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2019 ALIVE AFTER FIVE SEASON ANNOUNCED



The Band of OZ



ALIVE AFTER FIVE PRESENTS 9th SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
SPARE CHANGE TO KICK-OFF CONCERT SERIES

Does the thought of scrumptious food, community fellowship, dancing, awesome bands and live concerts sound like a winning combination? If your answer is YES, then grab your neighbors and friends, your favorite lawn chair and get ready to party at one of our community's most anticipated events – the 2019 Alive After Five Summer Concert Series! **AA5, see P.4**

GIRLS FIND HOPE AND HEALING THROUGH HORSE THERAPY



A unique new ministry has galloped into Sampson County offering young women in high risk situations an opportunity to experience healing and a transformed life through a relationship with rescued horses and a loving community. Janice Fay's Ranch, located at 1967 The Avenue in Clinton, NC aims to use rescued horses to teach positive values, leadership skills and life skills to young women as they shepherd youth through their **RANCH, see P.3**

And The Winners Are...



Samantha DiPinto, Matthew Register, Lynn Webster

Chamber Awards Winners at 49th Annual Banquet

On Thursday evening, the Clinton Sampson Chamber of Commerce held their 49th Annual Chamber Banquet at the Sampson County Expo Center. Winners in three categories were announced:

KIDS ONLY PRESCHOOL- Small Business Excellence

Lynn Sutton Webster graduated from East Carolina University with a Child Development degree and a dream of owning her own preschool. In October, 1981 her dream became reality when Kids Only Preschool opened for business with a total of five children on the first day. Kids Only strives to provide a rich learning experience that encourages children's natural curiosity and supports them to take risks that lead to new skill development. The preschool setting provides a warm and nurturing environment where children feel safe, respected and cared for while learning occurs. Each child is taught to have a heart for learning and a love for God. Lynn is married to Terrell Webster and they have two daughters, Collynn and Zannah. After graduating from North Carolina State University in 2009, Collynn joined the family business. Terrell retired later that year and quickly found his place there as well. This was a busy year for the Webster family as they expanded the business to include Half-Day Preschool, After-School, and a Summer Program for School-age Children. In 2011 Zannah graduated from Meredith College and joined the family to make their team complete. Today Kids Only serves families from Sampson, Duplin and Bladen Counties.

MATTHEW REGISTER- Entrepreneurial Success Award

Matthew Register and his wife Jessica opened Southern Smoke BBQ in 2014 in Garland, North Carolina, carrying on a Eastern North Carolina tradition of smoking pork the old fashioned way – low and slow over an oak wood fire in their custom designed smoker, "Jezebel." Register has appeared as a featured chef **BANQUET, see P.3**

WEATHER

Fri	Rain	50%
Hi: 60°	Lo: 45°	
Sat	Cloudy	20%
Hi: 61°	Lo: 55°	
Sun	PM Rain	60%
Hi: 77°	Lo: 53°	
Mon	Partly Cloudy	10%
Hi: 69°	Lo: 43°	
Tues	Partly Cloudy	0%
Hi: 61°	Lo: 37°	
Wed	Sunny	0%
Hi: 61°	Lo: 44°	

WEEKLY VERSE

For by him [Jesus] all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. *Colossians 1:16*

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LOCAL NEWS

From the Desk of Senator Brent Jackson

I hope you are all having a great week. Last Friday, I had the opportunity to visit Clement Elementary School for their annual Read Across America Week. I would like to thank Ms. Christy Bullard for allowing me to spend time reading and talking to her students.



This past weekend, I also had the chance to meet and honor Ms. Katie Honeycutt (pictured below), who was crowned both the 2018 North Carolina Watermelon Queen and the new National Watermelon Queen.

Katie was chosen from the eight watermelon queens who've represented their state/regional groups over the past year. She was crowned Feb. 24 during the awards banquet at the National Watermelon Association Conference, which was off the mainland for the first time in 105 years.



Katie will also represent the association in promoting watermelons at events ranging from festivals, retail store samplings and even visits with legislators as ambassadors for the industry. She's majoring in agriculture education and agribusiness management at North Carolina State University. Katie is the daughter of Barry and JoAnne Honeycutt of Angier, North Carolina. I would like to personally congratulate her for all her hard work on behalf of NC Agriculture.

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

Legislative Recap Firefighter Parity Bill

This week, I filed S.B. 179 which brings firefighters in line with other first responders in terms of retirement. Our brave firemen and women work hard and risk their lives every day to keep us safe. They often work odd, extended hours to ensure complete coverage at all hours of the day. Senate Bill 179 recognizes full-time career firefighters as an invaluable resource in our communities and paves the way for a successful retirement. What's more, it helps create new openings for young firefighters who want to make a difference and serve to the best of their abilities.

This bill serves as a reminder that we do not take lightly their sacrifice and the risks they take every time they are called upon. We owe these men and women a great deal of respect and it is our intention to honor their hard work with fair compensation in retirement.

From the District Sampson County North Carolina Symphony Community Concert

The North Carolina Symphony is near the end of their three music residency. Their finale will be a free community concert held on March 28th at Clinton High School at 7pm. Free tickets are currently available at three different locations: Sampson Middle School, Midway High School, and Sampson Arts Council. Come here your favorite light classics, performed by your North Carolina Symphony-accompanied by your middle and high school students.

Tickets can also be reserved online at ncsymphony.com or by calling the NCS Box Office at 877-627-6724

District Spotlight Smithfield's Pine Acres Community Honored

The Town of Smithfield, Mayor, and Town Council have honored the Pine Acres neighborhood, as a historically significant community.

The recognition was made at the February meeting of the town council. The recognition declares Pine Acres historically significant to the growth and development of the Town.

Pine Acres, off East Market Street near I-95, was developed in partnership with the Johnston County Training School and the Johnston County Board of Education to provide homeownership opportunities for African American educators, business people, health professionals and others.

As a result, the development opened up economic opportunities for its residents who went on to con-

tribute to the growth and prosperity of Smithfield. The proclamation recognized the unique history of Pine Acres and the contribution of its residents.

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.

SCC's Roseboro Annex Offers A.C.E. Program

The Academy of Continuing Excellence or A.C.E. Program at Sampson Community College assists students, at least 18 years of age, with intellectual disabilities in reading, writing, math and vocational skills. The main goal for each individual is to make a smooth transition into additional post-secondary education or employment opportunities. No high school diploma or certificate is required to be considered for admittance.



The A.C.E. Program is offered at the main campus in Clinton as well as a satellite location in Roseboro. ACE Instructor, Amy Black explains the program. "At the Roseboro site, we offer the ACE program (Academy of Continuing Excellence) year-round during the weekdays from 8:00am-3:00pm. This program is for adults with intellectual disabilities as well as learning disabilities."

"The purpose of the ACE program is to increase the basic skills, such as reading, writing, and math of those students so that they can transition into additional post-secondary education or into the workforce. The students must be 18 or older, complete an application online (www.sampsoncc.edu), and take a placement test."

"ACE classes are FREE", adds Black, "and really help boost the confidence of those with learning/intellectual disabilities and enable them to become contributing members of our community. Throughout the program year, students will be taught reading comprehension, basic math skills, and grammar/writing. Tests will be administered 3 times per year to access the students' growth and areas that need improvement."

"In addition to the basic skills, we train students on how to transition into the workforce, with such skills as filling out job applications, resume-writing, mock job interviews, and job retention skills (teamwork, communication, etc.), as well as job internships. On average, our student count ranges from 15-20 students here in the ACE program at the Roseboro Annex."

Amy Black goes on to say, "In addition to the ACE program, we offer ESL classes (English as a Second Language) several times a year at the Roseboro Annex (depending on the enrollment demand). The ESL classes meet 2 evenings a week for several hours and run on the same semester schedule as the rest of the community college."

"These classes are ABOLUTELY FREE as well", states Black "and are for adults 18 and older whose native language is not English, but who would like to learn to speak, read, write, and comprehend English better. The students will also be taught how to get help during an emergency situation, how to use US currency, how to gain employment, and how to become a US citizen. To apply for the ESL program, those interested should visit www.sampsoncc.edu."

Dean of Workforce Development and Continuing Education for Sampson Community College, Amanda Bradshaw explains the reason for outreach beyond the main campus. "We are very happy to be able to serve the community with our Roseboro site. This site gives us the opportunity to extend our services into the Western part of Sampson County. Having a satellite site also offers us the opportunity to be more in tune with the local community's needs."

Bradshaw goes on to explain, "The College currently works collaboratively with organizations across the county to serve students related to Emergency Medical Services (EMS), in-service fire and law enforcement needs, private industries' needs and various College and Career Readiness programming efforts. A few examples would include the Workforce Development & Continuing Education Department offering training opportunities to local firemen at their community fire stations or English as a Second Language (ESL) classes in the Union School District."

"These", say Bradshaw, "are just a few examples of how we strive to reach the educational needs of the people of Sampson County throughout the academic year. We are always assessing the needs of the community to assure we are positioning our resources to successfully meet the community's and industry's needs."

For more information about either the ACE program or the ESL classes, those interested may call either the Roseboro Site (525-4409), the Workforce & Continuing Education Department at Main Campus (592-7176) or visit the website.

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Dee Bryant- Outstanding Chamber Member of the Year

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

SAMANTHA DIPINTO- Business Person of the Year

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

The Outstanding Chamber Member of the Year Award went to Ms. Dee Bryant.

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difficult teenage years and into college.

Jennifer Thompson, who serves as a counselor and Vice-President of Janice Fay's Ranch explains, "The ministry program is intended as a long-term intervention for youth girls ages 11-19. Our goal is to shepherd girls through their difficult teenage years and into college. The structure of the program is based on five components: Horseback riding, vocational training, tutoring, equine-assisted psychotherapy (EAP), and mentorship."

"These components," adds Thompson, "are designed to allow participants to not only gain equine knowledge and skills, but also develop the behaviors, attitudes and skills necessary for success in life beyond horses."

"We will assist youth girls struggling in school, at home, struggling with their identity and self-worth. We want each girl to know they are important and loved. Our goal is to help the girls prepare for college if that is their choice as well as life outside of school."

Janice Fay's Ranch is located just west of Bonnetsville on land that has been in Jennifer's family for generations. "My mom, Joy Canady inherited the land from her parents, Janice Faye and M.J. Parker. She wanted to use the land for a good cause and felt the Lord leading her to help at-risk girls using horse therapy. The Ranch is named in memory of her mom, Janice Faye."

Janice Fay's Ranch will be hosting a fundraiser 'Roundup at the Ranch' on March 9th between 12 noon and 3pm. A pig-picking including BBQ, Baked Beans, Boiled Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Hush Puppies and Desert will be offered along with Live Entertainment and Corn Hole. The ministry will also share the vision of the ministry and offer opportunities for volunteers to get involved.

And, Jennifer states, "All plates are donation only! Whatever people feel led to give..."

"We need a fence!!" adds Jennifer. "Our horses will come from Believe Rehabilitation and Equine Rescue in Roseboro. Lisa, the owner/manager of Believe has selected 2 horses that will be perfect for the Ranch and the girls as she is aware of our program intentions. But, before we can bring the horses over, Dixie and Freckles are their names, we must get a fence and get it up."

"We will also need saddles, bridles, blankets, basically everything that a horse needs. We can grow and harvest our own hay, but we will need feed and other items. We need basic farm needs, shovels, pitch forks, exc. We have 2 barns on the property that need renovating. One needs stables added and one needs a new roof."

There are many, many different ways you can help with this unique ministry for at risk young women. Janice Fay's Ranch needs financial donations and donations of items as well as volunteers. For more information please visit their website at www.janicefayesranch.org and you can find them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/1967theave.

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

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LOCAL NEWS

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The Alive After Five Committee and its partner organizations; Sampson Arts Council, City of Clinton and the County of Sampson today announced the 9th Anniversary Season of the Alive-After-Five Summer Concert Series. The series will feature four concerts (May, June, Sept., and Oct.) and each concert will be presented FREE to the public thanks to the continued support of over 100 sponsors.

Kicking off the season on Thursday, May 16th is Spare Change, one of the Carolinas' most well-known and respected party bands. With their diverse playlist they become an instant crowd sensation everywhere they perform. From rock, country, beach, funk, rap, current Top 40 hits, and classic rock, Spare Change is sure to play a favorite song of every person in attendance. Comprised of five singers (including a female), a rapper, a trumpet player, and even an electric violinist, their range and versatility is unmatched. Spare Change is famous for their ability to switch gears, sounding like a Nashville country band one minute, a funky groove band the next, and an 80s hairband after that, all with equal comfort and authenticity. Choreographed dances, audience participation, and non-stop motion on stage help drive an energy level that will leave the crowd happily exhausted by the end of the night. Spare Change performs approximately 150 shows a year, from family festivals to professional corporate parties and elegant wedding receptions to rowdy nightclubs. They are incredibly experienced at entertaining diverse crowds and always find a way to make sure everyone has a great time that they're sure to remember for years.

On Thursday, June 20th, the wildly popular Jim Quick and Coastline will take Sampson County by storm as part of their 2019 farewell tour. Over 25 years in the making, Jim Quick and Coastline, like their namesake the Atlantic Coastline Railroad, have been traveling the "tracks" of the southeast, and connecting with the hearts of loyal "Coastline Crazy's." Pulling from the threads of Soul, Blues, R&B, and Americana, Jim Quick and Coastline weave together their own genre of music known as Swamp Soul. Delivered with precision by front man Jim Quick and his band, this group captures the true, honest spirit of traditions born and bred in the small southern towns of America. These five musicians, whose talents have landed them numerous awards in the industry, bring this indigenous music to life in the most genuine way possible. Jim Quick explained it best when he said "I want my music to be a bridge for many genres; a place where traditional and contemporary music can unite. But, I do love the pure emotion and simple-yet-deep concepts of roots music. I'm a Southern boy and it all hits home; the lyrics and heart of the music, from the melodies to chord progressions, it all seems to strike an ancestral nerve with me." The band currently maintains an average of 250 tour dates per year, with an ever-growing fan base that is as diverse as the music of the band itself. Jim Quick has earned many accolades and has been named both Entertainer and Songwriter of the Year by the Carolina Beach Music Awards.

