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Mayor and City Council to Sue State DOT



During Tuesday night's City Council meeting, Mayor Lew Starling asked the members of the City Council to give the City Attorney the authority to proceed with a lawsuit aimed at gathering information and communication between the State's Department of Transportation and the Fred Smith Company.

Lawsuit, see P.4

For SCC Grads, Success Spans Generations



Owens and Anders meet in a familiar spot.

It is graduation season and that means hundreds of thousands of grandmothers across the nation will be sitting in auditoriums cheering on their grandchildren as they walk across the stage to get their degrees. Alexis Anders, however, will only have to look across the stage to find hers.

Anders is earning her degree in Human Services Technology this week. Rosetta Owens, a fellow graduate, is also her grandmother. Her degree is in Early Childhood Education. "I decided on this particular degree because like Alexis, I was a very young mother," says Owens. "I saw different things about different children as a mother growing up and I wanted to raise my children a certain way and I think that's what piqued my interest in the Early Childhood program."

"I am a single mother, very young and I thought I would never have time to go back to school and earn a degree," says Anders. "But how could I possibly sit there and watch my grandmother go out there, she also having been a young mother...and also be older than the average college student, get her degree and me not be inspired?"

Alexis and Rosetta formed a bond over the years, not only as grandmother and granddaughter—but as schoolmates. Sharing the trials and tribulations of things that happened in class or helping each other with homework that sometimes might not have made sense became the norm. After all, Anders says she got into the Human Services program because she likes helping people in the first place.

"Right now, words cannot describe how I feel to be able to walk across the stage with my granddaughter this week," adds Owens. Anders shares the same sentiment. "To be onstage after all the hard work I put in to get here is exciting enough but to look out there and see all of your family members cheering you on—that's incredible. But then, I will look over and see my own grandmother going after her dreams too. That is indescribable."

"The message I think our story should send is twofold," adds Anders. "One is that it is never too late to follow your dream. The other is that if you have the chance to inspire someone who is considering not following their own dream, take that chance!"

"Our family of course, knows we are graduating together this week," laughs Owens. "What they don't know is that we are being featured in this article. I can't wait to see the look on their faces when they read about it and reflect on all the things that we accomplished together."

Congratulations to Owens, Anders and all the graduates from Sampson Community College this week. For more information about Sampson Community College, visit www.sampsoncc.edu.

City School Board Cuts Teacher Supplements



With a shrinking fund balance and a new budget on the table, Dr. Wesley Johnson, Superintendent of Clinton City Schools has been forced to make some hard cuts since his administration began. The most controversial came this past Tuesday when Johnson outlined a proposal which would cut teacher supplements by an average of \$500.

A very reluctant board approved the measure by a roll call vote 5 to 1 with former superintendent and now board member Dr. Stuart Blount the only member to vote no. An additional caveat of an annual review of the fund balance against teacher supplements was added so that as budget issues improve, teacher supplements could be addressed and raised when possible.

City Schools, see P.4

WEEKLY VERSE

Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

Proverbs 31:30

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LOCAL NEWS

From the Desk of Senator Brent Jackson

I hope you had a great week thus far. As you may be aware this Sunday is Mother's Day. I hope you all will take the time to show appreciation and thanks for some of the most important people in our lives. Please make sure to thank them for all they do for us on a daily basis.

Earlier today, I also had the opportunity to speak at the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners County Legislative Day. I was able to speak with them about the importance of working with counties on local issues here in North Carolina.

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

Legislative Recap USMCA Passes Senate

Yesterday, the General Assembly passed a Resolution supporting the USMCA, the replacement trade deal for NAFTA. It is important to our economy to protect farmers and NAFTA put a huge burden on Agriculture across the United States. This new trade deal greatly improves the balance of power for our Agriculture industry and keeps us competitive on the global stage. I am proud to support continuing efforts to improve our existing trade deals and look forward to offering more input on the USMCA.

From the District



Sampson County Powell Earns Cheatham-White Scholarship
NiDaria Powell has been awarded the Cheatham-White Scholarship from North Carolina Central University.

She is a senior from Lakewood High School was one of 21 students selected by the Durham-based university for the Cheatham-White Merit Scholarship Program, which will cover four years of education for Powell.

The scholarship was established in 2017 with \$3.2 million for funding authorized by the North Carolina General Assembly for students attending NCCU and North Carolina A&T University. The scholarships pay for tuition, room and board, student fees, books, a laptop computer, supplies and personal expenses. It will also provide summer experiences such as international travel and studies.

Powell is the daughter of Nicole Allen and Darius Powell. At LHS, she's a member of the Science Club, Key Club, Future Business Leaders of America, Fellowship of Christian Students, Student Government Association and the National Beta Club. Powell was also a member of the volleyball, track and basketball teams. When she's not busy at school, she volunteers with the Salemburg Food Bank and local elementary schools. Congratulations on this fantastic achievement!

District Spotlight

Woodrow Brinson Jr. Honored
Woodrow Brinson, of Duplin County, was honored for his volunteer service at the 2019 Governor's Medallion Award Ceremony this past Monday night.

Woody has contributed countless hours to his community beyond his career roles and has been a long-serving volunteer in many capacities. He is the President of Kenansville Jaycees, a Volunteer Firefighter, coach of a youth baseball team, and he served on the Parent Advisory Committee at James Kenan High School. Woody also helped form the Duplin County Chamber of Commerce, recruiting members, planning events, and developing the organizational structure. He has volunteered time to the Kenansville Area Preservation and Developmental Foundation and the Cowan Museum of History and Science. This past year he helped to bring a traveling exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution to Duplin County. Congratulations on this well-deserved award and thank you for your years' worth of service to our community.



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.

Faircloth Wins State Honors



Cullen Faircloth, a member of Long Branch Baptist Church in Autryville and a sophomore at Midway High School won the North Carolina State Bible Drill Competition held April 27 in Shelby, North Carolina. After winning competitions at the church, Associational, and Regional levels, all with perfect scores – Cullen also took the State title with a perfect score. Cullen has now qualified for the National Bible Drill Finals which will be held in Concord, NC on June 14.

This will be Cullen's second trip to the National Finals. Students who win state Championships are allowed to compete in the National Finals once in the Youth Division, Grades 7 – 9 (Cullen competed in the Nationals that were held in Dallas, Texas as a seventh grader) and once as a High School student, Grades 10 – 12. Cullen has been awarded \$2,500 in college scholarships by virtue of his competition victories.

Cullen is the son of Dr. Ron and Heather Faircloth and Mrs. Melissa Hughes serves as the coach of the Long Branch Baptist Church Bible Drill Team.



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CCR Graduates Set Example for Others



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It's never too late. That's the message Crystal Jacobs likes to convey when she reflects on her completion of Sampson Community College's College and Career Readiness program. Jacobs was one of more than two-dozen graduates this week from the program.

"My experience started with my kids," says Jacobs, who was chosen as speaker for the group at this week's graduation ceremony. "I am in this program to show my children that you can do anything once you put your mind to it. No matter the age or how long it takes you should always reach for your goals."

Being college and career ready means that students graduate from the program prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary opportunities—whether college or career. Students who complete the program are prepared to transition into the college or career options of their choice.

They learn mastery of knowledge and skills in core academic disciplines, including English language arts, mathematics, social studies, and science. Skills in mathematics and literacy are foundational to the study of all other disciplines, and high school graduates are often asked to demonstrate competency in these subject areas by successfully meeting the state's testing guidelines before they enroll into post-secondary study, enter certain job training programs, or pursue the military career of their choice.

Jacobs, who now works at Sampson Regional Medical Center and is currently

South River EMC Returns \$3 Million



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South River Electric Membership Corporation members will have a pleasant surprise on their May electric bills due to higher-than-expected margins in 2018. Active members who had electric service with the Cooperative in 2018 will find a credit on their electric bills in May.

South River EMC is a not-for-profit electric cooperative. As such, any money earned above expenses, is returned to members in the form of capital credits. Capital credits are refunded in the fourth quarter of the year. However, margins were greater than normal, so the Cooperative board of directors elected to provide a one-time power cost rebate on electric bills.

"I am pleased to announce that in May, \$3 million will be returned to the membership in the form of a rebate, based on electric use in 2018," said South River EMC Executive Vice President & CEO Chris M. Spears.

The past couple of years have been financially beneficial for members of South River EMC. Over the last two years, South River EMC has provided bill credits totaling \$5.5 million. This is in addition to the \$4 million in capital credit refunds for 2017 and \$4.36 million in 2018. Capital credit refunds are provided to former members, whether they are customers of South River EMC or not.

South River EMC is a locally owned and operated electric cooperative, which provides electric service to 43,000 homes, farms and businesses in parts of Harnett, Cumberland, Sampson, Johnston and Bladen counties.

pursuing a career in nursing, can't speak highly enough of the program and how it has helped her. "I always told myself I was going to go back to school and get my diploma," she says. "When I had my children, I knew I needed to set an example for them. I wanted them to know that they can put their mind to anything and accomplish it. I knew I wanted to have better job opportunities as well and getting my diploma has helped with that."

For information about SCC's basic adult education programs, contact LaVoice Faison-Stevens. Director of College and Career Readiness at lstevens@sampsoncc.edu or at 910-900-4071.

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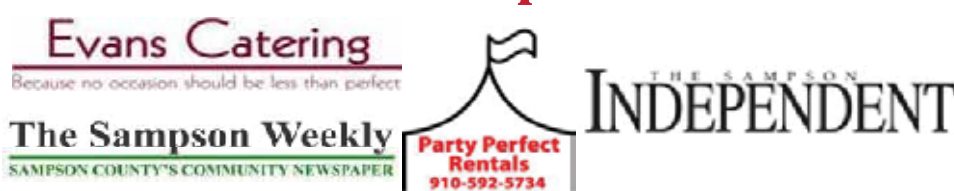
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LOCAL NEWS

Lawsuit, cont. from P. 1

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, the Mayor and Council asked NC DOT for the requested information in November 2018 and has yet to receive the requested information. Calling the Hwy 24 project a Black Eye on the city, Starling explained, "We asked them specifically for all time extension, supplemental agreements that have been submitted, and all communication and documentation regarding this project."

Starling stated, "We want to see the communications between Fred Smith and the state. Are there any liquidated damages? Why aren't they performing? Have they been punished?" We submitted this on November 15 and its my understanding that we have yet to receive it. And the law requires the state to give us this information."

A motion to advance a lawsuit was approved by the City Council and will proceed in all haste.

In a follow-up interview, Mayor Starling stated, "The City hopes the prospect of a lawsuit will get NCDOT to provide the public records, relating the NC-24 project's schedule and delays, which the City requested in November of 2018. As of the May 2019 City Council meeting, NCDOT had not responded to the request and the City Council authorized the City Attorney to file a suit in order to get the records and hopefully facilitate completion of the project."

"The City requested the records on behalf of the citizens of Clinton. Any citizen has the right to see these documents. The City's intention is to review the documents in the hopes that it sheds light on the delays and facilitates completing the project as soon as possible."

Starling concluded, "The City Council authorized the City Attorney to file a suit in order to get the records requested. We will review all options available to facilitate completion of the project."

The Hwy 24 project began in January 2014 with an initial completion date of November 2017. In a November Town Hall meeting Keith Eason, District Engineer with DOT explained that the completion date had been extended to February 2019. The project is now in its 65th month and the end still looks a long way away.

City Schools, cont. from P. 1

Dr. Johnson's plan moves away from calculating teacher supplements based on a percentage of pay to a 3-tier yearly stepped formulation. Total teacher supplements for year 2018-2019 cost the school district \$149,565. Under Johnson's plan total teacher supplements for year 2019-2020 will cost the district \$125,056. A savings of \$24,509.

Johnson explained that with the General Assembly raising teacher pay with plans to continue raises, a supplement plan based on a percentage of pay couldn't be maintained by the district. Under Johnson's 3-tier yearly step plan, a raise in pay will not impact teacher supplements thereby stabilizing the budget.

Johnson's plan starts with a base \$3,000 supplement pay and tops out at \$5,700 based on years of experience, certifications and degree level.

Voting against the plan and adamantly arguing against it, Blount's issue with the plan was not the formulation method but that it started with a base supplement that in effect would reduce the average teacher supplement by \$500.

Blount wasn't the only one unhappy with the plan. Each board member and Dr. Johnson stressed their reluctance, with Dr. Johnson introducing the plan by stating that it saddened him to present it.

Georgina Zeng was the first to state her displeasure with the measure asking Human Resources to visit each school to make sure staff understood the measure was a necessity and not what the board wanted to do. "Of course, no one at this table - that's the last thing we would want."

Vice Chair Jason Walters expressed his displeasure with the need to cut supplements but stated he felt the measure was a necessity. He also favored the tiered system expressing the need to measure the strain on the budget recent pay increases had caused.

Dr. Blount stated that he was as familiar with the budget process as anyone and felt there were other ways to address budget shortfalls, "without putting it on the backs of our teachers."

"I came on the board in July," stated Blount, "and my position has not changed. I am convinced there's other ways to do this."

Carol Worley stated, "I would just like to add that its troubling to me, as well as to the 5 members on this board, that this is the route we have to take." She asked Dr. Blount to share with the board other ways to increase the fund balance without effecting teacher supplements.

Blount replied, "In reference to providing opportunities and suggestions over the last year, I've done that. When I got on this board, I told our superintendent that it was his ship, not mine. And when I can support him I will and when I can't I will tell him before it happens."

Worley once again stressed her reluctance to the plan as well as the entire board's reluctance but stressed the need to support the superintendent and his cabinet's plan as the only option at the time.

Mike Lanier stated that 90% of the district's budget was salary/compensation based. "That's got to be the area, unfortunately, where we've got to make sure we're spending our money the most efficient way the best way we possibly can; while at the same time, as Mr. Walters said we still remain a very competitive supplement."

"I respect each of my colleague's opinion on this matter," stated Blount, "and I've heard each person speak and indicate that this is not what they want to do, it's what they have to do. My final comment on this topic is going to be, you need to vote your conscience. You need to vote in your heart what you believe is right."

After a call for a roll call vote, each board member voted when their name was called verbally stating yes or no. Five members voted yes on the proposal with only Dr. Blount voting no.



