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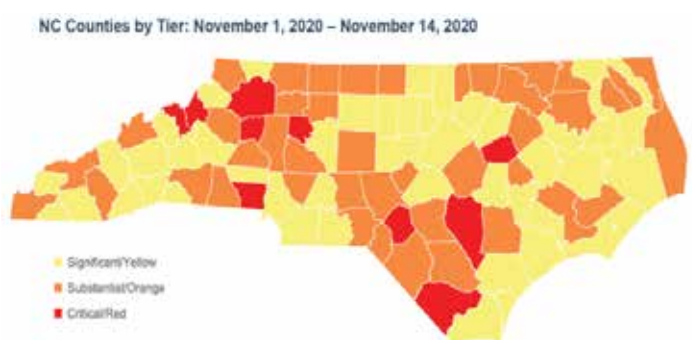


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Thanksgiving is often referred to as Turkey Day, and for good reason. Around 46 million turkeys are consumed on Thanksgiving in the United States each year. According to Insider.com, this represents one-fifth of all turkeys consumed in the U.S. for the entire year. In fact, the National Turkey Federation survey found that 88% of Americans eat turkey on Thanksgiving. So, the link between Thanksgiving and turkey is undisputed, but why? Why do we all eat turkey **TURKEY DAY, see P. 3**

North Carolina Introduces COVID-19 County Alert System



State to work with key counties to bring numbers down

RALEIGH: Governor Roy Cooper and Dr. Mandy Cohen, Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS) announced a new COVID-19 County Alert System to pinpoint counties with the highest levels of viral spread and offer specific recommendations to bring numbers down. This system will help give local leaders another tool to understand how their county is faring and to make decisions about actions to slow viral spread. The map will be updated every four weeks.

"By pinpointing counties with high virus transmission and asking everyone in those counties to work with us and do more right now to slow the spread of the virus, we can succeed," Governor Cooper said. "It can help bring down their case rates, keep their communities safer, save lives and keep their hospital systems working."

"It's going to take all of us working together to avoid tightening **LOCKDOWNS, see P. 2**

"It's Beginning To Look A lot Like Christmas" in Downtown Clinton



It is beginning to look a lot like Christmas in downtown Clinton with all the beautiful decorations being hung with great care. From the grand new Christmas Tree located beside the "Milling Around Clinton" art project to Santa's House to the newly decorated Christmas **CHRISTMAS, see P. 3**



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*"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."
1 Chronicles 16:34*

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LOCAL NEWS

LOCKDOWNS, cont. from P. 1

Individual Actions	
ALL INDIVIDUALS	INDIVIDUALS IN RED AND ORANGE COUNTIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear a mask at all times outside the home and maintain physical distance from people who do not live in your household Download the SlowCOVIDNC app and share with friends and family; if you test positive, enter your pin into the app to notify close contacts to get tested Get a flu shot Get tested if symptomatic or if you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 Answer the call and participate in contact tracing Avoid large gatherings and crowds If you must host or attend a gathering, limit attendance to 10 or fewer, host outdoors, and ventilate indoor spaces as much as possible (e.g., keep windows open) (resources: Guidance for Private Social Gatherings) Avoid non-essential travel 	<p>Individuals in red and orange counties should take the actions listed for All Individuals AND the actions below to slow the spread of COVID-19 in their community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limit mixing between households and minimize the number of people in your social circle Avoid settings where people congregate, like outdoor bars and night clubs (in NC, indoor bars remain closed and indoor night clubs must remain below indoor mass gathering limits) If patronizing restaurants, consider ordering take out from restaurants and/or eating outdoors socially distanced Individuals who are high-risk for developing serious illness should consider staying at home as much as possible Reduce your public interactions to mainly essential activities like going to work or school, caring for family members, buying food, getting health care or picking up medications

restrictions like so many states are now doing,” said NCDHHS Secretary Mandy K. Cohen. “The COVID-19 County Alert System gives North Carolinians an easy way to see how their county is doing and know what they can do protect their family and neighbors and slow the spread of this virus.”

The system uses metrics informed by the White House Coronavirus Task Force and North Carolina’s key metrics to categorize counties into three tiers:

- Yellow: Significant Community Spread
- Orange: Substantial Community Spread
- Red: Critical Community Spread

Because no one metric provides a complete picture, the COVID-19 County Alert System uses a combination of three metrics: case rate, the percent of tests that are positive, and hospital impact within the county.

To be assigned to the red or orange tier, a county must meet the threshold for case rate for that tier AND the threshold for either percent positive OR hospital impact.

- Case Rate: The number of new cases in 14 days per 100,000 people
- Percent Positive: The percent of tests that are positive over 14 days
- Hospital Impact: A composite score based on the impact that COVID-19 has had on hospitals including percent of COVID-19 hospitalizations, COVID-19 related visits to the Emergency Department, staffed open hospital beds, and critical staffing shortages over 14 days