On Thursday, September 19th, the "always popular-back-by-demand" Band of Oz will take the stage for their eighth appearance in the series. The Band of Oz was formed in 1967 as a part-time band playing fraternity parties and high school proms all over the South. In 1977 the band went on the road full time. Since that time the band has made an exceptional name for itself throughout the Southeast performing at many top clubs as well as countless corporate and private events and has received excellent reviews all along the way. For years the group has been a guest on nearly every major beach music festival in the Carolinas, Virginia, and Georgia. Winners of numerous Cammy Awards from the Carolina Beach Music Association, the Band of Oz remains one of THE most successful groups in the Southeast. The band consists of a dynamic eight-member group complete with a full horn section, and wherever they travel, they always energize audiences and keep the dance floor packed. In addition to performing many of their # 1 hit songs, they offer the very best in beach, R&B, and Motown; as well as some of today's most popular dance and top 40 hits.

Closing out the season on Thursday, October 17th is a band that will offer concert-goers unrivaled musical and entertainment talent. Whether performing old-school Motown and R&B, or a wide-variety of today's hottest contemporary hits, the band TOO MUCH SYLVIA, will leave audiences begging for more. If you think that variety is the spice of life, then TOO MUCH SYLVIA has the flavor to satisfy all your entertainment appetites. If you've been lucky enough to see TOO MUCH SYLVIA in concert, you know...if you haven't, you should take the time to come out and enjoy what promises to be a special night for Clinton's Alive After Five Summer Concert Series. You will not be disappointed. Since 2014, TOO MUCH SYLVIA has received FIVE of the coveted Cammy Awards presented by the Carolina Beach Music Association, including 2 for Song of the Year. This is sure to be a fun-filled evening of songs from Beach & Motown, to Disco, the 70's & 80's, with a touch of Country in the mix. Attendees can expect Too Much Sylvia's four lead vocalists to deliver their satisfying harmonies with personality and style throughout what will be an engaging and interactive concert. Audiences may also be surprised to learn that many times during their concerts "Special Guests" occasionally "join" the band including: ZZ Topp, The Jersey Boys, PitBull, and more.

New for 2019! The Alive After Five Committee is proud to announce a collaboration with three Sampson County non-profits organizations whose missions include serving those in need across Sampson County. During the upcoming season, the Alive After Five Committee will partner with the Salemburg Christian Food Bank, Back Pack Buddies and the Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce's Chamber Coat Closet.

"Each organization selected serves both adults and children from across Sampson County," stated Ray Jordan, Chairman of the Alive After Five Committee. "These organizations and their members work tirelessly to serve others and every member of the Alive After Five committee is excited to partner with them and support their efforts," he continued.

AA5 Committee Member, Cody Smith of Newton Grove, stated "the Salemburg Christian Food Bank works to provide those in need through the collection, purchasing, and distribution of perishable and non-perishable food items to those in need within our County." According to Victoria "Rusty" Hitzman with the Food Bank, "the Salemburg Christian Food Bank annually distributes approximately 60,000 bags of groceries and serves over 12,000 people across Sampson County." She continued, "in addition to being known for serving the community, the Food Bank has gained local, regional and national attention with its very popular comedy/cooking team known as The Shed Heads. The Shed Heads is comprised of some of the Food Bank's founding members and volunteers who became a social media hit with their humorous, down-home, comedy videos. Members of the The Shed Heads will be on-hand at the June 20th concert featuring Jim Quick and Coastline to accept donations of non-perishable food items or cash donations. Concert attendees will be encouraged to bring at least three non-perishable food items to support the ongoing efforts of the Salemburg Christian Food Bank.

AA5 Committee Member, Darrell Jones, of Clinton, stated "we are extremely proud to announce our support for the BackPack Buddies programs across Sampson County. The BackPack Buddies program works in the Clinton City and Sampson County Schools by providing children from "food-insecure homes" with packages containing balanced meals and healthy snacks at the end of every week during the traditional school year." He continued, "School-aged children are selected by their principal, guidance counselor or by an after-school program receive and these packages help get them through the weekend. Childhood food insecurity can lead to developmental, health and behavioral problems, and can make it more difficult for students to concentrate and succeed in school. These children are better prepared to learn and grow thanks to the healthy weekend meals and snacks provided by generous donors from across our County." Representatives and teachers from across Sampson County will man a booth at the September 19th concert featuring the Band of Oz to accept donations of non-perishable food items or cash donations.

"During the October 17th concert, members of the Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce will be on hand to kick-off their annual Chamber Coat Closet" stated Lyle Moore, AA5 Committee Member. "The Chamber Coat Closet is a community outreach program that is sponsored and offered by the Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce, For the past 9 years, the Chamber has given

the gift of warmth to those in need from across Sampson County," stated Allie Strickland, Executive Director of the Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce. "Through valued partnerships with Sampson County Schools, Clinton City Schools, Sampson County Department of Social Service and the Sampson County Partnership for Children, we accept, and fill requests from individuals in need of coats for the harsh winter season," continued Strickland. Representatives from the Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce will be available at the October 17th concert featuring TOO MUCH SYLVIA to collect and accept new and gently used coats.

The Alive-After-Five Committee is currently seeking sponsors for the 2019 season. "Sponsors are the key component that has led to the success of this series. We are confident that with the impressive lineup of bands the 2019 series will draw concert goers from Sampson, as well as surrounding counties, and will aid in creating a positive economic impact for our community" stated Alive After Five Committee Chairman, Ray Jordan.

Committee member Kara Donatelli stated: "the Alive After Five Committee is excited and proud to present the 2019 series. Since its inception, the Alive After Five Series along with the support of our sponsors have able to present 42 free concerts for our community." "Alive After Five Summer Concerts are family-friendly events that are fun and entertaining for all ages. Each concert provides attendees with the opportunity to catch up with neighbors and old friends; as well as serving as a venue for meeting newcomers to the community," stated Committee member Mary Rose. Food vendors and exhibitors will be on hand offering attendees various food and beverage options. Attendees will also have the opportunity to visit with local businesses that sponsors the series.

"Sponsors receive tickets and parking passes to special sponsor's receptions held during the season along with many other benefits associated with each level of support. Sponsors are recognized on prominently placed sponsor signs. In addition, each sponsor will be highlighted on the "Bright Board" digital display throughout each concert. The "Bright Board" provides awesome exposure for sponsors and displays a live video feed of concert action during each event" stated committee member, Ross Kimbro.

Alive After Five Committee members include: Kara Donatelli; Chris Driver, Tom Hart, David Jenkins, Darrell Jones, Ray Jordan; Ross Kimbro, Lyle Moore, Mary Rose, Cynthia Roberts, J.W. Simmons and Cody Smith.

All concerts are held at the Clinton City Market located on Lisbon Street, Clinton, NC. Each concert is presented FREE to the public. Clinton City Manager, Tom Hart stated, "the City of Clinton appreciates the excitement that Alive After Five series generates and how much it contributes towards enhancing the quality of life for the residents of Clinton and Sampson County."

Event attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and sunscreen. No coolers or pets are allowed. To become a sponsor, contact any committee member or contact Ray Jordan via email at rjordan@sampsonexpocenter.com or call 910-592-6451. The deadline to become a sponsor is March 22, 2019. For more additional information visit: www.aliveafterfiveclintonnc.com.

SPARE CHANGE

Thursday, May 16, 2019, 6:00-8:45 pm

Spare Change is one of the Carolinas' most well-known and respected party bands. With their diverse playlist they become an instant crowd sensation everywhere they perform. From rock, country, beach, funk, rap, current Top 40 hits, and classic rock, Spare Change is sure to play a favorite song of every person in attendance. Comprised of five singers (including a female), a rapper, a trumpet player, and even an electric violinist, their range and versatility is unmatched.

JIM QUICK & COASTLINE

Thursday, June 20, 2019, 6:00-8:45 pm

Over 25 years in the making, Jim Quick and Coastline, like their namesake the Atlantic Coastline Railroad, have been traveling the "tracks" of the southeast, and connecting with the hearts of loyal "Coastline Crazy's." Pulling from the threads of Soul, Blues, R&B, and Americana, Jim Quick and Coastline weave together their own genre of music known as Swamp Soul. Delivered with precision by front man Jim Quick and his band, this group captures the true, honest spirit of traditions born and bred in the small southern towns of America.

THE BAND OF OZ

Thursday, September 19, 2019, 6:00-8:45 pm

The Band of Oz consists of a dynamic eight-member group complete with a full horn section. Wherever they travel, they always energize audiences and keep the dance floor packed. In addition to performing many of their # 1 hit songs, they offer the very best in beach, R&B, and Motown; as well as some of today's most popular dance and top 40 hits.

TOO MUCH SYLVIA

Thursday, October 17, 2019, 6:00-8:45 pm

Performing old-school Motown and R&B, along with a wide-variety of today's hottest contemporary hits, the band TOO MUCH SYLVIA, will leave audiences begging for more. Audience members can expect Too Much Sylvia's four lead vocalists to deliver satisfying harmonies with personality and style.

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We Should Know . . .



Rep. William Brisson with JW Simmons, Host of We Should Know

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

The guest for this week’s show is Rep. William Brisson of the NC General Assembly representing Bladen and Sampson Counties. Brisson is in his 7th term representing District 22 in North Carolina’s House of Representatives where he is Chair of the Agriculture Committee and Appropriations Committee. He is also Vice Chair of the Appropriations subcommittee on Health and Human Services as well as a member of several other committees.

Rep. Brisson begins by stating, “It has certainly been an honor for me to represent Sampson and Bladen County, which is my home county. We have so much in common with the two counties and match up well with our industries, educational and healthcare needs; so, those are the things I’ve focused on since I’ve been in the legislature.”

JW Simmons starts the show with a discussion on agriculture and the impact of damaging storms over the last few years. Simmons asks if the region was still in recovery as it relates to the ag community.

Rep. Brisson states, “We were hit pretty hard in both counties with our agriculture products. We’re still trying to accomplish and get where we need to be back before the hurricanes and all the damages. There’s been some movement. Of course, the big appropriations that we had for agriculture that the state put in \$240 million to go to farmers. We started out with 38 counties and now when all the reports came in, we were actually looking at 72 counties. So, that kind of puts a little different perspective on the money and we’ll have to spend it in 72 counties rather than in the direct impact areas that were hit so hard.”

“So, that added some difficulty and caused some time delay. Some of the checks have been mailed out in the last couple of weeks, and my understanding was because of the counties that were added its approximately 60% of what we were hoping to get out to the individuals. And certainly hope there’s more coming with a second check. We just have to tally up and see how it goes through the first stages of it and make sure we’ve met the needs of all 72

counties in some way, fashion or form.”

Brisson explains it been a slower process than they had hope for, but that they would not delay it any longer than they have too.

Next, Simmons says that peanuts are a big crop in Bladen County. He asks Brisson if the peanut crop took a larger hit than other row crops during the storms. Brisson replies, “Well, the peanut production areas were hit less hard than others even in the counties. We had some dry months ahead and as far as the rains they actually help the peanut crops. And some of our growers did well in Bladen County. I’m not sure about the peanut growers in Sampson County because I haven’t talked with a lot of those. But as far as peanuts in Bladen County it ended up being a pretty good crop.”

Brisson explains that soybeans, cotton and corn were the hardest hit crops, and that fortunately many growers had already began harvesting corn, so it was less devastated than the cotton and soybean crops.

Simmons states that tobacco is still the number two export crop in North Carolina and that many of the tobacco farmers he’s spoken to say much if not 100% of that crop was lost during the storms. Simmons asks Brisson how that effects taxes and money coming into the state considering how much tax revenue tobacco generates for the state.

Brisson replies, “It is (important). It’s not as much as it was back when we had tobacco programs because every farm raised tobacco. Now it’s actually narrowed down with the farmers that grow tobacco. It does have some impact but not as great as it would have been in the past.”

Brisson says the loss of king tobacco has been hard to replace with other crops, but that farmers are still searching for that magic crop that helps sustain the family farm.

Next, Simmons says cannabis is quickly become a possible cash crop in the United States with the many uses of hemp and cannabis oil. He asks Brisson to discuss the talk he hears coming from the legislature.

Brisson states, “Well, we’re certainly taking a hard look at it, but it’s not going to move very fast because the seeds not going to be available and like you said, it’s going to be so heavily regulated. You know, we’ve got to make sure the regulations are there for the farmers to follow. And we need to know what to expect from the crop and how farmers will react to the regulations. It looks like a promising future but it’s probably going to move a little slower than farmers are hoping.”

Simmons says that a recent guest from NC State had stated that soil types that are good for tobacco would also be good soil for cannabis. Simmons says that much of eastern North Carolina has good soil for cannabis and that it could hold great potential for farmers.

Rep. Brisson replies, “In this area, in my district, our soil fits just about any crop we decide to move forward with, so I don’t see that as a hold up for it. But it won’t be an easy road for folks to move in to with a cannabis crop because of the regulations.”

Brisson says that through all his talks tobacco is the crop in most peril simply because of supply and demand.

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.

From The Vine – Fertilization

Submitted By: Brad Hardison Extension Agent Agriculture - Horticulture

March is a time for many plants to break dormancy and begin growth for the new year. Buds are swelling, flowers are blooming, leaves are sprouting, and sap is rising. Another important part of plants is growing which you don’t see, the roots. Roots of many plants grow during cool weather even when the foliage appears dormant. The roots spread to seek nutrient and water reserves that are not yet tapped. Woody plants can absorb nutrients as long as the soil temperature is above 40°F. A quick check of the local weather station indicates that the average soil temperature for this month is 49°F, so the soil temperature is within optimal range. With the onset of new growth, and with roots growing during this cool weather, plants are depleting energy that was stored from last season and could use a boost from a fertilizer application.

