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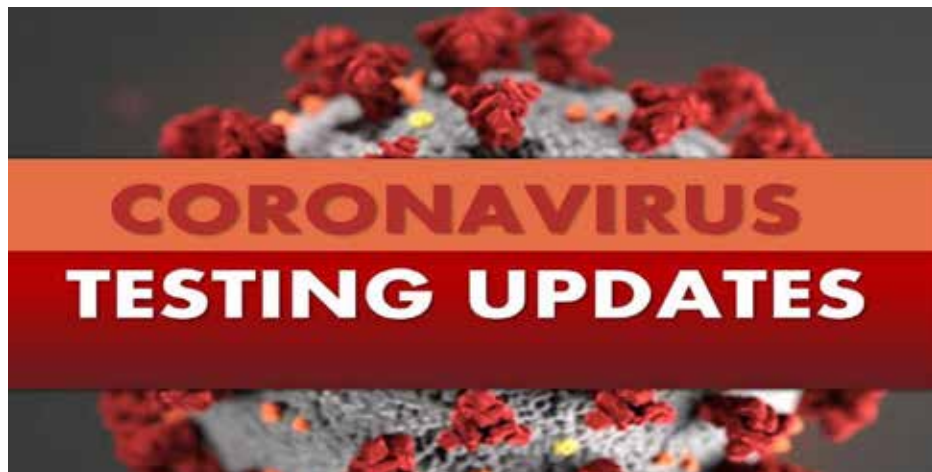


Phase 2, Safer At Home, begins Friday, May 22 at 5 pm

*Bars, indoor entertainment venues, gyms, and public playgrounds remain closed; Restaurants, personal care businesses, and pools open with limitations & safety requirements

RALEIGH: Governor Roy Cooper and North Carolina Department of Health and **PHASE 2, see P. 2**

COVID-19 Positive Cases Top 314 (as of Thursday)



The Sampson County Health Department is reporting 12 new cases which brings the total to 314 positive cases of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) as of Thursday.

Daily Case Reports:
Monday- 33 New Positive Cases
Tuesday- 10 New Positive Cases
Wednesday- 35 New Positive Cases
Thursday- 12 New Cases

As was noted previously, the totals this week will reflect the results of the **COVID-19, see P. 2**

County Commissioners Request Governor to Open up ALL Sampson County Businesses IMMEDIATELY



At Wednesday night's special called Sampson County Board of Commissioners meeting via Facebook Live, the board unanimously approved a resolution to be sent to Governor Roy Cooper to open up ALL of Sampson County businesses IMMEDIATELY!

The county attorney Joel Starling read the resolution aloud to the commissioners.

The resolution said, "while mindful of the precautions that citizens should and will continue to take to guard against the spread of COVID-19, the Sampson County Board of Commissioners finds that it is time that the citizens of Sampson County be allowed to resume the enjoyment of the fruits of their own labor and the pursuit of happiness; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sampson County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests that, effective immediately, Governor Roy Cooper allow all of Sampson County's businesses to reopen, subject to any reasonable guidelines and best practices recommended by State and local public health officials."

The resolution also noted, "the State-mandated closure of many of Sampson County's local businesses has led to unprecedented financial hardship for many of Sampson County's residents in the form of loss of revenue, unemployment, and reduction in income; and WHEREAS, prolonging the restrictions currently placed on Sampson County's local businesses any further has the potential to create an economic disaster that will reverberate for many years to come and WHEREAS, our State's Constitution recognizes the right of all North Carolinians to life, liberty, the enjoyment of the fruits of their own labor, and the pursuit of happiness." Commissioner Joel Kivett responded that it was not government's place to pick the "winners and losers. That is not the way we do it in America."

WEATHER

Fri	Partly Cloudy 20%
Hi: 83° Lo: 65°	
Sat	Scattered T-Storms 50%
Hi: 85° Lo: 65°	
Sun	PM T-Storms 50%
Hi: 85° Lo: 60°	
Mon	Partly Cloudy 10%
Hi: 80° Lo: 60°	
Tues	Partly Cloudy 20%
Hi: 82° Lo: 63°	
Wed	Scattered T-Storms 40%
Hi: 81° Lo: 65°	

WEEKLY VERSE

Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.

John 15:13

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LOCAL NEWS

PHASE 2, cont. from P. 1

On **Friday, May 22, 2020**, at 5pm, North Carolina will move into Phase Two. The **Stay at Home** order will be lifted as North Carolina moves to a **Safer at Home** recommendation, especially for vulnerable populations.

Gathering Limits:

10 indoors/25 outdoors

Meeting & event venues

Amphitheaters

Sporting venues and arenas

Groups at beaches

Groups at parks

Open with Requirements:

Restaurants

50% capacity + other requirements

Salons & Personal Care

50% capacity + other requirements

Pools

50% capacity + other requirements

Closed:

Bars/Nightclubs

Museums

Playgrounds

Gyms and Fitness Studios
(yoga, cycling, martial arts, etc)

Indoor Entertainment Venues
(movies, bowling, bingo, etc)

Human Services Secretary Dr. Mandy Cohen on Tuesday announced that North Carolina will move into Safer At Home Phase 2 of lifting COVID-19 restrictions on Friday, May 22 at 5 pm. Read Executive Order No. 141. After two weeks in Phase 1, the state's overall key indicators remain stable but the continued increases in daily case counts signal a need to take a more modest step forward in Phase 2 than originally envisioned.

"North Carolina is using the data to guide our decisions about when to lift COVID-19 restrictions, and overall our key indicators remain stable," said Governor Cooper. "Safer At Home Phase 2 is another careful step forward, and we have to continue taking this virus seriously to prevent a dangerous spike in infections."

"From the beginning, North Carolinians have joined together to confront this crisis. We need to rely upon one another to practice the three Ws as we begin leaving our homes more. When we wear a face covering, wait six feet apart, and wash our hands often, we are showing we care for our loved ones and neighbors," said Dr. Mandy Cohen.

Based on the metrics laid out in April by Governor Cooper and Secretary Cohen, North Carolina is evaluating a combination of the data from the following categories that shows the state is stable but still has increasing daily new lab confirmed case counts.

Trajectory in COVID-Like Illness (CLI) Surveillance Over 14 Days

-North Carolina's syndromic surveillance trend for COVID-like illness is decreasing.

Trajectory of Lab-Confirmed Cases Over 14 Days

-North Carolina's trajectory of lab-confirmed cases is increasing.

Trajectory in Percent of Tests Returning Positive Over 14 Days

-North Carolina's trajectory in percent of tests returning positive has been decreasing and is starting to level.

Trajectory in Hospitalizations Over 14 Days

-North Carolina's trajectory of hospitalizations is level.

In addition to these metrics, the state continues building capacity to be able to adequately respond to an increase in virus spread. These areas include:

Laboratory Testing

-North Carolina has more than doubled the daily testing rate with more than 8,000 tests completed daily on average. More than 300 testing sites across North Carolina are posted on the DHHS testing information website.

Tracing Capability

-The Carolina Community Tracing Collaborative has already hired more than 150 new contact tracers adding to the 250 already working at our local health departments.

Personal Protective Equipment

Supply chains continue to improve.

What's included in Safer At Home Phase 2?

Phase 2 lifts the Stay At Home order moving into a Safer At Home recommendation, especially for people at high risk for serious illness. Teleworking is also urged when possible.

Mass gathering limits in Phase 2 will be no more than 10 people indoors or 25 people outdoors in most circumstances. These limits apply to the following: event venues; conference centers; stadiums and sports arenas; amphitheaters; and groups at parks or beaches.

Some businesses will remain closed in Phase 2 including: bars; night clubs; gyms and indoor fitness facilities; indoor entertainment venues such as movie theaters, and bowling alleys.

Certain businesses will be open at limited capacity with other requirements and recommendations including: restaurants at 50% dine-in capacity with distancing and cleaning requirements; personal care businesses, including salons and barbers, at 50% capacity with distancing and cleaning requirements; pools at 50% capacity with distancing and cleaning requirements. Employees of personal care businesses will be required to wear face coverings.

Childcare facilities, day camps and overnight camps will be open with enhanced cleaning and screening requirements. Retail businesses allowed to open in Phase 1 at 50% capacity will continue at that level.

Public health recommendations are provided for worship services to practice enhanced social distancing and other cleaning and hygiene practices.

COVID-19, cont. from P. 1

mass testing event that was held this past Saturday, May 16th. There are still a number of tests pending, as noted in the stats below. At the Saturday Drive Thru testing event 493 tests were administered.

The Sampson County Health Department continues its extensive contact tracing as part of their investigation of positive cases to identify close contacts (which are defined as being within approximately 6 feet of a person with a COVID-19 infection for a prolonged period of time of 10 minutes or longer). This allows health officials to assess risks of exposure and determine and recommend additional measures that may be needed, including quarantine or additional testing.

We encourage the use of common-sense preventative measures: practice social distancing-staying 6-feet apart, avoid touching your face, wear protective face covering when in public, cover your cough, wash your hands and disinfect surfaces frequently. If you think you have the coronavirus, call your health care provider so that he/she can evaluate your symptoms and provide the best course of action. Please stay at home and call your doctor if you have fever of 100.4 or higher, cough, or shortness of breath.

COVID testing numbers for Sampson County as of May 21, 2020:

Total Number of Tests Performed: 1317

Positive Test Results: 314 (113 recovered)

Negative Test Results: 459

Pending Results: 544

Deaths: 1

Numbers in North Carolina continue to increase with 20,860 laboratory confirmed cases, 716 deaths. A total of 290,645 tests have been administered statewide. Currently there are 578 positive Covid -19 patients hospitalized statewide.

The first case of Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) associated with COVID-19 was reported on Thursday. While children generally experience mild symptoms with COVID-19, recently a possible link

has been found between COVID-19 and a serious inflammatory disease in some children and teenagers who have current or recent infections. The first reports of this syndrome came from the United Kingdom in late April. Cases in the United States were first reported in New York City in early May. MIS-C is a very rare condition, but as COVID-19 cases increase, additional reports of MIS-C could follow. Because children with this syndrome may become seriously ill, it is important that parents and caregivers know the signs and symptoms their children may have so they can get help right away.