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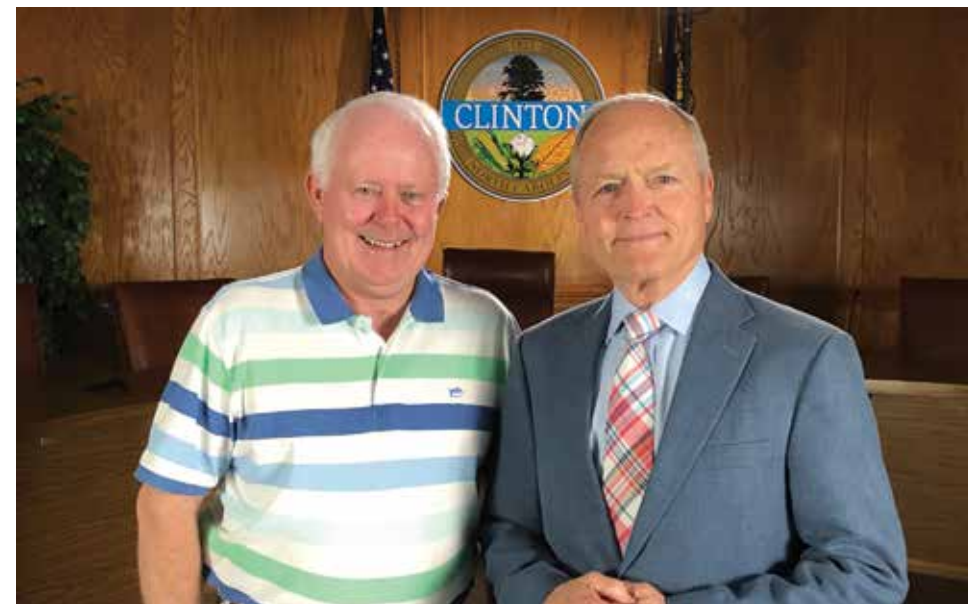
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We Should Know . . .



Ray Jordan with JW Simmons Host of We Should Know

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

The guest for this week’s show is Ray Jordan, Executive Director of the Sampson County Exposition Center.

Ray Jordan is Executive Director of the Sampson County Exposition Center, and past President of the Sampson Arts Council. Jordan joined the staff of Sampson County 20 years ago as Director of the Sampson County Exposition Center and is now the Executive Director for the Expo Center. Mr. Jordan also serves as the Chairman for the Sampson County Convention Visitor’s Bureau. He also serves on the Economic Development Commission.

JW Simmons begins the show jokingly stating that Ray Jordan had gained new skills since they last talked including coordination and distribution of products and services as a result of Hurricane Florence.

“Yeah, JW I’ll tell you,” begins Jordan, “last fall when the hurricane came thru the Expo Center and its staff, and several other departments including Recreation and Planning and Zoning, we were assigned to what’s called central receiving and distribution. And during that time, we opened the Expo Center up and we received all the items that came in from FEMA, Red Cross and all whether it be food, water, a multitude of different products that we then distributed across the county.”

“We had a really, really good team that worked with us. That team stayed together for 11 days, 24 hours a day. I can’t say enough good about all the ones that came in and worked and put forth effort to help folks across the county. And for those out there that happened to come by the Expo Center, we actually had Duke Energy set up as a staging area at the Expo Center and we had approximately 225-line workers and their support staff that were there for 8 days and seven nights. They stayed with us while they were restoring power in their service areas across the county.”

“But,” adds Jordan, “I can’t say enough about the people in this county. People wanted

to donate things and come by. And when we went out the people whose houses had been flooded or whatever problem they had; they had such a positive perspective while we were trying to serve them. So, it was really good and rewarding.”

Simmons next says that the county employees did such a tremendous job staying at their assigned work locations and basically living there even while they had issues of their own that needed attention.

Jordan responds, “I really can’t say enough about those that I worked with during that storm. We did have someone that was assigned to s that actually fell while unloading a trailer. And I knew they had hurt their back and they weren’t feeling the best in the world. It was kind of at a time when we had a little bit of a break and I said look, go home, sleep in your bed tonight and come back tomorrow. I left to go take a shower and came back and they were sitting at the table with the rest of the crowd eating. I said what are you doing back, and the person said I couldn’t leave you all behind and not do my part.”

“There were several county employees that I could name that we would be out in a boat and their house was under water, yet they were out serving the other people in the county. And its part of our job that if a storm comes, we work, but there were so many that went far and beyond what was expected.”

Ray Jordan explains that he had a group of women that kept calling wanting to volunteer to help. I took a while to find a way that they could, but eventually he said I had 225 men staying at the Center and just one washer and dryer. He explained that to the ladies who then came and picked up cloths, washed, dried and folded them and returned them to the men.

“Also, at the Expo Center we had the Coast Guard, we had Wildlife resources, we had National Guard units to help. And just so many people came together and the citizens of the should be proud of what all happened to support the folks across the county.”

In a later segment of the show, JW Simmons asks Ray Jordan to discuss Alive After Five.

“This is the seventh season for Alive After Five,” explains Jordan. “What started as a local business person coming to the Arts Council asking if we could have some type of summer concert and that’s how it began. So, the Alive After Five committee was formed as a committee of the Arts Council and the City of Clint and Sampson County joined as presenting partners.”

“From the beginning until this year we’ve anywhere from 110 to 130 sponsors from varying dollar amounts from all across the county and some from outside the county. Its been a very good series. We average close to 5,000 people for the season and the great thing about it is it’s a good clean community concert where folks can come out and bring their families and have good entertainment for a couple of hours. And it’s put on for free because of all the sponsors.”

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 - JIM QUICK & COASTLINE, Thursday, June 20, 2019 from 6:00 pm to 8:45 pm
 - BAND OF OZ, Thursday, September 19, 2019 from 6:00 pm to 8:45 pm
 - TOO MUCH SYLVIA, Thursday, October 17, 2019 from 6:00 pm to 8:45 pm

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

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 and on Star channel 16 SD and 316 HD. 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.

Clinton Sampson Chamber Member Spotlight



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SCC’s Spring Art Event Shows Off Local Talent



Melissa Carter looks over one of the two paintings she purchased at this year’s event

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. According to the consensus who attended the annual Spring Arts Open House this week, there was plenty of it to go around. Tuesday evening, the college hosted its 2019 version of the event to an enthusiastic crowd.

“We love this event,” says Katie Brown, Director of Customized Training and Occupational Extension Programming for the college’s Workforce Development and Continuing Education Department. “What a nice gathering. This show covers the spectrum as it relates to art, from photography and painting to flower and cake decorating. It’s awesome!”

The free event, hosted each year by the college’s Foundation and Workforce Development and Continuing Education department, features student artists from Sampson, Robeson, Duplin, Harnett and other counties. Some items are available to buy.

“This is great because it’s one thing to learn about art over time and perfect your craft in the classroom,” adds Brown. “But how satisfying it has to be to take a work of art that you have made as a student and put it on display for the public? We have many guests that come through here for this event each year. I think it builds their confidence and provides validity to their credentials as artists, to have their work shown outside the classroom.”

For more information about the college’s Workforce Development and Continuing Education program, contact Brown at kbrown@sampsoncc.edu.

FAITH



Make Marriage Great Again: Verse by Verse through Song of Songs

“Solomon’s Finest Song. Oh, that he would kiss me with the kisses of his mouth! For your love is

more delightful than wine. The fragrance of your perfume is intoxicating; your name is perfume poured out. No wonder young women adore you. Take me with you – let us hurry. Oh, that the king would bring me to his chambers. We will rejoice and be glad for you; we will praise your love more than wine. It is only right that they adore you. Daughters of Jerusalem, I am dark like the tents of Kedar, yet lovely like the curtains of Solomon. Do not stare at me because I am dark, for the sun has gazed on me. My mother’s sons were angry with me; they made me a keeper of the vineyards. I have not kept my own vineyard. Tell me, you, the one I love; Where do you pasture your sheep? Where do you let them rest at noon? Why should I be like the one who veils herself beside the flocks of your companions?” Song of Songs 1:1-7 (HCSB)

A pastor and his family were walking down the beach one hot summer day in the afternoon. Two young women, wearing skimpy bikinis passed by them as they walked at the edge of the shore line. The pastor remarked, “How disgusting!” His wife retorted, “If it is so disgusting, why do you look?” Their twelve year old son spoke up and said, “Maybe Dad likes to be disgusted.”

Part of our created-ness as humans made in God’s image is the ability to be drawn to something attractive. We do this with art, we do this with colors, we do this with food, and yes, we do this with people as well. God realized that he had created with this double-edged sword called desire, because God knows desire as well. We are made in his likeness. In Genesis, we see that not only did God create us like him, but that our

obsession with what is attractive could get us in trouble. So he gave Adam a wife, knowing that it wasn’t good for man to be alone. In marriage, God allowed humans to experience love, harmony and joy – something they could fully experience forever had they not been deceived and rebelled against God. Commentator Douglas O’Donnell sums up Solomon’s Finest Song (Vs. 1) by saying that this could have been sung in the garden by Adam when Eve was created from his side, and it remains a song that we should be able to sing in the bedroom, in the church, and in the marketplace of ideas. (Douglas O’Donnell, The Song of Solomon: An Invitation to Intimacy).

Ultimately, God created marriage to mirror the relationship he desires to have with humanity. The marriage bond between a man and a woman– permanent and sacrificial – should point us to Christ. But in the climate where marriage is anything but permanent and sacrificial, we can look to the Song of Songs to see how we should treat matrimony and our spouses.

First, there is a picture of passion. The main theme of the Song of Songs is sex; sex between a husband and a wife. Sex is a gift from God, and in a covenant marriage husbands and wives give themselves to each other emotionally, spiritually, and physically. This transaction is not quid pro quo in the since that you should get goods and service in return for what you put in like a contract. It is a covenant where giving that is centered on glorifying God and being passionate about your mate. Godly passion involves submission, sacrifice and serving. The goal of sex is worship – being obedient to God’s design for marriage. To show passion to your spouse in marriage is to show passion for God’s glory.

Second, there is a picture of intimacy.

Do you enjoy spending time with your husband or wife? The Song of Solomon is a dialogue between a husband and his wife. Verses 1-7 above is dialogue dominated by the wife (What else is new!) and reveals not only her passion, but her desire for intimacy. Look at some of the phrases she uses: “The fragrance of your perfume is intoxicating” – She longs to be so close to him that she can smell his Old Spice. “Take me with you – let us hurry” – The destination is the wedding bed. That is evident by the next statement, “Oh, that the king would bring me into his chambers.” She loves being with her man, and with anticipation, she is looking forward to time with him in private. Intimacy magnifies the greatness of your spouse. The closer you draw to your spouse, the more your spouse is encouraged or compelled to show passion. If is you, husband – it is you, wife – that determines the degree of intimacy that you share with your spouse. This points to our relationship with Christ. We determine the degree of intimacy we have with God. The closer we walk with God, the more we enjoy him. As J. Oswald Sanders says, “We are at this moment as close to God as we really choose to be.” (J. Oswald Sanders, Enjoying Intimacy with God).

Transitioning from passion and intimacy in verses 1-4, we find a strange connection to verses 5, 6 and 7. It seems suddenly, that the woman struggles with her appearance. She asks Solomon, her husband, not to stare at her body as she stands before him. She seems to experience guilt and shame. We don’t know anything about her background, but as one commentator states, the fact that she would veil herself could possibly mean she is either a prostitute or she had been unfaithful in her commitment to her husband (Danny Akin: Christ-Centered Exposition Commentary: Song of Songs).

What can we learn from this strange section that sharply contrasts to the previous verses displaying passion and intimacy? That life happens. People are not perfect. People make mistakes. Passion and intimacy alone are not what it takes to make a marriage successful. Marriage, in order to be aligned with God’s blueprint, must take hard work, communication and a commitment to Christ. A few practical applications from the first seven verses from the Song of Songs:

1. The honeymoon does not guarantee a happy marriage. Husbands and wives have to be committed to being passionate and intimate with one another.
2. Love Jesus more than your spouse. If you’re looking to your husband and wife to fulfill every emotional need you have, you’re making them an idol. People are sinners. Exalt Jesus in your life, He alone offers what you need: grace and forgiveness. Loving Jesus above your spouse will make you love your spouse well.

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Family Foundation



Ephesians 5:25-28, “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself for her to make her holy, cleansing her with the washing of water by the word. He did this to present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and blameless. In the same way, husbands are to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.”

There are two institutions that God created: the family and the church. Both institutions are accountable to God for raising, shaping and preparing the next generation for a life of service to God’s Kingdom and to humanity. As believers in Christ, we need to value the family that God has given to us. Often we might wonder why our family is dysfunctional, but we should never doubt how important that family is to God.

It is no wonder that Satan is attacking the family. He knows that if he gets the family, he gets the future. If Satan can get a father out of the home, then he can raise a little girl who never knows what real love is like by a man who honors her. So the little girl looks for love through men who don’t honor her. If a father leaves or is passive in the home, the enemy knows he can raise a boy to be an undisciplined and irresponsible man.

I know that many of you that are reading this devotion don’t have a complete family and had no choice in the matter, whether through divorce, death or desertion. God cares very much for these families, but His ideal is still a father and mother raising their children in their home, preparing them to take their place as God’s kingdom representatives in their own homes someday.

Max Lucado stated, “God created marriage. No government subcommittee envisioned it. No social organization developed it. Marriage was conceived and born in the mind of God.” There is not much use in discussing the problems in our nation’s capital until we fix the problems in our homes simply because what ultimately matters is not what’s happening at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave, but what’s happening in our home.

Consider how fast time seems to slip away from us. The baby you once held now has children of their own. Sadly, we often don’t value the family that we have until they are no longer with us. The cell phone and iPad have become tools for babysitting our children. Families rarely take the time just to talk to one another, play board games or just go outside to play. Could that be the great accomplishment Satan has made within our families, turning our attention away from one another and towards ourselves? I know that our culture has changed, and it seems to have happened overnight, but God has yet to change. Charles Spurgeon wisely proclaimed, “Train up a child in the way he should go, but be sure you go that way yourself.” You probably remember the days when the family wasn’t attacked on the television. You had no fear of watching programs like The Andy Griffith Show, The Waltons and The Brady Bunch, but now we have the Family Guy, Keeping Up with the Kardashians and Real Housewives of New York. I feel that this sinful world is working overtime to unravel everything we have tried to teach our children.

This week I encourage you to return the God’s plan for your family. Be willing to apply the Bible as the foundation for your family. Although society has caused many to believe that the family no longer matters, we know God does not change His view of the family. Let’s return to the value of the family and strive to keep the foundation of our faith.