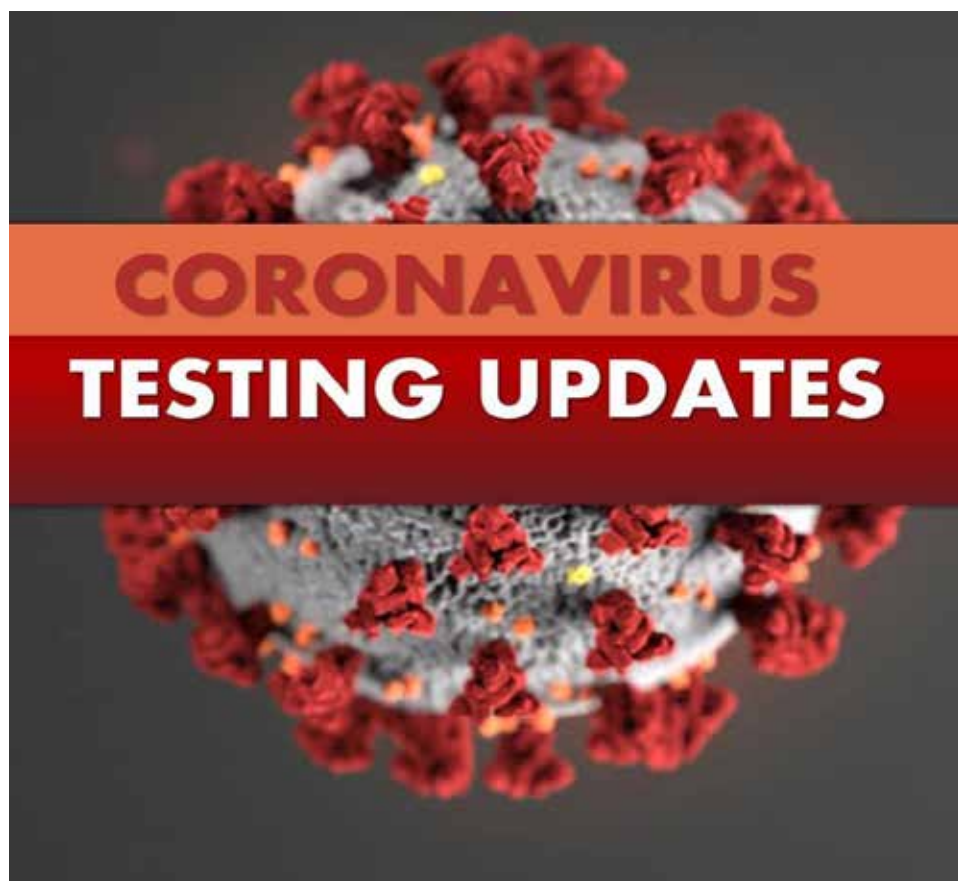
Counties that do not meet criteria for red or orange are categorized as being in the yellow tier (significant community spread) and should continue to be vigilant to prevent further spread of COVID-19.

Recommended Actions

The Alert System includes recommendations for individuals, businesses, community organizations and public officials in every county, as well as specific stepped-up recommendations for orange and red counties.

According to the new Alert System, Sampson County is a Red Tier county, which means Critical with 502.1 14 day Percent Positive Cases) and 10% (14 day Percent Positive Cases). However, there is still a project low impact to local hospitals.

Two Additional Deaths Reported From COVID Last week



Thursday’s report (November 19th) reflected 19 new active positive cases since the health department’s last report on November 18, 2020. Last week also included two new deaths from COVID-19.

As of Sunday November 22, there were 5,034 deaths from COVID-19 in the state of North Carolina along with 1,571 currently hospitalized, with 336,775 total cases.

COVID-19 TESTING REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 19, 2020

- Total Number of Tests Reported to Date: 9,854
- Positive Test Results: 3,454 (19 new cases)
- Negative Test Results: 6,400
- COVID Reported Deaths to Date: 35

- Monday November 16th- 39 new cases (1 additional death)
- Tuesday November 17th- 61 new cases
- Wednesday November 18th- 23 new cases
- Thursday November 19th- 19 new cases (1 additional death)
- Friday November 20th- No Report From County

The NC Department of Health and Human Services is asking people to remember these three things as we stay strong and continue to flatten the curve and slow the spread of COVID-19.

- If you leave home, practice your Ws: Wear, Wait, Wash
- Wear a cloth mask over your nose and mouth.
- Wait 6 feet apart. Avoid close contact.
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer.

These actions can protect our families and neighbors as the state works to ease restrictions while the virus is still circulating.

“Check My Symptoms” is an informational tool for you to check your symptoms online (<https://ncdhhs-covid19-dtra.powerappsportals.us/en-US/>) to determine if you would be recommended to be tested for COVID-19. Additionally, you can use “Find My Testing Place” at <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/.../testing/find-my-testing-place> to find a list of local testing events.

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CHRISTMAS, cont. from P. 1

Trees located throughout Downtown Clinton. It is simply breathtaking and if you have not made a trip to Downtown Clinton, especially at nighttime, put that on your bucket list this Christmas Season. It's A Must See!

According to Mary Rose, Clinton Main Street Director, the new Christmas Trees located downtown was a brainstorm idea by the Clinton Main Street Committee. Rose stated, "Members of the Clinton Main Street Program Design and Promotion Committees came up with the idea to place trees along sidewalks and ask volunteers to decorate. We have placed approximately 41 trees Downtown. Volunteers will be decorating them through Tuesday. Debbie Roberts, Kay Raynor, and Helen Kearns spearheaded this project."

Another new edition to this year's decorations is a huge Christmas Tree close to the "Milling Around Clinton" art piece. Rose also commented, "The Design Committee had wanted to locate a large tree at the Milling Around art piece for several years. This year City Council approved its purchase. Public Works did a great job with installing the 22 ft. tree and new wreaths around the court square."