Most children with MIS-C have fever (temperature of 100.4 degrees F or 38.0 degrees C or greater) lasting several days, along with other symptoms. Other common symptoms include:

-Irritability or decreased activity

-Abdominal pain without another explanation

-Diarrhea

-Vomiting

-Rash

-Conjunctivitis (red or pink eyes)

-Poor feeding

-Red, cracked lips or red, bumpy tongue that looks like a strawberry

-Swollen hands and feet, which might also be red

Call your child's doctor immediately if your child has a persistent fever plus any of the above symptoms. The doctor will ask about your child's symptoms and use that information to recommend next steps. If your child is severely ill, go to the nearest emergency room or call 911 immediately.

All adults and children should take steps to protect themselves from COVID-19. Adults and children over the age of two who can reliably wear a face covering should wear one whenever they are in public. Even when wearing a face covering, try to cough or sneeze into your elbow and practice not touching your face.

Everyone can help prevent the spread of COVID-19 by practicing the 3 Ws: Wear. Wait. Wash. Wear a cloth face covering, wait at least six feet apart to maintain social distancing and wash hands regularly or use hand sanitizer.

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Pvt. David Glisson
Pvt. Elijah Crow
Pvt. William House
Pvt. William Pope
Pvt. Richard Smith
Pvt. Thomas Smith
Pvt. Calvin Sutton
Capt. Henry Darden
3rd Lt. William Faison
Sgt. Nathan Lewis
Pvt. Jesse Bowen
Pvt. Alvin Odum
Pvt. James Shipp
Pvt. Robert Shipp
Pvt. John Stephens
Pvt. William Stevens

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Pvt. Junie Ammons, US Army
Pvt. James A Bishop, US Army
Pvt. Levie C Branson, US Army
Pvt. Luther Bumpass, US Army
Pvt. Lee Carlton, US Army
Pvt. Cordie M Daughtry, US Army
Sgt. Raymond D Fussell, US Army
Pvt. James E Highsmith, US Army
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S SGT Edison Keen, US Army
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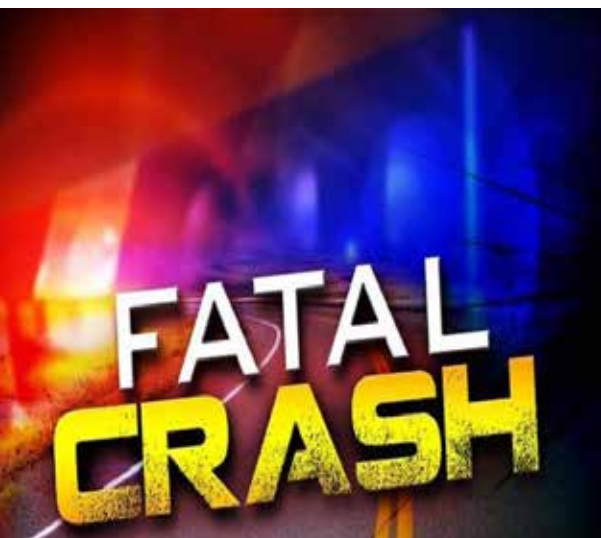
PVT Woodrow Weeks, US Army, KIA July 25, 1944
St.Lo. France
Glenn Dale McKoy 1962 Army

Navy
PVT Elbert B. Riley, USMC

Serviceman Killed or Died in Korean War
PFC Willard N. Frederick, Nov 4, 1950 US Marine Corps
SFC Clifton M. Culver, US Army
MSGT John O. Herring, US Army
CPL Marvin Royal, US Army
CPL Alton L. Tadlock, US Army

Servicemen Killed in Vietnam War
MMI Paul Edwin Gore, Oct 2, 1969, US Navy
PFC Charles McLaurin, April 24, 1968, USMC
PFC Lawrence Mobley, May 4, 1968, USMC
LCPL Harrell Wayne Johnson, May 31, 1968, USMC
CPL James J. Johnson, Feb 28, 1969, USMC
PFC Christopher Hiawatha Bell, March 16, 1968, Army
PFC Samuel Edward Bryant, Nov 3, 1965, Army
SGT James Richard Daniels, July 27, 1968, Army
SP4 Howard Cedil West, Dec 11, 1966, Army
PFC Elbert Thomas Williams, July 14, 1967, Army
SGT Kermit Louis Williams, Sept 18, 1968, Army
SP4 Kenneth Pete Wilson, Oct 17, 1967, Army
Capt David Carroll Burch, Sept 3, 1968, Army
Glenn Dale McKoy 1967, Army
Renal Sampson 1966, Army
Reginald Bell 1968, Army
PFC Benjamin Melvin, Dec 3, 1968, Army
SGT Wayne Bizzle Holland, Army
SP4 Glasco Junior Fryar, Aug 2, 1966, Army
SP4 George Richard Pope, May 19, 1968, Army
PVT James Edward Byrd, April 2, 1970, Army
WO Fred Albert Williams, Dec 16, 1970, Army
James Juna Johnson, Feb 28, 1969, Army
SGT Furman L. Johnson, 1968, Army
Jeffrey T. Sellars, Army

Gulf War Killed in Action
PFC Joseph Guerrero, Oct 27, 2003, Army
SPC Robert Thomas Johnson, Jan 7, 2006, Army
Emanuel Pickett, April 2008, National Guard



At approximately 21:55 hours on 20 May 2020, Trooper S.K. Naylor was called to investigate a fatal collision that occurred on US 13 near the Cumberland County line. Vehicle 1, a tractor trailer, was traveling north on US 13. Vehicle 2, 1997 Jeep Grand Cherokee, was traveling south on US 13. The driver of Vehicle 2, Calvin Antoine Poarch (02/08/1959) of Fayetteville, lost control when the vehicle hydro-planed on the wet road. Vehicle 2 travelled left of center and struck Vehicle 1 head on. After impact Vehicle 2 travelled off the right side of the road and overturned. The right front passenger, Retha Renee Hodges (04/21/1961) of Fayetteville, was ejected and died at the scene. Mr. Poarch was transported to Sampson Regional Medical Center and a third passenger was transported to Cape Fear Valley.

There is no impairment suspected on either driver. Driver of Vehicle 2 was charged with Misdemeanor Death

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We thank all of our community heroes for their work in the fight against COVID-19.

We see daily the hard work of our own team members. We appreciate their selfless dedication and commitment to providing safe and quality care to our patients. But, we haven't fought this alone! We are thankful to our community members who reacted responsibly to help flatten the curve. You've helped keep the local health system from being overburdened with too many sick patients at once. We appreciate our agribusinesses, manufacturers, truck drivers, and many others who are essential to a healthy supply chain for continuing their work during this challenging time. We applaud the rest of the healthcare community, first responders, public health agencies, and law enforcement for their work alongside us in this fight to keep our community safe and healthy. To the childcare workers who have enabled essential workers to report to their jobs and to the educators who have adapted to a new learning environment- your work does not go unnoticed. Every business, every agency, and every person has played a role in our fight against COVID-19. And from all of us at Sampson Regional, we thank you for the support, kindness, and generosity!

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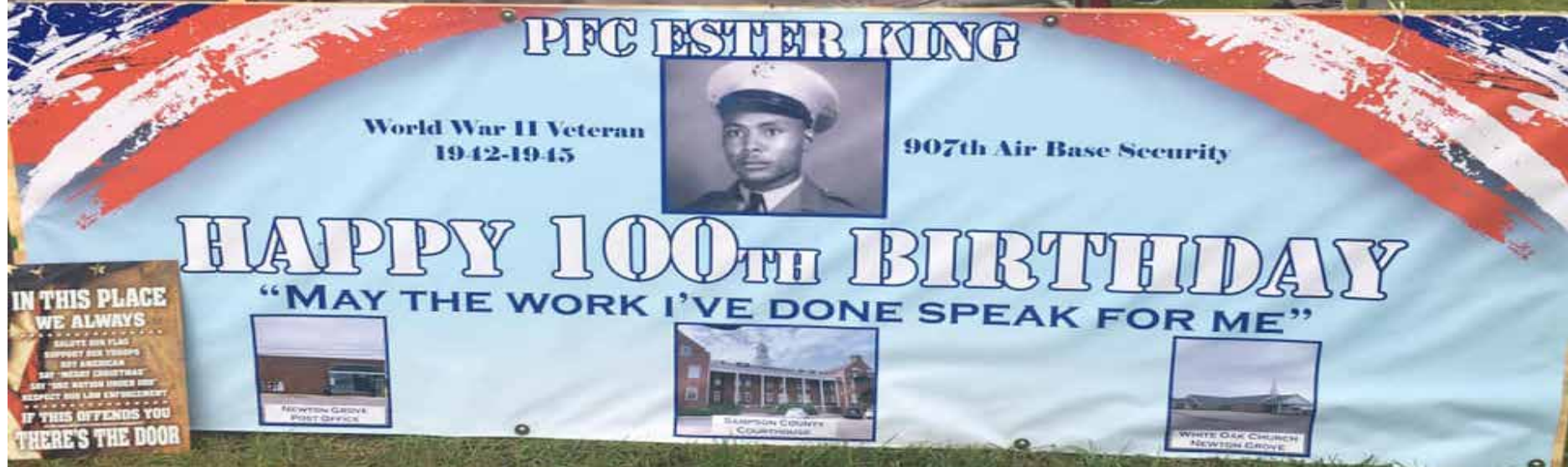


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World War II Veteran Ester King Turns 100



One hundred years ago in Sampson County, a young man was born on a small family farm. His destiny seemed to be already set due to the fact he was born into a black family in 1920 America. However, Ester King did not let this limit his path and his future.

Ester was born on May 21, 1920 into a family with 8 kids to Needham King and Bertha McLamb. The humble parents raised their family with much love and affection.