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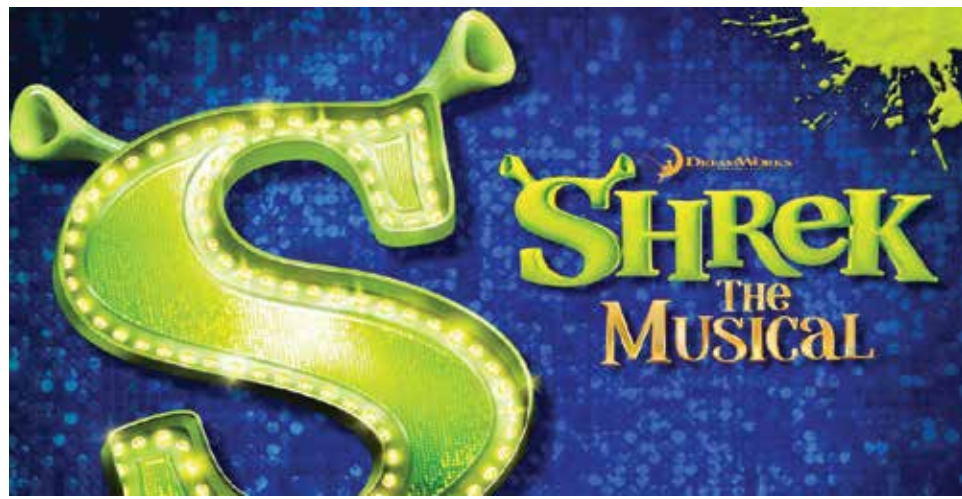
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What's Happening

By Angela Martin

at **SCT**



Legally Blonde, Jr. was a success! We had nine schools represented in our area and the young people were filled with talent and energy. It was a wonderful way to begin spring and we are thrilled at what is coming up next for the theatre.

We are beginning some much needed renovations for our building. The bathrooms will be updated and remodeled allowing handicap-accessibility to our men's and women's bathrooms. We are upgrading many aspects of our theatre and we are thrilled for you to see the results.

Auditions for our next production will be held on Saturday, May 25 for Shrek. The musical Shrek has numerous characters and is based off the popular movie of the same name. If you would like to audition for this production please come to 213 Sampson Street to audition at 10:00 am on May 25 - we look forward to seeing you there.

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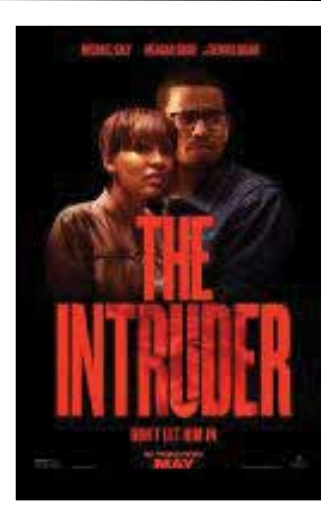
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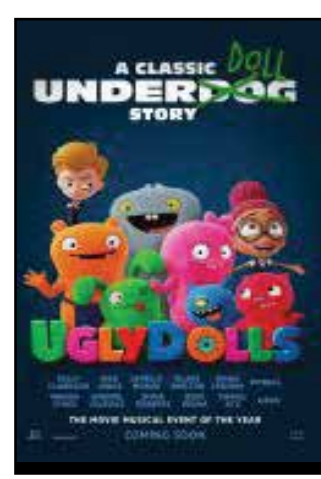
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FOOD

TIP OF THE WEEK

PREP THE GRILL FOR SUMMER

Although your grill has likely been just sitting during the winter months, prepping your gas or charcoal grill for the upcoming season can be as important as which meat you choose to cook. Here are some tips to prepare your grill for the grilling season for TheKitchn.com.

- For those with gas grills, check the hose from your propane to make sure it's intact and clean.

- Take out the grates and give everything a scrub down. It's recommended to use a wire brush and a damp cloth to clean the grates. Be sure to also run your grilling tools through the dishwasher.

- Pull out the grease trap and dump any leftover grease or debris from last year.

- Before cooking, turn on the grill, light it up and let the grill burn for a few minutes.

FUN FACT

CINNAMON A PRIZED INGREDIENT

According to TheFactSite.com, cinnamon was a prized ingredient in ancient Egypt and was valued more than gold at one point. It was used in food and drink and was even an embalming agent.

STUDY

MILITARY MEMBERS DRINK MOST

According to a recent survey conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that tracked the drinking habits of different professions, military service members led all other professions with an average of 130 days of drinking throughout the year. The study found that the average person consumes alcoholic drinks 91 days per year.

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FLASH IN THE PAN

Just like Mom's

Matzo meal makes Mexican meatballs taste like home

By **Ari LeVaux**
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When I was a restaurant critic in Albuquerque, I reviewed a small Mexican establishment named Dahlia's, tucked into a strip mall on the city's west side. The meal had its ups and downs, but the highlight was as unexpected as it was impressive: a bowl of matzo balls worthy of my Jewish mother's respect.

Technically, they were albondigas, Mexican-style beef meatballs served in a shallow bowl of tomato-based vegetable soup. But they felt like Mexican matzo balls.

Mom's matzo balls were always my favorite part of Passover. They have a mellow, soothing flavor and a supple structure that absorbs broth without softening, and I could always count on the juicy, savory satisfaction of a matzo ball dunked in her dilly chicken soup.

Food and faith

Albondigas don't always taste like good matzo balls, especially Mom's, but Dahlia's had that general quality. I wondered if they had anything to do with the secret Jews of the Southwest.

For centuries, rumors have persisted of so-called "crypto-Jews" in New Mexico, old Mexico and Texas, and historians have gradually come to a consensus that the crypto-Jews were indeed real. And that they had good reason to keep their faith and rituals a secret.

The crypto-Jews are descendants of Spanish Jews who converted to Christianity — sometimes by force — to escape persecution during the 1300s. Many of these marranos, as they were called, continued to practice Judaism covertly, and some migrated to the New World with the Spanish colonists.

During the Inquisition, Spanish officials would go from village to village, asking residents if they had seen evidence of Jewish behavior among their neighbors, such as the lighting of candles on Friday nights, or avoiding pork. This attitude, understandably, kept Judaism underground.

Matzo vs. masa

In hindsight, I wish I had asked Dahlia the question that truly



Matzo Albondigas combine Mexican and Jewish flavors. [ARI LEVAUX]

Matzo Albondigas

Makes 15 golf ball-sized spheres

- ¾ cup matzo meal
- ½ teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- A pinch of nutmeg powder
- 2 tablespoons crushed pecans
- 1 pound ground chicken or turkey
- ½ cup minced parsley
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 4 tablespoons hot chicken soup broth (recipe below)

Mix the dry ingredients in one bowl, and the parsley, garlic, meat and egg in another. Combine the contents of both bowls, and mix well. Refrigerate for at least minutes. Form the batter into walnut-sized orbs. Drop them in the chicken soup and simmer, covered, for about 30 minutes.

Mom's Chicken Soup

Serves a whole party

- 1 baked chicken (could be a store-bought rotisserie chicken if you're pressed for time)
- Salt, garlic salt and pepper to season the chicken

- 5 quarts water
- 1 onion, unpeeled, cut into quarters
- 2 carrots, chopped for soup (about 2 cups)
- 3 celery stalks, cut for soup (about 2 cups)
- Parsley stems leftover from matzo ball-making
- 3 tablespoons dried dill
- Juice of 2 fresh lemons
- 1 teaspoon salt, plus more for the final seasoning

Sprinkle the chicken with salt, garlic powder and black pepper, and bake at 325 F for about two hours, periodically turning and/or basting the bird until it's as soft as a rotisserie chicken from the store. (Or just bring one home). When it's cool enough to work with, remove the meat from the bones and refrigerate.

Heat the water and add the bones, along with the attached cartilage and tendons, and as much skin as you wish, as well as the pan drippings (or bag drippings), and simmer for an hour minimum. Add the vegetables, lemon juice, salt, dill and any chicken meat you haven't already devoured, and cook for another 60 minutes. Season with salt and dill.

burned in my belly: "Is there matzo meal in the albondigas?" Matzo meal being the pulverized matzo used to make matzo balls.

I decided to find out for myself, by using matzo meal in a typical albondigas recipe in place of the rice or masa (corn tortilla flour) traditionally used. My plan: Make matzo albondigas, with chicken instead of beef, because they would be floating in chicken soup, like a matzo ball should.

I conducted side-by-side comparisons of my matzo albondigas

against versions made with rice, masa and even a combination of matzo and masa. Only the pure matzo meal-based albondigas had that special quality, reminiscent of Mom's matzo balls or Dahlia's albondigas.

If you are attending a serious, traditional Passover seder, I don't recommend bringing these albondigas and attempting to pass them off as matzo balls. Not all Passover veterans are as tolerant as my mom. But you could bring them to a Mexican party, call them albondigas, and be fine.

FLEUR DE LOLLY

Add some bold, savory flavor with mushrooms



Laura Tolbert

Mushrooms are one of the staples in my kitchen. They are relatively inexpensive, there are dozens of types to experiment with and they add a punch of umami to your dishes, which, simply put, is a bold, savory flavor.

Not only do they taste great, but mushrooms also contain vitamin D, vitamin B and potassium.

Deviled Clam Stuffed Mushrooms

Stuffed mushrooms are an appetizer mainstay on most restaurant menus. You can

use either baby portabello or white button mushrooms for this recipe.

- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons melted butter
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1 (6 ½ oz.) can minced clams, undrained
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley
- ½ cup seasoned dry bread crumbs
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- ½ teaspoon dry mustard
- 1 tablespoons olive oil
- 10 baby portabello mushroom caps, cleaned
- 1 to 2 tablespoons finely chopped parsley
- Lemon wedges

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. In a medium pan, cook garlic in butter until golden. Stir in flour.

Add the next five ingredients;

mix well.

Brush the mushroom caps with olive oil and place in a shallow baking pan. Place in oven and let mushrooms heat through, about 3 to 4 minutes. Remove from oven and carefully spoon filling into the mushroom caps. Return to the baking pan. Bake 6 minutes or until hot. Garnish with finely chopped parsley. Serve with lemon wedges.

Marinated Mushrooms

If you'd like a retro nibble or an addition to your antipasto platter, make a batch of these marinated mushrooms for your next gathering.

- 1 pound whole fresh mushrooms
- ¾ cup olive oil or vegetable oil
- ¼ cup white vinegar
- 1 large onion, thinly sliced

- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground mustard
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- Crushed red pepper flakes, to taste

Clean mushrooms and remove the stems. (If you want to keep the stems, that's fine.)

Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add mushrooms and cook until softened, about 10 minutes. Drain and set aside to cool.

In a large bowl, combine remaining ingredients. Cover and refrigerate for 1 to 2 days. Serve by spoonfuls over toasted garlic bread slices to soak up the seasoned oil.

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Clinton's Peter Darden Is Aces On and Off The Court



Dark Horses headed to third round; Will play Monday at home

The answer is easy – hard work.

“We have put in a lot of work,” Darden explains. “But we are also going out there and having a lot of fun. We are enjoying ourselves out there ... It is that and we have a great coach who has the ability to get us to communicate and focus on our play.”

While Darden pushes praise off to the rest of the Dark Horses, head coach Robert Jones explains how instrumental the senior has been in the team's success.

“Peter Darden has been the cornerstone of our program for the last four years,” the coach said. “He plays every match to the best of his ability and gives his team his best effort. Peter has been to regionals for four straight years and just qualified with Lukas Jerez in doubles to advance to the 2A state tournament for the second straight year. He has won two conference championships in doubles (sophomore and junior year) and last year won the regional doubles with Camden Thompson. You cannot replace a Peter Darden; you just do the best you can without him.”

As good as Darden is, it comes as quite a surprise that his first foray into tennis was in his freshman year at Clinton High.

“My brother (Zach) encouraged me to tryout,” he says. “That was in my freshman year. Once I did, I fell in love with the game.”

According to Darden, he watched his brother play in matches, but never dreamt he would be playing tennis in high school.

“I was already playing soccer and basketball,” he explains. “And tennis was just something I never thought about playing. Once I did, that was it - I loved it.”

In fact, Darden said it was his brother that “taught” him everything about the game.

The senior said that he practices every day in addition to the team practices.

“I work on my serve, my backhand, rushing the net ...,” he admits. “We are taking it one game at a time; one team at a time. So, we are working hard in practices preparing for our next match.”

Born in Smithfield, Darden was raised in Clinton. His first taste of sports came when he signed up to play recreation soccer.

“I played soccer from a very young age,” he said. “I played for two years and then was able to play for my middle school team.”

Little did he know then that when he was in his junior year of high school, the soccer team he was on would make history by becoming the first-ever team at the school to win

a State Championship and create records that will be difficult to reach.

“It was really cool,” says Darden. “We had a really good team that was ready to play, and we had great chemistry all-around.”

Last season, Darden was named to the All-Region, All-Conference and All-County teams. He was even featured on television after winning the WRAL Extra Effort Award.

He is hoping to finish this tennis season with a state title.

With just weeks left until he graduates from Clinton High, Darden said he is enjoying every minute of his senior year.

“I think it is going to be really hard to leave here,” he says. “It is going to be different ... I mean, I had a really good time and have met so many great people. So, yes, I think it will be difficult for me ... I am going to miss my boys and all the great times we had.”

An “A-B” student, Darden says that he will be playing soccer and study business administration at William Peace.

“Clinton High is really like a huge family,” he admits. “You get support from everywhere. The whole community is involved ... which is just tremendous. It really motivates you when you are playing and hear those cheers ... That is another thing I am going to miss.”

So now that he is on the verge of finishing high school, what piece of advice would Darden give to an upcoming freshman?

“I would tell them to no be scared,” he said. “Find someone to look up to, then work really hard and try your best.”

Darden said that he was lucky when he was a rising freshman.

“Well, my older brother was here, and I really looked up to Spell Carr, who was already a good friend of mine,” said Darden. “Spell gave me that same advice and it always stuck with me.”

Another great source of support for Darden has been from his family.

“They have supported me ever since I was little,” he said, of his parents, older brother Zach and two younger brothers James and Ben. “They have always been there for me and that really means a lot.”

Darden continues, “So, I would like to thank my family and my coaches, Coach Brad Spell, Ron Davis and Coach Jones for being really great coaches. All three of them have taught me so much - not just in sports, but in life as well.”

You can catch Darden and his teammates in action at home against Greene Central on Monday (May 13) in the third round of the Dual Team Playoffs. The matches will begin at 4 p.m.