A virtual tree lighting will be held on December 3rd at 5:30 pm televised by Star Communications on channel 16. Santa will be there, and folks can drive by to honk and wave to Santa from 5:30pm to 7:30 pm.

With much regret, the City of Clinton had to cancel the beloved "Christmas in the City" event. Hopefully all the new Christmas decorations and cheer will help promote "Holiday Cheer" even though the event had to be cancelled due to COVID-19.

Mary Rose also wanted to encourage children to place letters to Santa in the mail slot of his house at the west end of the Sampson County Courthouse.

The 41 new Christmas Trees located downtown Clinton were decorated by local businesses, organizations and volunteers. Mary Rose added, "The volunteers felt this would be a great year to go all out with decorating Downtown. They wanted to delight everyone with these decorations and also are hoping it will draw shoppers who will support our small businesses by shopping small and local during a challenging year."

Make sure that you Shop Local this Holiday Season and support all the local businesses in Sampson County who have been severely impacted from the COVID-19 restrictions. Small Business Saturday is November 28th and Sampson County businesses are ready to help you with that perfect Christmas gift for all your loved ones. Remember they are our friends and family and they need our support.

TURKEY DAY, cont. from P. 1

on Thanksgiving? The easy answer is that it is tradition. The more complicated question is how did the tradition become so widespread?

The first Thanksgiving was 399 years ago, in 1621 with a feast that brought together the Pilgrims and the Native Americans in the Plymouth Colony region. It is not known for sure, but most historians say that turkey was probably not on the menu at the first Thanksgiving. The main meat was deer. It appears that there was also plenty of seafood and some fowl. But most historians think that the fowl on the menu consisted of ducks and geese, not turkeys.

So if turkey was not on the menu for the first Thanksgiving, how did it become such an omnipresent tradition for the holiday? It is very likely that it was a gradual occurrence and none of the historians can point to a specific occasion that actually started the tradition. However, many historians feel that there is one person that we can point to as having a huge role in furthering the tradition and making it much more widespread.

When many people think of Thanksgiving, the first thought is that the holiday has been an annual national tradition since 1621. This is not so. After that first Thanksgiving, there were days of Thanksgiving proclaimed in the colonies, but these holidays were not uniform throughout the entire region and were not even always at the same time of

year, with some being in the spring instead of the fall. Thanksgiving finally became an annual national tradition in 1863. Prior to 1863 some Presidents had, at various times, issued Presidential Proclamations of a national day of Thanksgiving. George Washington and John Adams did this but our third president, Thomas Jefferson, felt that such a proclamation violated the concept of separation of Church and State. As such, Jefferson did not proclaim a day of Thanksgiving and neither did any president from Jefferson until Abraham

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Lincoln. During this time the holiday was celebrated on a state and regional basis, but these celebrations were not uniform or even on the same day.

During this time, there were many people who pushed for a national Thanksgiving, but according to Britannica.com none pursued it as hard and as long as Sarah Josepha Hale. You might not recognize her name, but you would recognize her most famous work: Mary Had a Little Lamb. For years Hale lobbied for a national Thanksgiving. In fact, in a novel she wrote in 1827 called Northwood, there was an entire chapter about how New Englanders celebrated Thanksgiving. In the part about the meal itself, the novel described in great detail a table with a roasted turkey as the centerpiece.

Hale for years lobbied for a national Thanksgiving. According to History.com, Hale wrote editorials and articles about Thanksgiving frequently. After Abraham Lincoln became president, she began writing to him saying how a national Thanksgiving could help unify the country as the Civil War approached and after the Civil War began she emphasized how a national Thanksgiving could help to heal the wounds of the conflict by showing our common history. In 1863, shortly after one of Hale's letters to Lincoln, President Lincoln proclaimed a day of national Thanksgiving. It was the first Presidential Proclamation of a national Thanksgiving in more than 60 years and it would be a very important one in our history. Lincoln's proclamation revived the holiday as a national tradition permanently. It continued as a yearly Presidential Proclamation for a while, but eventually became a legal national holiday.

It is believed that Sarah Josepha Hale's vision of the holiday, including her description of the roasted turkey in her novel and other writings that she published over the years, helped to shape how the holiday was celebrated in our country. This was a time with no TV, no movies, and no internet. People literally only knew how things were done in other areas of the country by what they read. Works of literature during this time period greatly influenced what people viewed as the normal way to do things. When the most prominent person promoting the holiday was writing that it was celebrated a certain way and with a roasted turkey, many people assumed that it must be so and did likewise. As such, many historians credit Sarah Josepha Hale not with starting the tradition of turkeys at Thanksgiving, but with solidifying it and making it much more widespread nationally.

For many, the Thanksgiving gatherings this year may be a little smaller. In fact, The Washington Post reported that with changes in the size of gatherings this year, we may see a shortage of small turkeys and an excess of larger ones. However, one thing likely will not change. On Thanksgiving, most of us will have turkey at our family meal.



By *Sandy Sanderson*




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Sampson County Intersection Coverts to All-Way Stop- Traffic pattern changed earlier this week

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pattern changed earlier this week

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Motorists should slow down and be alert for the new traffic configuration.