Ester King was born the same year that the Boston Red Sox sold slugger Babe Ruth to the New York Yankees for \$125,000 and a \$350,000 loan. This is what they say started the 84 year "Curse of the Bambino". He was also born the same year that Walt Disney started work as an artist with KC Slide Company for \$40 a week- when Walt Disney died in 1966 his fortune was worth over \$150 million, equivalent to \$1.1 billion today. Also, the same year as Ester's birth, the National Negro Baseball League was started, setting the stage for more rights for minorities in sports. On June 13th, 1920, the US Post Office said that children cannot be sent by parcel post anymore- due to various instances occurring. On November 2nd, 1920, Warren G Harding was elected President of the United States. Mr. Ester King has lived to see 17 different presidents take office, even the first black president Barack Obama.

Ester lived to see Jackie Robinson, in 1947, be the first African American to play on a major league team, the racial integration of schools, the civil rights movement of Martin Luther King Jr, and the 1965 Voting Rights Act. Mr. King has seen the horrors of war such as World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, and the Iraq War.

He was born the same year that hair dryers, kiss-proof lipstick, and submachine guns were invented.

He has lived through the invention of television, penicillin, the nuclear bomb, a man in space, the computer, and cell phones. So, life has changed indeed during the lifetime of Ester King.

Ester attended school at Keener School from the age of 8-13. At 13, his education was halted due to the fact that in 5th grade he had to start working in the cotton fields. In 1937, Ester took it upon himself to better himself and he learned the carpentry trade from Forrest McCullen. It was in carpentry and brick laying that Ester would earn his living moving forward.

At the age of 18, this young man bought his first piece of property, 20 acres for the huge sum of \$300. At the age of 21, on that same property, Ester built the home that he still lives in today. Ester helped in building Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville and Camp Butler in Durham. Ester had a desire to start his own business, but back in 1940, black men were not allowed, so he had to take on jobs considered as "common labor". But that would soon change as society realized the injustice of suppression.

But war was calling, and Ester was drafted to serve in World War II in 1942, where he served until 1945. Ester was stationed in Fort Bragg where immediately he was placed on a "big ship" and sent to North Africa and Italy. He was stationed with the US Army 907th Air Base Security where he guarded planes so they could not be blown up by the Germans. He also served as an Advanced Scout and would go out and look for approaching enemies and report back to camp.

Once back home from war in 1945, Ester came back home to Sampson County and married his childhood sweetheart Alease Monk. The couple had two children Starling King and Suella King.

The war had changed things in America and once arriving home Ester was also allowed to fulfill his dream of having his own carpentry business, which he did with great success. Some of Ester's carpentry and brick laying skills are still visible today in the Newton Grove Post Office, the Sampson County Courthouse, White Oak Church in Newton Grove, Bethlehem Church and the house of Veterinarian Dr. Guy Bertich.

Ester was determined to live his life a certain way and he still does so today.

Longevity is something that runs in Ester's genes. His sister Sudie Mae is almost 99 years old. He has two brothers still living, Silas King, who is 90 years old and lives in New York, and Paul Mitchell who is 85 and lives in Oklahoma. Ester is one of the oldest surviving World War II veterans in Sampson County. Ester is also the oldest member at Union Grove Freewill Baptist Church.

Ester King has been planning for years for his 100th birthday party. He wanted a big community party but with the COVID-19 pandemic, this will not be possible. However, the community is going to make sure he gets the party he most definitely deserves. According to friend, Bud Gilmore who is heading up a birthday card campaign for Ester, "He was very adamant about a big party but with COVID-19 we having to go to Plan B." Gilmore is urging everyone to send Mr. Ester King a birthday card full of best wishes for his 100th Birthday.

Gilmore says that Ester loves Pepsi Colas and Honey Buns. "Everybody in the community tries to look after Mr. Ester and keep an eye on him. Mr. Ester is such a gift to the community. And everybody loves him. He is full of good history stories." Gilmore explained that Ester was born during the time that the Spanish Flu was winding down and "He's turning 100 years old during a quarantine again."

Gilmore continued, "Mr. King still lives at home (which he built) and can be seen daily sitting outside drinking a Pepsi and tending his garden. Many know him simply as "the man on the roof", as he would often sit on his roof enjoying the sun."

Given Mr. King's extraordinary life and selfless service to our nation, we all owe him a bit of gratitude. Since he cannot have the big party he was looking forward to, the community asks that you send him a birthday card congratulating him on such a milestone. Family members said that Ester is not scared of the virus, he just wants a party.

On Thursday, the Halls community came together and did a ride by parade, with everyone wishing him a happy birthday. Also, that same day, the Sampson County Board of Commissioners presented Mr. Ester with a Resolution honoring his 100th Birthday. After the parade, Mr. King was so overwhelmed and excited. He said that he felt like "Barack Obama".

If you still want to wish Ester a "Happy Birthday", send him a card or a gift, mail them to Mr. Ester King c/o the Sampson County Veterans Office, 335 County Complex Road in Clinton NC 28328.

See all pictures of the parade at The Sampson Weekly Facebook page and also view a video of the whole parade.

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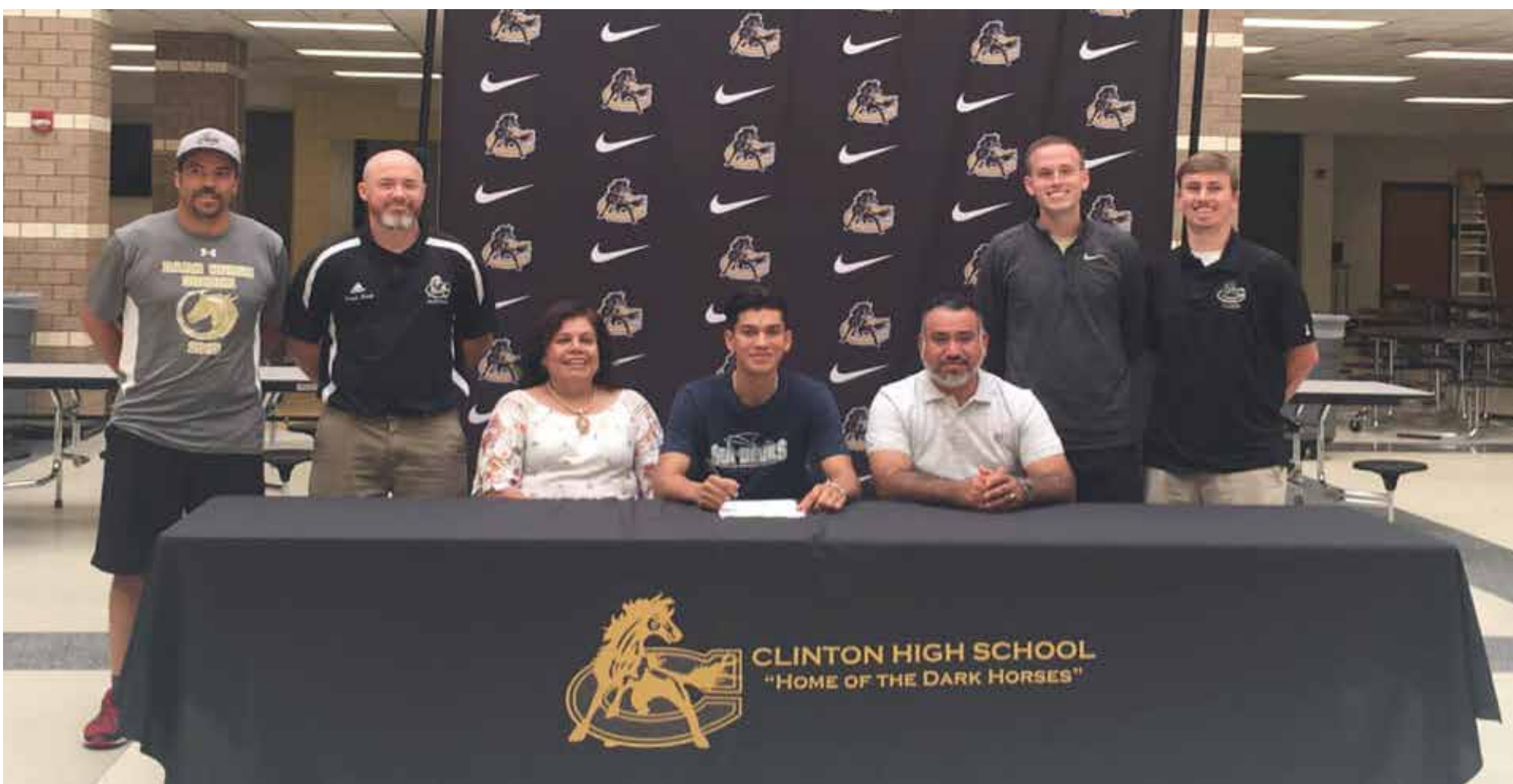
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Llamas Signs to Play Soccer at Cape Fear Community College



Even though Clinton High School is finishing out the year on a different note, with remote learning, it hasn't stopped the athletes from obtaining their goals. Last Wednesday, 19-year-old Mauricio Llamas moved one step closer to fulfilling his dream to play soccer. With friends and family present, Mauricio officially signed to play soccer at Cape Fear Community College.

That is why Mauricio Llamas has been named this week's Performance Automotive/Sampson Weekly Athlete of the Week.

Llamas said that Wednesday was a dream come true, "I have experienced a lot and met a lot of good competition throughout my high school career. Having the opportunity to commit to Cape Fear CC and continue to further my soccer career is a very special moment for me." He went on to say that it felt good to know that all his hard work on and off the soccer field had finally paid off.

Llamas plays centerback on the Dark Horse soccer team. He was named All-County, All-Conference, All-Region, All-State, All East Central 2a Conference player, and Sampson County Soccer Player of the Year 2019. Llamas also played in the Powerade Games two years.

According to Llamas, "I first started playing soccer at the age of 7 in Beaufort South Carolina, my mom signed me up and from then on I loved the sport of Soccer."

