM, Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home with Rev. Alan Moore officiating. The family received friends from 11 AM – 12 PM, at the funeral home and at other times at the home of Bonnie H. Williams, at 12641 Taylors Bridge Hwy, Magnolia (Delway). Interment followed in the Hope Family Cemetery, 309 Bobby Hope Road, Rose Hill, NC (Delway). Harold, born in 1945 in Sampson County, was the son of the late Robert Fulton Hope and Dora Japarks Hope. He was a farmer and worked as an ironworker and diesel mechanic. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by siblings, Bobby Floyd Hope, John Douglas Hope, Jackie Hope, Victor Robert Hope and Linda H. Taylor. Survivors include: sister, Agnes Hope Straughn of Rose Hill, Doris Hope Layton (Jim) of Apex, Jean Hope Bishop (Don) of Rose Hill and Annie Hope Daniels (Forrest) of Rose Hill; children, Roxann H. Hinson (Kim), Bonnie H. Williams (Ronnie), Crystal H. Herring (Bobby), Harold L. Hope, II and Jessica L. Hope; grandchildren, Allison Hinson, Jenna Carter and Jake Moore, Pandora and Dylan Herring, Talik Hope and A. J. Murphy. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com.



GODWIN

Marian Jamerson Cooper 6124 Allie Cooper Road Godwin, NC passed away peacefully at her home on March 16, 2020. She was born in Dillwyn, Virginia on March 16, 1924 to late Reverend and Mrs. B.C. Jamerson of Buena Vista, Virginia. She was also preceded in death by her late husband, Allie Cooper Jr. from Falcon, NC; Her siblings: Benjamin Jamerson, Dorothy George, Kitty J. Dunford and Shirley Jamerson. She is a graduate of Emmanuel Academy High School and attended Emmanuel College in Franklin Springs, Georgia where she met the love of her life, Allie Cooper Jr. Mrs. Cooper was a member of Culbreth Memorial Pentecostal Holiness Church in Falcon, NC where she was a leader of the young adults and a preschool Sunday School teacher for 35 years. She was a very active member serving on the decorating committee and Secretary and Treasurer for the Women's Circle for many years. In the span of those years, Mrs. Cooper decorated for over twenty-five weddings in the community and never charged for helping young Brides. She was a Charter member of "Just-A- Mere" Garden Club of Sampson County, "Hoe and Grow" Garden Club of Dunn. She was a 4-H leader and Home Demonstration Club leader for twenty- Five years. She studied Interior Design with "Bandy School of Design" at FTCC and earned a certification in Antique Appraisal as well as Ikebana, (The Japanese Art of Flower Design). She later taught Continuing Education classes for FTCC in Floral design in Fayetteville and Erwin. She owned and operated "Marian's Backyard Antiques" in Falcon where she designed many beautiful floral arrangements for her friends and customers. She was a seamstress and designer of cloth. She drew and designed her own house plans as well as helping others design their homes as well. Her hobbies were flower gardening, working in her yard and helping others. After the death of her husband Allie, she expanded her talents to include land development by selling several large parcels of land. Mrs. Cooper developed and owned the "Quiet Place", a subdivision in Falcon that is on Allie-Mar Lane, named after her late husband and herself. Marian became a "Cracker Jack Sales Woman" that any Realtor would love to hire! She was the integral reason that the dirt road



#1806" was paved and named "Allie Cooper Road" when she petitioned the planning board of Cumberland County and the DOT. She is survived by her daughters: Susan C. Coleman and husband Richard, and Sarah C Williams and husband Jay; five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren; two sisters: Philis J. Cash and Janis J. Shelton. Funeral Service will be held at Culbreth Memorial P.H. Church in Falcon, NC on Friday, March 20,2020 at 3:00 p.m with Dr. John Hedgepath presiding. The family will receive friends a half an hour prior to the service at the church and at other times at the home. Burial following at Falcon Cemetery. All arrangements are entrusted to Cromartie-Miller Funeral Home of Dunn. Online condolences may be expressed at www.cromartiemiller.com.



DUNN

Mr. Jarvis H. McLamb, 83, of Dunn died Thursday afternoon at Betsy Johnson Hospital. He was born in Johnston County on July 10, 1936 to the late Wilburn and Gertie McLamb. He was preceded in death by a brother, Wade McLamb and two sisters, Elgie M. Stone, Edna M. Medlin. Jarvis served in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1958. He was a lifelong farmer and served four terms as a Sampson County Commissioner. He loved his family very much. A funeral service was held Saturday at 2 pm at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home by Rev. Sammy McLamb and Rev. Larry McCarty. Burial followed in Starling Family Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Joyce S. McLamb of Dunn, two sons, Ricky McLamb and wife Daphne of Dunn, Brian McLamb and wife Kathleen of Smithfield, three daughters, Pat Patton of Wade, Brenda McLamb of Godwin, Paula McLamb of Fayetteville, four brothers; Carlton McLamb of Vass, Arvalee McLamb and wife Linda of Erwin, Harold McLamb and wife Joyce of Eastover, Bobby McLamb and wife Kay of Dunn, a sister-in-law, Bess McLamb of Ayden, twelve grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. The family received friends Saturday from 1 to 2 pm at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home. Instead of flowers the family asks that memorials be made to Antioch Baptist Church of Falcon, 6237 Front St. Falcon, NC 28342 or to the Baptist Men of NC, checks made to NCBM, P.O. Box 1107 Cary, NC 27512.