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ESL students pose in front of the Sampson County Museum.

English as a Second Language students at Sampson Community College spend many hours in the classroom learning about the native tongue spoken in the United States. An important part of that is also understanding the culture outside the classroom.

As part of the Civics portion of their ESL classes, students took a field trip to the Sampson

County Museum as well as the JC Holliday Library last week. "Our students are so dedicated and such hard workers that we decided we needed a day out of the classroom for learning," said Bonnie Fann, ESL instructor at SCC. "We spend quite some time letting them educate each other on their born countries for the first couple of weeks upon entering class. This is a good "beginning place" for them as this is their comfort because they know all the information."

English as Second Language is a program of study designed to help adults 18 years of age and older whose native language is not English, but who want to learn the language skills necessary to function effectively in an English-speaking environment. Students gain skills in listening, speaking, reading, writing, and comprehension. Students also learn how to seek help in crisis or emergency situations, how to deal with US currency, how to prepare for employment, and how to get assistance in becoming US citizens. Classes are held on campus and at the Roseboro Center.

Fann believes hands-on learning, a staple at SCC, is as important as any other method offered today. "What a better way to explore history of the country with which they reside and North Carolina than the Sampson County Museum?" asks Fann. "The Holliday Library was just icing on the cake!"

For more information about English as a Second Language courses at Sampson Community College, contact LaVoice Faison-Stevens at lstevens@sampsoncc.edu.

SCC's Class B Truckers Graduate



Sampson Community College's Class B Licensed Truck Driving Class graduated this week. Back row, left to right are John Gillis, Anthony Pickett and Jermaine Thompson. Front row includes Eusiel Gonzalez, Barry Reynolds, Nichole Wilson and Jeffery Conn. Reynolds (also pictured individually) took top honors in the class. Congratulations to all of these graduates.

SCC's BLET Program Helps Protect and Serve



The Basic Law Enforcement Training program covers numerous scenarios related to first responders.

Building a strong team of first responders is important for any community. Fortunately, at Sampson Community College, this is one of the many things it does well. As the date draws near for the next Basic Law Enforcement Training Academy, instructors are urging those interested to begin their career path today.

"This is your chance to do something tangible for your community," says Jennifer Wiley, Basic Law Enforcement Training Director for Sampson Community College. "There are very few professions that allow you to meet the people of your community face to face in times of danger and make a difference in their lives, many times in life and death circumstances. This is that opportunity to make a difference in someone's life."

Successful completion of the BLET program requires that the student satisfy the minimum requirements for certification by the Criminal Justice Commission including passing the Police Officer Physical Abilities (POPAT) test. Students satisfactorily completing BLET will possess skills to function as a law enforcement officer. Job opportunities are available with state, county, and municipal governments in North Carolina.

Wiley says the training is invaluable and so are the career opportunities that avail themselves after completing the program. "There are so many avenues you can pursue once you have gone through BLET," she adds. "You aren't trapped into one line of service. You have the chance to grow, expand your knowledge and training and do what you want to do to serve." Wiley says to be considered for the program, you must start gathering materials early for the next session, however.

BLET packets require certain timelines be complete as far as paperwork to enter the program. Often, students have out of state record checks that take time to receive back. Wiley urges prompt response by those interested to avoid any delays. The next BLET academy start date is August 21st. For more information, contact Wiley at 910.900.4054 or at jwiley@sampsoncc.edu.

Sampson County Students Receive Awards at the University of Mount Olive



Tart



Smith



Hollingsworth

Several Sampson County students were recognized for their achievements at the University of Mount Olive's Annual Awards Ceremony. Among those receiving awards were:

Aydan Tart of Newton Grove received the History/Social Studies Student of the Year. Tart is a senior history major. This award is given to an outstanding history/social studies student as selected by the Department of History and Social Studies faculty. Selection criteria include: having a GPA of 3.5 or better; academic excellence; professional service; and personal growth.

Chandler Smith of Newton Grove received the Early Childhood Education Student of the Year. Smith is a senior early childhood education major. This award is given to an outstanding ECE student as selected by the Department of Education faculty. Selection criteria include: having a GPA of 3.0 and having satisfactorily completed the senior research project.

Matthew Hollingsworth of Clinton received the Visual Arts Student of the Year. Hollingsworth is a senior visual arts major. This award is given to the senior student who best exemplifies the ideals of the successful visual arts major by demonstrating discipline, creativity, and integrity.

The University of Mount Olive is a private institution rooted in the liberal arts tradition with defining Christian values. The University, sponsored by the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, has locations in Mount Olive, New Bern, Wilmington, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, Research Triangle Park, Washington, Jacksonville, at Smithfield at Johnston Community College, and online. For more information, visit www.umo.edu.



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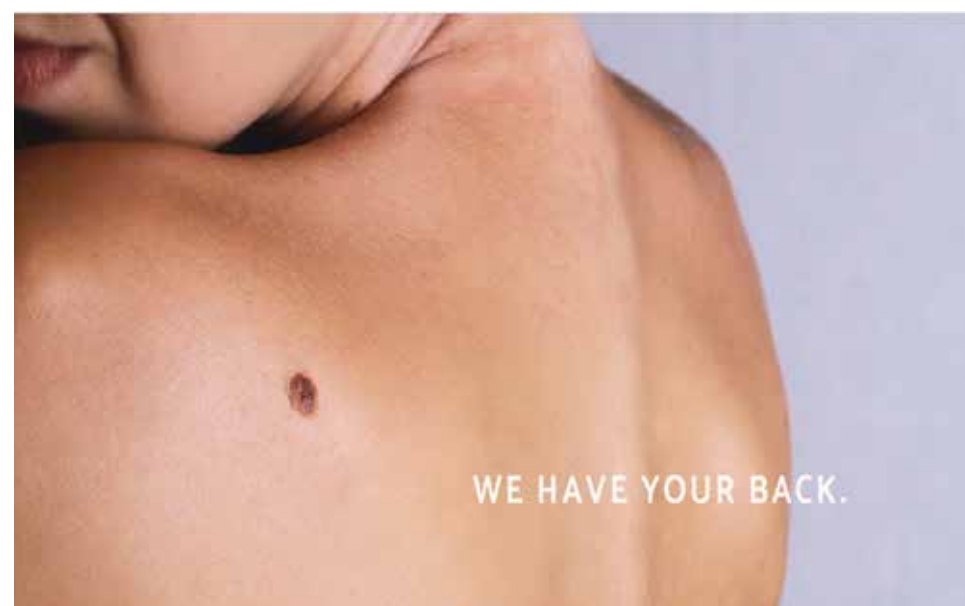
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Sampson Regional Medical Center to host free skin screening event



According to the American Academy of Dermatology, it is estimated that one in five Americans will develop skin cancer in their lifetime. Skin cancer can form regardless of skin color and when detected in the early stages, skin cancer can be highly treatable.

During this community screening event, Dr. Jonathan Crane, Program Director for the hospital's Dermatology Residency and dermatology residents Dr. Dahlia Saleh and Dr. Ashley Rice will perform full-body skin screenings to detect the formation of possible skin cancers or precancerous conditions.

Exposure to the sun or tanning beds, having a family history of skin cancer, or if you have itchy or irregularly shaped moles puts you at a greater risk of developing skin cancer. Individuals are encouraged to attend this free screening if they fall into any of these high-risk categories.

The screening event will be at 522 Beaman Street in the Sampson Regional Medical Park, located directly across from the hospital's main entrance.

Appointments are not scheduled for this event, but screen slots are limited on a first-come, first-serve basis.

May Is Mental Health Month



By Melissa Reese – Eastpointe, MCO

May is Mental Health Month 4Mind4Body. According to the Mental Health America website very few people go through life without any chronic health challenges. Cancer, heart disease, chronic pain, diabetes, mental illnesses, and more touch every family at some point.

And often mental illnesses and other chronic conditions co-occur. People with cancer often have depression; people with schizophrenia often have diabetes; and people with chronic pain often have both physical and behavioral health challenges.

We know that the underlying environment – the “social determinants” of health – plays a role in the development of both physical and mental health conditions.

And what we also know is that some common tools and strategies – such as animal companionship, humor, spirituality, work-life balance, and recreation and social networking – lead to improvements in both physical and mental health.

This year, Mental Health America has chosen to expand on our 4Mind4Body Mental Health Month theme with a variety of new tools and materials specifically designed for people living with chronic conditions and the people who care for them. Mental Health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being, and mental illnesses are common and treatable. So much of what we do physically impacts us mentally-its important to pay attention to both your physical health and your mental health, which can help you achieve overall wellness and set you on a path to recovery.

A healthy lifestyle can help to prevent the onset or worsening of mental health conditions, as well as chronic conditions like heart disease, diabetes, and obesity. It can also help people recover from these conditions. For those dealing with a chronic health condition and the people who care for them, it can be especially important to focus on mental health. When dealing with dueling diagnoses, focusing on both physical and mental health concerns can be daunting – but critically important in achieving overall wellness.

There are things you can do that may help. Finding a reason to laugh, going for a walk with a friend, meditating, playing with a pet, or working from home once a week can go a long way in making you both physically and mentally healthy. The company of animals – whether as pets or service animals— can have a profound impact on a person's quality of life and ability to recover from illnesses. A pet can be a source of comfort and can help us to live mentally healthier lives. And whether you go to church, meditate daily, or simply find time to enjoy that cup of tea each morning while checking in with yourself – it can be important to connect with your spiritual side in order to find that mind-body connection.

Eastpointe wants everyone to know that mental illnesses are real, and recovery is always the goal. Living a healthy lifestyle may not be easy but can be achieved by gradually making small changes and building on those successes. Finding the balance between work and play, the ups and downs of life, physical health and mental health, can help you on the path towards focusing both #4Mind4Body.

Finding balance between work and play, the ups and downs of life, physical health and mental health, can help you towards focusing on both. Living a healthy lifestyle may not be easy but can be achieved by gradually making small changes and building on those successes. Things that are important to your mental health: humor, spirituality, recreation, animal companionship, and work-life balance are important to everyone, but may be of special importance to people also living with chronic illness and those who care for them. Pets are not only lovable friends but can have a profound impact on a person's quality of life and ability to recover from illnesses. A pet can be a source of comfort and can help us to healthier lives.

Key Messages

- Mental health is essential to everyone's overall health and well-being, and mental illnesses are common and treatable.

- A healthy lifestyle can help to prevent the onset or worsening of mental health conditions, as well as chronic conditions like heart disease, diabetes, and obesity. It can also help people recover from these conditions.
- For those dealing with a chronic health condition and the people who care for them, it can be especially important to focus on mental health. When dealing with dueling diagnoses, focusing on both the physical and mental health concerns can be daunting – but critically important in achieving overall wellness.
- Humor, spirituality, recreation, animal companionship, and work-life balance are important for everyone, but may be of special importance to people also living with chronic health conditions and those who care for them.
- Finding a reason to laugh, going for a walk, meditating, playing with a pet, or working from home once a week can go a long way in making you both physically and mentally healthy.
- The company of animals – whether as pets or service animals – can have a profound impact on a person's quality of life and ability to recover from illnesses. A pet can be a source of comfort and can help us to live mentally healthier lives.
- Sometimes life is far from funny but finding humor in a situation can lift moods with laughter and help people to better deal with and overcome difficult experiences.
- Whether you go to church, meditate daily, or simply find time to enjoy that cup of tea each morning while checking in with yourself – it can be important to connect with your spiritual side in order to find that mind-body connection.
- Living a healthy lifestyle may not be easy but can be achieved by gradually making small changes and building on those successes.
- Finding the balance between work and play, the ups and downs of life, physical health and mental health, can help you on the path towards focusing both #4Mind4Body.

How to Get Help?

Eastpointe offers a 24/7/365 Call Center with qualified staff who can provide counseling and a Screening-Triage-Referral process to access emergency services, mobile crisis team dispatch, walk-in clinics, routine appointments and linkage to other community resources. This number is 1-800-913-6109.

This article and others are brought to you monthly by the partners with Sampson County Healthy Carolinians. This organization is committed to address major health and social issues within the county. Their on-going efforts are to provide prevention, education and awareness of the available resources that can assist families with their overall health and wellness. For more information about Sampson County Partners for Healthy Carolinians, visit www.scpfhc.org.