Grapes are one of these plants. For mature vines, broadcast 2 to 3 pounds of 6-6-18 fertilizer under the vine in early to mid-March. In May, broadcast ½ pound of 15.5-0-0 fertilizer under the vine. A third application should be made in June, broadcasting 2 to 3 pounds of 6-6-18 fertilizer under the vine. Grapes also have a high magnesium requirement, which may be lacking in our eastern NC soils. To correct this deficiency, mix 1 tablespoon of Epsom salts in 1 gallon of water and apply 1 cup of this solution per vine.

Pecans are another plant that needs fertilizing in March. For young, non-bearing trees, apply 1 pound of 10-10-10 per year of tree age, up to 25 pounds. Do not exceed 25 pounds of fertilizer per tree on non-bearing trees. For mature, bearing trees, apply 4 pounds of 10-10-10 per inch of trunk diameter measured just below the first branches. When applying fertilizer to pecan trees, broadcast the fertilizer from the drip line to the trunk of the tree. Never dig a hole and place fertilizer in the hole when fertilizing a pecan tree. Research indicates that broadcast applications of fertilizer is sufficient for mature trees since most of the feeder roots are in the top 1 foot of soil.

Ornamental trees and shrubs can be fertilized in March. Broadcast 2 to 4 pounds of a complete fertilizer (10-10-10) per 1,000 square feet of landscaped area. Be sure to spread the fertilizer evenly over the entire root zone, which extends 2 to 3 times the span of the plant. Keep fertilizer off the stems of shrubs and at least 1 foot away from tree trunks. Apply fertilizers when the foliage is dry to avoid fertilizer sticking to plant leaves and causing fertilizer burns. If you do happen to get fertilizer in the foliage of plants, use a broom to shake the fertilizer off the plants and onto the ground.

DO NOT fertilize warm season lawns now. Warm season lawns with grass species such as Centipede, Bermuda, St. Augustine, or Zoysiagrass should not be fertilized until green-up or later. Fertilizing these grass species now, only feeds the weeds that are actively growing or leaches away into ground or surface waters before the grass can uptake the nutrients.

For more information on fertilizing trees and shrubs search the internet at <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/a-gardeners-guide-to-fertilizing-trees-and-shrubs> for fertilization information from NCSU.

Don’t forget about the Friends of Horticulture classes offered by the Sampson Extension Service. We meet on the third Thursday night of the month and discuss different horticulture related topics.

For all your home and gardening questions contact the Sampson County Extension Master



Gardener phone clinic at (910) 592-7161.

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Wizard of Oz Christianity

Matthew 6:33, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

On May 17th 1900, the children's novel written by author L. Frank Baum, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, was published to a wide approval from its audience. As the years have passed, we still can recall the colorful cast of characters and their impact on our childhood. Even if you have never read the book or the 1902 Broadway musical adaptation, I'm certain the vast majority of you have seen the 1939 musical film adaptation starring Judy Garland.

Dorothy has found herself in the Land of Oz and encounters a Scarecrow who desires a brain, a Tin Woodman who needs a heart and a Cowardly Lion that wants courage. They discover that to receive what is needed they had to seek out the Wizard of Oz. Could Christians see a parallel between some of these famous characters? Could we use these very fictional figures to teach another generation about the promises found in scriptures?

The Scarecrow, who wanted a brain, reminds us of the need of having a new mind in Christ. The apostle Paul declares in Romans 12:2, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." When we come into a relationship with Christ, He gives us a new mind. What dwells in our thought life moves from our own selfless ambitions and begins to move to what is best for those around us.

It is also important to have our minds renewed because often Satan will attack our thought life. Satan will try to bring our past back to our thought life in order to discourage us. However, Christ wants us to focus on His forgiveness and stop allowing our past to defeat us. Satan will also attack

your mind to convince you that you are not good enough to be saved. When that comes across your mind, remember that we are not saved by our good deeds, but by God's grace.

The rusty Tin Woodman would only be complete with a heart. Ezekiel 36:26, "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh." When we think about a person's heart, often the idea is what they are passionate about. I promise it doesn't take long to discover what a person has passion for. A grandparent will pull out photos from their wallet to show off their adorable grandchildren. A sports fanatic can talk for hours about the recent game and list the stats of their favorite player.

If someone were to view your computer's search history, would they learn that you have a passion for gossip or the Gospel? If an individual were to view your check book would they discover you spend more on the movies than on missions? Believers in Christ can brag on their grandchildren, enjoy watching a basketball game and go to the movies. However, if we put anything of this world above Christ than we lack a true heart of passion for Him.

Finally, we know that the Cowardly Lion needed what all believers need in this world, courage. Deuteronomy 31:6, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

Courage is not the absence of fear; it is acting in spite of the fear. Nobody knows this better than Christians who defend their faith in places where Christianity isn't the leading religion and are mistreated for their beliefs. These people know fear, but move forward nevertheless. They don't allow their fear to paralyze them. They confront anxiety, discomfort, perceived danger, doubt and intimidation head on because they know they are called to do this. Never forget that with



God's protection and guidance, we have nothing to fear and can conquer anything.

I encourage you this week to remember that God is the giver of good gifts and can supply what you spiritually need. Rev. Billy Graham once proclaimed, "We can be certain that God will give us the strength and resources we need to live through any situation in life that he ordains." You are not alone on this spiritual journey and God will not abandon you in your time of need.



Rev. Ken Smith

Nuggets of Truth



If you are searching for nuggets of truth, the Bible is a gold mine.

At some point in my Christian walk, I came to a new realization that is so meaningful. As I would listen to anointed proclaimers of the Word of God, I determined that it would be wise to make notations in the sidebars of my Bible. I call it capturing "Nuggets of Truth".

We are so very blessed at Immanuel Baptist Church to have as our Pastor, Tim Ameen. He so very faithfully,

consistently and earnestly proclaims the Gospel, the good news that this hurting world desperately needs to hear. With his permission, I would like to share with you some of Tim's "Nuggets of Truth":

The more I am in the Word, the more the Word is in me. Only by full dedication to Christ and constant fellowship with him are we able to live Godly lives. Only then can we have a positive influence in the present ungodly world. Often God has to take the storm out of us, before He can take us out of the storm.

Pray daily for the most unloving person you know...my friends that is hard to do! Grace is not something we achieve, it is something we receive.

The way I respond to my anguish and hurts will make my sufferings valuable or invaluable. Why waste our pain? For whatever is going on in your life – be thankful!

The height of my love for Christ will never exceed the depth of my love for others.

Jesus was an active agent in creation – what is He doing in your life right now?

Upon accepting Jesus Christ as your Savior, you received ALL of His Holy Spirit. Now – this is the question: How much of the YOU does the Holy Spirit have?

Not only know the Word of God, but know the God of the Word!

Jesus said in Mark 12: 30-31: "You shall love the Lord your God

with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind and with all your strength. This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

It is all about relationship:

Loving God – Loving each other – it's that simple.

Love should be the motivating factor in everything we do.

A favorite verse, the commandment I pray to live by.

Jesus is our resource in whom we trust! God always has more for you!

Don't ever confuse "Church Work" with the "Work of the Church"! What would happen to the cause of Christ is nobody cared who got the credit? The visible presence of Christ in this world is YOU! If we are going to "talk the talk", we need to "walk the walk". People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care!

We as Christians need to: Be intentionally immersed in the Word of God, Be overwhelmed by the Love of Christ, Be captivated by the Grace of God.

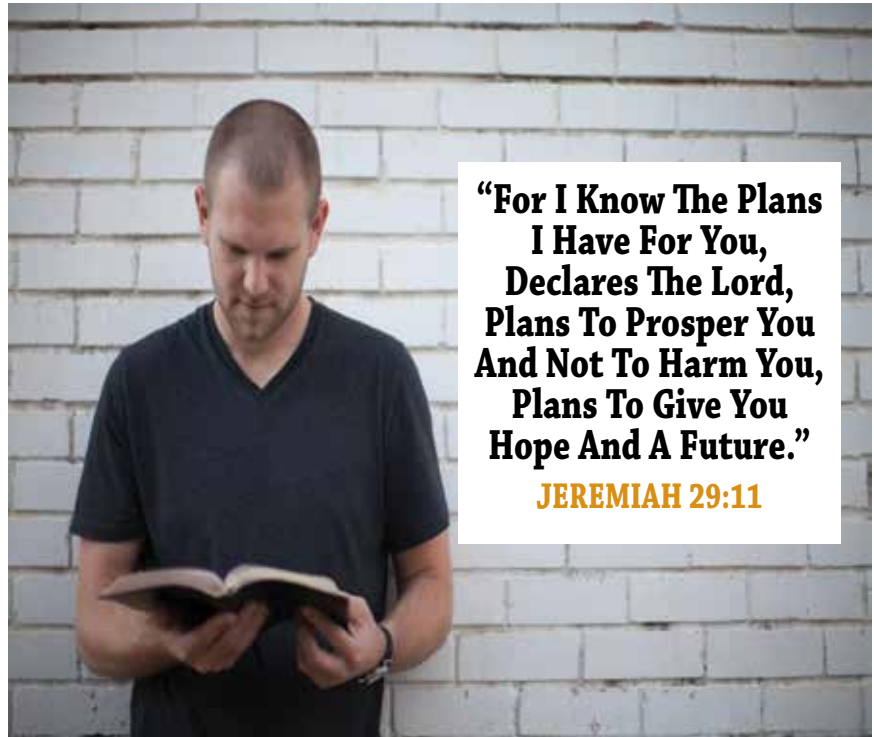
Every heart has a heart-shaped space that can only be filled by the Holy Spirit. Remember, God loves to hear the sound of your voice!

....to be continued.....



Martha M. Pierce

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What's Happening

By Angela Martin at **SCT**



Pocahontas is in its last two weeks of rehearsals as the musical is becoming fine-tuned for your entertainment. The musical revolves around the story of Pocahontas - a young Algonquin princess who befriends the settlers of Jamestown. She wants to bridge her people together and she understands that everyone is similar and unique in their own way. Pocahontas teaches us how to respect other cultures, always look for peace and to be understanding and empathetic of others. The production is family-friendly, and you will have eight chances to see this production. The show runs from March 23-March 31 with Friday and Saturday 7:30 pm shows and Saturday and Sunday matinees beginning at 2:30 pm. Pocahontas is directed by Angela Martin and is sponsored by Performance Dodge/Ford. Also our set is being painted and created by Anne Wicke. Anne is a phenomenal artist and she will be designing some beautiful murals and a backdrop so that we can have a great production. All tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door.

Also, our SCT Patrons are still looking to add a few more businesses and families for our 2019 season. By paying as little as \$100 you will receive two complimentary tickets for each of our 6 productions of the season and you will be listed in our programs throughout the year. The money will be used to produce our musicals. If you have any questions about it please contact SCT Board Chairman - Brenda Martin at 910-990-4510.



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

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

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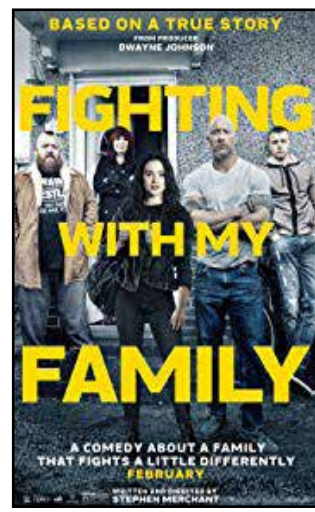
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Friday 6:30p
Sat & Sun 1:30p 4:30p 7:30p
Mon -Wed 6:30p



HAPPY DEATH DAY 2 U NOW SHOWING

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

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

Friday 6:15p 8:30p
Sat & Sun 1:15p 3:30p 5:40p 8:00p
Mon -Wed 6:30p



CAPTAIN MARVEL NOW SHOWING

Rated: PG for sequences of sci-fi violence and action, and brief suggestive language

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Sat & Sun 1:30p 4:15p 7:00p
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HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON NOW SHOWING

Rated PG for adventure action and some mild rude humor

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

Friday 6:30p
Sat & Sun 1:45p 4:15p 6:45p
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MADEA FAMILY FUNERAL NOW SHOWING

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

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

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Pulled Pork Sandwiches with Peach-Olive Jam

- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 3 pounds pork shoulder roast
- kosher salt, to taste
- ground black pepper, to taste
- 4 cloves garlic, quartered
- 4 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- 8 ounces dried peaches
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 cup California Black Ripe Olives, wedged
- 2 teaspoons country mustard
- 1 ounce arugula
- 8 onion rolls, split and toasted

Heat oven to 375 F.

In large, high-sided saute pan, heat oil over medium-high heat.

Season pork with salt and pepper, to taste, and cook in pan 3-4 minutes on each side until browned.

Stir in garlic and continue cooking 3-5 minutes.

Pour in chicken broth, peaches and chili powder; bring to boil.

Cover loosely with foil and bake in oven 2 hours.

With slotted spoon, carefully remove peaches and transfer to small mixing bowl. Mix olives and mustard with peaches; set aside.

Continue to cook pork in oven 30-60 minutes until fork tender.

Allow to cool slightly then shred by pulling apart with fork.

Assemble sandwiches by spooning pork onto toasted rolls.

Top with arugula and peach-olive mixture.

GAME DAY EATS AND TREATS

SCORE MAJOR POINTS WITH DELICIOUS DISHES

FAMILY FEATURES

If the crew is coming over to root for your favorite team, it may be time to spice up the menu. Whether you're hosting the weekend get-together or watching the game after work, switch up your typical spread and serve something new to leave your guests cheering for more.