As a reminder, drivers approaching an all-way stop should follow these rules:

- The first vehicle at the intersection has the right of way;
- When two or more vehicles reach an intersection at the same time, the vehicle to the right has the right of way and may go straight or, if legal and after signaling, turn left or right;
- When two facing vehicles approach an intersection simultaneously, both drivers can move straight ahead or turn right. If one driver is going straight while the other wants to turn left, the driver who wants to turn left must yield; and
- Even with the right of way, drivers should remember to use appropriate turn signals and watch for pedestrians and other vehicles.

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Representatives from Turkey Federation delivered 20 turkeys to give out to those in need this Thanksgiving.



Sunshine Teachers and Kids elbow hug and pray with members of The Turkey Federation!



Smashing turkey boxes after turkeys were put in bags for delivery: Fun!



Ms. Katelyn and Sunshine students start decorating Tim's Gift's Christmas tree, located in front of Carr and Howard Law Offices.



Tim's Gift Christmas Tree completed



Pictured Left: Students on the A school schedule headed to Dollar Tree recently to shop for a man in need.

Pictured Right: Sunshine (B schedule) students recently enjoyed a picnic at SCC's awesome addition for people to walk, play, even eat lunch with family or friends! Caleb takes social distancing seriously as Sunshine Kids enjoy an Autumn outing... here at home!!!



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By God's Grace...we can enjoy every season of our lives - the happy, heartbreaking, even hurtful, hard to understand seasons when our world seems to be turned upside down! When we keep our eyes on Jesus and KEEP GOING FORTH in FAITH using good commonsense God gave us...His presence and power and our witness of His love will never be shut down! When Satan tempts and taunts in hopes of destroying us and God's plans for our lives, we must stand up for Jesus and let our little lights shine.

When we truly give God the reins with blessed assurance that Jesus is the way...we can celebrate being the apple of His eye every day. When we commit to Christ, live out loud in LOVE - trusting, obeying, and expecting miracles from our loving Father - life can be good (when we complain it's bad) and GRACE (so important in God's eyes and our lives) can be our gift! A gift from our Father that keeps on giving...even though it is not something we deserve!

When I unlock the doors at The Learning Station and Tim's Gift each morning, happiness, and 'how can I be so blessed dear Lord' consume me! With heart wrenching humility, help from Father, family and friends, precious memories that mark milestones, hard work, and God's Grace...His plans, for the sunset years of my life bring more sunshine and love than I can begin to comprehend. And God gets all the glory, for He took away grief and gut-wrenching baggage the enemy begged me to bear 'till the bitter end. I'm so glad I learned to - Be still and listen... knowing He is the Great I Am - Father, Son, and Spirit - our BEST FRIEND! God

is no respecter of persons; His promise to never leave or forsake us is true. Yet, we must walk and talk with Him, obeying and listening as He guides in all seasons what we are to do.

God's grace, Jesus' loving sacrifice, and the Holy Spirit's stirring inside our hearts reveal His plans and light the way ... with SONSHINE keeping us lifted in love every single day!

May the pictures of what God is doing through the lives of His Sunshine Kids at The Learning Station and people working and volunteering at Tim's Gift bless your hearts...as it does mine and the people God has put in my path to share this season with. By God's Grace...joy can come every morning when we let go of the past, love the present, and look forward to the future.

God is still working miracles among us. Turning our eyes upon Jesus brings peace inside and keeps us singing as we go! Let us keep shining for Him ...even in seasons when the sun seems dim!

By God's grace and standing on His promises...may we not shut down... but be wise along our way...seeking Him to show what to do season by season...day by day! For such a season as this...let us unite in love...prayerfully, purposefully, and powerfully serving and sharing what God has done for me and for you! STAND IN FAITH, LET OUR LIGHTS SHINE and we will see... WHAT GOD CAN DO!

~ In His love, Becky

FAITH

THANKSGIVING THOUGHTS

What are YOU Thankful For?



The Fall Season has finally arrived! This particular year with the 2020 Pandemic, it is of utmost importance that we as Christians pause and consider the many blessings that God continues to bestow on us. Brenda Harris, a faithful contributor to "Mature Living", wrote this article some years ago. She says that she is thankful for the honor of writing these "Praying the Word" reflections each month. My prayer is that we will be blessed by this most appropriate article:

If we are honest, our undeserved blessings far outweigh our inconveniences and momentary afflictions. How can we focus our attention on thankfulness? How can we set our hearts to reflect on the bounty we enjoy and pray for those who actually survive on less? Use this month as a catalyst for thanksgiving, humility, and intercession. Follow David's advice and "Remember the wondrous works He has done...Ascribe to the Lord the glory of His name. (1 Chron. 16: 12a, 29)

Here are five suggestions to get you started:

1. Thank God for your family, friends, and church. Reflect on the ways God uses those around you to encourage, love, and even challenge you. Pray for those in your family and community who are lost without Christ, for those who don't know the love of a God-honoring family, for those who don't have the luxury of a church family or the physical ability to enjoy gathering for worship. Let go of negative thoughts and complaints. Thank God for the privilege to worship Him freely. Pray for those who don't have this freedom.

2. Thank God for a hot shower and how it invigorates you for the day. Pray for those around the world who can't enjoy the pleasure of hot water or the luxury of soap and shampoo. Pray for people who are digging wells today, for those who don't have clean water to drink.