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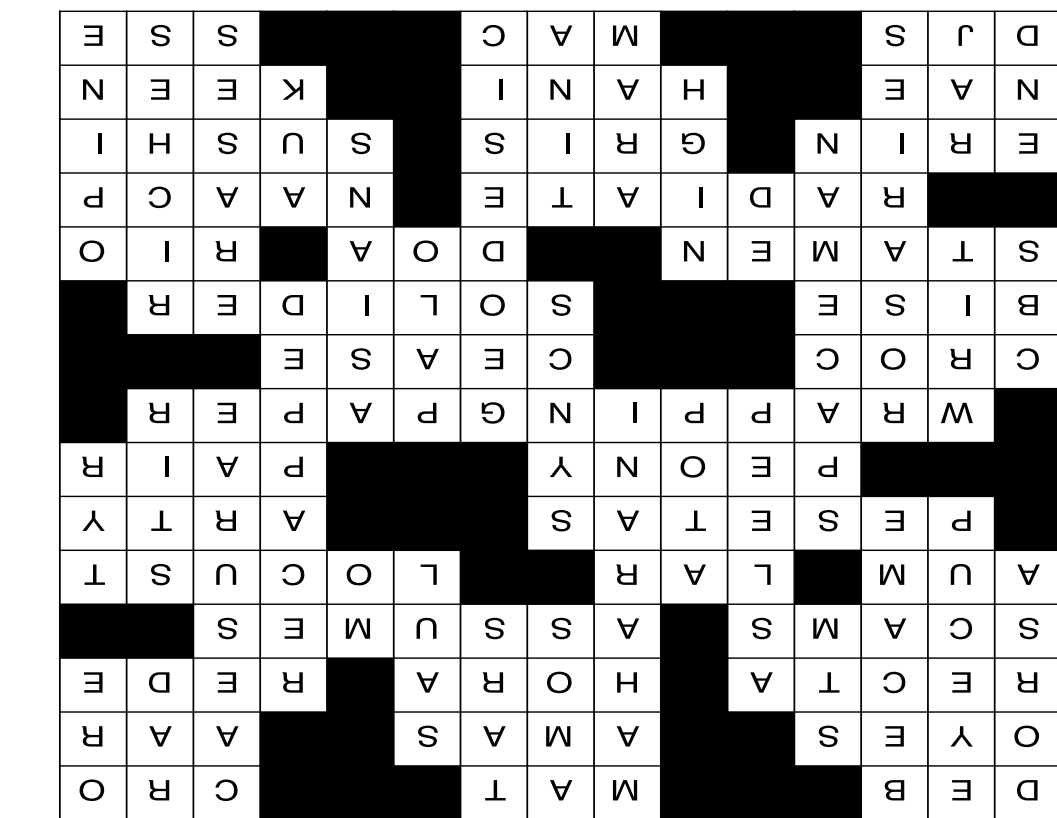
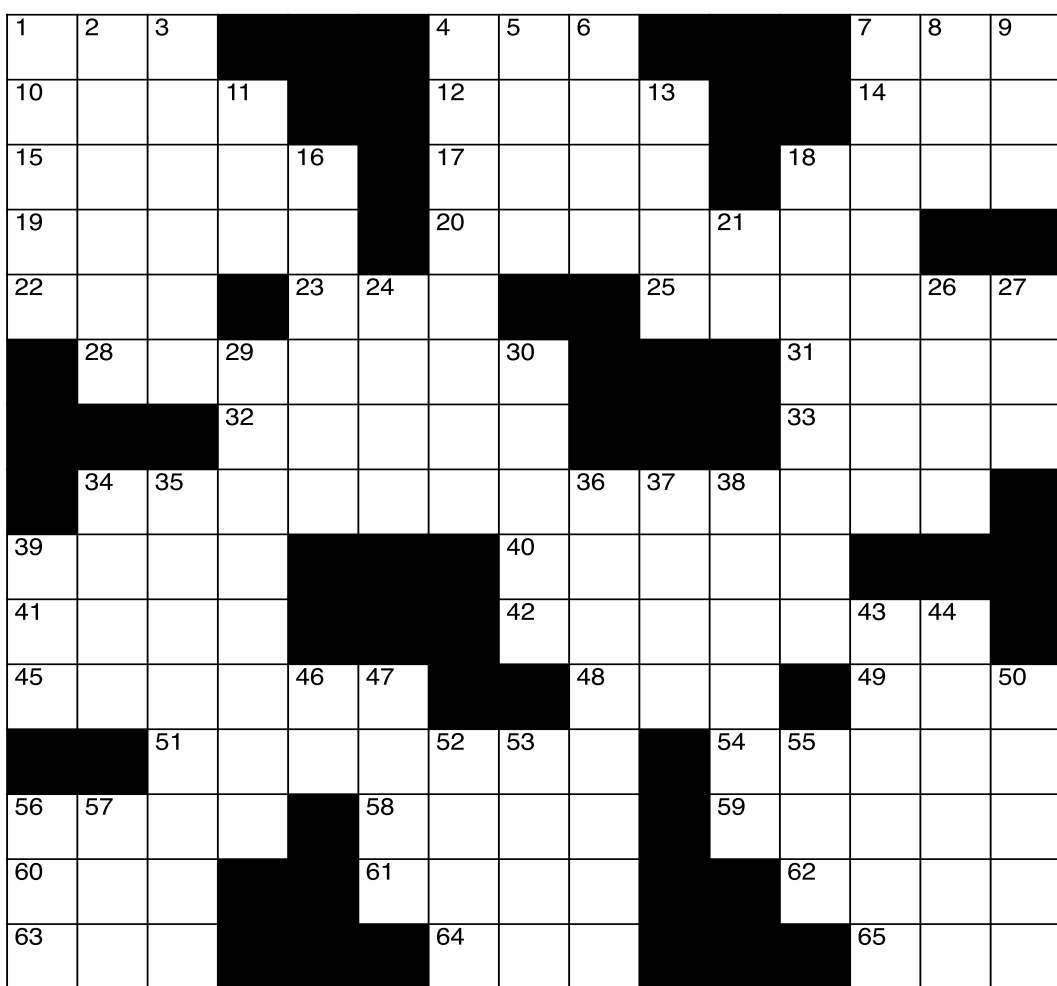
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Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Slang for debutante
- 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)
- 61. Ethnic group in China
- 62. Loud lament
- 63. Disk jockeys
- 64. A waterproof raincoat
- 65. Point midway between S and SE

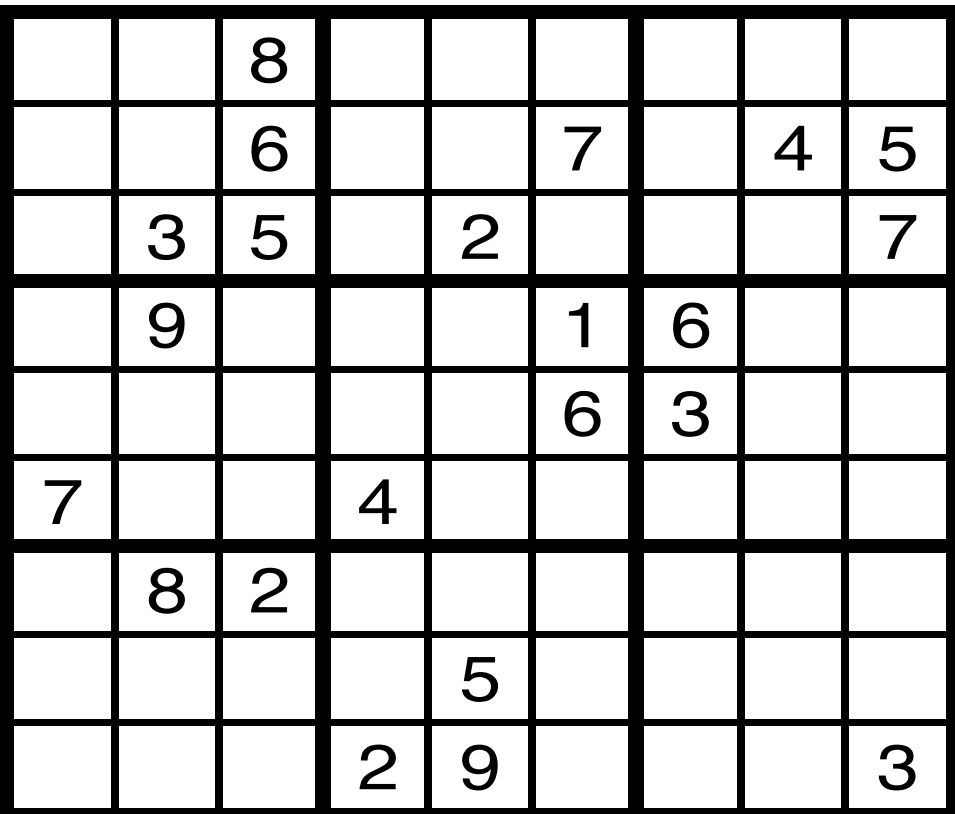
CLUES DOWN

- 1. Many backs
- 2. Fits over eye
- 3. Grew into
- 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

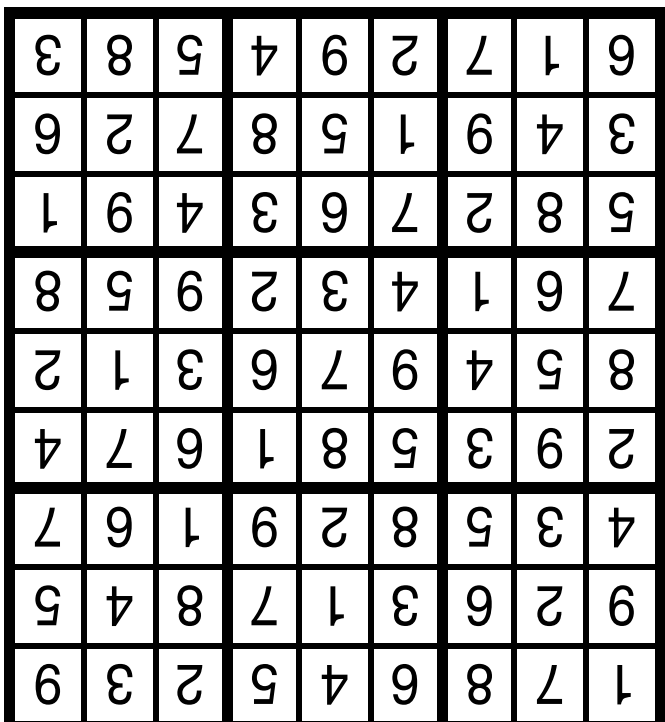
SUDOKU

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test.



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



A Wife of Noble Character (Proverbs 31:10-31)



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| AFAR | BRINGS | BUSILY |
| CAPABLE | CLOTHES | DAWN |
| DAYS | ENRICH | FEAR |
| FIND | FLAX | FOOD |
| GETS | GOOD | GREATLY |
| HAND | HARM | HOUSEHOLD |
| HUSBAND | LIFE | LIKE |
| LINEN | MAKES | MERCHANTS |
| MORE | PRAISE | PRECIOUS |
| PREPARE | RUBIES | SHIP |
| SPINS | TRUST | VIRTUOUS |

CRIME

Arrests

05-03 Kendra Adele Gainey, 29, Clinton. Inspection Violation, Expired Registration, DWLR. Trial Date 07-11-19
05-03 Clint Bass, 22, Newton Grove. Poss Stolen Goods/Prop, Larceny After Break/Enter, Breaking and Entering. Bond \$30,000. Trial Date 05-17-19
05-03 Brianna Gaster, 24, Clinton. Breaking and Entering. Bond \$500. Trial Date 06-05-19
05-03 Scott Wrench, 50, Autryville. DWLR. Trial Date 06-06-19
05-03 James Bryant Laird, 30, Roseboro. Order for Arrest, Poss Stolen Goods, Larceny, RDO, Injury to Personal Property, Second Degree Trespass, Assault Inflict Serious Injury, Simple Assault, Assault with a Deadly Weapon. Bond \$40,000. Trial Date 05-03-19
05-03 Clifford David Parker, 45, Clinton. WFA Assault on a Female. Trial Date 05-28-19
05-03 Giovanni Cruz Contreras, 18, Clinton. Shoplifting. Trial Date 06-10-19
05-03 Khamia Melvin, 18, Roseboro. Larceny by Employee. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 05-03-19
05-03 Carla Ellen Waiters, 28, Clinton. DWLR. Trial Date 06-12-19
05-03 Clinton Quimby Bass, 22, Clinton. Fail to Report New Address- Sex Off. Bond \$30,000. Trial Date 05-17-19
05-03 Lisa Lynn Wilkins Henderson, 47, Dunn. Communicating Threats, Possession Drug Paraphernalia, Poss of Meth. Bond \$10,000. Trial Date 05-17-19
05-03 Johnny Aaron Williams, 25, Harrells. Canc/Rev/Susp Tag, Operate No Insurance, Speeding, DWLR Not Impaired. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 05-17-19
05-03 Genia Tanner, 48, Roseboro. Drivers License Revoked. Trial Date 06-11-19
05-04 Jose Luis Aguilar-Gonzalez, 42, Roseboro. Fictitious Tag/NOL. Trial Date 06-11-19
05-04 Charlie Curtis Loftin, 62, Clinton. DWLR Not Impaired, Fail to Comply. Bond \$405. Trial Date 06-03-19
05-04 Brittany Danelle McLeod, 29, Benson. Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 05-06-19
05-04 Jose Luis Aguilar-Gonzalez, 42, Roseboro. Fictitious Tag, NOL. Trial Date 06-11-19
05-04 Delon Pitts, 26, Clinton. Child Support. Bond \$100. Trial Date 05-28-19
05-04 Audrey Davina McLean, 31, Dunn. Expired registration Car/Tag- FTA, DWLR-FTA. Bond \$12,000. Trial Date 06-05-19
05-04 Larue Fields McConnell, 43, Newton Grove. Simple Worthless Checks. Trial Date 05-14-19
05-04 Sharduany Grant, 26, Benson. DWLR Not Impaired Rev. Trial Date 05-28-19
05-04 Lasagna Blue, 38, Clinton. DWLR Not Impaired Rev- FTA, Fail to Comply-FTA. Bond \$2370. Trial Date 05-16-19
05-05 Dewayne Anthony Davis, 37, Beulaville. DWLR Impaired. Trial Date 05-28-19
05-05 Brianna Marie West, 25, Goldsboro. DWLR Not Impaired, PWMSD Meth. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 05-17-19
05-05 Thomas Splawn, 42, Onanock VA. Drivers License Revoked. Trial Date 05-30-19
05-05 Anthony Terrell Faison, 37, Clinton. OFA- FTA Simple Possess Sch VI CS. Bond \$500. Trial Date 05-30-19
05-05 Breanna Hijma, 18, Newton Grove. Trespass of Real Property. Trail Date 05-14-19