When it comes to choosing an ingredient that can lend a winning assist to nearly any dish and score you some major points, look no further than California Ripe Olives.

Variety is key when mapping out food for a crowd, regardless of the event. Plan

on serving one main course and two sides, and consider no-fuss options like chips and dips. If there are kids in attendance, make sure there is something neutral for even the pickiest eaters to snack on. However, try your best to avoid anything that needs a knife and fork to eat – finger foods typically work best when the game is on and conversation is flowing.

The mild and unique taste of California Ripe Olives lends itself well to many different flavor pairings, such as these recipes for Pulled Pork Sandwiches with Peach-Olive Jam, Easy Olive Bread and Sun-Dried Tomato and Olive Tapenade.

Whether your guests are fans of spicy, mild, sweet or savory, the only limit is your imagination when you pull a can of olives from the pantry.

Family farms across California grow 95 percent of the ripe olives consumed in the United States. Each can is a labor of love. Multi-generational family farms work with family-owned canneries in California to produce each can and ensure only the highest quality olives make it from the farm to your game-day table. For more creative ways to use olives, including family recipes from growers across California, visit CalOlive.org.

Easy Olive Bread

Recipe courtesy of The Wicked Noodle

- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 10 ounces California Green Ripe Olives, chopped
- 2 green onions, chopped
- 1 loaf French bread, sliced in half lengthwise

Heat oven to 350 F.

In bowl, mix cream cheese, butter and mayonnaise until thoroughly combined. Add garlic; stir well to distribute. Add cheddar cheese, green olives and green onions; stir to combine.

Spread mixture on cut sides of bread. Bake 20-30 minutes, until cheese is hot, bubbly and starting to brown.



Sun-Dried Tomato and Olive Tapenade

- 1/2 cup shallots, chopped
- 1/4 cup chopped smoked sun-dried tomatoes
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons white balsamic vinegar
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 can (6 ounces) California Green Ripe Olives, drained
- 1 can (6 ounces) California Black Ripe Olives, drained

- 1/4 cup lightly packed fresh basil
- sea salt, to taste
- freshly ground pepper, to taste
- crackers or toasted baguette slices

In food processor, pulse shallots, sun-dried tomatoes, olive oil, vinegar and garlic until finely chopped. Add olives, basil, salt and pepper; pulse again until chopped.

Cover and chill 1 hour.

Serve with crackers or toasted baguette slices.

Note: Recipe can be prepared one day in advance.



Photo courtesy of The Wicked Noodle

Simple Entertaining Tips to Take Your Table to the Next Level

1. A colorful platter is an easy way to spice up a spread.
2. Pair something salty with something sweet for a juxtaposition of flavors.
3. If you're serving food on neutral plates, add some colorful linens.
4. Plan the menu around a central theme or ingredient.
5. Guests love choices – making more options available can make for better spreads.
6. Use versatile ingredients, like California Ripe Olives, to keep picky eaters happy.

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Clinton Senior helping Dark Horses to keep streak alive

Clinton High School's Camden Thompson is having a memorable senior year so far.

The tennis standout is coming off two back-to-back wins – in singles and in doubles (with partner Cooper Brewer) – helping to lift the Dark Horse tennis team to their current 3-0 record, sitting alone at the top of the 2-A East Central standings. The team traveled to Clayton on Thursday (final results were not available before press time Thursday afternoon) and will host Rosewood this coming Monday (March 11).

Clinton beat Green Central (5-4) in the season opener, followed by a 7-2 victory over Triton. The team beat North Lenoir 8-1 headed into Thursday's game at Clayton.

Incredibly, the CHS men's tennis team is on a 17-game winning streak.

"Honestly, I didn't even know about the win streak," the 18-year-old admitted Wednesday. "We are not thinking about that, we just go out and play. The thing is, we do not like losing, so when we go out, we are going out to win and we will do everything we have to do to win."

The most amazing thing about Thompson's success on the court is that he only started playing the sport officially in his junior year.

"I started playing after my sophomore year," he explained. "Cooper (Brewer) is one of my best friends and he started playing in his freshman year. So, I would hit with him and he really encouraged me to try out for the team."

While waiting for his junior year to start, Thompson went to work, working hard, learning all about the game of tennis.

"Cooper helped me out, my mom (a former tennis coach

in her own right) helped me ...," he said. "I worked hard and watched a lot of video of (tennis legend) Roger Federer on YouTube – and tried to go out a mimic what he was doing."

The best part of his game? "I think it would be my serve or my forehand," he said. "I try to keep working on my backhand and my forehand."

A natural athlete, once Thompson got into the game of tennis, he never looked back.

"Ever since I was little, I have always been competitive," he admits. "Once I picked up the racket, that was it – I've been playing non-stop since then ... I picked it up late, but I am so glad I did. I just love playing it."

In addition to success on the tennis court, Thompson attended a ring ceremony earlier this week – a reward for being part of the only soccer team in Clinton High School history that has won the NCHSAA 2-A State Soccer Championship.

Thompson was named to the All-Region, All-Conference and All-County teams this past soccer season.

"It was emotional," Thompson says of the ceremony. "Being the first soccer team in the history of the school to bring a championship – it is a big deal. To look around and know that we are the same group of guys that played together on travel teams since we were 5-6 years old. So, it was a night that I will always remember."

This week, Thompson can add another accolade to his trophy case – the Performance Auto/Sampson Weekly Star Athlete of the Week.

"I didn't know anything about it, but last night my mom told me that someone was going to call me (about the honor)," he explains. "It feels pretty good to know that coach thought that much about me."

"Camden has made a tremendous difference in the rise of our program since he started playing last year," said CHS head tennis coach Robert Jones. "We were a good team without him; we are a great team with him."

Jones continues, "He plays the game with great effort and gives it his best on every point. Camden is the first player I have ever coached in my 22 years to win a regional title in his first year of playing the sport."

Thompson won the 2A East Regional Doubles (with Peter Darden) last year and the duo advanced to the final eight of the 2A State Tournament.

"I am looking forward to see how much Camden grows throughout this season as we make our playoff run this May," Coach Jones added.

Born in Fayetteville and raised in Clinton, Thompson's first foray into sports came when he was about 4-years-old.

"That is when I began playing soccer," Thompson said with a laugh. "It was rec ball. From there I played travel soccer when I was 5 or 6."

When Thompson got to high school, he expanded in sports by playing baseball and soccer.

"I quit playing baseball after my sophomore year,"

he said. "That is when I started playing tennis. I started after my sophomore year and when my junior year rolled around, I was ready."

A straight 'A' student, who says science and math are his favorite subjects, Thompson is planning on attending college.

"I want to major in biology and chemistry," he said. "Then I would like to continue my studies and get into the Pharmacy Program at Campbell University."

When asked if he plans on playing tennis or soccer, Thompson is honest – "I don't think I will be playing sports, I want to focus on my studies. But I think that I might play club soccer or tennis ... just for fun."

Thompson explains that he would like to attend Campbell University because of the size of the institution.

"There are not a lot of students in the classrooms," he says. "You get more one-on-one attention because the classrooms are smaller."

While he is excited about moving on to the next chapter in his life, Thompson knows that the prospect of leaving the only school system he has known throughout his entire educational career.

"I have thought about it and I think that it is going to be an emotional day when I leave here," he said. "I have grown up with all the boys; my teammates; my brothers. I am going to miss playing high school sports and my friends, but I am sure we will all stay in touch wherever we are."

Thompson said that during his time at Clinton High School, the faculty and staff has been nothing but supportive.

"It is like a big family here," he said. "The teachers, the coaches, the staff ... they have always made me feel like I could talk to them about anything at any time. They have made it easy for me to learn and have been there for me whenever I needed them – I thank them for that."

Now that he is just a few months away from leaving high school, is there a piece of advice that he would like to give to the incoming freshman class?

"I would just tell them to not be afraid coming in," Thompson said. "The big thing I had coming in was I scared of the upperclassmen. But I quickly discovered there was no reason to be. So, I would tell them that there is no reason that you need to be intimidated by the upperclassmen."

Thompson said that he was given a great piece of advice when he first came into Clinton High.

"It came from my soccer coach (Brad) Spell in my freshman year," he explained. "He told me that when you have to stop and think about it – it is wrong. That is with whatever you are doing. Just go out and do it - do not stop to think about it. Just go out and have fun."

Thompson said that he wanted to send a special 'thank you' to his family, friends, school, teammates, coaches and educators.

"I just want to thank them for all of their support to me over the years," he said. "It just means so much to me and I really appreciate it."

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

Fussell Teaches Students About Finance



Founding partner and CEO of Partners South Estate Planning, Inc. and Fox Business News Contributor Timothy R. Fussell visited Harrells Christian Academy and spoke with students taking a course in personal finance. Holding a Ph.D. in Finance from Arizona State University, Fussell had a wealth of knowledge to share with students about how he got his start right here at home in Duplin County. He recalled growing up on a farm, working hard, and realizing that he wanted to get ahead in life. Fussell encouraged the students, "One of the greatest things you'll ever do is to decide what interests you and figure out a way to make a living doing it." Since getting his start helping local farmers secure their livelihood, Fussell has built his career and his reputation to include clientele all across the country. He is a CPA and CPE instructor, a member of The Association of Financial Educators as well as a NL Group Member of NAS-BA. Many of the students were astounded to hear the story of how he started out in life just like them but has managed to become remarkably successful, affluent, and able to help others become so as well. Though he was quick to joke with the students about his luxury vehicles, expensive designer suits, and world travels, Fussell kept it humble and reminded the students, "Happiness isn't having what you want, it's wanting what you have."

SCC Students Dig Tractor Training



Bass instructs Hailey Lewis on the tractor.

Tractors are a vital part of the farming industry, so it is also a very valuable part of the training that Sampson Community College offers through its Applied Animal Science program.

"Tractors are the most common type of equipment on farms today," says Chet Bass, Department Chair for the Applied Animal Science and Agribusiness Departments. "Many young people are not accustomed to operating them unless they happen to grow up on a farm. Students and employees need training in proper and safe operation of the tractor before being allowed to use it for their safety and those around the farm."

Students were completing the requirements of the national safe tractor and machinery operation program certification. This is a 24-hour instructional program to cover not only tractor safety, but safety in general around other types of farm equipment. Tractors, power takeoff implements, skid steers, forklifts, and ATVs are all types of equipment that may be found on farms today that students need a basic understanding of how to operate safely.

Bass says the importance cannot be understated in this discipline. "For something like this, it is extremely important for the student to have an opportunity to have hands on training in a supervised setting," he says. "This training allows the students to receive necessary training for safe operation as well as a certification that may help them in securing a higher-level job opportunity."

The Applied Animal Science program at SCC is designed to prepare students for careers in the production, processing, and distribution of livestock, swine, and poultry and their products to scientific principles essential to efficient and profitable operation. Students will learn skills necessary for the operation of efficient and profitable livestock, swine, and poultry enterprises. To learn more about Applied Animal Science at the college, contact Bass at cbass@sampsoncc.edu or at 910.900.4027.



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Why Breakfast Really is the Most Important Meal of the Day



You've probably heard the saying, "breakfast is the most important meal of the day." While there is some conflicting research that questions the importance of eating breakfast for weight loss, many other researchers conclude there are, in fact, many benefits for starting your day with a morning meal.

Briana Rodriguez, a Registered Dietitian with Jenny Craig, offers the inside scoop on breakfast and why there's still truth in that old saying, especially for those trying to improve their health.

Breakfast Basics

"Breakfast literally means 'breaking the fast,'" Rodriguez explains. "Blood sugar, also known as glucose, powers your muscles and brain. After 7-9 hours of sleep, blood sugar is naturally low and you need to replenish your energy stores."

But what if there's no time to spare in the morning? Rest assured, there are quick, easy breakfasts you can grab on-the-go.

Why Breakfast Matters

Although skipping meals or eating very little in the morning may seem like a sure-fire way to lose weight, Rodriguez explains it's not so simple.

"When you skip breakfast, you'll likely overcompensate later, eating your largest meal at night because you're extremely hungry. And that's not good if your intention is weight loss."

Making breakfast your largest meal of the day, also known as "front-loading," can lead to a healthier weight.

"Since digestion slows during sleep, late-night calories are less easily metabolized and will likely be stored instead of used as energy," Rodriguez explains. "A balanced, substantial breakfast works with your metabolism at its peak, helping support weight loss efforts naturally."

An added bonus? Weight loss isn't the only potential benefit of having a good breakfast; a 2013 study published in "Obesity" suggests other health gains in addition to weight loss, such as decreased risk of heart disease and Type 2 diabetes.

How Should Your Day Look?

The quality of food you eat also matters. Here's an example of what Rodriguez suggests a typical day look like:

- Breakfast and lunch should be satisfying, protein-rich and include a small amount of healthy fats and carbohydrates.

Think: an egg and veggie scramble with a piece of fruit for breakfast or chicken with veggies and pasta alongside a green salad for lunch.

- Dinner should be light and include a lean protein and lots of non-starchy vegetables. Rodriguez suggests decreasing carbs in the evening.

Think: meatloaf with veggies or something like Jenny Craig's Three Cheese Macaroni with Broccoli and Carrots.

- Snacks are an important part of the equation too. Rodriguez recommends snacks under 200 calories, spaced between meals. Choose something with protein and fiber to help keep you feeling full.

Think: a small apple with a teaspoon of nut butter, or nonfat Greek yogurt with a handful of berries.

Consider weight loss programs that embrace the science around the body's natural circadian rhythm, such as Jenny Craig's newest program, Rapid Results, to help optimize metabolism and accelerate weight loss. Also, look for programs that offer satisfying breakfasts with just the right amount of proteins, carbohydrates and fats. The Jenny Craig program offers over 20 chef-crafted, nutritionist-designed breakfast items. For more information, or to book a free appointment with a personal weight loss consultant, visit jennycraig.com.