3. Thank God for the convenience of medical attention...for doctors, nurses, clinics, and even over-the-counter headache medicine. Pray for mission teams who are on the field right now, offering free dental and medical assistance to people in desperate need of basic healthcare.

4. Thank God for your washer and dryer. Pray for people who continue to do their laundry in primitive circumstances. Thank God for the clothes in your closet. Pray for those who do not even have a clean change of clothing.

5. Thank God for your job and your financial resources. Ask God to help you use these blessings wisely. Pray for missionaries who serve around the globe, for the offerings we give to sustain and support them, and for the people they touch with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His faithful love endures forever... Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting. Then all the people said, 'Amen' and 'Praise the Lord.' " 1 Chron. 16: 34-36

Brenda's closing prayer: *"Lord, thank You. When I take the time to consider Your abundant blessings on my life, I am overwhelmed with gratitude! Just the fact that You love me and sent Your Son to die for me is reason enough to thank You and honor You with my life. Please accept my gratitude and forgive my grumblings. Amen."*

And to that I add my own resounding, "Amen"! I urge you to consider this:

**Thanks Giving.....becomes.....Thanks Living.....
Thanks Living.....becomes.....Thanks Giving.....
.....and the cycle is never-ending!**

At this time in my life with daily challenges and unforeseen circumstances, I often find myself honestly saying, "Lord, forgive me when I whine; I'm blessed indeed, and Your love is mine!" It's then I softly sing this beloved Gaither gospel song:

"We are so blessed, by the gifts from Your hand,
We just don't understand why You loved us so much.

We are so blessed, take that we have to bring,
Take it all, everything, Lord we love You so much.
Lord, we love You so much."



Martha Pierce

CRIME

CRIME REPORTS

11-05 Eleazar Cardenas, 36, Mount Olive. Criminal Summons-Simple Assault. Trial Date 12-14-20
11-05 Sonia Aide Figueroas Zamarripa, 39, Mount Olive. Price Tag Switching, Larceny. Bond \$7500. Trial Date 11-13-20
11-06 Harley Austin Wood, 31, Dunn. Carrying Concealed Gun (M), Possess Meth, Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 11-20-20
11-06 Clifton Dartrail Killett, 42, Clinton. Domestic Break and Residence. Trial Date 12-11-20
11-08 Tony Deshone Lewis, 19, Newton Grove. DWI, Hit and Run fail to Stop, Property Damage. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 12-22-20
11-08 Helor Joan Zapata Moncada, 18, Clinton. DWI. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 12-14-20
11-08 Felix Pedro Ramos Garcia, 32, Myrtle Beach. OFA-DWI, OFA-Misdemeanor Child Abuse, OFA- Speeding, OFA- Reckless Driving to Endanger, OFA- Open Container After Consuming, OFA- No Operators License. Bond \$6000. Trial Date 12-15-20
11-09 Ladell Daquan Watkins, 25, Clinton. No Operators License, Operate Veh No Insurance. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 11-16-20
11-10 Leonel Alejandro Gomez Callesas, 24, Clinton. Assault by Pointing a Gun, Stalking, Communicate Threats, Assault with a Deadly Weapon. Bond \$15000. Trial Date 11-23-20
11-10 James Reed Taylor, 34, Lumberton. OFA-PV/Possession w/Intent to Sell Controlled Substance, OFA- PV/DWI Level 3, OFA-PV/Possession of Stolen Goods, OFA-PV/Possession of Schedule II, Improper Turn, DWLR Aft Impaired Rev Notice, Identity Theft. Bond \$28000. Trial Date 11-13-20
11-10 Latisha Johnson, 32, Rowland. OFA-Felony Larceny, OFA/Possession Stolen Goods, OFA/Conspire Commit Felony Larceny, OFA/Larceny, OFA/Possession Drug Paraphernalia, OFA/Conspiracy. Bond \$41600. Trial Date 11-25-20
11-11 Gregory Scott Thomas, 21, Clinton. Assault Inflicting Serious Injury. Bond \$75000. Trial Date 11-13-20
11-11 Michael Alexander Combs, 28, Clinton. MO Larceny by Employee, MO Obtaining Property False Pretenses. Bond \$105000. Trial Date 11-13-20
11-11 Matthew Cory Boyette, 21, Clinton. Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle, Financial Card Theft, Financial Card Fraud. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 12-15-20
11-11 Glenwood Owens, 27, Knightdale. As-