Llamas' family moved to Sampson County from Beaufort, SC in 2008. Coming to a new community is difficult for a young boy, making new friends in a new school atmosphere. Llamas said that soccer helped him make friends at school.

Even though it was his mom who signed him up to play soccer, Llamas says that it was his older brother Raul who influenced him the most for the love of the game. "He's always pushed me and my younger brothers to play soccer outside of the house and we would have our own little 2v2. Soccer was always a distraction for us."

According to head coach Bradley Spell, "Llamas is a very patient and disciplined defender. He knows when to attack the ball at crucial times and contain on defense. King of the Slide tackle. Sneaky smooth player."

Spells has a memory of Llamas' career at Clinton High School that he says he will never forget. "I will never forget the 2nd Round match versus Beddingfield. He totally played on instinct and without him we would not have won that match. He played pretty much with limited vision because of eye issues. He did things in that match I will never forget. Probably should not have been playing." But Coach Spell was glad he did because they went on to defeat Beddingfield 5-1.

"Mauricio has a bright future," stated Coach Spell. "He is extremely trustworthy and knows and understands the value of hard work. He shined at the right time and once he buckles down, he can't be stopped."

According to Spell, Mauricio is ranked as possibly one of the best players to come out of the Dark Horse soccer program. "I have been blessed to coach him and watch him grow into a fine young man. Big shout out for his super parents raising him the right way. Proud coach."

Llamas says that when he's not hitting the books or on the soccer field, "We spend most of our time together either working in our family business or spending time at the lake making memorable memories." The "We" Llamas is speaking about is his five brothers and sisters and his mom and dad. His family owns La Hacienda Mexican Restaurant in Clinton.

Remembering his career as a Dark Horse, Llamas noted, "The highlight of my high school soccer career would have to be winning the 2018 state championship. I feel like that's every high schooler's goal & for me to be one of those players is such a special highlight for me."

Llamas said that he had many people to thank for his success. "I want to thank my family for supporting me in every decision in soccer. I would also like to give a big thanks to all my coaches & teammates who have coached/played with me and made me the player I am today."

Ending his career at Clinton High School has been tough, especially having to complete his senior year in quarantine. "Something I'll always miss from Clinton High School will be able to walk down the halls and the many memories I've made with my friends there."

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EDUCATION

Star Communications Executive Credits SCC with Career Success

When he graduated from Clinton High School in 1981, Jeff Shipp, was not quite sure about his future. He grew up working in tobacco fields and got his first job at Belk Department Store in high school. Unprepared to leave his hometown and attend a large university, Shipp decided that Sampson Community College was the perfect place to start. Over time, it's become clear how beneficial that decision was.

As a student, Shipp made SCC his home and made the most of his time there. He served as the president and vice president of the Student Government Association before graduating in 1983. He then transferred to East Carolina University, where he studied Industrial Technology. Looking back, Shipp says it's clear to see how Sampson Community College laid the basis for his entire career.

"Sampson Community College is truly a part of what set the foundation for a successful career for me... All the staff at the community college are involved in the community and that means a lot too," Shipp shared.

In fact, after working with a computer company in Fayetteville for eight years after college, it was a former SCC instructor who helped connect Shipp with Star Communications, where Shipp has worked for the last 25 years.

Now the Vice President of Operations at Star Communications, Shipp has worked in several different areas. In this role, he is able to interact with employees from all over the company, combining knowledge his gained from his different roles and his years of experience. As Vice President of Operations, Shipp leads a driven team of department heads and their employees.

"I've got a great team. It's a joy to work with these people. We've been through so much in the last couple of years. We've had two hurricanes, this crisis, and all of the construction work ahead of us the next five years, but it's just a great team," Shipp reflected.



For students beginning their time at SCC, or graduating, Shipp emphasizes the benefit of forming a skill or a trade. Shipp shared that skills and trades, which can't be taken away should be a priority for students and young professionals because they can be sharpened over the course of one's career.

"Focus during these early years. Investing in your time at Sampson Community College is an investment in your future," Shipp remarked. "Develop a trade, or a learn a skill that no one can take away—something that you've developed or focused on. I think this is a great foundation that will help students as they move forward in whatever career they choose."

Much like the instructors and administrators who impacted him during his time at SCC, Shipp took note and has stayed active in the local community through several different organizations. Over the years, Shipp has been a member of the Sampson Arts Council, Kiwanis Club of Clinton, Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce, amongst others.

About Sampson Community College: Sampson Community College is a member of the North Carolina Community College System, located in Clinton, NC in Sampson County. The college offers many programs to include two-year degrees, college transfer, continuing education and workforce development options, and early college education.



UMO Alumnus Nathan McKee Takes Technology to New Levels at SCC

Clinton, NC resident Nathan McKee has always enjoyed learning how things work. It is a curiosity that has served him well both in his military career and in his role as Sampson Community College's Information Technology Department Chair.

Two years after completing high school in Charlottesville, VA, McKee enlisted in the Army National Guard. He served as an enlisted member of VA and NC Army National Guards from 1995 to 2017. During that time he was deployed to Iraq twice and Afghanistan once. His jobs on these tours of duty included Calvary Scout, Machine Gunner, and Combat Engineer Section Sergeant. He also received training in demolitions and robot operations to destroy Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) as needed.

In 1999, McKee graduated from Piedmont Virginia Community College with his associate's degree in computer information systems. He took a job with Outsource, Inc. as a Data Analyst and moved to Clinton, NC in 2000. In 2005, after returning home from a combat deployment to Iraq, McKee enrolled at Sampson Community College (SCC), using the Montgomery GI Bill. After two semesters, he transferred to Mount Olive College, now the University of Mount Olive, where he obtained his bachelor's degree in computer information systems in 2007. Although he was an adult student, McKee chose to enroll in the traditional day-time programs.



be spotted making laps around SCC's new walking/running trail. And, that "never give-up attitude" is one that he often shares with his own students.

Having a passion for learning and figuring things out, McKee completed his master's degree in information systems in 2010 from Trident University International. His role in academia began at Johnston Community College in 2015 when he took a job as an Adjunct Information Technology Instructor. He soon realized he had found his true calling. "Interacting with students that enjoy technology is a real joy to me," he said. "It is especially rewarding when the 'light bulb' turns and they grasp a difficult topic."

It was therefore no surprise, that in 2016, when a full-time IT Instructor position opened up at Sampson Community College, that McKee jumped at the opportunity. After all, it was closer to home, it was a chance to give back to his alma mater, and it was an opportunity do what he loved.

"It is a huge yet very rewarding opportunity, to ensure that my students are learning what they need to know to be successful in today's work environment." McKee said of his teaching career. "It is also great to be validated by former students who contact me to let me know that they have gone on to bigger and better things, due in part to what I taught them."

A year after joining SCC, McKee retired from the NC Army National Guard as a Sergeant First Class, and he was promoted to his current role at SCC as Information Technology Department Chair. As Department Chair McKee is responsible for planning curriculum and course offerings, as well as supervising faculty within the Department. He also teaches courses dealing with Information Technology and Cyber Security. Under McKee's leadership, the SCC Information Technology Department has grown tremendously and added several strategic partners.

"We now partner with Cisco Systems, Palo Alto Networks, VMware, and Network Development Group, among others," McKee shared.

In November of 2019, as a result of McKee's "never give up" attitude, SCC was designated by the National Security Agency (NSA) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) as a Center of Academic Excellence in Cybersecurity Education. It was an arduous process and one in which McKee spent countless hours outside of his normal duties to insure its success.

"It was a year-long validation process which ensures that SCC's Cybersecurity curriculum is rigorous, relevant, and is producing a highly skilled cybersecurity workforce to both government and industry," McKee said. "As of 2020, only nine colleges and universities throughout NC have achieved this designation," he added.

"It is simply wonderful to hear that Nathan, an exemplary graduate in the UMO Computer Information Systems program, is now positively impacting the lives of his students- thus, the student becomes the master!," said Dr. Karl Reimers, UMO Computer Information Systems Professor.

Chair of the Tillman School of Business at UMO Dr. Kathy Best said, "We are proud of the success of our alumni! Nathan has done an excellent job of utilizing his education at UMO to transform his career and make a difference in the lives of others."

Likewise, McKee shared his praise for UMO. "I am so appreciative to UMO for giving me the ability to find my true calling of educating others. For anyone considering returning to college, I would say, 'It's never too late to learn something new,'" he concluded.

McKee and his wife, Michele, who is a UMO alumna from the class of 2010, have one son, Kyle. They are members of Clinton Community Church.




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"The administration and my professors were very helpful when I needed to miss class due to military obligations," McKee recalled. "UMO helped me prepare for my career by teaching me a great deal about technology and more importantly how to not give up when things get tough."

In addition to his studies McKee became a walk-on for the Trojan track team, where he ran cross country. I enjoyed working with a team and traveling to competitions," McKee shared. "Although I was older than the students and the coach, I never gave up."

McKee still enjoys running today. He can often

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By God's Grace... we can plow through this Pandemic 'together' without putting our little lights under a bushel and covering in fear! Stories saluting front line heroes and people rising up to help others in 'such a time as this' warms hearts. Yet, discord, depression, and disregarding our DUTY TO LOVE grow like kudzu (out of control) across America. We must decide how we act and react to challenges and circumstances in this season of Covid 19! Cautiously caring for our well being and others by following safe practices is wise. Yet, withdrawing and whining with 'woe are we' attitudes can cripple our Christian witness in this tumultuous time! What will we do...faithfully serve or fearfully decline?

Let's lovingly share the Good News that God is in control and not be controlled by bad news magnified by man! Trusting and obeying as the Holy Spirit leads is the only way to be happy and overcome fear in times like these. So, what do we do? Will we hide under a bushel where our lights cannot shine or stand up for Jesus as soldiers of the cross... serving, sharing, shining, and trusting Him in these tough times?

When we step in faith and reach out in love, doors will divinely open with opportunities to serve we never dreamed would come our way. Walking in faith with willing hearts and working hands, God desires for us to 'go and do', rest in HIM, be patient, passionate, and not worry over things we cannot understand. Though trials and tribulations will keep coming, we can stand strong together, faithfully serve, and share sweet stories about a close relationship with Father, Son, and Spirit... our BEST FRIEND!