Eating breakfast may improve your health in more ways than one. The next time you're rushing out the door in the morning, don't forget to grab something good to eat -- your body will thank you!

Keep Your Heart Healthy With These 5 Keto-Friendly Foods

The low-carb, high-fat diet known as keto has Americans looking at healthy food consumption in a whole new light. Keto programs have proven effective for weight loss, but how heart-healthy are they? As with all things, moderation is key.

To get you started, the experts at South Beach Diet -- a more accessible version of the keto diet -- recommend these five keto-friendly, heart-healthy foods:

1. Full-fat dairy: "Full-fat dairy is healthy," says Dr. Arthur Agatston, creator of the South Beach Diet. "For example, you should be eating full-fat yogurt, not low-fat yogurt."

With zero net carbs, items such as butter and cream are rich in healthy fats. While large amounts are associated with obesity and may cause heart disease, according to many experts, the opposite is true when consumed in moderation, as shown in studies published by the "European Journal of Clinical Nutrition." Stick to recommended serving sizes of rich keto foods such as sour cream, cream cheese and yogurt.

2. Eggs: Despite receiving a bad rap for high cholesterol content, eggs are low in carbs and high in protein and amino acids. And according to the Mayo Clinic, the effect of egg consumption on blood cholesterol is minimal when compared with the effect of trans fats and saturated fats, and their high protein content helps stabilize blood sugar levels. Egg whites contain no cholesterol and are high in protein; while the yolk provides the majority of the egg's nutritional content. Eaten sensibly, eggs are both keto- and heart-friendly.



3. Shrimp: Shrimp is a versatile superfood, high in protein and contains more than 20 vitamins and minerals, including selenium, which reduces inflammation and promotes heart health. Seek out wild-caught shrimp to avoid antibiotics. Frozen just after they're caught, frozen shrimp is usually a good bet, however, if you buy fresh, be sure the shells don't feel slimy or soft or have a fishy, ammonia-like smell.

4. Flaxseeds: Flaxseeds are high in omega-3 fatty acids and have been proven to lower the risk of heart attack and heart disease. Flaxseed also contains 800 times more of a cancer-fighting phytochemical called lignan than any other food. For maximum nutritional benefits, choose ground flaxseed and refrigerate for longevity. Try mixing it into olive oil-based mayo or blending it into your favorite protein shake.

5. Olive-oil or avocado-oil based mayonnaise: This often-maligned condiment is high in heart-healthy, monounsaturated fats, and is a keto staple with its zero grams of net carbs.

"Look for varieties without added sugar, which just contributes additional calories without any other nutritional benefits," says Courtney McCormick, manager, clinical research and Nutrition at South Beach Diet.

"Phase one of the South Beach Diet has always been keto-friendly. Get rid of all the white stuff -- white flour, breads and pasta," says Dr. Agatston. "Once you eliminate them from your diet, your body starts burning fat, and you will feel so much better."

For more information on the South Beach Diet and its keto-friendly options, visit www.southbeachdiet.com.

When adopting a keto-style diet, think beyond weight loss. Be sure to include a range of foods that are great for heart health.

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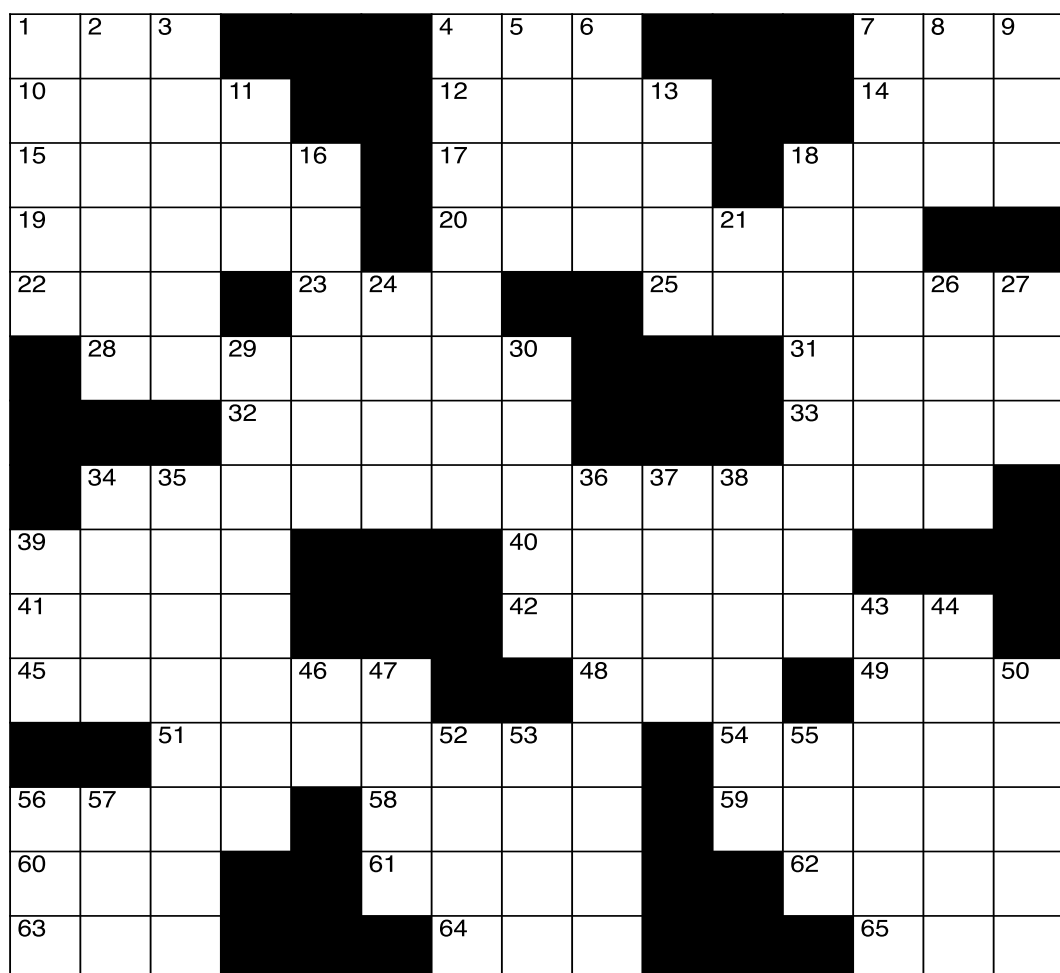
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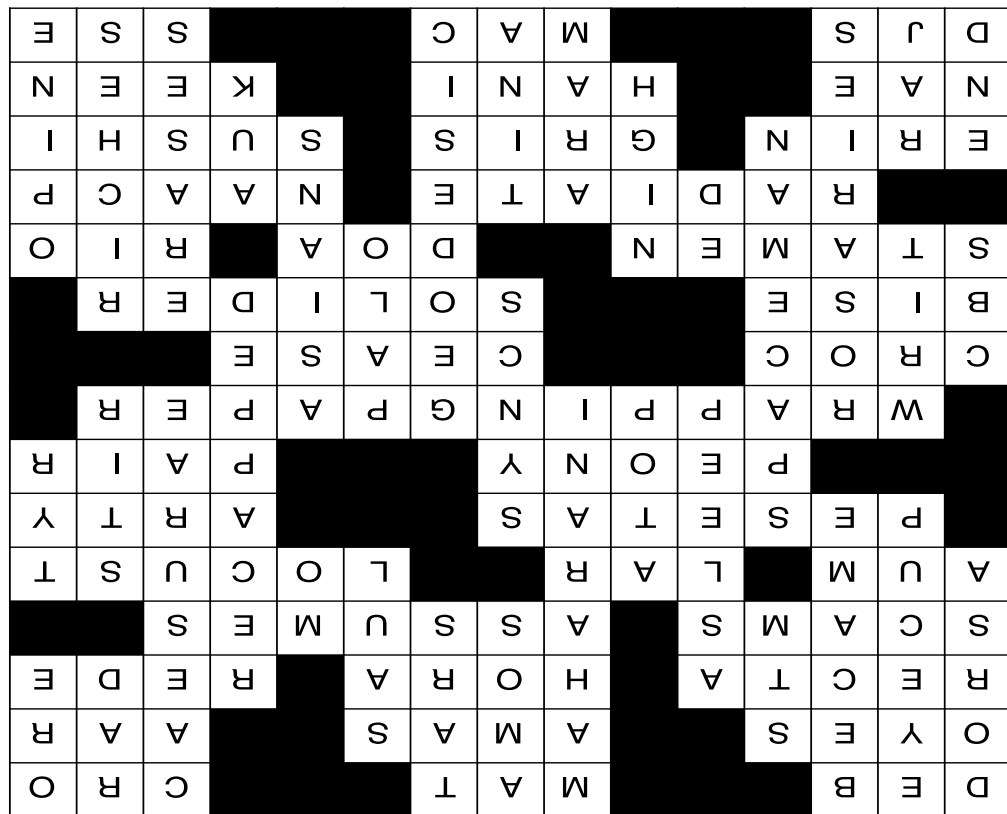


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- 4. Gymnastic floor pad
- 7. ___-Magnon man
- 10. Hear ye
- 12. NYC musical theater
- 14. Swiss river
- 15. Tabula ___: table of alphabets
- 17. Israeli dance
- 18. Interpret
- 19. Trickeries
- 20. Bears
- 22. OM (var.)
- 23. Roman household god
- 25. Swarming grasshopper
- 28. = to 100 centimos
- 31. Showily imitative of art
- 32. Chinese tree flower
- 33. Two corresponding items
- 34. Gift covering
- 39. Killer ___: comic supervillain
- 40. End
- 41. No. wind in SE France
- 42. More monolithic
- 45. Filament + anther
- 48. Arrived extinct
- 49. Former capital of Brazil
- 51. Send out waves
- 54. Civil Rights group
- 56. Emerald Isle
- 58. Spanish cubist painter Juan
- 59. Japanese dish
- 60. No (Scottish)
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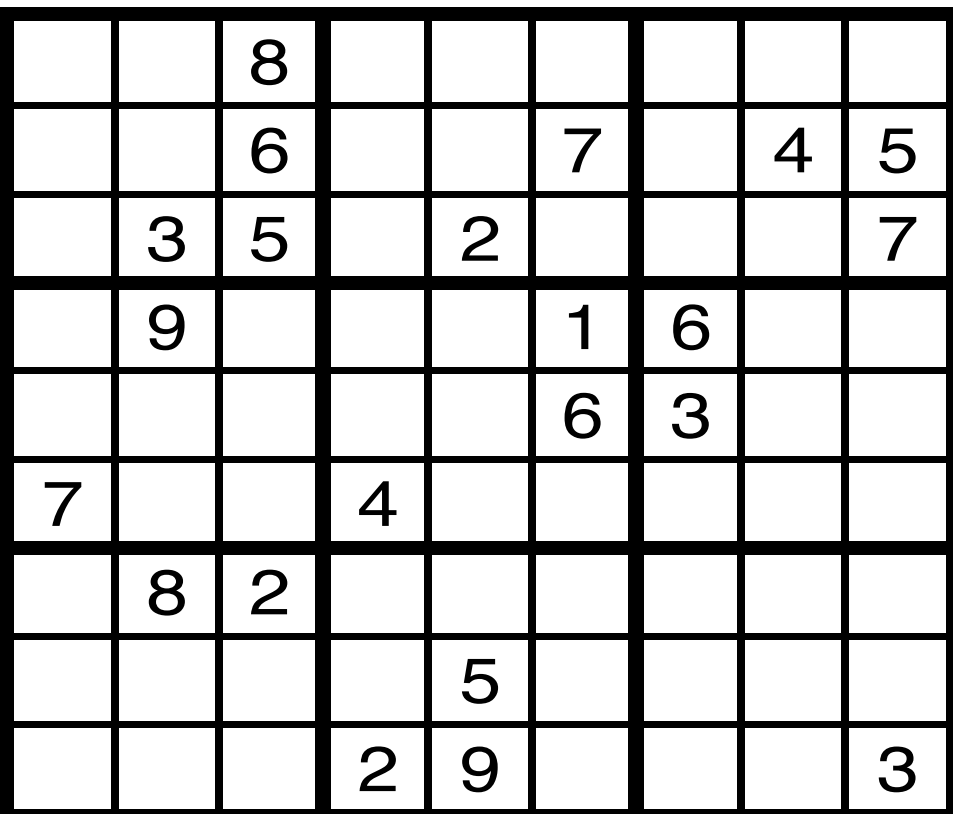
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- 4. A great rani
- 5. ___ and Andy, radio & TV show
- 6. Seamen
- 7. Pauses
- 8. Radioactivity unit
- 9. Mined metal mineral
- 11. Immediate memory
- 13. First king of Israel
- 16. Not awake
- 18. Summarized
- 21. Larry & Curly's sidekick
- 24. At the peak
- 26. Mix with a spoon
- 27. God of sky (Scandinavian)
- 29. Astronaut
- 30. Puts together in time
- 34. Legal document issued by a court
- 35. Religious beads
- 36. B. Fuller's dome
- 37. ___ Alto, California city
- 38. Largest continent's inhabitants
- 39. Ed Murrow's employer
- 43. Removes writing
- 44. Abundant wealth
- 46. Actor ___ Norton
- 47. Near in space or time
- 50. To state as an opinion
- 52. Ancient Biblical region
- 53. ___ Turner, rock singer
- 55. Am. ornithologists' journal
- 56. Bring to a conclusion
- 57. Br. dominion over India