sault on a Female. Trial Date 12-04-20
11-11 Joshau Dale Smith, 27, Clinton. Assault Inflicting Serious Bodily Injury. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 11-13-20
11-11 Dominic Jevonte Rich, 25, Salemburg. Resisting Public Officer. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 01-22-21
11-12 Tony Deshone Lewis, 19, Newton Grove. Simple Assault. Bond \$500. Trial Date 01-05-21
11-12 Michelle Diane McKethan, 43, Autryville. Misdemeanor Larceny, Second Degree Trespassing. Bond \$100. Trial Date 11-25-20
11-13 Decarus Jermain Burgess, 37, Dunn. Contributing to Delinquency of Minor, Underage Person Aid/Bet Sale Alcohol. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 12-17-20
11-13 James Earl Hayes, 48, Dunn. Driving While Impaired, No Operators License. Bond \$500. Trial Date 12-16-20
11-13 Tammy Bullard, 49, Clinton. Larceny, Shoplifting Concealment of Goods. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 12-16-20
11-13 Yatazia Laquitta Davis, 22, Godwin. Habitual Larceny. Bond \$15000. Trial Date 12-07-20
11-13 Courtney Bullard, 30, Salemburg. Trespass of Real Property, Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property. Trial Date 12-15-20
11-13 Alton 5, 56, Turkey. Larceny, Fail to Work After Paid. Trial Date 11-24-20
11-14 Spencer Todd Moore, 29, Clinton. Larceny of Motor Vehicle. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 12-11-20
11-14 April Claudette Gibbs, 26, Autryville. Resisting Public Officer, Misdemeanor Larceny, Assault with a Deadly Weapon. Bond \$750. Trial Date 12-03-20
11-14 Wyoming Sellers, 64, Salemburg. Communicating Threats. Trial Date 12-17-20
11-14 Tara Nicole Wilson, 23, Newton Grove. Simple Possession Schedule IV, Possess Drug Paraphernalia, DWLR. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 12-17-20
11-14 Wesley Adam Merritt, 26, Turkey. OFA-FTA Speeding, OFA- FTA DWLR, OFA-FTA Misdemeanor Larceny, OFA- FTA Poss/Disp Alt/Fict/Rev Driver License. Bond \$3000. Trial Date 12-07-20
11-14 Ruben Gustavo Velasquez, 32, Faison. Assault on a Female. Trial Date 12-16-20
11-15 Sha Lite Rah Sady Campbell, 25, Garland. DWLR, Failure to Reduce Speed, Operate Vehicle No Insurance, Fail to Wear Seat Belt Driver, Drive/Allow MV No Registration. Bond \$1865. Trial Date 12-10-20
11-15 David Alan Mesimer, 30, Salemburg. Located Wanted Person, Operate Veh No Ins, Fict/Alt Title/Reg Card/Tag, DWLR Not Impaired Rev,

Reckless Driving Wanton Disregard. Trial Date 12-09-20
11-15 Elijah Smith, 41, Godwin. Injury to Personal Property. Trial Date 12-14-20
11-15 Deondra Hyell Warren, 30, Clinton. All Other Larceny. Trial Date 12-17-20
11-16 Spencer Todd Moore, 30, Clinton. Burglary/Breaking & Entering, Larceny After Break/Enter, Poss Stolen Goods/Property. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 11-19-20
11-16 Charles Aaron Wright, 67, Clinton. Assault on a Female. Trial Date 12-15-20
11-16 Julian Wilson Brasher, 46, Clinton. Second Degree Trespass, Assault on a Female. Bond \$500. Trial Date 12-07-20
11-16 James Dustin Grady, 36, Mount Olive. Burglary/Breaking & Entering, Larceny After Breaking and Entering, Possession of Stolen Goods. Bond \$25000. Trial Date 12-11-20
11-16 Cleveland Rahmel Jaquan Smith, 28, Turkey. DWLR Not Impaired, Child Support. Bond \$500. Trial Date 01-05-21
11-16 James Dustin Grady, 36, Mount Olive. Felony Larceny, Possession of Stolen Goods. Bond \$50000. Trial Date 12-11-20
11-17 Dante Mikail Blue, 19, Dunn. RDO, Contributing to Del of a Juvenile. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 01-11-21
11-17 Rayshaun Avery, 23, Fayetteville. Carrying Concealed Weapon, Discharging Firearm within City Limits. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 12-17-20
11-17 Naisha Amil Monroe, 19, Clinton. Injury to Personal Property, Trespassing. Trial Date 01-07-21
11-17 Joe Dwight Mooring, 57, Newton Grove. Violation of a Domestic Order, Stalking. Trial Date 12-15-20
11-17 Latoya Charlene Simmons, 25, Clinton. Communicating Threats CS. Trial Date 12-14-20
11-12 Omar Martinez Reynosa, 21, Clinton. Possess Marijuana, Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Trial Date 01-05-21
11-12 Marable Jessica, 31, Clinton. WFA First Degree Trespass Enter/Remain WFA Simple. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 12-15-20
11-13 Briana Alexus McLean, 23, Clinton. Resisting Public Officer. Bond \$500. Trial Date 01-21-21
11-13 Pedro Modesto Billareal, 43, Clinton. Larceny of Motor Vehicle. Bond \$4500. Trial Date 12-11-20
11-13 Penny Kay Robinson, 55, Clinton. Communicating Threats. Trial Date 12-08-20
11-15 Xavier Edison Moore, 35, Clinton. Simple Assault. Trial Date 01-14-21
11-15 Chasidy Jomika Thompson, 23, Clinton. Communicating Threats (CS). Trial Date 12-08-20
11-6 Lawrence Jay Robinson, 54, Fayetteville. OFA Speeding, OFA DWLR Not Impaired Rev,

OFA Speeding. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 12-10-20
11-18 Amilcar Misnel Perez, 40, Clinton. DWI, No Operators License. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 01-05-21
11-18 Dominic Lamar Rayner, 18, Clinton. Possess Marijuana, Carrying Concealed Gun. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 12-10-20
11-19 Anthony Marquis Washington, 30, Kenansville. Possess Cocaine, Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 12-11-20