05-05 Katie Marie Faircloth, 26, Roseboro. Possess Meth. Bond \$10,000. Trial Date 05-17-19
05-05 Brianna Marie West, 25, Goldsboro. Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 05-17-19
05-05 Maria Darden Hicks, 36, Clinton. Larceny of Cellphone. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 05-28-19
05-05 Brian Timothy Alexander Bishop, 39, Turkey. Felony Probation Violation. Bond \$25,000. Trial Date 06-29-19
05-05 Samantha West, 37, Dunn. No Liability Insurance, DWLR. Trial Date 06-06-19
05-05 Linda Marie Parker, 33, Roseboro. Possess Drug Paraphernalia, PWMSD Meth. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 05-17-19
05-05 Ada Joyner, 26, Clinton. No Insurance, DWLR Not Impaired. Bond \$500. Trial Date 05-16-19
05-03 Daviaen Lamairs Gray, 37, Fayetteville. Larceny After Breaking and Entering, Burglary/Breaking & Entering. Bond \$7500. Trial Date 05-03-19
05-04 Alexandrai Mahogany Lewis, 26, Clinton. Driving While Under the Influence. Bond \$3000. Trial Date 06-06-19
05-04 James Kimberly Williams, 54, Clinton. DWI, DWLR Aft Impaired Rev Notice, Open Container, No Insurance. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 06-24-19
05-04 Armando Junior Rodriquez, 25, Godwin. CIT Possess Marijuana. Trial Date 06-11-19
05-05 Russell Hunter, 52, Clinton. DWI. Bond \$750. Trial Date 06-24-19
05-05 Floyd Allen McLamb, 50, Dunn. Possess Drug Paraphernalia, Possess Meth. Bond \$10,000. Trial Date 05-17-19
05-05 Shane Earl McKoy, 26, Roseboro. Simple Possess Sch II CS, Possess Drug Paraphernalia, DWLR Not Impaired.
05-05 Andres Carrasco Garcia, 35, Red Springs. DWI, Driving while License Revoked, NOL, Speeding, NOL, Fict/Alt Title/Reg Card/Tag. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 06-11-19
05-06 Ravem Samone Henry, 28, Sampson. DWLR Not Impaired Rev, Driving While Impaired, Simple Possess Sch VI CS. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 06-05-19
05-06 Joshua Lamont Currie, 21, Newton Grove. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 05-30-19
05-06 Thomas Edward Brigman, 32, Rose Hill. Order for Arrest for Failure to Comply with Order of Contempt. Bond \$500. Trial Date 05-07-19
05-06 Zion Malik Autry, 19, Clinton. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 05-28-19
05-07 Justo Junior Alvarado, 19, Warsaw. Consume Alc 19/20, Drive Left of Center, DWLR. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 05-13-19
05-06 Jason Pigford, 19, Clinton. Possess Marijuana Paraphernalia, PWISD Marijuana. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 05-17-19
05-06 Rayshawn Stremy Voltaire Whitfield, 21, Turkey. Reckless DRVG, DWLR, Speeding. Trial Date 06-12-19
05-07 Jerrick Martin Moore, 27, Salemburg. Larceny. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 06-03-19
05-06 Luis Castillo-Caceres, 22, Clinton. Possess Marijuana Paraphernalia, PWISD Marijuana. Bond \$7500. Trial Date 05-17-19
05-07 Amanda Rae Isenhour, 37, Dunn. WFA- Cyber Stalking. Trial Date 05-28-19
05-07 Steven Charles Hairr, 43, Roseboro. Threatening Phone Call. Trial Date 06-10-19
05-07 Tenell Washington, 36, Fayetteville. OFA/Fail to Comply. Bond \$365. Trial Date 05-28-19
05-07 Reginald Davis, 42. Warrant Service for Other Agency. Bond \$!50,000. Trial Date 05-30-19
05-07 Sherry Venita Frederick, 47, Turkey. Reckless Driving to Endanger, Speeding

85/55. Trial Date 06-12-19
05-07 Edward Brigman, 32, Rose Hill. Resisting Public Officer, Communicating Threats, Assault on Govt Official/Emply. Bond \$10,000. Trial Date 05-29-19
05-07 Bejamin Blagg, 33, Rose Hill. FTA-DWLR Not Impaired Rev. Bond \$500. Trial Date 05-28-19
05-08 Devon Jeremiah Woods, 19, Dunn. Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 06-27-19
05-08 Joseph Linwood Johnson, 42, Dunn. Probation Violation. Bind \$20,000. Trial Date 05-15-19
05-07 Jerrick Martin Moore, 27, Salemburg. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 06-03-19
05-07 Mac Key, 20, Clinton. Bond \$1500. Sexual Battery. Trial Date 06-06-19
05-08 Yvonne M Jones, 44, Dunn. Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 06-27-19
05-07 Maynard Kristie, 40, Trinity. OFA-FTC Child Support. Bond \$360.
05-08 Quinn Alexander Peterson, 32, Clinton. Communicating Threats. Trial Date 06-03-19
05-08 Catline Amber McClenny, 20, Clinton. Possess Drug Paraphernalia, Possess Meth. Bond \$25,000. Trial Date 05-17-19
05-08 Brent Antwain McCollum, 27, Clinton. Conspire Robbery Dangerous Weapon. Bond \$100,000. Trail Date 05-17-19
05-08 Tyrone Forbes, 44, Clinton. Animal Cruelty, Dog/Cat/Ferret Vaccination. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 05-17-19
05-08 Henry Dale Herring, 44, Clinton. Hit/Run Fail Stop Prop Damage, Fail to Stop-Steady Red Light. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 06-06-19
05-09 Mickey Ray Yarboro, 46, Godwin. Possess of Stolen Goods, Larceny after Breaking and Entering, Breaking and Entering. Bond \$25000. Trial Date 05-17-19
05-08 Samuel Carroll Gray, 43, Clinton. OFA-FTC- Child Support. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 05-21-19
05-08 Portea Thorpe, 24, Clinton. Probation Violation. Bond \$25000. Trial Date 05-29-19
05-08 Brandon Lamar Jacobs, 29, Goldsboro. Possess Marijuana Paraphernalia, Possess Marijuana, CCW, Alter Firearm Serial Number, Firearm by Felon. Bond \$75000. Trial Date 05-17-19
05-08 Nicholas Ryan Burgess, 28, Dunn. Child Support- FTC, Misdemeanor Larceny. Bond \$6150.00. Trial Date 06-03-19
05-08 Tiffany Yvonne Oliver, 26, Dudley. Possess Marijuana Paraphernalia, Possess Marijuana, CCW, Alter Firearm Serial Number. Bond \$25,000. Trial Date 05-17-19
05-08 Jennifer Eileen Torres, 35, Autryville. Resisting Public Officer. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 06-06-19
05-08 William Oscar Mangum, 24, Dunn. Assault on a Female.
05-08 Catline Amber McClenny, 20, Clinton. Possess Drug Paraphernalia, Possess Meth. Bond \$25,000. Trial Date 05-17-19
05-08 Joseph Linwood Johnson, 42, Dunn. Probation Violation. Bond \$20,000. Trial Date 05-15-19
05-08 Nicholas Ryan Burgess, 28, Dunn. Resisting Public Officer. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 06-06-19
05-08 William Branson Dudley, 50, Eastover. Driving with No Liability Insurance, Driving with Revoked Tags. Trial Date 06-11-19

Incidents

05-02 James Delbon Wheeler III of Clinton reported Larceny of tools valued at \$327.
05-03 Carl Lamont Johnson of Clinton reported a Breaking & Entering Residence.
05-03 Linwood Boykin of Clinton reported Breaking & Entering of Building. Reported stolen audio equipment valued at \$9300.
05-03 Pizza Hut of Clinton reported Credit

Card/Automatic Teller Machine Fraud of \$324.06.
05-03 Mariel McDonald of Roseboro reported Larceny of Bicycle valued at \$100.00.
05-03 McDonalds of Southeast Blvd Clinton reported Embezzlement of \$160.00.
05-03 WalMart of Clinton reported Shoplifting of Xbox One Games valued at \$100.00.
05-03 Charles Hammersla of Clinton reported All Other Larceny of lawnmower, security light and chain valued at \$4035.00.
05-04 Nocles Mesinord of Clinton reported Larceny of Portable Electronic Communication Equipment in the amount of \$999.99.
05-04 Danny Parker of Newton Grove reported Larceny of trailer valued at \$500.00.
05-04 Cajanda Jackson of Salemburg reported Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property- window valued at \$500.00.
05-04 Brittany Bennet of Clinton reported Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property by destroying automobile window valued at \$500.00.
05-04 Jacqueline Johnson reported Misdemeanor Larceny of Cell Phone valued at \$970.00.
05-04 James Cornell Parker of Clinton reported Breaking & Entering of Residence. Stolen watches and clothes valued at \$850.00.
05-04 James Faison of Clinton reported Robbery of US Currency of \$200.00.
05-04 Mark Neese of Roseboro reported Larceny of pressure washer valued at \$200.00.
05-04 Michelle Ashley of Clinton reported Damage to Property. Bedroom Window \$200.00.
05-05 Linda B Norris reported Damage to Property Front Glass Window of vehicle valued at \$150.00.
05-05 Randy Lane of Clinton reported Damage to Property. Damage of \$300.00 to structure/door frame.
05-05 Adrian Merritt of Clinton reported Injury to Personal Property- damage to driver side door of car valued at \$200.00.
05-05 Robert Bennett of Roseboro reported Burglary/Breaking & Entering. Stolen \$4000 worth of money.
05-05 William Johnson reported Larceny of Trailer valued at \$2200.00.
05-06 Alton Lee Graham of Clinton reported Theft from Motor Vehicle- firearm valued at \$250.00.
05-06 Melanie Ayanna Murrill of Clinton reported Damage to Property- rear back glass valued at \$200.00.
05-06 Taryn James of Garland reported a Breaking & Entering. Stolen television valued at \$300.00.
05-06 Dienhart Lynn of Godwin reported a Misd Larceny of Cellular Phone and Case valued at \$860.00.
05-07 Carlie C's of Clinton reported Shop lifting of Consumable Goods valued at \$20.00.
05-07 Kendell Strickland reported Theft from Motor Vehicle. Stolen miscellaneous tools valued at \$810.00.
05-07 David Coyle of Roseboro reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering. Stolen Money \$100.00.
05-07 Ralph Dale of Dunn reported a Burglary/ Breaking & Entering. Stolen weed eater, pressure washer valued at \$1100.00.
05-08 Santos Velasquez of Clinton reported Larceny of Cell Phone valued at \$350.00.

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

Sampson County VITAL STATS

Deaths

-Lillie Belle Barfield
-Olivia Williams Butler
-Daisy Leona Jackson Brinson
-Cherry Idell Holland
-Richard Keith Honeycutt
-Mary Lee Jones
-Johnny Elmer Morgan
-Willie Marvin McMillan
-Mecelenias Ramiro Perez Carrillo
-Bertus Andrew Raynor
-Edna Earle Simmons
-Franklin Ray Underhill

Marriage Certificates

-Dany Ray Tyndall to Stephanie Dawn Wrench
-Clifton Dartrail Killett to Delois James Williams Monroe
-Christopher Brooke Lewis to Maqueesha Shena Dobson
-Robert Stanley Henry Jr to Elizabeth Michelle Faison
-Austin Wayne Wheeler to Julie Kate Warren
-Calvin Dwight Johnson to Anna Marie Strickland
-Mauricio Guadalupe Quintero Chavez to Celeste Nery-Gonzalez
-Jamie Ray Byrd Jr to Samantha Garcia
-Patrick Sean Baker to Amanda Lorrie Cullen
-Harry David Howard to Sharon Denice Aycock

Births

-Hayden Lane Fail born on April 16, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Joshua Lane Fail and Savannah Faith Stewart
-Cha'Zaria Kailani Muhammad born on April 23, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Eddwina Tomanique Stevens
-Itzel Aitana Rivas Dubon born on April 23, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Rito Edgardo Rivas Cruz and Maria Esther Dubon Larios
-Thomas Zackary Carr born on April 25, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Joshua Bryan Carr and Kayla Madison Goree
-April Grace Rich born on April 25, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Justin Andrew Rich and Sarah Gayle Riche
-Symphony Aaliyah Millen born on April 26, 2019 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Dustin Ray Millen and Samantha Lynne Hoover

Land Transfers

-Arlene G Bass, Billie Jo Bass, Wayne Martin Bass, Kathy D Courtright, Wayne L Courtright to Rhonda C Raynor, Anthony W Wilkins - 2 Tracts Plainview
-Betty F Riner, Henry Riner Jr to Andrew Jackson, Donna Parker Jackson- 8.00 Acres Dismal
-Alden Allan Christianson, Chris Nixon Christianson, Sandra Lynn Christianson, Suzanne Marie Mahn Christianson, Virginia Carolyn Christianson Tanner to Shaun Christian Mooney- 1 Acre Honeycutts
-Clarence L Jackson to Terry Lee Jackson- 2 Tracts Newton Grove
-Clinton Acres LLC, Jon Sasser/MGR/MBR to Covington & Shaw LLC- Lot 10 North Clinton and Bunting Street Properties

-H Brewer Honeycutt/AKA, Hillery Brewer Honeycutt to A&G Residential LLC- Lots 38 & 39 Stagecoach Estates Subdivision
-Lillie Faye Byrd to Boyd A Mattocks, Marsha W Mattocks- Lot 6 0.47 Acres Heritage Place North Clinton
-Megan Marie Fisher to Mary L Fisher- Lot 2 1.04 Acres South Clinton
-Mary L Fisher to Mary L Fisher- 7.75 Acres South Clinton
-Callie Mae Hairr Crumpler, William Eugene Crumpler, Thomas A Fassula, Winnifred Ann Hairr Fassula, Debra Lynn Gairr Gainey, Joseph R Gainey, Helen June Hairr, Margaret G Hairr, Steven Earl Hairr, Billy A Owens, Cindy Ray Hairr Owens to Burl Faircloth, Diane Faircloth - 1.05 Acres Little Coharie
-Alecia C Sampson Ashley, James D Ashley, Lorraine Sampson Marable, Ronnie Lee Marable, Janice Sampson Pittman, William Pittman, Maxcine M Sampson, Michael Lee Sampson to Alecia C Sampson Ashley, James D Ashley- Lot 2 2.05 Acres South Clinton
-Alecia C Sampson Ashley, James D Ashley, Lorraine Sampson Marable, Ronnie Lee Marable, Janice Sampson Pittman, William Pittman, Maxcine M Sampson, Michael Lee Sampson to Michael Lee Sampson- 3.50 Acres w/exceptions South Clinton
-Cynthia S Spell, Olen Wayne Spell, Ollen Wayne Spell/AKA to Byrd Farms Inc- 2 Tracts Harrings & Honeycutts
-Elvie J Newkirk to Department of Transportation- 0.159 Acres South Clinton
-Kathy K Matthis to Michael Monroe Matthis- 63 Acres Taylors Bridge
-Diane Jenkins to Department of Transportation- Lot 9 Carolina Trace Subdivision South Clinton
-Karen P Brown, Van Hilton Brown, Van Hilton Brown/EXR, Thomas Ruffin Peedin Estate to Julia Oakley, Christopher Scott Phillips, Christopher Scott Phillips, Julia D Phillips/AKA - Lot 7 Stonehenge Subdivision Plainview
-James Edward Carr, Linda Jewell Carr to Victor Hugo Serrano Sanchez- 2 Tracts North Clinton
-Alice S Butler, Gregory C Butler to Jeffrey P Gray Jr, Laura O Gray- 10.27 Acres McDaniels
-Chalmers Williams, Gwendolyn J Williams to Corbett Johnson- North Clinton
-Bernard Johnson, Chalmers Williams, Gwendolyn J Williams to Corbett Johnson- North Clinton
-Jeremy Hardwick, Orange Coast Title Company/AIF, Wells Fargo Bank NC By AIF to Secretary of Veterans Affairs- McDaniels Tract II 8.9 Acres w/exceptions
-Jimmy R Carter, Jamie Joe Treadwell, Laura Marie Treadwell to Thornton Homes Company - North Clinton
-Donald Ray Potter to Barbara Ann McLemore Daniels- 1.10 Acres Dismal
-Ethel B Hall to Charles Michael Nunnery, Jeanette Hall Nunnery- Little Coharie 19.85 Acres Secretary of Housing and Urban Development of Washington DC to Howard R Brown Josephine M Brown- Lots 135-137 South River Landing Subdivision Section Two
-David Lynn Horner, Melina Jill Parker Horner to Dalin Jesus Ruiz- Parcel 1 1.01 Acres Honeycutts
-Barbara B Bacon, Larry G Bacon to Christa L Duncan, Joshua V Palmquist- 9.50 Acres
-Gary Wade Weeks, June Dale Darden Weeks to Jonathan Wade Weeks- 2 Tracts North Clinton
-Teresa Byrant Ammons, Walter Samuel Ammons to Christina Felts Ammons, Steven Christopher Ammons- Lot 1 0.78 Acres McDaniels
-Bobby Joe Lockamy to KWIK Stop 701 Inc- 2.67 Acres Halls
-James Franklin Bradshaw, Phyllis P Bradshaw to St Matthews Pentecostal Holiness Church of Clinton Inc- Lot 2 0.3 Acres Halls
-Jim Warren Mobile Homes Inc, T&W Development/DBA, T&W Development/Gen P, Thornton Logging Co to Argentina Gutierrez Sandoval- Tract 1 1.49 Acres South River
-Thornton Logging Co to Marcela Ondina Cruz Almendarez and Jonathan Alexander Carcia Cruz- Lot 6 0.50 Acres Herring Acres Honeycutt
-Laurie Ann Wilkins, Samuel P Wilkins to Chasity R Rodriguez, Ronald Rodriguez- 2.10 Acres
-Southern Produce Distributors Inc to Jose M Gracia- 1.454 Acres Piney Grove
-Brian Keith Radford to Alton Andrew Radford- Parcel 2 1.02 Acres Parcel 3 0.05 Acres Newton Grove
-Elizabeth W Hudson, Michael B Hudson to Cameron Bass- Lot 6 1.00 Herring