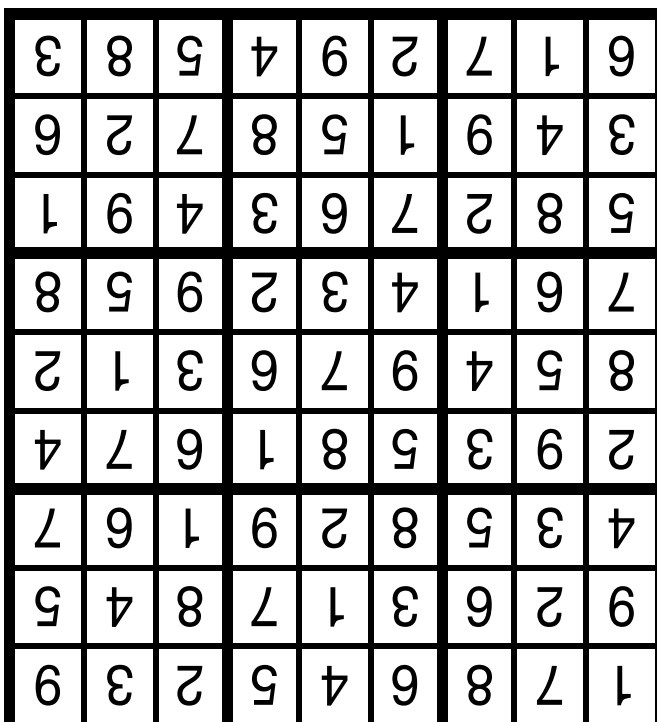
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Arrest Reports

02-26 Cesar Hernandez Castillo, 20; 866 Sampson Acres Dr., Clinton; Possess Marijuana; 2 Counts: Possess Drug Paraphernalia; Court Date 04-22

02-27 William Earl Faison, 23; 30 Trailer Park Lane, Clinton; Carrying Concealed Gun; DWLR; Secured Bond \$500; Court Date 03-11

02-27 Eddie Smooth Eason Jr., 52; 3851 Old Mintz Hwy., Roseboro; DWI; DWLR; Stop Sign Violation; Secured Bond \$2,500; Court Date 04-01

02-28 Bobby Ray Copeland, 48; 612 Eastover Ter Duplex A, Clinton; Failure to Comply with Monies; Court Date 03-12

02-28 Hardy Owen Lockamy, 46; Days Inn; Disorderly Conduct; Unsecured Bond \$500; Court Date 03-12

03-01 Wendell Rich, 51; 118 Hunt Lane, Clinton; Sexual Assault; Secured Bond \$2,500

03-01 Jermelle Levar Smith, 38; 302 Eastover Ave., Clinton; Sell Marijuana; Deliver Marijuana; Possession with Intent to Sell/Deliver Marijuana; Secured Bond \$50,000; Court Date 03-08

03-01 Jesse Franklin Stewart Oates, 57; 90 Alexander Lane, Clinton; Possess Marijuana; Secured Bond \$3,000; Court Date 03-22

03-01 Jamiel Antoine Wright, 35; 603 Pine St., Clinton; Possess Cocaine; Secured Bond \$3,000; Court Date 03-22

03-01 Jermelle Levar Smith, 39; 302 Eastover Ave., Clinton; Shoplifting; Secured Bond \$2,500; Court Date 04-16

03-01 Brandon Jaleel Cobb, 25; 804 N Herman St., Goldsboro; DWLR Not Impaired Revoke; Secured Bond \$1,000; Court Date 03-21

03-02 Donald Ray Morrissey Jr., 33; 217 Waddell St., Fayetteville; Speeding; DWLR Not Impaired Revoke; Secured Bond \$1,000;

Court Date 03-18

03-02 Thaddeus Avance Henru Jr., 40; 3798 Mintz Rd., Roseboro; DWI; Secured Bond \$5,000; Court Date 04-23

03-03 Bryan Curtis Murphy, 34; 45 Sierra Lane, Salemburg; DWLR Not impaired revoke; Court Date 04-04

03-03 Waune Anthony McNeil, 55; 455 Tram Rd., Clinton; Injury to Personal Property; Assault with a Deadly Weapon; Bond \$1,500; Court Date 03-14

03-03 Jeremiah Lamar Jackson, 18; 43 Barnes Lane, Dunn; Second Degree Kidnapping; Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon; Second Degree Kidnapping; Conspiracy Robbery Dangerous Weapon; Possession of Stolen Goods/Property; Bond \$650,000; Court Date 04-02

03-03 Richard Willard Johnson, 34; 2985 Taylors Bridge Hwy., Clinton; Assault and Battery; Attempted Breaking and Entering; Bond \$10,290; Court Date 04-17

03-04 Bertha Ann Williams, 54; 215 Ellen St., Clinton; Simple Assault; Resisting Arrest/Hinder & Delay; Secured Bond \$1,500; Court Date 04-29

03-04 Russell Hunter, 52; 224 Beaman St., Clinton; Communicating Threats; Court Date 03-12

03-04 Stephen Andrew Spears, 26; 9625 Green Path Rd., Dunn; Misdemeanor Child Abuse; Bond \$750; Court Date 04-02

03-04 Jonathan Keith Bass, 36; 3020 Hunter Rd., Clinton; Felony Stalking; Bond \$10,000; Court Date 03-06

03-04 Jessica Ann Chilcote, 24; 9625 Green Path Rd., Dunn; Misdemeanor Child Abuse; Bond \$7,500; Court Date 04-02

03-04 Jennifer Eileen Torres, 34; 1106 Minnie Hall Rd., Autryville; Drug Paraphernalia; Possess Methamphetamine; Bond \$750; Court Date 03-20

03-05 Shuhaily Peguero, 42; 716 Apt 728 Williams St., Clinton; Assault with a Deadly Weapon;

on; Court Date 03-18

03-05 Anthony Bernard Robinson, 48; Fayetteville; 2 Counts: Larceny; Secured Bond \$5,500; Court Date 04-16

03-05 Catherine Smith, 26; 56 Wood Fair Lane, Salemburg; Larceny by Employee; Unsecured Bond \$2,500; Court Date 03-08

03-05 Suhaily Peguero, 42; 716 Apt 728 Williams St., Clinton; Assault with a Deadly Weapon; Court Date 03-18

03-06 Emmanuel Tirrell Wallace, 23; 141 Mary Oates Lane, Turkey; Assault with a Deadly Weapon with Intent to Kill inflict serious injury; Secured Bond \$150,555; Court Date 03-09

03-06 Charles L Maxwell, 46; 512 W Elizabeth St Apt F., Clinton; Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear-Child Support; Court Date 03-12

03-06 Shayla Dominique Mungo, 25; 633 Eastover Terrace., Clinton; Failure to Appear- Expired Registration Card/Tag; Failure to Appear- Expired/No Inspection; Failure to Appear- DWLR Not Impaired; Failure to Appear- Failure to Reduce Speed; Bond \$500; Court Date 03-11

03-06 Mason Dale Page, 32; 560 Powell Page Rd., Wallace; Drive Left of Center; DWLR; Conspiracy; Larceny; Possess Stolen Vehicle; Bond \$9,500; Court Date 04-02

03-06 Marcus Zeb Wilcox, 37; 371 Townsend Rd., Garland; Expired Registration; Expired Inspection; DWLR; Bond \$1,000; Court Date 04-02

03-06 William Lee Sessoms, 30; 521 Hairr Lane, Salemburg; Operate Vehicle No Insurance; DWLR; DWI; Bond \$1,000; Court Date 03-21

03-06 Tristen Leanne George, 29; 560 Powell Page Rd., Wallace; Conspiracy; Larceny; Bond \$1,500; Court Date 03-27

03-06 Melody Anders Hatcher, 28; 206 Dogwood Circle, Clinton; Failure to Appear- Second Degree Trespass; Bond \$500; Court Date 04-02

03-06 Jessie Allen Phillips, 79; 207 Carroll Byrd Rd., Dunn; Trespass; Assault on a Female; Assault by Pointing a Gun; Court Date 04-03

03-06 James Nathaniel Davis, 30; 14793 Hobbton Hwy., Newton Grove; Simple Possess Schedule VI Controlled Substance; Bond \$250; Court Date 04-15

Incidents

02-27 Taylor and Sanderson reported the Larceny of Building Materials located at 202 Sampson St., Clinton.

02-27 Karen McLamb reported the Larceny of Checks located at 103 W Johnson St., Clinton.

03-01 Donald Register reported the Larceny of a Vehicle located at 495 Eugene Jernigan Rd., Dunn.

03-02 Abdul Rahmann reported the Theft of his Vehicle located on Williams St., Clinton.

03-03 Jamie Byrd reported a Breaking and Entering located at 7039 Harrells Hwy., Garland. Items reported missing included a skill saw, nail guns, drills and chop saws.

03-03 Teddy Matthews reported the Theft from a Building located at 1196 Melvin Rd., Harrells. Items reported missing included a Vehicle and a Generator.

03-03 Rosalba Paez Martinez reported a Burglary located at 600 Pine Ridge Rd., Faison. Item reported missing a TV.

03-05 Suzann Baranowski reported the Theft of a Vehicle located a 1327 Sunset Ave., Clinton. Items reported missing a Ford Focus, leather purse, NC Drivers License and a Social Security Card.

03-06 Tyler Nelson reported the Larceny of a Firearm located at 341 Hanson Rd., Clinton.

03-06 Rhonda Blackman reported the Larceny of Firearms located at 397 Bud Johnson Rd., 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

- Maryland Rose Phillips Beard
- Robert Carlisle Bradshaw
- JoAnn Childers
- Brenda Dunn
- Delmonte Herring

Births

- Kinslee Nicole Malott born on February 18, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Alicia Marie Hill
- Valentina Martinez-Pavon born on February 20, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Ana Karina Martinez-Pavon
- Noah Gray Lambert born on February 21, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Luther Matthew Lambert and Brittiney Nicole Simmons
- Gael Moreno Torres born on February 21, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Gerson Anain Moreno Ordonez and Milagro Decarmen Torres Cabrera
- TyQuan O'Neal Murphy Jr born on February 21, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to TyQuan O'Neal Murphy and Kailee Marie Peguero

Marriage Certificates

- Shelton Cleve Horne to Carmen Baylee Leina Gonzales
- Tamora LAcretia Darden Smith to Johnnie Ray Chestnutt Jr
- Brandon Christopher Bass to Aliyah Michelle Moore
- Tony Allen Radford Jr to Leslie Ann Parsons
- Ollen Jefferson Faircloth to Stephanie Raye Herring
- Jose Misael Sanchez Cortes to Blanca Estela Veluzuez Vera
- Fidel Sanchez-Calvillo to Santos Rosario Pidilla Salinas

Land Transfers

- BB&T to Secretary of HUD- 2 Tracts
- David D Moulett, Julie P Moulett to Jennifer dawn Burnside, John Edward Burnside Jr- South Clinton
- Raymond C Wilson, Teresa B Wilson to Albert Aristy, Vielka A Roman- 0.98 Acres Lot 5 Little

- Coharie
- BB&T to Pasquale Civitella- 3 Parcels w/exceptions
- REQ Trust 2017-RPL1/By AIF, Rushmore Loan Management Services LLC/AIF, US Bank Trust National Association as Trustee/By AIF to Maria Sanchez, Eduardo Zelaya Zelaya- 1.77 Acres North Clinton
- Susan Kerr Hughes, William Coyna Hughe to Ernest Dwight Avery, Clifton Maxton Carter Jr, Mark Kevin Faircloth, Maxwell Glen Herring Jr- 40.9 Acres w/exceptions Franklin
- Valerie Gail Herring, James Oscar Sellers, Mariah Sellers, Willie Ras Sellers Estate to James Thomas Lamb- Lot Sampson
- Christiana Trust as Trustte/DBA, Matawin Ventures Trust Series 2016-2, Wilmington Savings Fund Society to James Thomas Lamb- Lot Sampson
- Linda Marie Justice to Camela Marie Justice, Jermaine Treysean Justice, Lasha Ashanti Justice, Linda Marie Justice- 13.22 Acres Lot 2 w/exceptions South River
- FAY Servicing LLC/AIF, NRZ REO V1-B LLC/By AIF to Douglas Wayne Pope- Lot Sampson
- Dixie Barefoot Britton to Freddie Montes, Alexia Santos- 0.80 Acres Lot 28 March Branch Subdivision Section Three Halls
- Rhonda Cashwell, Michael Dale Renegar, Susan Calhoun Renegar to Jason Calhoun Cashwell- 2 Tracts Little Coharie
- Almond F Butler, Joyce M Butler to Covington & Shaw LLC- 2.85 Acres North Clinton
- Charlene G Black, Charlene G Minnich/FKA to Carolyn Conner, Philip Jake Nelson- North Clinton
- Carroll Matthews Arthur, Charles Schwab Trust Company of Delaware/TR, Irrevocable Trust for Carrll Matthews Arthur, Willkry's Investments LLC, Lynn Carroll Young/MGR to Rockfish Poultry LLC- 4 Tracts w/exceptions Turkey
- Ismaeil Garcia Galindo to Felipe De Jesus Alvarado Bonilla- Lot 8 0.59 Acres and Lot 9 0.71 Acres Plainview
- Antoinne Craig Bowden, Lavona Hook Bowden to Santos Hernandez Portillo, Lucia Guardado Rizo- Lots 7 & 8 of the AK Herring Lands North Clinton
- Grace Olmstead to Timothy Curtis Reed- 7.85 Acres of the Mary Anna Robinson Estate Westbrook
- Cato Cardoza DeVane Jr, Maggie Anna Owens DeVane to Dana Devane Webster, Dana De Vane Webster - Tract 2 7.15 Acres Franklin
- Carol Jeanne Pate Baker, Stanley E Baker to Anne Frances Pate- 2 Tract North Clinton
- Alice S Warren, Kimbrel B Warren to Maria Garcia Delgado, Francisco Javier Hernandez Varela- North Clinton
- Donnie L Edwards Jr, Kimberly B Edwards, Michelle Edwards Reynolds, William Wayne Reynolds, David Whitledge, Mary Linda Whitledge to Joseph A Warren Jr, Linda B Warren- 3 Tracts Little Coharie

OBITUARIES

STEDMAN

Mr. Thedie "Toot" Frank Cashwell, 88 passed away Sunday, March 3, 2019. Funeral service was held at 12:00pm Thursday, March 7, 2019 at Butler Funeral Home Chapel. Burial with military honors followed at Sunrise Memorial Gardens in Salemburg. The family received friends from 7:00pm to 9:00pm Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at the funeral home. He is preceded in death by his parents, Marvin Cashwell and Fionnie Holden Cashwell; wife of 58 years, Mary Alice Cashwell; daughter, Mary Ellen Cashwell; sister, Jean C. Barnett; brother, Edsel Cashwell; and son-in-law, Glen McKnight. He is survived by his children, Deborah C. McKnight of Stedman, Glenda Bloodworth & husband, Robert of Stedman, Brenda Shanholter of Mayock, NC and Brett J. Cashwell & wife, Linda of Easley, SC; 8 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 6535 Clinton Road, Stedman.



owner of Field's Fashions for over fifty years. He served on committees with the Chamber of Commerce. In addition he was a member of Graves Presbyterian Church, a deacon and a choir member. He was an avid golfer. Survivors include: son, Douglas Byron Fields, Jr. of Roseboro (Lynn); daughter, Debbie Fields Ward (Kirby) of Bald Head Island; grandchildren; Tyler D. Ward (Lindsey) of Waxhaw, NC, Hannah Elizabeth Ward of Raleigh; and three great-grandchildren; Finn Ward, Noah Ward and Taylin Ward. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Graves Memorial Presbyterian Church: ATTN: Field's Music Fund, 201 Fayetteville St., Clinton, NC 28328. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com. Arrangements are by Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville St., Clinton, NC 28328.