INCIDENT REPORTS

11-11 Patsy Burnside of Clinton reported Larceny- purse \$20, glasses \$500, Smart phone \$1000, money \$80.
11-13 Adrian Marques of Clinton reported Larceny- handgun \$350.
11-13 Ashley O'Neill of Clinton reported a Burglary/Breaking and Entering- stolen laptop.
11-13 Jernell Coley of Clinton reported Motor Vehicle Theft- Moped \$963.
11-14 Lazaro Romero of Clinton reported Larceny of money- \$220.
11-14 Supermercado Hispano of Clinton reported Larceny of Business Check- \$546.
11-14 Christopher Johnson of Clinton reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering- stolen cookware \$350, toys \$200, game system \$300, Wii Games \$200, clothing \$150, robot \$200, four wheeler \$150.
11-14 Ashley McLamb of Clinton reported Burglary/Breaking & Entering, Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property- sound system \$400, damage to back door.
11-14 Brent Stone of Clinton reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering. Stolen money \$550, jewelry \$1000, Playstation 4.
11-14 Kendra Belser of Clinton reported Arson- burned car \$1500.
11-15 Ronnie McKiver of Clinton reported a Motor Vehicle Theft- automobile \$7500.
11-15 Johnathan Gaddy of Clinton reported Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property, Theft from Motor Vehicle- damaged car, money \$40, stolen fishing equipment, wallet, cigarettes.
11-15 Deirdre Moore of Clinton reported Damage to Property- rear glass of SUV- \$300.
11-15 Big Blue Store of Clinton reported Shoplifting of Trail Camera- \$49.98 and Deer Corn- \$8.99
11-5 Walmart of Clinton reported Shoplifting- clothing \$12, Laundry Detergent \$13.44, Ribeyes \$40, Misc Merchandise \$12.98.



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Start Your Seasonal Celebration with Small Bites

While main courses, sides and desserts may be what holiday memories are made of, you can calm family members' and guests' appetites with an array of appetizers like these:

- Meatballs
- Stuffed mushrooms
- Stuffed peppers
- Sliced cheese
- Sliced meats
- Crackers
- Spinach dip
- Cheesy bread
- Sliders
- Little smokies
- Fresh fruit and vegetables

A Memorable Holiday Menu

FAMILY FEATURES

Holiday gatherings, even in a time when smaller groups are encouraged, take on special meaning for many families. Part of the joy comes from the food that's shared among loved ones from appetizers and sides to the main course.

This year, you can enjoy those meaningful moments with your

closest family members and friends by putting together a menu that keeps smiles on faces from the first bite to the last. Start with your favorite among the nearly endless appetizer options that symbolize the season then enjoy a tender tri-tip alongside bacon-wrapped asparagus and a twist on classic, roasted potatoes.

Visit Culinary.net to find more holiday menu ideas.



A Simply Tasty Side

Many recipes commonly associated with the holidays are accompanied by lengthy ingredient lists or hours spent in the kitchen. However, all that time and effort doesn't have to be used on this year's side dish when you opt for a simple yet mouthwatering option.

You can feel good about what you're feeding your family this holiday season while saving prep time by serving this Bacon-Wrapped Asparagus made with Coleman Natural bacon, which contains no artificial ingredients or preservatives and is sourced from American family farms that humanely raise their animals with no antibiotics or added hormones. Whether it's served as a side dish or an appetizer, it calls for just a handful of everyday ingredients for a dish you can be proud of.

Visit ColemanNatural.com/Recipes for more seasonal recipe inspiration.

Bacon-Wrapped Asparagus

Servings: 10

- 20 asparagus stalks
- 10 slices Coleman Natural Hickory Smoked Bacon
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper

Preheat oven to 400 F. Line rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper.

Wrap 2 asparagus stalks with 1 slice bacon. Repeat with remaining asparagus and bacon. Place bundles on baking sheet. Drizzle asparagus ends with olive oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper.

Bake until asparagus is cooked through and bacon is crisp, about 20 minutes.



A Tender Holiday Tri-Tip

Centering your holiday meal around a flavorful cut of meat can make the celebration truly memorable, especially when it's cooked to perfection over the hot flame of a grill.

This year, take your family's main course to the next level with a Garlic Herb Tri-Tip lightly seasoned with garlic, thyme, rosemary, salt and pepper to let the naturally flavorful New Zealand grass-fed beef speak for itself. Because the animals roam and graze freely over lush green hills and pastures year-round, New Zealand grass-fed beef is leaner, more finely textured and tastes just as nature intended.

Find more recipes and holiday meal ideas at beefandlambnz.com.

Garlic Herb Tri-Tip

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 30 minutes

Servings: 6

- 1 New Zealand grass-fed beef tri-tip (2 1/2-3 pounds)
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons minced garlic
- 3 tablespoons fresh chopped thyme
- 3 tablespoons fresh chopped rosemary
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons black pepper

Preheat grill to high heat.

Rub tri-tip with olive oil. Add minced garlic and use hands to evenly distribute.

Combine chopped thyme, rosemary, salt and pepper; cover oiled tri-tip on both sides with spice blend.

Place tri-tip on hottest part of grill and sear 2-3 minutes.

Flip tri-tip and transfer to indirect heat. Continue grilling until internal temperature reaches 135 F for medium-rare.

Transfer meat to platter, cover with foil and let rest 10 minutes. Slice across the grain and serve.