OBITUARIES

AUTRYVILLE

Mrs. Dorothy "Dot" Sessoms Allen, 73 of Autryville passed away on Friday, May 3, 2019 at UNC Hospitals at Chapel Hill. A memorial service was held at 2:00 pm Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at Butler Funeral Home in Roseboro with Minister Bobby Oliver officiating. The family received friends from 1:00-2:00 pm prior to the memorial service. Dot was born June 23, 1945 in Sampson County, and was the daughter of the late Isaiah Tobe and Betty Brock Sessoms. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne Allen; and a sister, Ruby DuBuisson. She worked in clothing manufacturing and retired from the Champion Company. She is survived by her daughter, Sonia Faircloth of Fayetteville; son, Thomas Lambert of the home; step-daughter, Rebecca Allen of Four Oaks; step-son, Christopher Allen of Four Oaks; sister, Loucinda Bell of Byron, Ga; brother, Archie Sessoms and wife Catherine of Salemburg; eight grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, and three great grandchildren; along with many nieces and nephews that she dearly loved. Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro is serving the family.



GOLDSBORO

Mrs. Annie Lee Matthews 81 of 1606 Rawlings St. Goldsboro, formerly of the Delway Community, died Tuesday, May 02, 2019 at Willow Creek Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Goldsboro, NC. She was a retired educator with the Sampson Co. Public School System. Funeral service will be held at 1:00 P.M. Saturday, May 11, 2019 at Hayes Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. Mrs. Matthews is survived by two daughters, Lillian Dianne Autry and husband Ronnie Autry of Goldsboro, Angelia Sherrilyn Tibbs and husband Hunter Tibbs Jr. of Orange, Va. The public will be received on Friday, May 10, 2019 from 1:00 P.M.-6:00P.M. at Carter Funeral Home in Garland. Service by Carter Funeral Home, Garland, NC



CLINTON

Charlene Kay Goodman Black, 61, of 616 College St., passed away at her home on Wednesday, May 1, 2019. A Graveside Service was held on Friday, May 3, 2019 at 3:00 pm at Plain View PFWB Church Cemetery with Rev. Charles Ray Jernigan officiating. Charlene was born on August 27, 1957 in Sampson County to the late Luther and Peggy Hargrove Goodman. She was a beautician at the House of Styles Beauty Shop in Clinton for many years and loved her clients and coworkers. She loved spending time at the beach and lately, that's where you could find her, along with her beloved dogs, who were dear to her heart. She leaves behind a daughter, Britni Nicole Minnich and husband, Jason Terry; a son, Aaron Minnich and wife, Brooke; three grandchildren: Brody and Lincoln Terry and Weston Minnich; and a brother, Gray Goodman, all of Clinton. Visitation for family and friends was held on Friday afternoon prior to the service, from 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm at Royal-Hall Funeral Home. The family requests no flowers; however, memorials may be made to the Paw Project of Benson by mail: PO Box 883, Benson, NC 27504, or online at www.pawproject.com. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Black & Minnich families.



CLINTON

Mr. Raeford "Cooter" Almond Brewington, 82 of Clinton, passed away on Thursday, May 2, 2019. Born on August 30, 1936 in Sampson County, Raeford was the son to the late Raeford and Carrie Brewington. He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Margaret Brewington, Madeline Parris; and brothers, Samuel Brewington, Edwin Brewington. He was a retired farmer of 55 years in Sampson County and was known as the "Pecan Man". He was a hard worker, full of laughter and loved life. He is survived by his brother, Kyle E. Brewington and wife, Doris; sister, Nola Schaeffer and husband, David; brother-in-law, Jesse Parris; and brothers, Vernell Brewington, Gertie Brewington; and host of nieces and nephews. A graveside service was held at 1:00pm on Saturday, May 4, at New Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery, 1165 Mt. Moriah Church Road, Clinton, with Reverend Greg Smith officiating. Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro is serving the family.



GARLAND

Mr. Earl Dewitt Davidson 54 of 5167 Old Fayetteville Rd. Garland, NC, died Friday, May 03, 2019 at his residence. Mr. Davidson was born February 19, 1965, the son of the late Adolphus D. Davidson and Mildred Cain Davidson. A memorial service will be held at 5:00 P.M. Friday May 10, 2019 at Windsor United Methodist Church. Mr. Davidson is survived by his wife, A. LaNae Davidson of Roseboro, daughter, Deven Davidson of Garland, son Jason Davidson and wife Fola of Colorado Springs, CO, and one granddaughter Rayna Davidson. The family will receive friends on Friday, May 10, 2019 at Windsor UMC from 6:00PM.-8:00P.M., after the service, and other times at the home.



ROSEBORO

Mrs. Carolyn Kersey Shipp Dudley, 72, passed away on Thursday, May 2nd, 2019 at her home with her family by her side. A Funeral Service was held on Sunday, May 5th at 2:00 pm at the chapel at Royal-Hall Funeral Home with Rev. Paul Honeycutt officiating. Burial followed in the Clinton Cemetery. Mrs. Carolyn was born on February 11, 1947 in New Hanover County to the late Burnes Lee and Rosie Cashwell Dudley. She raised small breed dogs and sold many Pomeranians, Maltese and Datsuns. She was a member of Pleasant Union Baptist Church and loved her church family and friends. She adored her family and will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She leaves behind her husband, Frank Dudley of the home; son: John D. "Junior" Shipp of the home; sister, Alice Kersey Ezzell and husband, Glenn of Autryville; and two brothers: Billy Kersey and wife, Shelly of Clinton; Ricky Kersey and wife, Donna of Oak Island; and one niece, Ashley Kersey, also of Oak Island. Visitation for family and friends will be held on Saturday evening, from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Royal-Hall Funeral Home; and other times at her home. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Dudley Family.



GARLAND

Ms. Gertha M. Graham, 65, of 174 Bladen Avenue, Garland, passed away Sunday, April 28, at Wayne Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, May 4, at 2pm, at Stephen AME Zion Church with Rev. Dr. Hugh Miller and Rev. Dr. A.D. Brown officiating. Burial will follow in Garland Community Cemetery. She is survived by daughters Gabrielle Herring, Garland, NC and Danielle Herring,

Durham, NC; sons, Tory Graham, Faison, NC and Christopher Graham, Garland, NC; sister, Vanessa Graham, Garland, NC and 6 grandchildren. A viewing was held from 2pm until 7pm Friday, May 3, at Summerville-Boykin Mortuary, Garland, NC.



CLINTON

Mr. Willie "Junior" Henry Hinson, Jr., 87 of 1390 Five Bridge Rd, passed away at his home on Saturday, May 4, 2019, surrounded by his loving family. A Funeral Service was held Tuesday, May 7th at 3:00 pm at Immanuel Baptist Church with Rev. Tim Ameen and Rev. Vernon Braswell officiating. Burial followed in Grandview Memorial Park. Born on November 19, 1931 in Sampson County, Junior was the son of the late Willie Henry and Smitha Lou Boone Hinson and widower to Sula Virginia Davis Hinson. He was owner & operator of Clinton Mechanical and a member of Immanuel Baptist Church, where he was a former Deacon and Sunday School



Teacher for many years. He loved watching Nascar and was an avid Richard Petty fan. He was a hard-working man with a heart of gold and will be greatly missed. He is survived by his three daughters: Wanda Carroll and husband, Robert of Clinton; Anita Shipp of Clinton and Carol Nichols and husband, Jeff of Hampstead; two sons: Gary Hinson and wife, Donna of Wilmington, Kim Hinson and wife, Roxanne of Clinton; a brother: Nelson Hinson and wife, Janice; two sisters: Eleanor Stewart and husband, Henry and Doris Horrell and husband, Travis. He was also blessed with six grandchildren: Amanda Coursey (Chris), Jessica Crawford (David), Zachary Hinson (Sarah), Hilary Manuilova (Sergey), Olivia Lynch (William), Allison Hinson and fiance' John and six great-grandchildren: Jordan & Noah Coursey, Adalyn Crawford, Ellie Hinson, Danya & Masha Manuilova. In addition to his parents and wife, he was also preceded in death by his brother, Ennis Hinson. Visitation for family and friends was held on Monday evening, from 6-8 pm, at Royal-Hall Funeral Home; and other times at his home. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Hinson Family.

CLINTON

William Keith Naylor, 61, of 781 Honeycutt Rd., passed away at his home peacefully surrounded by family, Saturday, May 4, 2019. Funeral service was held at 3 PM, Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at Hickory Grove Baptist Church with Rev. Matthew Creech, Rev. Chris Butler and Rev. Paul Honeycutt officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery with Masonic Rites. The family received friends from 6 PM - 8 PM, Monday, May 6, 2019 at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home and at other times at the home. Keith, born October 31, 1957 in Dover, Delaware, was the son of Grady Elmon Naylor and Berneice Matthews Naylor. He was a farmer, a retired member of the Herring Fire Department with twenty years' service, a past Master of Coharie Lodge #379 Salemburg. He was an honorary member of Hiram Lodge #98 and Mingo Lodge #206. He was a member of the Sampson County Shrine Club and Sampson County Roadsters. Keith was a member of Hickory Grove Baptist Church where he was an ordained Deacon for over thirty years. Survivors include: wife of forty years, Barbara Lou Simmons Naylor; daughter, Amy Leah Naylor; parents, Grady Elmon Naylor and Berneice Matthews Naylor; brother, Ricky E. Naylor (Cynthia); sister, Connie Naylor Smith (Eddie); special friends, Ronnie and Pam Hedgepeth; sister-in-law, Sherry Fann (Keith); brother-in-law, Rexton Simmons (Linda); nine nieces and nephews; and five great-nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Shriner's Transportation Fund, PO Box 12829, New Bern, NC 28561 or to Hickory Grove Baptist Church, 11341 N US Hwy 421, Clinton, NC 28328. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com.



ELIZABETHTOWN

Mr. Dennis Ray Robinson 55 of 664 Barnes Blueberry Rd. Elizabethtown, NC died Saturday, May 04, 2019 at First Health Hospice Care in Pinehurst, NC. Mr. Robinson was born June 13, 1963 in Sampson Co., the son of the late Jessie Edward Robinson and Elizabeth Murphy Robinson. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Jessie Robinson and Lorenzo L. Robinson. Funeral service will be held at 1:00 P.M. Saturday, May 11, 2019 at Carter Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the Community Memorial Park. Mr. Robinson is survived by lifelong companion, Dale Dixon, four sisters, Michelle Villagomez of Elizabethtown, Jeannette Miller, Patricia McLean, Diane Murphy all of Harrells, three brothers, Connie Ray Robinson, Michael Robinson, Franklin Robinson. A public viewing will be held on Friday, May 10, 2019 from 1:00P.M.-6:00 P.M. at Carter Funeral Home, other times at the home of Jeanette Miller 6589 NC Hwy. 210 East, Harrells, NC.



ROSEBORO

Mr. Clark Edward Schneider, Jr., 50 of Roseboro, passed away Sunday, May 5, 2019 at Vidant Medical Center in Greenville. Born on April 23, 1969 in Sampson County, he was the son of Clark Edward, Sr. and Margaret Odum Schneider. He was preceded in death by his father and worked with Animal Control. He is survived by his wife, Sandra Williams Schneider of the home; two sons, Clark J. "Bubba" Schneider of the home, Clifton M. "Bo" Schneider of the home; his mother, Margaret Odum Schneider of Autryville; two brothers, Ken Honeycutt and wife, Jennifer of Clinton, Almond Honeycutt and wife, Sherry of Autryville; two nieces, and one nephew. A memorial service was held at 2:00pm on Wednesday, May 8, at Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, with Reverend Billy Bass and Reverend Tom Hayes officiating. Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro is serving the family.



GARLAND

Mr. John Marshall Strickland 87 205 West 4th St., died Thursday, May 2, 2019 at his residence. Mr. Strickland was born September 06, 1931 in Sampson Co. the son of the late David Strickland & Robbie Powell Strickland. He was preceded in death by a brother, David "DR" R. Strickland, two sisters, Francie Gaskins, and Annie Belle Strickland. Mr. Strickland was retired Navy veteran having severed for 20 plus years. Funeral service was held at 2:00 P.M. Sunday, May 05, 2019 at Garland Church of God of Prophecy. Burial followed in the Garland Cemetery. Mr. Strickland is survived by his wife, Ellen Strickland, one daughter, Sheila Mote and husband Raeford of Garland, two sons, John D. Strickland and wife Phyllis of Faison, Scott Strickland of Garland, 6 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren. The family received friends on Saturday, May 04, 2019 from 6:00PM-8:00PM at Carter Funeral Home in Garland. Service by Carter Funeral Home in Garland.