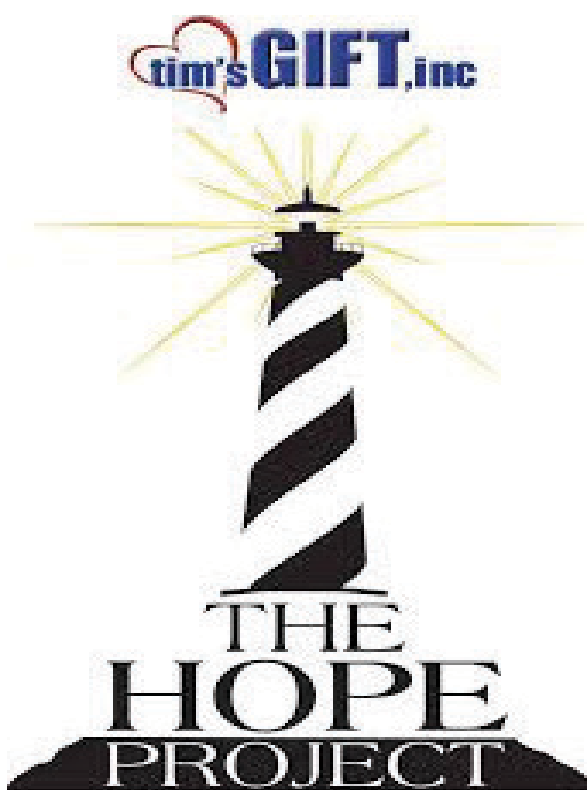
By God's Grace... The Learning Station and Tim's Gift have remained open during

the Pandemic to care for His children and give help and hope to those in need. If anyone needs medical supplies or equipment, call 910-592-8776 for assistance since I am at The Learning Station during the day and Tim's Gift building is locked. The children help fill the orders and we place the supplies or equipment outside The Learning Station for pick up. We have continued Tuesday morning prayer (6:30 -7:30am) but meet at The Learning Station instead of Tim's Gift. We welcome you to join us on Tuesdays for round table community prayer time!

Pictures on this page tell the story of Jesus and His love for all His little children (even us old ones with wrinkles)! Rather than writing outlines for each picture, we trust you will see the joy of serving our Lord and sharing His love in the children's faces, hands on the prayer table, food placed in The Little Free Library for people to feel free to come and take, donations given by you that go out to help people in need, children doing homework, playing together, doing science experiments, baking birthday cakes, praying with one another and people God sends our way in need of precious prayers and sweet smiles...for Jesus loves the little children and hears their prayers! My prayer is that you will be blessed and drawn closer to Christ by messages and pictures of love on this page provided by a Good Samaritan in our community who loves the Lord and does not hide his light under a bushel but lets it shine, shine, shine so sweetly in service to Thee!

It is truly by God's Grace ...giving good help, health, lots of patience, and provision that He has given me the gift of serving Him in the classroom for 30 years, Tim's Gift for 11 years, and The Learning Station for 30 years. I am humbly and gratefully in AWE of God and give Him all the glory and honor for through it all I have known I could depend on HIM...my Best Friend!

~ In His love, Becky



Patience - A Fruit of the Holy Spirit

By Diane Lough

Patience..Are you patient with your own self? Are you patient with others? Frustration, lack of communication, and self-imposed expectations are several root causes for us to lose patience with ourselves and with others.

Here is good news: God is always patient with us!! It doesn't matter what we have done in our actions or words, his unconditional love prevails. He is patient with us as we work through some of the 'not so good' decisions we have made and go to him with our hearts open seeking forgiveness.

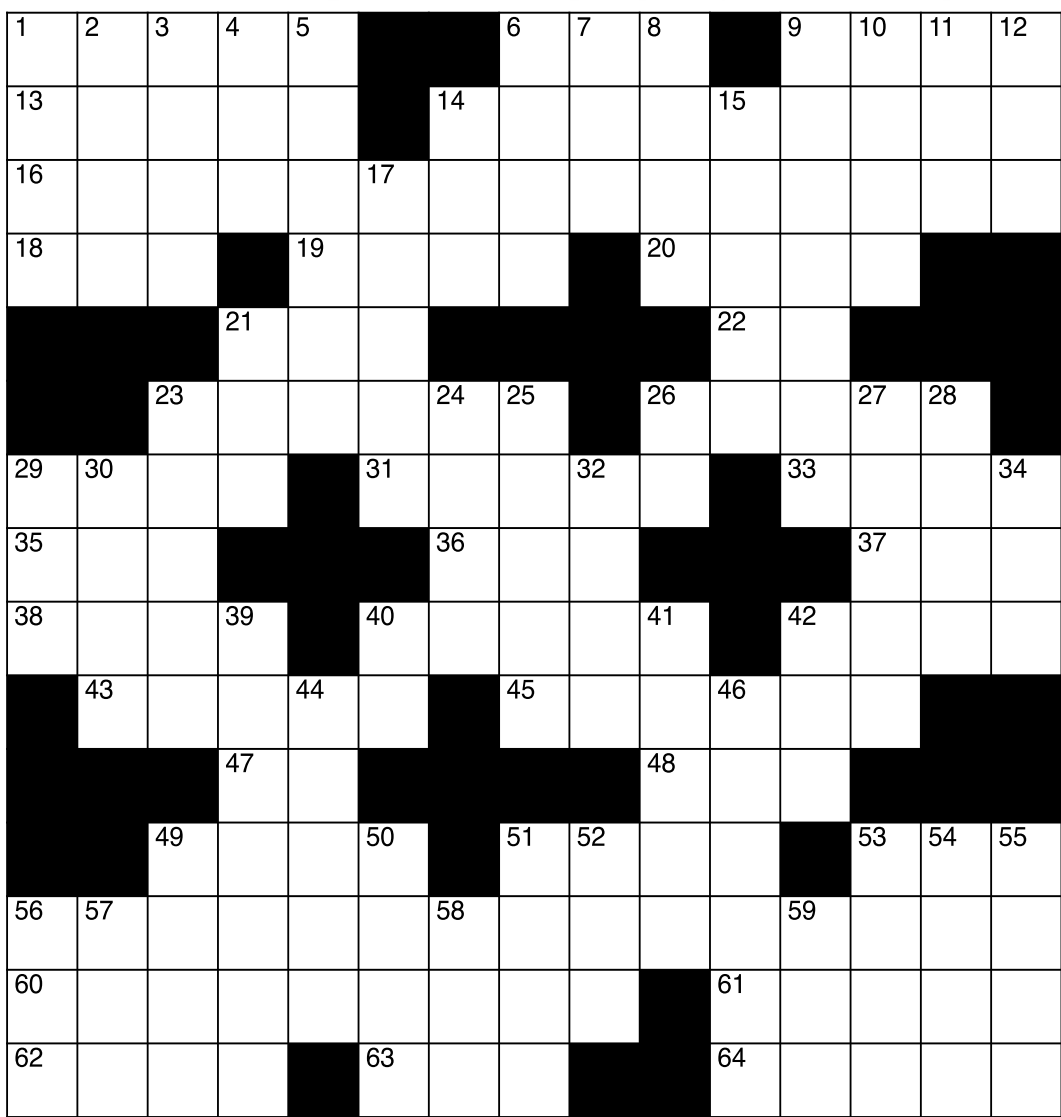
Have you heard the expression, 'the patience of Job'? This phrase is taken from the Old Testament book of Job where God allowed Satan to surround Job and impact his life with great suffering. Through death of his family, home and all his assets destroyed and his own body covered with sores, Job still praised God.

The 'patience of Job' expression has its origin in this verse in the book of James, "Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy." James 5:10-11 <https://www.gotquestions.org/patience-of-Job.html>

Patience is a gift from God through the Holy Spirit. As we grow in our faith with God, our fruit of patience seems to come quicker to our hearts and minds as the Holy Spirit within us releases this fresh fruit and brings forth tolerance, acceptance, and restraint. Bless God!

PUZZLES

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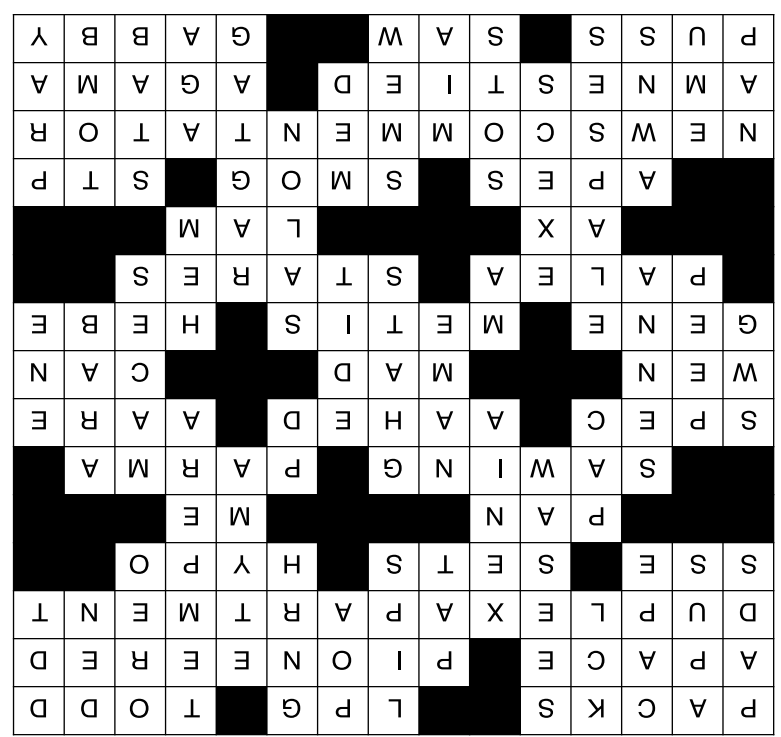