WADE

Dottie Jackson Edwards, 80 of 6035 Kennel Road, Wade passed away Sunday, March 3, 2019 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. She was preceded in death by her parents, Lenon "Bill" and Mila Page Jackson, her brothers, Gary, Donnie, Lenon; sister, Bonita; and niece, Frances. She attended and graduated from Fayetteville Senior High. Last employed by the State



of North Carolina, retired after 23 years. She was a member of Clement Missionary Baptist Church. She was involved in different aspects of the churches she attended. Her greatest joy was working with children and the elderly. She is survived by her son, Gary Lobdell (Cathy); daughter Sharlene Cotton (Joseph); grandchildren, Joshua "Dusty" Lobdell, Eric D'Amico, Morgan and Anna Cotton; great grandchildren, Aiden and Emmie Lobdell, Angelia Nicolsi and Raylan D'Amico; and sisters, Shirley Jackson of Nashville and Lacene Hobbs of Hope Mills. Funeral service was held at 12:00pm Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at Clement Missionary Baptist Church, Autryville, officiating will be Pastor Lynn McLaurin and Pastor Allen Roberts. Burial followed at Williams Family Cemetery in Wade. The family received friends from 10:00am to 11:50am Wednesday at the church prior to the service. In lieu of flowers send any remembrance to Clement Missionary Baptist Church in honor of the children and youth department, 6175 Maxwell Road, Autryville, NC 28318. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 6535 Clinton Road, Stedman.

ROSEBORO

Russell Aaron Gardner, 28 of the Beaver Dam Community, Roseboro, passed away Saturday, March 2, 2019. The funeral service will be held at 3:00pm Saturday, March 9, at Peters Creek Baptist Church, 13176 Peters Creek Church Road, Roseboro, with Reverend Dr. David Bays officiating. Burial will follow at Beaver Dam Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00pm Friday evening at Butler Funeral Home,



OBITUARIES

401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro. He was born March 27, 1990 in Cumberland County and worked as a Landscaper. He is survived by his parents, Russell Harold Gardner of Roseboro, Linda Byrd Gardner of Fayetteville; paternal grandmother, Eleanor Simpson Gardner of Roseboro; maternal grandparents, Charles William Byrd of Ocean Isle, Ruth Johnson Byrd of Fayetteville; aunt, Donna Gardner Vitale of Stedman; and uncle, William Mitchell Byrd of Fayetteville. Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro is serving the family.

AUTRYVILLE, NC

Mrs. Patricia Spell Hall, 77 of Autryville, passed away Saturday, March 2, 2019 at her home. The funeral service was held at 2:00pm Wednesday, March 6, at Mt. Carmel Church of God of Prophecy, 1655 Mt. Carmel Church Road, Autryville, with Bishop Warren H. Barfield, Sr., Reverend Lutrell Spell and Reverend Eddie Smith officiating. Burial followed at Spell Cemetery, Roseboro. The family received friends from 12:30 to 1:45pm prior to the funeral service. She was born December 6, 1941 in Sampson County and was preceded in death by her parents, Libby Carr and Florence Butler Spell; mother, Marcie Tyndall Spell; brothers, Festus Carr Spell, Lewis Uriah Spell, Edwin McKenzie; and sisters, Mildred Spell, Mable Spell Parker. She worked with J.M. Peters Auto Sales. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She was faithful to her church, Mt. Carmel Church of God of Prophecy. She loved her family, friends, church family, and most of all she loved God. She is survived by one daughter, Jeanna Daniels (husband, Marcus) of Roseboro; two grandchildren, Jaelyn Daniels, John Marcus Daniels; two sisters, Ora "Sis" Roegiers of CT, Frances Hall of Fayetteville; and two brothers, Earl Spell of Beulaville, Lutrell Spell of Fremont. Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro is serving the family.



MT OLIVE

Brandon M. Herrington, 35 of Mt. Olive passed away on Sunday, March 3, 2019 surrounded by his family. Mr. Herrington's funeral service was held on Wednesday, March 6, at 11:00 AM at Randall's Chapel PFWB in Newton Grove. The Rev. Horace Johnson officiated the service. Mr. Herrington was laid to rest in Hillcrest Cemetery in Newton Grove. The family received friends at the funeral home in Newton Grove on Tuesday, March 5 from 6 to 8 pm. Brandon's survivors include his wife, Amanda D. Herrington; his children, Isaiah, Grace and Evelyn; mother, Ann Baxter Sisk and husband Terry of Fayetteville; father, Steven Herrington of Fayetteville; sister, Tiffany Pafford and husband Cliff of Cameron; and his grandmother, Star Herrington-Beaman of Fayetteville. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Brandon Herrington Memorial Trust Fund c/o First Citizens Bank PO Box 116, Newton Grove NC 28366. Condolences may be made at www.westanddunn.com.



CLINTON

Mr. Kenneth Wayne "Duke" Bass, 49, of 259 Pickle Shed Lane, passed away on Tuesday evening, March 5, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center. A Funeral Service will be held Friday, March 8th at 2:00 pm in the Chapel of Royal-Hall Funeral Home with Rev. Charles Ray Jernigan and Rev. Ken Simmons officiating. Burial will follow in the Clinton Cemetery. Born on October 25, 1969 in Sampson County, Duke is the son of Edna Williams Bass and the late Jimmy Bass. He was a professional painter the majority of his life and also enjoyed freshwater fishing with his brothers. He was a hard-working man with a heart of gold and will be greatly missed. He is survived by his mother, Edna Bass of Clinton; brothers: Jimmy Lee Bass and Nathan William Bass, both of Clinton; sister, Nicole Bass Brooks and husband Billy of Salemburg and several nieces and nephews. Visitation for family and friends will be held one hour prior to the service, beginning at 1:00 pm, at the funeral home; and other times at his mother's home located at 82 Old Drag Strip Road, Clinton. Condolences may be sent by visiting www.royalfuneralhome.com. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Bass Family.



DUNN

Mr. Henry Peyton Lee, 90, of Dunn died Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at his home. Peyton was born October 20, 1928 in Sampson County, son of the late Henry Thaddues and Lillian Jackson Lee. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Elwin Moses Lee. Peyton was a graduate of Plain View High School, had attended UNC and was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. He was an insurance agent for over 30 years with North Carolina Farm Bureau. He was a member and past master of the Mingo Masonic Lodge No. 206, member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Wilmington and the Sudan Shrine. He was a faithful member of Shady Grove OFWB Church where he was a deacon, music director for over fifty years and served on several OFWB Boards. He also was president of the Sampson County Gospel Sing and the Second Saturday Night Sing and was a member of the Four Clefs Quartet. A funeral service will be held at 3 p.m., Sunday, March 10, 2019 at Shady Grove OFWB Church with Rev. Chris Hall, Rev. Stephen Prescott, and Rev. Jesse Fulcher officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery with military and masonic rites. Peyton is survived by his wife, Betty Sue Dawson Lee; son, Michael Peyton Lee and wife Cynthia of Dunn; grandchildren, Nicholas Michael Lee and Cayla Mae Lee; brother, Wayne Jackson Lee and wife Judy of Dunn; sisters-in-law, Frances Dawson Norris and Gwen Wrenn Dawson. The family will receive friends 4-6 p.m. Saturday at the Skinner & Smith Funeral Home and other times at the home. Memorials may be made to Shady Grove OFWB Church 7605 Newton Grove Hwy. Dunn, NC 28334.



DUNN

Mr. Brett Hamilton Lewis, 30, of Dunn died Wednesday evening February 27, 2019 at his home. Brett was born on June 29, 1988, in Cumberland County and was a 2006 graduate of Midway High School. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Carl Hamilton, Jr. and Glenda "Peggy" McLeod Hamilton; paternal grandfather, E.A. Lewis and paternal step grandfather, William Daniel Hudson. A funeral service was held 2 p.m. Sunday, March 3, 2019 at Shady Grove OFWB Church with Rev. Chris Hall officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Brett is survived by his parents, Steve and Sharon Hamilton Lewis of Dunn; girlfriend, Robbie Whittington; son and best friend, Greyson Lewis, and his buddy, Cash Ennis; paternal grandmother, Marie Wilson Hudson of Dunn; brother, Dane Lewis of Raleigh; niece, Noelle Lewis of Raleigh and nephew, Chi Johnson of Billings, Montana. The family received friends Saturday from 4 to 6 p.m. at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home in Dunn. Memorials may be made to Shady Grove



OFWB Church 7541 Newton Grove Hwy., Dunn, N.C. 28334.

CLINTON

Mr. Larry Thomas Matthis, Sr. 76, of 1032 Kenneth Carter Rd., passed away Friday, March 1st, 2019 with his family by his side. Funeral services were held Sunday, March 3rd, at 3:00PM at Holly Grove Christian Church, 3940 Union School Rd., with Rev. Ken Eanes and Rev. Raeford Carter officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Born on April 9th, 1942 in Sampson County, Larry was the son of Ruby Dudley Matthis and of the late Edwin Norman "Monk" Matthis. Larry was a member of Holly Grove Christian Church and a retired Parts Manager with Ford Motor Company, where he worked for over 50 years. In addition to his mother, Larry is survived by his wife, Mildred Gray Carter Matthis of the home; daughter, Amanda M. Worley and husband, Jeffery of Clinton; son, Larry T. Matthis, Jr. and wife, Brenda of Clinton; three grandchildren: Madeline Murphy and husband, Dalton, Bryson Worley and wife, Camillia, and Kayla Matthis; one great-grandchild, Asher Murphy. In addition to his father, Larry was preceded in death by his brother, James Donald Matthis. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Matthis family.