TURKEY

Mr. Eric Jermaine Middleton, 46, of 195 W. Faison Ave., Turkey, NC passed away Saturday at home. The funeral will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, March 21, 2020 at Way of the Cross Church, Turkey, NC with Apostle Marcus Becton officiating. The burial in The Chestnut Family Cemetery, Magnolia, NC. Mr. Middleton is survived by his MOTHER-Rebecca Middleton of the home; FATHER-Roy Richardson of New Haven, CT; SISTER-Jasmine Middleton of the home; BROTHER-Shamata Middleton of Clinton, NC. Visitation at Way of the Cross Church on Saturday, March 21, 2020 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

CLINTON

Ms. Hilda Scott Whitfield, 77, of Clinton, NC, passed away Sunday, March 15, 2020 at Mary Gran Nursing Center, Clinton, NC. The funeral will be held at 11am, Saturday, March 21, 2020 at Lisbon St. Missionary Baptist Church, Clinton, NC with Pastor Kimberly Jones officiating. Burial in Sandhills Cemetery, Clinton, NC. Ms. Whitfield is survived by DAUGHTERS-Michelle Flagg of Hilton Head, SC, Bobbi Lewis of Stone Mountain, GA and Kimberly Jones of Snellville, GA; SONS-Anthony Troublefield of Charlotte, NC and Robert Smith of Elizabeth City, NC; 9 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. Online condolences may be sent to [worleyfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.worleyfuneralhomeinc.com).



FAYETTEVILLE

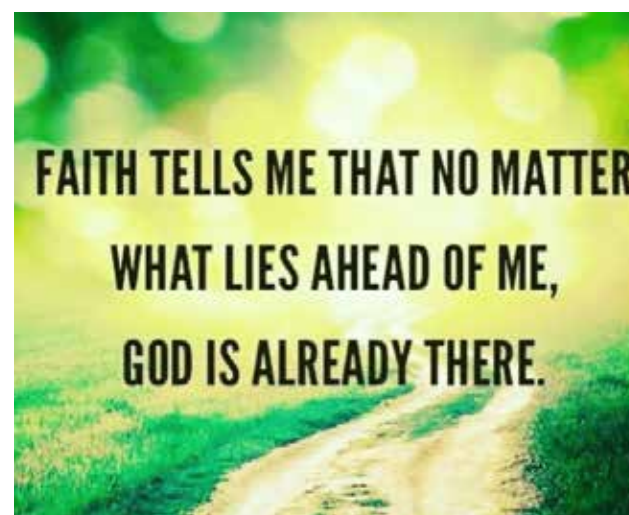
Shirley Williams Copening, Age-60 formerly of Roseboro, N.C. died Wednesday 3/18/20 in Highsmith Rainey Hospital. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date. Butler & Son Funeral Home, Roseboro, N.C.

TURKEY

James Elvin Fields, 81, of 921 Lake Artesia Road, passed away, Saturday, March 14, 2020, at his home. A funeral was held at 3 PM, Monday, March 16th at Bonnetsville Church of God of Prophecy with Rev. Jeff Stewart, Rev. Robert Cribbs and Rev. Donald Ray Massey officiating. Entombment followed in Grandview Memorial Garden. The family received friends from 1 PM – 2:45 PM, at the church before the funeral service and at other times at the home. James, born in 1938 in Sampson County, was the son of the late Elvin Clifton Fields and Lillie Smith Fields. He was a shop foreman for Quality Farm Equipment. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brothers, Robert Fields and Elwood Fields. Survivors include: wife of 59 years, Patricia Fields; sons, James Allen Fields and James Elwood Fields and wife Amy; daughter, Cindy Fields Gibson and Terry Holland and husband Dwight; sister, Elizabeth Pusey of Wilmington; grandchildren, James Preston Fields and wife Katherine, April Norris and husband Brent, Lisa Gibson, Thomas Fields, and Samuel Fields; and great grandchildren, Austin Fields, Jacob Satterfield and Caroline Satterfield. Flowers are welcome or memorials may be made to Bonnetsville Church of God of Prophecy, c/o Alease Spell, 7612 Keener Road, Clinton, NC 28328. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com. Arrangements are by Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville St., Clinton, NC 28328

CLINTON

Cameron Dion Matthews 44, of 409 Sampson Street, passed away peacefully on March 11, 2020 at his home Home Going Service was held 2:00 pm Thursday March 19, 2020 at Hayes Chapel Church 2580 Hayes Chapel Road Rose Hill NC by the Rev. Alford Holston officiating. Visitation was held on Wednesday March 18, 2020 from 2:00 pm – 7:00 with family present from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm at Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Service & Cremation, 1246 Hobbton Hwy. Clinton.