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Wolf groups
- 6. Liquid propane gas (abbr.)
- 9. Liz's 3rd husband Mike
- 13. Quickly, rapidly
- 14. Ventured into the unknown
- 16. 2 floor rental
- 18. Point midway between S and SE
- 19. Jells
- 20. Syringe
- 21. Greek god of the woods
- 22. Of I
- 23. A way of cutting
- 26. Italian cheese city
- 29. Detailed design criteria for a piece of work
- 31. Expressed pleasure
- 33. Swiss river
- 35. Harmless cyst
- 36. Angry
- 37. Airtight metal food container
- 38. Cowboy star Autry
- 40. Jupiter's closest satellite
- 42. Greek goddess of youth
- 43. Grass spikelet bracts
- 45. Gazes
- 47. Used to chop
- 48. Escape to avoid arrest
- 49. Imitators
- 51. Air pollution
- 53. Engine additive
- 56. One who comments on events of the day
- 60. In a way, pardoned
- 61. Lizard of the family Agamidae
- 62. ____ 'n boots
- 63. A lumberman's tool
- 64. Full of conversation

ANSWERS ACROSS

- 1. packs
- 6. LPG
- 9. Todd
- 13. Apace
- 14. Pioneered
- 16. Duplex apartment
- 18. SSE
- 19. Sets
- 20. Hypo
- 21. Pan
- 22. Me
- 23. Sawing
- 26. Parma
- 29. Spec
- 31. Aahed
- 33. Aare
- 35. Wen
- 36. Mad
- 37. Can
- 38. Gene
- 40. Metis
- 42. Hebe
- 43. Palea
- 45. Stares
- 47. Ax
- 48. Lam
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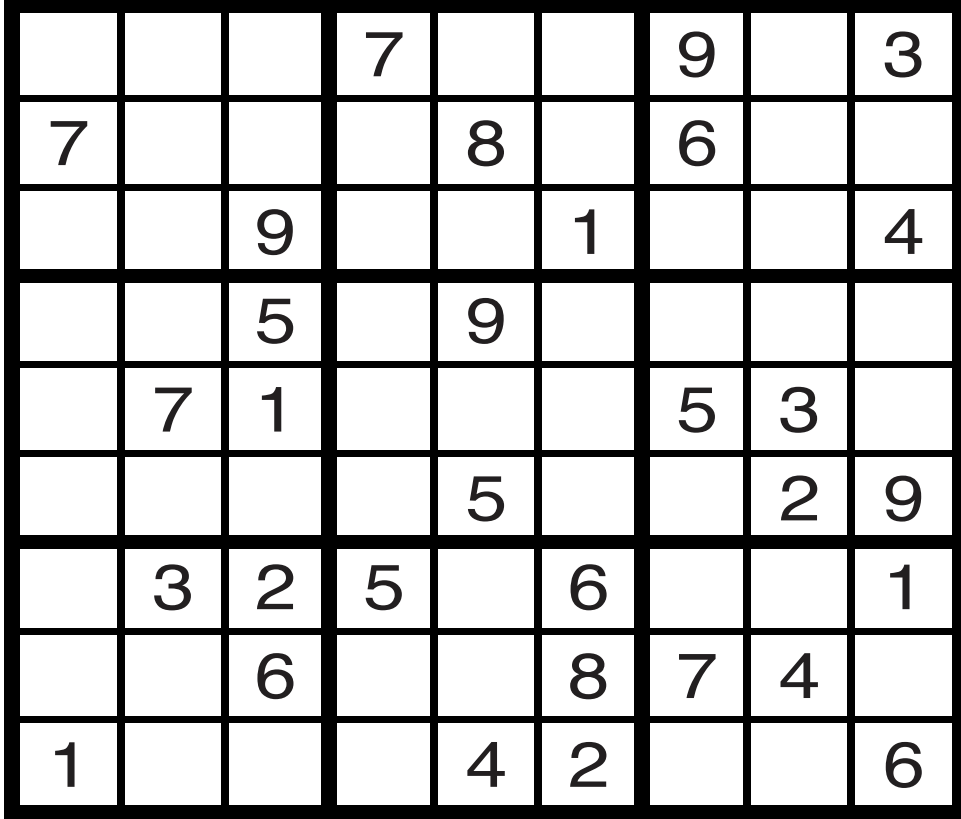


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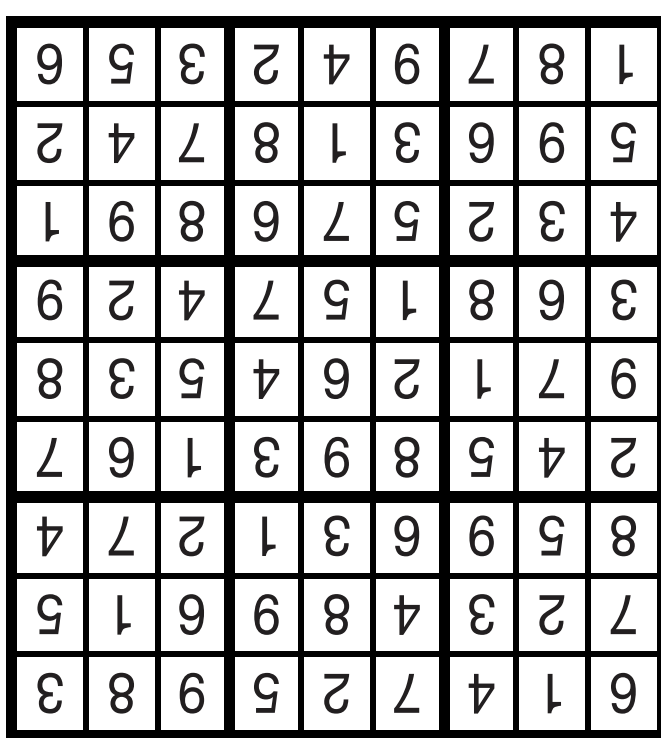
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Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test.



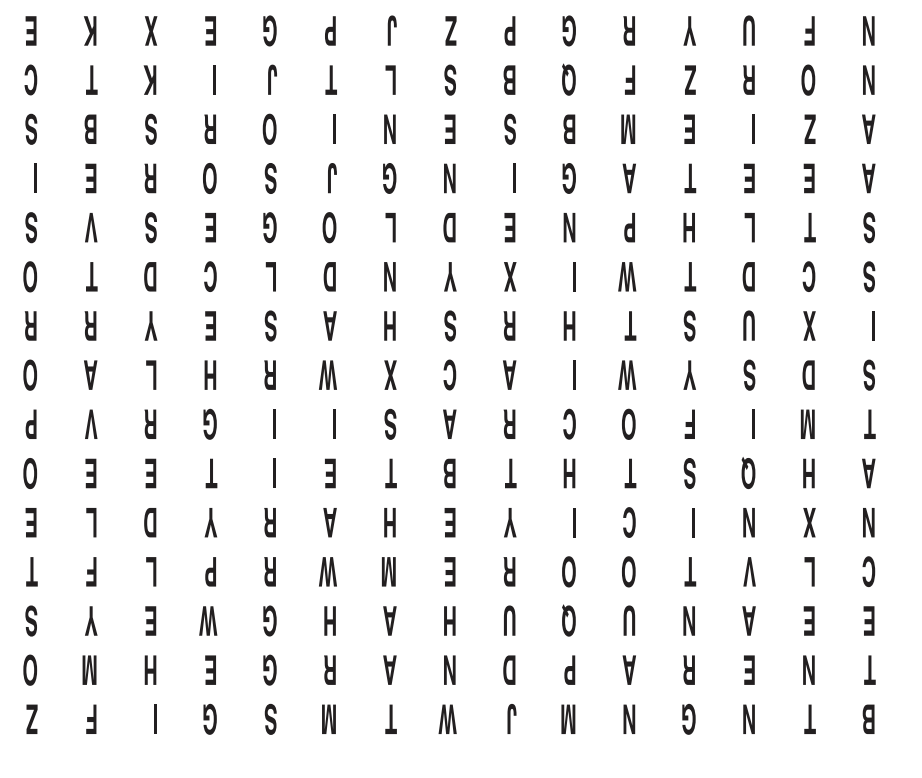
Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear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



Word Search — Golden Years



- Active Aging Assistance
- Brittle Discount Elderly
- Golden Grandparent Osteoporosis
- Prescription Relaxation Retired
- Seniors Travel Years



OBITUARIES



FOUR OAKS

Ret Staff Sgt. David "Brent" Leftwich passed away Friday, May 15, 2020. A graveside service was held at 1:00pm Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at Hall Family Cemetery in Autryville (Hayne Stretch), officiating was Rev. Paul Honeycutt. The family received friends from 6:00pm to 8:00pm Monday, May 18,

2020 at the funeral home. He was born September 15, 1954 in Sylva, North Carolina, he was the son the late Rodney L. and Janie A. Leftwich. He graduated from Cullowhee High School in 1973 and attended Western Carolina University and the Community College of the Air Force. Active in Boy Scouts as a youth, Brent was an Eagle Scout, earned Order of the Arrow, and served as an assistant scoutmaster. Brent was a veteran of the United States Air Force. He served our Country for over 20 years earning the rank of Staff Sgt. While in the Air Force, he was stationed at Ramstein Germany, Altus Oklahoma, and Edwards California. Brent loved the Lord and Jesus Christ. He was a member of Temple Baptist Church in Selma. He was an ordained Baptist minister. Brent is survived by his wife, Mandy Leftwich; a sister, Linda Leftwich Moore, of Spanaway, WA; two brothers, Rodney Henderson Leftwich of Mills River, NC and Philip Robbins Leftwich of Asheville, NC; as well his nieces, Diana Moore and Margaret Anne Leftwich, and nephew, Brent Michael Leftwich; three stepchildren, Frankie Hall & wife, Melissa, Jamie Hall and Amy Hall all of Roseboro; and seven step-grandchildren, Matthew, Noah, Gracie and Preston Hall, Dustin Carter, Brianne and Brittany Arnold. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 6535 Clinton Road, Stedman, NC.