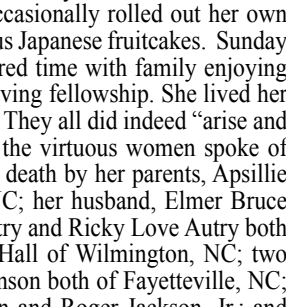
AUTRYVILLE

Myrtle Hall Autry, 93, of 351 Stage Coach Lane, Autryville, NC, went to be with her Heavenly Father on February 28, 2019. She was born in Sampson County and attended Clement School. She knew tough times from an early age but was blessed with a mother who, though she was in poor health, did all she could to support her and her siblings. Myrtle married Elmer Bruce Autry at age 16. They had two daughters, two sons, and two granddaughters. She was employed at Burlington Mills for some years, but she was primarily a homemaker. Myrtle was always doing all she could to help subsidize the family income working with her daughters in barning tobacco and in picking cotton and dewberries. In May 1986 tragedy struck her family. Son Garry died at the age of 33 after a brief illness. In November Elmer suffered a fatal heart attack on a hunting trip. In December Ricky died at the age of 27 in a house fire and was buried on Christmas Eve. By the grace of God and the love and care of family and friends her anchor held. Myrtle never held a driver license and had never written a check, but soon she became a pro at managing her small income. She was a good steward and always paid her tithe on every dollar she received. In 1993 daughter Sandra Faye moved back home and they shared many wonderful times together. They were two peas in a pod. In 1995 daughter Betty and husband Mac moved next door. In 1996 Myrtle took a road trip in a motorhome with Betty and Mac. They crossed 13 states. She had never traveled far from home, so this was quite an experience. Probably one of the best parts was that she was in Arizona when Hurricane Fran struck North Carolina. By the time she arrived home the power had been restored, the water pump replaced, and the cleanup finished. However, in 2018, when Hurricane Florence came through, she was not as fortunate, but the family hunkered down and withstood six days without power (talk about togetherness). In 2003 granddaughter Cindy and her husband Mark blessed Myrtle with great grandson Cole and in 2006 great grandson Dakota. She loved them dearly and they called her Nana. In May 2005 her family gave her an 80th birthday party. It was a wonderful day, and she loved seeing and talking to all who came to share in the celebration. In June 2009 she suffered a heart attack and the future was uncertain. But thank the Lord she was able to celebrate her 90th birthday on May 3, 2015. Myrtle's church, Autryville New Life Church of God, honored her with a "Sister Myrtle Day". It was a day she never forgot. She talked about it constantly. Over 200 people joined in the celebration. "Sister" Myrtle was devoted to her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and was a faithful servant. She was a member of the church since 1951. Though not a charter member, as the church was established in 1947, she was the oldest member at the time of her death. The Lord was always number one with "Sister" Myrtle. She spent the last 73 years of her life in His service. She had the power of prayer so much so that she often received requests outside her church family. Everyone knew when she prayed for you, she would call you by name. "Sister" Myrtle was truly a prayer warrior. She loved her church and in years past she and many other saints, who have also since passed on, worked many long hours cooking and preparing food to sale to help support the church. She, along with other volunteer custodians, would sometimes work all day cleaning the church. They cleaned it like it was their home - and it was. Myrtle was a devoted wife, mother, sister, aunt, grandmother, great grandmother, neighbor, and friend. She was a wonderful cook and she knew you had to properly season food if you expected it to taste good. Myrtle often cooked and baked as gifts to others. She still occasionally rolled out her own pastry and was known for her delicious Japanese fruitcakes. Sunday afternoons after church was a treasured time with family enjoying great meals, laughing, and sharing loving fellowship. She lived her life as an example before her family. They all did indeed "arise and call her blessed". Myrtle was truly the virtuous woman spoke of in Proverbs 31. She was preceded in death by her parents, Apsillie and Wellington Hall of Roseboro, NC; her husband, Elmer Bruce Autry and two sons, Garry Bruce Autry and Ricky Love Autry both of Autryville, NC; brother, Delbert Hall of Wilmington, NC; two sisters, Merline Weeks and Eva Atkinson both of Fayetteville, NC; sons-in-law, Willie "Mac" McGowan and Roger Jackson, Jr.; and grandson-in-law, Mark Bedard. She is survived by two daughters, Betty McGowan of Autryville, NC and Sandra Faye Autry of the home; two granddaughters, Cindy Jackson Bedard of Autryville, NC and Michelle McGowan of Stedman, NC; two great grandsons, Cole Bedard and Dakota Bedard of Autryville, NC; four nieces, Mary Catherine Weeks Bailey and Delores Weeks Robinson both of Fayetteville, NC; Patricia Atkinson Bailey and Vickie Atkinson Durand both of Alpharetta, GA. A Celebration of Life service was held Tuesday, March 5, 2019, beginning at 3:00 p.m. at the Autryville New Life Church of God at 205 East North Street, Autryville, NC. Pastor Larry Autry officiating. Visitation followed the service in the church fellowship hall. Interment was private in the Autryville New Life Church of God cemetery. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, Stedman, NC.



ELIZABETHTOWN

Mrs. Deborah Cain Pait 64 of 200 Hill St., died Sunday, March 03, 2019 at Bladen Co. Hospital in Elizabethtown, NC. Mrs. Pait was born in Sampson Co. the daughter of the late Jim Thomas Cain and Louise Horne Cain. She was preceded in death by a brother Jimmy Cain. Celebration of life service was held at 7:00 P.M. Thursday, March 07, 2019 by the Reverend Richard Smith. Mrs. Pait is survived by her husband, James A. "Jim" Pait, one daughter Amy Assion and husband Mark of Youngstown, OH, one son Chris Smith and wife, Leigh Anne of Woodstock, Ga, three sisters, Alice Smith of Garland, Frances Burton and husband Cary of Hampstead, Sue Cole of Garland, one brother, Johnny Cain of Garland, 7 grandchildren, Mike Assion, Gracie Assion, Justin Smith, Ben Warwick, Ashton Smith, Alyssa Warwick, James Smith. A visitation was held from 6:00P.M.-7:00P.M. before the service and also after the service at Carter Funeral Home in Garland, and other times at



the home of Jim Pait, 200 Hill St., Elizabethtown, NC. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society ATTN: Relay for Life of Bladen County 2202 Wrightsville Ave Ste 111 Wilmington, NC 28403. Service by Carter Funeral Home in Garland

DUNN

Mr. RF "Pete" Wrench, 78, of Godwin, died Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at his home. Mr. Wrench was born October 1, 1940 in Sampson County to the late Thelmer & Vallie Page Wrench. Mr. Wrench was preceded in death by his son, Paul Wrench and brothers, Buddy Wrench and Kent Wrench. Mr. Wrench was co-founder and owner of Old Hickory BBQ and Old Hickory Stainless Steel. He loved to work, as his work ethic was passed down from his mother, Vallie. He was known as a stainless steel connoisseur. He enjoyed custom designing stainless steel creations for his customers. If you could draw it, he could build it. Mr. Wrench loved his family, old cars, Coca-Cola, gas pumps, and antiques. He also enjoyed traveling, as long as he could work a little doing it. He was a true character and will be greatly missed. Funeral services will be at 3:00p.m., Friday, March 8, 2019 at Baptist Chapel Church with Rev. Joey Cantrell and Hubert Honeycutt officiating. Burial will follow in Wesley Chapel Church Cemetery. Mr. Wrench is survived by his wife of 52 years, Amelia; son, Wayne & wife Erika of Godwin, brother, Ed Wrench & wife Jane of Godwin; sisters, Sylvia Jackson & husband James Marshall of Godwin, Rose W. Matthews & husband Lawrence of Hampstead; grandchildren, Heather Elizabeth Wrench & Nathan Anderson Wrench; brother-in-law, Jeff Jackson & wife Becky; and sisters-in-law, Margaret Wrench & Phyllis Wrench. Visitation will be at 2:00 p.m., Friday, March 8, 2019 at Baptist Chapel Church, one hour prior to the service. Flowers are welcome, however memorials may be made to The Mariposa School, 203 Gregson Drive, Cary, NC 27511. Arrangements are by Skinner & Smith Funeral Home of Dunn.



DELWAY

Mrs. Nettie McDowell Peterson 84 of 7016 Brecken Ridge Ave. Raleigh, NC, formerly of Hayes Chapel/Delway Community died, Sunday, March 03, 2019 at her residence. Mrs. Peterson was born in Sampson County, the daughter of the late Charlie McDowell and Elizabeth Herring McDowell. She was preceded in death by her husband, James A. Peterson Sr., sisters, Pauline Peterson, Lillie M. Austin, Pearl Autry and brother Charlie McDowell. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 P.M. Saturday, March 09, 2019 at Hayes Chapel Baptist Church by the Reverend Alfred Holston. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Mrs. Peterson is survived by four daughters, Carolyn Peterson of Long Beach, CA, Sarah Woods, Betty Peterson both of Stedman, Mary Ellen Matiukas (David) of Raleigh, NC, two sons, James A. Peterson Jr (Barbara) of Garland, NC, and Jamal Johnson of Fayetteville, NC, one brother, Bert Nichols (Willie Mae) of Bayside, NY, one sister Marie Anderson (Allen) of Elizabethtown, NC eight grandchildren, Robert E. Woods, Jr., Jacinda Corbett (Jeremy), Jeremy Boykin, Monique Boykin, Frederick Hayes, Ashleigh Matiukas, Clayton Matiukas, Reed Matiukas, one great-grandchild, Aubrey Noelle Corbett and a host of nieces and nephews. A public viewing will be held from 1:00P.M.-6:00P.M. with family present the last hour on Friday, March 08, 2019 at Carter Funeral Home in Garland. www.carterfh.com



SALEMBURG

Ms. Debra Lynn Baker, 64 of Salemburg, passed away Saturday, March 2, 2019 at Wayne Memorial Hospital. She was born November 26, 1954 in Cumberland County to Lewis Paul and Elizabeth Ann Ivey McLemore. She was a homemaker. She is survived by two daughters, Bobby Jo Sanchez, Brandy Jones; one son, Bradley Baker; four grandchildren; two sisters, Barbara Daniels, Jennifer Bledsole; one brother, Donald McLemore. Services will be held at a later date. Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro is serving the family.

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SPEED FREAKS

A few questions we had to ask ourselves

Your knee-jerk review of Vegas and results of the "new package"?

GODSPEAK: It's a work in progress. Drivers have more car control, and there have been fewer wrecks. Give it time.

KEN'S CALL: If it seemed perfect at the start, the engineers would eventually mess it up. But it seems imperfect at the start, so maybe the engineers will find a way to tighten up the field. Reverse psychology, right there.

Kez, then Joey. Is this going to be a Penske year?

GODSPEAK: You know how the winds of fortune work, but right now Team Penske enjoys a belated jib. What?

KEN'S CALL: Penske also has a third wheel, Ryan Blaney, who has done no better than 22nd so far. If they get him going, watch out.

FEUD OF THE WEEK

DENNY HAMLIN VS. KURT BUSCH:

Hamlin was not happy about having to play follow-the-leader behind Busch, who was a tick slower on older tires, but impassable because of the new aero/motor combo.

GODWIN KELLY'S TAKE: This is something new in the Cup Series — faster cars that can't pass. "(When) he ran the bottom (racing lane) then there's nothing anyone could do about it," Hamlin said.

GODWIN'S PICKS FOR PHOENIX

WINNER: Kevin Harvick
REST OF TOP 5: Chase Elliott, Kyle Busch, Joey Logano, Kurt Busch

FIRST ONE OUT: Ty Dillon
DARK HORSE: Ricky Stenhouse Jr.

DON'T BE SURPRISED IF: The competition tightens up in the front pack because of the size of this oval.

MOTOR MOUTHS PODCAST

Stay west, young man, stay west. Horace Greeley didn't exactly say that, but he wasn't a NASCAR fan.

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PHOENIX

THREE THINGS TO WATCH

1. Penske power

It sure looks like Team Penske has found the secret key to the new NASCAR package — two wins by two drivers on consecutive weekends. Joey Logano credited Ford's engineers for solving the puzzle. "Everyone is going through a learning curve right now, so if there's a time to do it, now is the time because we had to redo everything we had anyway," Logano said of the new Mustang. "That seems to be paying dividends for us now."

2. NASCAR's observation

The Cup Series made its full aero/engine package debut at Las Vegas, with mixed reviews. NASCAR is poking and prodding at the data gathered to date. "I think it was good to see directionally that guys (came) up through the pack and make a pass for the lead," NASCAR Vice President Steve O'Donnell said.



Joey Logano won at Las Vegas a week after teammate Brad Keselowski captured the flag at Atlanta. Team Penske has seen early success with the new aero/motor package. [AP/JOHN LOCHER]

"But still work to do. It's early. Three different winners, three races; so we'll take this one and head to Phoenix."

3. Harvick watch

When the Cup Series circus hits Phoenix and ISM Raceway, you have to keep one eye on Kevin Harvick. Harvick has piled up nine wins at the 1-mile oval. He hasn't

been happy with his car yet this season. "The last two weeks we've been in right field at the start of practice, and they just keep scrambling and taking big swings at it to get us close," he said. "Hopefully, we can get that figured out." Count on it Sunday.

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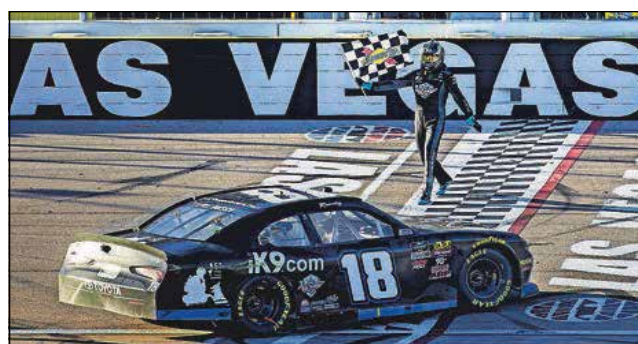
THREE THINGS WE LEARNED

1. Two for Kyle

Kyle Busch continued his assault on NASCAR's minor-league series with two more wins, but finished third in the Cup race. "I think we passed the most cars so I think we were the most impressive," he said, "but that doesn't matter because we don't have a trophy. Whatever."

2. Top-5 for Kurt

Kurt Busch has taken a liking to the new package. At least that's what his performance sheet shows — two top-five finishes in a row. "I'm really proud of everybody to get a top-five," he said. "Now we've got two top-fives this year, but



Kyle Busch carries the checkered flag after winning the Xfinity Series race at Las Vegas. He won the Truck Series race Friday, but finished third in Sunday's Cup race. [AP/BENJAMIN HAGER]

we know we've got some more work to do."

3. Package reaction

NASCAR's new Cup package made its debut at Las Vegas. "Yeah, I mean I really don't care," driver Chase Elliott (ninth) said.

"If it's entertaining for people to watch, it really does not matter to me a bit. Whatever it is, it is, the rules are the same for everybody."

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QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers

Is that a look of concern?

Let's call it a mix of mild concern, balanced by a hesitance to offer snap judgment. I tuned into Sunday's race, saw a big pack of cars slicing and dicing, and said, "See that's exactly what NASCAR was looking for with the new configurations." Then I looked in the corner of the screen and realized it was just the second lap of a green-flag run. By Lap 10, it became the Urban Meyer 400 — everyone in spread formation.

Now what?

I always go back to the theory proposed by former Nashville Tennessean motorsports writer Larry Woody, who suggested tossing a rabid badger in every cockpit to liven things up. Given NASCAR's reluctance to see the brilliance in that, I will instead opt for patience and the institutional knowledge that no eventual landing spot, rules-wise, will be universally loved by all.

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WHAT'S ON TAP

CUP SERIES: TicketGuardian 500
SITE: ISM Raceway (1-mile oval)
SCHEDULE: Friday, qualifying (Fox Sports 1, 6 p.m.). Saturday, practice (Fox Sports 1, 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.). Sunday, race (Fox, coverage begins at 3 p.m., racing at 3:30 p.m.)

XFINITY: Xfinity 200
SITE: ISM Raceway
SCHEDULE: Friday, practice (Fox Sports 1, 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.). Saturday, qualifying (Fox Sports 1, 12:30 p.m.), race (Fox Sports 1, 4 p.m.)

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