CLINTON

Mrs. Marion Underwood, 81, passed away Sunday, May 5, 2019 at Kitty Askins Hospice Center. She was born in Lambton County, Ontario, Canada on July 13, 1937 to the late Thomas Stewart and Marguerite "Jennie" Peltier Trudell. She was preceded in death by her husband Hubert "Bud" Underwood, brothers Jack, Bill, Lyle, Lloyd, and Frederick Trudell, sisters Adda Willer and Irene Randall and nephew Andre Bechard. Marion owned a ceramic shop in Wilmington for over 15 years and was a waitress at Big Daddy's of Kure Beach for many years. She is survived by her daughter Laura Lee Honeycutt and husband James "Mick" Honeycutt of Salemburg, grandchildren Gary Bullard (Ginger), Katie Foster and husband Jesse, brother Frank Trudell and wife Carol, Sister (niece) Linda Bechard and husband Armond. The family would like to extend our heartfelt thanks, for their committed and excellent care, to Kitty Askins Hospice Center. She will be greatly missed by family, friends and her beloved cats Sissy, Peanut Baby and Rambo. The family will receive family and friends at Marion home with a service Saturday, May 18, 2019 from 4:00-6:00 at her home. Arrangements by Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home, 118 Fayetteville St., Clinton, NC 28328



CLINTON

Angela Marie (Sampson) Whitener, age-79 of 139 Harper St. Clinton, NC died Friday, May 3, 2019 at UNC Rex Hospital in Raleigh, NC. Funeral Service was held Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 1:00 pm at Red Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Clinton, NC. Visitation one hour prior to the service (12:00 to 1:00 pm). Butler & Son Funeral Services Clinton, NC.



NEWTON GROVE

Mrs. Dorothy S. Wooten, 77 of Newton Grove, passed away at her residence Friday, May 3, 2019. Her funeral service was held Monday, May 6th at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Roanoke Chapel PFWB Church, Newton Grove. The family received friends from 1 till 2 p.m. prior to her funeral service. Officiating will be the Rev. Matt Spence. Mrs. Wooten was laid to rest in Shady Grove PFWB Church Cemetery, Dunn, N.C. Left to cherish her fond memories



are her husband; Dean Wooten of the home, sister; Janet S. Latta and husband Larry of Rocky Mount. brother; E. T. Sessoms and wife Connie of Roseboro. And, several nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to Roanoke Chapel PFWB Church, 1167 Roanoke Road, Newton Grove, N.C. 28366 in her memory. Mrs. Wooten was preceded in death by her parents; Troy T. and Pauline H. Sessoms. Online condolences may be made at www.westanddunn.com. Services have been entrusted to West & Dunn Funeral Home, Newton Grove, North Carolina.

ROSEHILL

Opredella Carr Wright 64 of 130 Brown Terrace passed away on Thursday, May 2, 2019 at Carolina Health System in Charlotte. Home Going Service was held at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at Snow Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Ivanhoe, 581 Trestle Rd, Ivanhoe, NC, burial will be held privately at a later time. Her memories will be cherished by her children: Lajona, Varena, Aretha, Justina. Her grandchildren: Annazia, Zoey, KiJana, Cameron, Kaydence, Majesty, Zayden, Isaac Carly, Essence, Desmari, DaShawn, Great-grandchild, Manuel Dashawn Outing, Jr. Her siblings are: Beulah Ruth (Raymond) Burnett, Mon. Jct., New Jersey, Alvester (Patricia) Carr, Ivanhoe, North Carolina, Larry Carr, Ivanhoe, North Carolina, Ronald Lee Carr, Rosehill, North Carolina, Dorice Pridgen, Garland, North Carolina, Pandora (Gerald) Matthews, Deep Bottom, North Carolina, Sisters-In-Law: Stephanie Carr, New Brunswick, NJ, Brenda Carr, Harrells, NC, Yvonne Kea, Willard, NC, Brother-in-Law: James "Joe Lewis" Henry, Ivanhoe, NC, Special Friends: Kathy Sellers, Harrells, NC, Tanika Chestnut, Clinton, NC, Numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. Visitation was held on Monday, May 6, 2019 at Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Service & Cremation from 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm with family present from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm.



ROSEBORO

Mrs. Ellen Rose Blanton, 75, of 705 Bullard Street, Roseboro, NC passed away Sunday at Eastover Gardens Nursing Home, Eastover, NC. The funeral will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, May 11, 2019 at Simon Temple AME Zion Church, Fayetteville, NC with Rev. Brian R. Thompson, Sr. officiating. Burial in Hillcrest Memorial Park, Clinton, NC. Mrs. Blanton is survived by her DAUGHTERS-Ellenita "Toni" Blanton-Golding of Fayetteville, NC, Duchess Hunter of Perry, GA and Nikkie Blanton of Winterville, NC; SON-John Blanton, II of High Point, NC; SISTERS-Frances Burney-Matthews of Charlotte, NC and Lila Faye Williams of Rockledge, FL; three grandchildren. Visitation at the Church Saturday, May 11, 2019 Public/Family 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

CLINTON

Mrs. Willar Dean Lockamy Jordan, of 2450 N US Hwy 421 passed away Monday, May 6th, 2019. A Graveside service was held Thursday, May 9th at 2:00PM at Grandview Memorial Park with Jeff Byrd officiating. Born on November 6th, 1931 in Sampson County, Willar Dean was the daughter of the late Robert C. and Minnie Lee Dixon Lockamy and was the widow of the late Thomas Best Jordan. She is survived by her daughter: Belinda Lee Jordan of Clinton, Son: William Glenn Jordan and wife, Jackie of Clinton, four grandchildren; Dylan Jordan, Garrett Jordan, Stacy Jordan and Dana Jordan Jones and husband, Jeff and one great-granddaughter, Jayna M. Jones. In addition to her parents and husband, Willar Dean was preceded in death by her brother: Sam Lockamy, Son: Ronnie Best Jordan and three grandsons; Maurice Lee, Little Son and Chad Best Jordan. The family received friends following the Graveside service at the Cemetery and other times at the home of her son, Glenn Jordan 301 Beaver Dam Rd. Clinton, NC. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Jordan family.



ROSEBORO

Bertus Andrew "Andy" Raynor, 66, of 129 Deb Road, passed away Friday, May 3, 2019. Funeral service was held at 4 PM, Sunday, May 5th, at Robert's Grove Freewill Baptist Church, 725 Roberts Grove Rd., Dunn, NC 28334 with Rev. Fred Baker and Dr. Ricky Warren officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery. The family received friends from 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM, just before the service at the church and at other times at the home. Andy, born in 1953 in Sampson County, was the son of the late Robert and Essie Raynor. He retired at fifty-nine years, old with Dubose National to enjoy life, golf, family and friends. He was an ordained deacon, Sunday School Teacher and a member of Robert's Grove Freewill Baptist Church. He dearly loved and enjoyed his grandsons, teaching them about life and to love and respect others. He loved to talk to them about Jesus and about his childhood and growing up. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his sister, Carolyn and his brother-in-law, Ray Barefoot. Andy is survived by; wife of forty-four years, Sharlene Raynor; daughter, Nicole R. Jordan (Dean); grandsons, Seavy and Benjamin Jordan; siblings, Jimmy Raynor (Sandra), Ann Barefoot, Shelton Raynor (Sally), Gary Raynor (Sandy), Delores Williams (Steve), and Beverly Stanley (Kelly); and several nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to Robert's Grove Freewill Baptist Church, 725 Roberts Grove Road, Dunn, NC 28334 or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105. 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.

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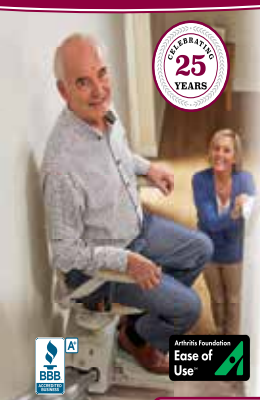


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SPEED FREAKS

A few questions we had to ask ourselves

Learn anything at Dover?
GODSPEAK: After watching the race at Dover, I'm starting to miss those old-school "mystery" yellow flags.
KEN'S CALL: Learned that Alex Bowman has found fourth gear. And that Kyle Larson might be ready to roll.

Do you miss "group qualifying" yet?
GODSPEAK: Yes, and I believe the idea will make a return if they can come up with the right rules package.
KEN'S CALL: Of course not. But I kinda miss the way-back days, when winning a pole meant something. When mechanics and drivers, and not the engineers, could take a rightful bow.

FEUD OF THE WEEK

MORGAN SHEPHERD VS. KYLE BUSCH: Shepherd has limited NASCAR record-book presence. Busch tied his mark of 11 consecutive top-10 finishes to start a Cup Series season.
GODWIN KELLY'S TAKE: Shepherd accomplished his 11 top-10 finishes in 1990 for car owner Bud Moore. Shepherd's best finish during his streak was second at Atlanta. Busch has three wins.

GODWIN'S PICKS FOR KANSAS

WINNER: Ryan Blaney
REST OF TOP 5: Kyle Busch, Joey Logano, Chase Elliott, Clint Bowyer
FIRST ONE OUT: William Byron
DARK HORSE: Kyle Larson
DON'T BE SURPRISED IF: Blaney outduels Kyle Busch down the stretch.

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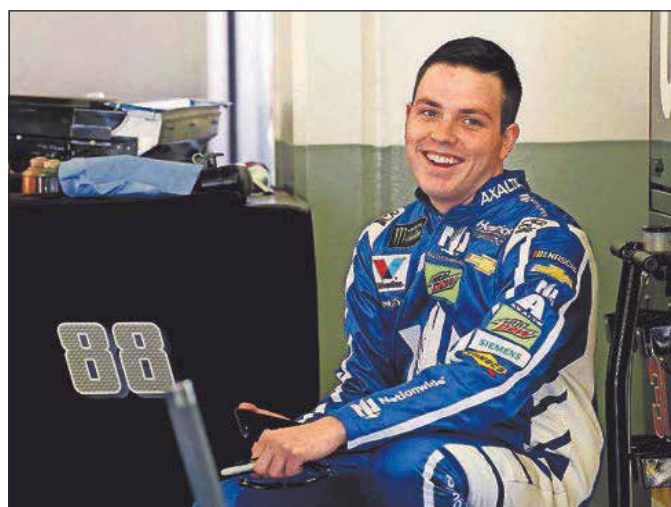
THREE THINGS TO WATCH

1. Package delivery

Several drivers think Kansas Speedway will be the perfect environment for the Cup Series aero/motor package, which features more downforce and less horsepower. "Kansas will be a place that showcases our new rules package," said driver Alex Bowman. With stock cars powering through turns, Chase Elliott thinks the pace will be quick. "I don't think it really changes the strategy, but it's definitely fast for sure," he said.

2. About that sponsor

Race sponsors are usually self-explanatory, such as the Coke Zero Sugar 400 at Daytona. But what is Digital Ally, which is slapping its name on both the Cup and Truck Series races at Kansas Speedway? The Kansas-based company says it "provides law-enforcement agencies along with



Alex Bowman, who drives the No. 88 Chevy, is confident the NASCAR aero/motor package will do its job at Kansas Speedway. [AP/TERRY RENNA]

emergency management and commercial companies with the highest quality video solutions and software management." Now you know.

3. Bowyer moment

Clint Bowyer is so full of energy and life that he has become "the quote" in the garage area. Asked

recently if his family enjoys interacting with race fans, he was quick with a response. Cash Bowyer, 4, likes to high-five. "Walking through all this chaos that we know as life right now and looking over and giving some stranger a high-five," Clint said. "That wasn't normal for me. And, you know, in his crazy life it is."

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QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers

Back to Gibbs domination?

It's natural to consider that possibility with Martin Truex Jr.'s Dover win, but look at the rundown and it wasn't a banner day all-around for Joe Gibbs Racing. Yes, Erik Jones was sixth, which works fine for him, but Kyle Busch was a dull 10th and Denny Hamlin 21st. The three nonwinning Gibbs drivers combined for one leading lap. All attention should be on the No. 19 team's setup.

We're back to single-car qualifying. Is it back to stay?

Part of the reason for group-qualifying was its timesaving function. Single-car qualifying takes much longer and isn't fun to watch. Is there a good reason why they don't just take the fastest speeds from practice and set the field that way? Let the teams manipulate it however they like, but they'd be wasting setup time if they do.

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NASCAR CUP STANDINGS

1. Kyle Busch	460
2. Joey Logano	455
3. Kevin Harvick	397
4. Denny Hamlin	383
5. Martin Truex Jr.	378
6. Brad Keselowski	377
7. Chase Elliott	371
8. Kurt Busch	347
9. Ryan Blaney	335
10. Clint Bowyer	319
11. Aric Almirola	309
12. Daniel Suarez	292
13. Alex Bowman	287
14. Ryan Newman	270
15. Kyle Larson	267
16. Erik Jones	264
17. Jimmie Johnson	261
17. Austin Dillon	261
19. William Byron	260
20. Paul Menard	254

WHAT'S ON TAP

(All times Eastern)

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CUP SERIES: Digital Ally 400
SITE: Kansas Speedway (1.5-mile oval)
SCHEDULE: Friday, practice (Fox Sports 1, 3 p.m.), qualifying (Fox Sports 1, 7 p.m.).

GANDER OUTDOORS TRUCKS: Digital Ally 250
SITE: Kansas Speedway
TV SCHEDULE: Friday, qualifying (Fox Sports 1, 5 p.m.), race (Fox Sports 1, 8:30 p.m.)

DOVER

THREE THINGS WE LEARNED

1. Win on Monday

For the second time in his career, Martin Truex Jr. won a Cup race at Dover on a Monday. The race was postponed because of rain Sunday. He beat the runner-up by nearly 10 seconds for his third career win at Dover. "I promise this wasn't easy," he insisted. "It was a lot of work."

2. Good, bad news

The good news for Alex Bowman? He scored a career-high second-place finish at Dover. The bad news for Bowman? He was about 10 seconds behind the winner. "We had a miserable start to the season and have bounced back," he said. "It would be better if



Martin Truex Jr. celebrates in Victory Lane after winning the NASCAR Cup Series race Monday at Dover. [AP/WILL NEWTON]

we had a trophy."

3. Old is new

Cup Series drivers played around too much in group qualifying, so NASCAR's competition department threw up its hands and went

back to single-car time trials at Dover. "I perform better in those moments," Jimmie Johnson said, adding this rule brings back his "optimism."

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