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Joey Logano won two of the first four races before the season was red-flagged. [AP/RALPH FRESO]

Coronavirus the only thing slowing Logano's season

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Joey Logano is off to a fast start in the NASCAR Cup Series, scoring two wins in the first four races of the season in his No. 22 Team Penske Ford. Always the optimist, Logano said he is trying to maintain an even keel knowing stock car racing has up and down cycles. "It's been a good start for sure," he said in a recent telephone interview. "You know how things go. Sports changes so quickly, you never know what will happen next." Logano must have a crystal ball because he made these comments before NASCAR canceled the races at Atlanta and Homestead because of coronavirus fears. "It's nice to have a couple of victories under the belt, but things can happen quick and it's a long, long season," he said. "We are four races into the season and we have a long way to go so we need to make sure we are competitive when we get back to Phoenix." The 29-year-old driver scored two wins in all of 2019 but has trained himself to handle the ups and downs of the sport. "Over years of experience you got to learn a way of dealing with it," he said. "I've always been a silver-lining type of guy who tries to look at the positives at the end of the day. I think that's what helps me get through it."

"In our sport you have a 1-in-40 chance of winning, so if you do the math, you lose way more than you win. What I do is find ways to find little victories in the race, like finding the balance in your car, or any kind of gain." Logano looks at both sides of the equation. Celebrate the victories; analyze ways to get better following a loss. "It's important to look at your weaknesses, for sure, but celebrate the parts of the race where you excelled," he said. "You try to ride the wave as much as possible and during the lows, you try to stay positive and keep grinding." Logano has been the primary beneficiary of a crew chief swap engineered by team owner Roger Penske. Penske paired Paul Wolfe, who spent several years on the box for Brad Keselowski, with Logano and the two have sound instant magic. "It says a lot about what we've been able to do as a company and how well we work together," Wolfe said after Logano won Phoenix. "We need to obviously continue to do that as we move forward." It has become apparent that Team Penske will contend for a Cup Series championship this season thanks to the internal moves. "It looks like Roger Penske is a genius at this point, doesn't it?" Logano said with a laugh. "It's been pretty cool. I think it was a healthy change for everyone at Team Penske

and now we're seeing the results." Ryan Blaney, who was in position to win three races this season, and Keselowski, round out the Penske roster. "All three cars are showing better performance, which is what you want to see," Logano said. "You want to see your teammates right up there with you and pushing each other to be better." "We are seeing that and we've opened the lines of communication a little more between teams. It was a lot to wrap my head around, but obviously, the performance has been there and it was the right change at this point." The future of the sport looks healthy (sans coronavirus), according to Logano. The 2018 NASCAR champion likes the changes he is seeing throughout the industry. He credits the new and older players at NASCAR's executive level for creating more excitement and some recent tweaks to the future schedule. "There's a good mix at NASCAR right now," he said. "Ben Kennedy is the younger guy with a lot of experience around him with Mike Helton, Jim France and those types of people who have been in the sport forever." "It's good to have a little mix of both young and older. The job is to give the fans what they want and they want road courses. People need to look at the data, young or old, and the data says road-course racing."

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SPEED FREAKS — A few questions we had to ask ourselves

Good move to pull the plug at Atlanta?
GODSPEAK: Once one professional league backed away from coronavirus, all the others fell like dominoes. At this point, it makes sense.
KEN'S CALL: I go back and forth on it, but it's probably best to fall in line with everyone else at this time.

In what city would you most like to see a NASCAR street race?
GODSPEAK: How about Seattle or Portland? NASCAR needs exposure in the Northwest. Or northern Vancouver, eh?
KEN'S CALL: Daytona Beach! Incorporate

the track and Speedway Boulevard, just like the Daytona Half Marathon. Slingshot passes on the ISB bridge would be quite a thing, assuming everyone can swim.

In what state should the 2021 schedule introduce a race?
GODSPEAK: I'll go with what I said about road courses and say any spot in the far Northwest.
KEN'S CALL: Iowa seems like a lock, to hear everyone talk, but if we're suddenly in love with road courses, what's prettier than Barber Park in Birmingham, Alabama?

QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers



NASCAR's team haulers will remain idle until further notice.
[NEWS-JOURNAL FILE]

What happened to the idea of racing without fans present?

If feasible, NASCAR would love to have been the only game on TV Sunday afternoon. Mr. Hunch suggests the directive to red-flag Atlanta came from the Boys in Legal, who don't necessarily call the shots but can instill the fear of American jurisprudence into those who do.

Good ol' liability issues?

Seems like an obvious answer from this angle. If you're running an operation of any sort and decide that the show must go on, even in altered fashion, but everyone else in your broad industry is shutting down due to the threat of illness, you could have a major legal issue if someone gets sick on your watch. You'll be deposed faster than you can say Morgan or Morgan.

Are the postponed races doomed?

It would be a logistical nightmare if they tried to squeeze postponed races into midweek dates later in the season. So my guess is, all or nearly all postponed races are doomed, we'll have an abbreviated regular season and by September the playoffs will start and all this will be long gone. That's a guess as well as a hope.

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