Knowles (Teddy), and Larry McNeill; eighteen grandchildren; twenty great grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; and brother, Joseph McNeill (Wanda). 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.



CLINTON

Mrs. Elizabeth H. Phillips, 81, of 110 Beaver Dam Drive, Clinton, NC, passed away Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at The Oaks at Whitaker Glen-Mayview, Raleigh, NC. The funeral service was held at 1pm, Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at Worley Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor David

Marible officiating. Burial in Sandhill Cemetery, Clinton, NC. Mrs. Phillips is survived by DAUGHTERS-Ervy Lynette McMahon of Bronx, NY and Veronica Newkirk of Hackensack, NJ; SON-Corey Taylor of Hackensack, NJ; BROTHERS-James Newkirk of Buffalo, NY and Willie Newkirk of Rose Hill, NC; 4 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Service was live-streamed via Worley Funeral Home Facebook page. **Executive Order 117 restricts public gatherings to no more than 50 individuals at the same location. Viewing at Worley Funeral Home (Masks are required for entry) Wednesday, May 20, 2020 12pm - 1pm.



WARSAW

Lionel Tamez Sr. 44 passed away on Saturday, May 16, 2020 at his home. Lionel leaves to treasure his memories: Father- Alfonso Tamez, Mother- Manuela Hernandez, Wife- Rebeca F. Tamez, Children- Lionel Tamez Jr, Jennifer Tamez, Carlos Avila, Uriel Avila, Felipe Avila, Fernando Avila, Brothers

and Sisters- Martin Tamez, Eligio Tamez, Maria Martin, Rolando Tamez, Linda Viramontes, Alfonso Tamez Jr., Michelle Trevino, Four Grandchildren. A graveside service will be held on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 2:00 pm at Clinton City Cemetery on Elizabeth Street in Clinton.



CLINTON

Chevis Matthews 82 passed away on Friday, May 15, 2020 at UNC Wayne in Goldsboro. A graveside service will be held on Friday, May 22, 2020 at 11:00 am at Andrews Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, 2541 Reedsford Rd, Clinton. A walk thru was held from 1:00pm - 5:00pm on Thursday, May 21, 2020

at Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Service & Cremation.

CLINTON

Mrs. Mary Inez Raynor, 70, of 1451 H.B. Lewis Road, Clinton, NC, passed away Monday, May 18, 2020 at Sunnybrook Rehab, Raleigh, NC. The graveside service will be held at 2pm, Sunday, May 24, 2020 at Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery, Clinton, NC with Bishop Varnie N. Fullwood officiating. Mrs.

Raynor is survived by HUSBAND-Weldon Raynor of the home; DAUGHTER-Sandra Haley of Four Oaks, NC; SISTERS-Annie Cooper, Grace Cooper and Essie McNeill all of Clinton, NC; Helen Cooper of Turkey, NC and Jannie Sykes of Benson, NC; BROTHERS-Dennis Cooper and James Fitzgerald Cooper both of Clinton, NC. Service will be live-streamed via Worley Funeral Home Facebook page. **Executive Order 117 restricts public gatherings to no more than 50 individuals at the same location.



BLADENBORO

Mrs. Nona Lee Williams, 80, of 549 NC-410, Apt. 7D, Bladenboro, formerly of Tar Heel, passed away on Sunday, May 10, 2020 at Bladen County Hospital in Elizabethtown. Mrs. Williams was born February 29, 1940 in Bladen County, the daughter of the late Fable Burden and Lena White Burden. She

was preceded in death by her husband; Charles Williams, two brothers; James Burden and Fable R. Burden and two sisters; Retha Rigans and Attealia Porter. Funeral service will be held at 1:00 PM, Saturday, May 23, 2020 at Clarks Chapel AME Zion Church in Tar Heel. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Mrs. Williams is survived by one daughter; Charlene Williams of Bladenboro, two sisters; JoAnn Burden and Emma Shipman both of Tar Heel, one brother; Richard Burden of Brooklyn, NY, two grandchildren; Raekwon Tyrell Williams of Lumberton and Makayla Denise Williams of Bladenboro. A public viewing will be held on Friday, May 22, 2020 from 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM at Carter Funeral Home. Services provided by Carter Funeral Home, Garland. www.carterfh.com.



CLINTON

Eartle Lee McNeill, Sr., 87, of 50 Julius Lane, passed away Sunday, May 17, 2020 at his home. A funeral was held at 4 PM, Thursday, May 21, 2020 at Holly Grove Holiness Church with Rev. Dr. Randy Simmons and Pastor Bill Chaney, officiating. The family received friends at the church

one hour before the service. Interment followed in the church cemetery. Eartle, born in 1932 in Robeson County, was the son of the late Herman McNeill and Alice Maynor McNeill. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife, Chlois Evelyn Simmons McNeill, brothers, Charles Maynor, Zar Maynor, Lee Straw Maynor and grandson, Billy Chaney, III. He was a pipe fitter and plumber in the construction business and a member of Holly Grove Holiness Church. He served as a Coharie Board leader for years. Survivors include; children, Joanie Locklear (Parnell), Robert McNeill, Sr. (Liesa), Jimmy McNeill, Sr., Tammy Chaney (Bill), Joan McNeill (Robert), Eartle McNeill, Jr. (Regina), Sandra



SALEMBURG

Mrs. Rebecca Ann Street, 76 of Salemburg passed away on Sunday, May 17, 2020 at the Southwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. A funeral service was held at 2:00 PM Thursday at Zoar Pentecostal Freewill Baptist Church with Rev. Kelvin Blackman and Rev. Ernie King officiating. Burial followed

in the church cemetery. Mrs. Street was a native of Sampson County, the daughter of Edgar I. and Mamie Holland Harris. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Johnnie M. Street and a sister, Jean Powell. She was a member of Zoar Pentecostal Freewill Baptist Church, where she taught the Beginners Sunday School class for many years and also sang in the church choir. She was a seamstress. She is survived by a daughter, Denise McLamb and husband, Dean of Salemburg; a son, Johnnie M. Street, Jr. and wife, Dawn of Salemburg; two granddaughters, Makayla Anne

GREENSBORO

Mr. David Tyle'k Atkinson, 24, of 2005 Owens St., Greensboro, died Wednesday, May 13, 2019 at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh. Funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM, Saturday, May 23, 2020 at Jumping-Run Cemetery on McKoy Loop Road in Ivanhoe. A public will be received on Friday, May 22, 2020 from 3:00 PM-6:00 PM at Carter Funeral Home. **Executive Order 117 restricts public gatherings to no more than 50 individuals at the same location. Services provided by Carter Funeral Home, Garland. www.carterfh.com.

CLINTON

Joseph Donte Beard 30 of 114 Dogwood Circle passed away on Saturday, May 16, 2020 at Sampson Regional Medical Center in Clinton. A home going service will be held at 2:00 pm on Friday, May 22, 2020 at Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Chapel, 1246 Hobbton Hwy. Clinton. A public walk thru will be held on Friday, May 22, 2020, 2 hours prior to the service from 12:00 pm - 2:00

CRIME

CRIME REPORT

- 05-15 Nellie Austin Oates, 69, Clinton. Damage to Property, Trespass, Breaking and Entering Business. Trial Date 07-23-20
- 05-15 Phillip Jay Horrell, 41, Wilmington. Simple Worthless Checks. Trial Date 07-01-20
- 05-16 Monica La Sha Smith, 24, Clinton. Communicate Threats, Cyber Stalking, Violation of a court order. Bond \$3500. Trial Date 07-07-20
- 05-16 Ricky Dexter Herring Jr, 28, Clinton. Domestic Simple Assault. Trial Date 07-09-20
- 05-16 Leana Marie Melvin, 28, Snow Camp. Shoplifting. Trial Date 07-06-20
- 05-16 Charles David Melvin, 32, Graham. Shoplifting. Trial Date 07-06-20
- 05-16 Brandon Thomas Watson, 36, Macclesfield NC. Shoplifting. Trial Date 07-06-20
- 05-16 William Boykin, 23, Garland. Injury to Personal Property, Simple Assault. Bond \$6000. Trial Date 08-25-20
- 05-16 Courtney Aaron Teachey, 36, Newton Grove. Possess Drug Paraphernalia not for Marijuana, Located Wanted Person, Possess Meth, Parole Violation.
- 05-17 Jerry Dexter Barrett, 47, Harrells. Financial Card Fraud, Larceny, Communicating Threats. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 07-06-20
- 05-18 Antionette Smith, 53, Clinton. Communicating Threats, Simple Assault. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 07-28-20
- 05-20 Sarah Brown, 33, Harrells. Simple Assault. Trial Date 07-23-20
- 05-20 Mercedes Gonzalez, 40, Clinton. Simple Assault. Trial Date 07-21-20
- 05-20 Johnny Edward Lucas, 49, Clinton. Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Communicating Threats. Trial Date 06-08-20
- 05-20 Maria Gogerty, 59, Newport. Misdemeanor Larceny, Second Degree Trespass. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 06-24-20
- 05-20 Jacqueline Johnson, 36, Salemburg. Second Degree Trespass. Trial Date 08-25-20
- 05-20 Cornelia Lorraine Spurrier, 58, Roseboro. Second Degree Trespass. Trial Date 08-25-20
- 05-20 Betty Bradsher, 60, Clinton. Worthless Checks. Trial Date 08-25-20
- 05-20 Tammry Sue Peterson, 48, Roseboro. Injury To Personal Property. Trial Date 06-22-20
- 05-20 Timothy Stewart, 58, Dunn. Second degree trespass. Trial Date 07-28-20
- 05-17 Stanley Rydell Jones, 57, Clinton. Assault with a Deadly Weapon with Intent to Kill. Bond \$25000. Trial Date 07-10-20
- 05-17 Luis Miguell Hernandez Lopez, 25, Clinton. DWI, Fict/Alt Title/Reg Card/Tag, No Insurance, Driving While License Revoked, Fail to Register Vehicle. Bond \$750. Trial Date 07-21-20
- 05-17 Orlando Rodriguez, 22, Clinton. Damage to Real Property. Trial Date 07-06-20
- 05-18 Joshua Dontrell Carlton Jr, 19, Warsaw. Larceny. Trial Date 07-08-20
- 05-18 Jimmy Clifton Sanders, 46, Clinton. DWLR. Bond \$500. Trial Date 07-20-20
- 05-18 Linda Marie Parker, 34, Roseboro. Warrant Service for offense(s) committed in another jurisdiction. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 07-20-20
- 05-19 Alexander William Bowman, 33, Clinton. Accessing Computers. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 07-06-20
- 05-20 Orlando Rodriguez Rivera Jr, 22, Clinton. AWDWIKISI, Burglary, Possess Firearm by

- Felton, Discharge Firearm into OCC Dwelling, Discharge Weapon in City Limits, Resisting Arrest/Hinder & Delay. Bond \$201,000. Trial Date 06-04-20
- 05-20 Neoki Dailey, 35, Raeford. Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Communicate Threats. Bond \$20000. Trial Date 08-21-20
- 05-20 Vander Leslie Curtis Hall, 68, Clinton. Habitual DWI, DWLR Impaired Rev Notice Fict Information to Police Officer. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 07-24-20

INCIDENT REPORTS

- 05-15 Elton Faulkner of Clinton reported a Breaking & Entering- stolen gun \$60, wrench-\$20, turkey fryer- \$80
- 05-15 Brittany Holmes of Clinton reported Theft From Motor Vehicle and Larceny of Purse, Cash, Car Keys- Coach Bag \$300, Money \$200
- 05-15 Sue McCarther of Clinton reported Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property- automobile \$3000
- 05-16 Tiesha Jacobs of Clinton reported Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property- damage to automobile \$6000, clothing- \$200, structure \$1500
- 05-15 David Best of Clinton reported Damage to Property, Trespass, Breaking and Entering Business- damage to carpet and door-\$100
- 05-15 Duke Progress Energy reported Larceny of Electricity.
- 05-15 Kathleen Boykin of Clinton reported Damage to Property- automobile \$1500
- 05-16 Walmart of Clinton reported Shoplifting- clothing, computer software valued at \$38
- 05-16 George Faison of Clinton reported Larceny of Firearm- value \$400
- 05-16 Paul Fisher of Roseboro reported Breaking & Entering, Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property- damage to window \$150
- 05-17 Sampson County Sheriffs Dept reported Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories, Breaking & Entering- tires \$800, lug nuts \$50
- 05-17 Pamela Barrett of Garland reported Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property, Larceny, False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game- damage to storm door \$200, money \$300, tackle box \$25
- 05-17 Mar-Cel Co Inc of Clinton reported Burglary/Breaking & Entering- 2 dirt bikes valued at \$3500
- 05-17 Morning Star Holy Church of Clinton reported Damage to Property- structure \$1000
- 05-18 Stephan Johnson of Clinton reported a Larceny of Firearm- valued at \$600
- 05-18 Bryson Bryan of Newton Grove reported Motor Vehicle Theft- truck \$3000
- 05-19 Matthew King of Clinton reported Larceny of Motor Vehicle- mini van \$5000
- 05-19 Jonathan Grimes of Salemburg reported All other Larceny- camper \$1500
- 05-19 Verizon Wireless of Clinton reported Obtaining Property by false Pretenses- 2 Apple iPhones valued at \$2520
- 05-20 Frederick Ward of Rose Hill reported Damage of Property- storage building \$100
- 05-20 William Autry of Autryville reported Burglary/Breaking & Entering- weed eater \$150
- 05-20 Sharon Warren of Clinton reported Burglary/Breaking & Entering and Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property- damage to structure \$200
- 05-20 Janice Coffee of Autryville reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering- stolen refrigerator \$100, ac unit \$100, space heater- \$100, DVD player \$100, cabinet \$100, tools \$200

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"Masked man" Kevin Harvick won NASCAR's 2020 return at Darlington. [AP/BRYNN ANDERSON]

THROUGH THE GEARS NASCAR breaks the silence at Darlington

By Godwin Kelly
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After more than two months on the sidelines, NASCAR cranked the engines again and began picking up the pieces on a revamped 2020 schedule.

After Sunday and Wednesday dates at good ol' Darlington, it's on to another familiar stock-car stomping ground — Charlotte — for a pair of races next week.

Let's climb through the gear box and get up to speed ...

FIRST GEAR: Kevin Harvick emerged from NASCAR's coronavirus shutdown the same way he went in — as one of the most competitive drivers on the track by winning the "Pandemic 400."

The 44-year-old competitor is the only driver to score top-10 finishes in all five Cup Series races run to date. He was second to Joey Logano at Phoenix before the two-month break.

Harvick, who started sixth in the 40-car field, led twice for a race-high 159 laps in his No. 4 Stewart-Haas Racing Ford. There was no practice or qualifying before the race.

"I really thought that it would definitely play into our hand just because our guys are so good at hitting the car off the truck for

the most part," Harvick said.

SECOND GEAR: On the other end of the welcome-back-to-racing spectrum was Ricky Stenhouse Jr., who failed to complete the first of 293 laps at Darlington.

He crashed out in his No. 47 Chevrolet seconds after the race went green.

"Not really sure what to say there about our first lap, first corner," he said. "It was pretty embarrassing for myself, our team."

Jimmie Johnson, who wheels the No. 48 Hendrick Motorsports Chevy, was heading for a Stage 1 victory when his car spun and hit the wall on Lap 90. He had led nine laps.

"Gosh, what I would do to get that corner back to do it over again," Johnson said after donning a face mask. "Coming to the end of the stage, I was just trying to make sure I got a good run off of Turn 2 . . . (then) things just went horribly wrong there."

THIRD GEAR: Had there been no coronavirus outbreak and subsequent shutdown of racing, last weekend would have been the NASCAR All-Star Race and a prelude of sorts for Sunday's Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte Motor Speedway. Instead, drivers raced at

Darlington to jump-start the 2020 Cup Series season.

The 600, which first appeared on the NASCAR schedule in 1960, will be staged on its traditional date, minus fans in the stands.

Participants in Darlington's first race said it was weird staging a race without people in the grandstands.

"When you look up in the stands, you certainly missed the fans, that vibe, the energy," NASCAR executive vice president Steve O'Donnell said. "Even the music that was playing in the garage area doesn't do it justice."

FOURTH GEAR: NASCAR scheduled seven NASCAR national races (Cup, Xfinity, Truck) from May 17-27. Kyle Busch, the 2015 Cup Series champion, will compete in all of those races in NASCAR's compressed schedule.

The endurance run includes a Truck Series race at Charlotte on May 26.

Don't forget this: There is a \$100,000 bounty for any driver that beats Busch in that Truck race.

On Mad Dog Sports Radio, Busch did not sound too excited about the racing slate.

"I'm running all of those," he said. "Every one of them that's scheduled, I'm in. It's going to be getting thrown to the wolves."

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SPEED FREAKS — A few questions we had to ask ourselves

Well, was Darlington worth the wait?

GODSPEAK: It was good to see stock cars on the track again, but strange there were no fans in the stands. All things considered, it was worth the wait. Goodbye, cartoon races.

KEN'S CALL: It was hardly a Darlington classic, but the subtle and unsubtle nuances of Darlington were there for hard-core fans. It beat the hell out of internet marble races.

Looking at the top 10 finishers, who stands out?

GODSPEAK: Tyler Reddick continues to impress. He took a probable 15th-place car and muscled it up to seventh. It was a great



Kevin Harvick smokes the tires before an empty house Sunday at Darlington. [AP/BRYNN ANDERSON]

run for the rookie.

KEN'S CALL: John Hunter Nemechek finished 9th for a team (Front Row) that gets a top-10 once every 50-plus combined races in its 15 years. That's my guy.

QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers

Kevin Harvick now at 50 career wins. Will any other current driver get there?

Denny Hamlin is at 38 wins and pushing 40 years old, and he could, or he could stall a bit and run out of time. Joey Logano (nearly 30 with 25 wins) and Brad Keselowski (age 36, 30 wins) could also conceivably do it. But there are a lot of moving parts, on and off the track, and a lot of things have to go right for a driver to reach 50 wins. No guarantees. For all we know, Harvick might be the last for a very long time.

How do you rate Matt Kenseth's comeback?

It's like he never left. The guy could always roll off the futon, kiss the kids goodbye and go finish 10th, anytime and anywhere. It's certainly admirable that Mild Matt, at 48, could go 18 months without racing and finish 10th (at Darlington, no less) without a warmup, but frankly I'm just not surprised. Death, taxes and Matt Kenseth in the top 10.

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WHAT'S ON TAP

(All times Eastern)

CUP SERIES: Darlington 500k
SITE: Darlington Raceway
SCHEDULE: Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. on Fox Sports Network
CUP SERIES: Coca-Cola 600
SITE: Charlotte Motor Speedway (1.5-mile quad-oval)
SCHEDULE: Sunday, qualifying (Fox Sports 1, 2 p.m.), race (Fox, 6 p.m.)
XFINITY: Alcoso 300
SITE: Charlotte Motor Speedway
TV SCHEDULE: Next Monday, race (Fox Sports 1, 7:30 p.m.)
GANDER RV & OUTDOORS TRUCK SERIES: N.C. Education Lottery 200
SITE: Charlotte Motor Speedway
TV SCHEDULE: Next Tuesday, race (Fox Sports 1, 8 p.m.)

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BY THE NUMBERS

0 Race fans allowed in at Darlington Raceway for two races
10 Yellow flags in Sunday's Darlington race
50 Cup Series career victories by Kevin Harvick
120 Cup Series races held at Charlotte
1960 Year Charlotte Motor Speedway opened

GODWIN'S PICKS FOR CHARLOTTE 600

WINNER: Martin Truex Jr.
REST OF TOP 5: Jimmie Johnson, Joey Logano, Kyle Busch, Matt Kenseth
FIRST ONE OUT: Kurt Busch
DARK HORSE: Matt DiBenedetto
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