An Easy but Impressive Side

Every holiday meal comes with plenty of traditional and family-favorite dishes, and one of the most common on tables is potatoes. Whether they're roasted, mashed or anything in-between, they're among the most versatile options for the holidays.

This year, you can save time on seasonal favorites with Creamer potatoes from The Little Potato Company. They are ready to use, with no washing or peeling required, and they're small and consistent in size so they cook quickly.

Try them roasted, boiled, smashed or mashed whether you're making a quick weeknight dinner or getting a festive meal on the table. This holiday season, try these Little Hasselback Potatoes for a twist on the classic roasted variety. For an easy cooking hack, slice the potatoes on a wooden spoon to prevent cutting all the way through.

Visit littlepotatoes.com for more holiday recipe inspiration.

Little Hasselback Potatoes

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 20 minutes

Servings: 8-12



- 6 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- sour cream (optional)
- cooked bacon pieces (optional)
- green onion slices (optional)

Preheat oven to 400 F.

Lay wooden spoon flat on solid surface and place one potato in spoon. Using

paring knife, slice 1/8-inch thick slices along length of each potato one at a time.

In bowl, toss potatoes, thyme, parsley, garlic, olive oil, salt and pepper. Place potatoes on parchment-lined baking sheet, cut sides down. Bake 10 minutes, flip and bake 10 minutes, or until soft.

Serve with sour cream, bacon and green onion, if desired.

ACC THIS WEEK

GAME OF THE WEEK CLEMSON AT FLORIDA STATE

When: Noon Saturday **Where:** Doak Campbell Stadium, Tallahassee, Fla. **TV:** ABC



Clemson is expected to get Trevor Lawrence back to face Florida State. KEN RUINARD/USA TODAY SPORTS

Clemson looks to get back on track

Keys for Clemson

Re-establish the run: It's hard to imagine a team with Travis Etienne at running back could be limited to 34 rushing yards by anybody. But that's exactly what Notre Dame did two weeks ago in its 47-40 double-overtime victory against the Tigers.

That marked the fewest rushing yards by Clemson since a 2011 loss at N.C. State, when it also was held to 34 yards. The Fighting Irish took advantage of an offensive line with four new starters to hold Etienne to a career-low 28 yards on 18 carries.

Florida State might be the perfect opponent to rejuvenate the Tigers' rushing attack. The Seminoles are giving up an average of five yards per rush this season.

Leadership from Lawrence: Junior quarterback Trevor Lawrence is expected to be back under

center for Clemson after missing the last two games after testing positive for COVID-19.

Freshman D.J. Uiagalelei filled in admirably during Lawrence's absence and proved Clemson's future at the position is in capable hands. But the Tigers certainly missed Lawrence's poise and leadership, especially against Notre Dame.

Keys for Florida State

Get on the board early: This is going to be a challenge for a Florida State offense that has been inconsistent at best this season. Even though the first quarter has been their most productive, the Seminoles have been outscored 80-58 in the opening 15 minutes through eight games. Putting points on the scoreboard early would be a boost of confidence for an FSU team that hasn't had much to feel good about

this season.

Shore up the secondary: Florida State's defensive backfield endured its worst game of the season in a 38-22 loss at N.C. State last week. Former FSU quarterback Bailey Hockman made it look easy in torching the Seminoles for 265 yards and three touchdowns.

Shoring up those areas is imperative if Florida State is to have a fighting chance against Clemson.

Prediction

Clemson 51, Florida State 17: This used to be the ACC game everyone looked forward to each year. But times have changed, and Florida State has lost the swagger that made it one of the nation's top programs in the 1990s. The 2000s have belonged to the Tigers and that doesn't appear to be changing anytime soon.

POWER RANKINGS



1. Notre Dame (8-0, 7-0 ACC): Notre Dame has two weeks to prepare for North Carolina's high-powered offense. The Fighting Irish are 8-0 for the fourth time since 2002.



2. Clemson (7-1, 6-1): Clemson will be shooting for a sixth consecutive win against Florida State and enters the game as a 33-point favorite.



3. Miami (7-1, 6-1): The Hurricanes survived at Virginia Tech by a single point despite being "on the verge" of not being able to play due to a COVID-19 outbreak.



4. North Carolina (6-2, 6-2): Quarterback Sam Howell had a personal field day against Wake Forest with a school-record 550 passing yards and six TDs.



5. N.C. State (5-3, 5-3): The Wolfpack faces unbeaten and No. 21 Liberty, which will be attempting to defeat an ACC opponent for a third time this season.



6. Virginia Tech (4-4, 4-3): The Heartbreak Hokies have lost two games in a row by a combined total of four points.



7. Wake Forest (4-3, 3-3): What will the Demon Deacons have left in the tank after blowing a 21-point, second-half lead against North Carolina last week?



8. Boston College (5-4, 4-4): The Eagles lost to Notre Dame, but did manage to put up 31 points – the second-most allowed by the Fighting Irish this season.



9. Pitt (4-4, 3-4): A COVID-19 outbreak forced postponement of Pitt's game at Georgia Tech, so the Panthers are hoping to be healthy enough to host Virginia Tech.



10. Virginia (3-4, 3-4): The Cavaliers are showing distinct signs of reviving their season. They've won two in a row against North Carolina and Louisville.



11. Louisville (2-6, 1-6): Odd to think that the Cardinals were picked to finish fourth in the ACC preseason poll.



12. Georgia Tech (2-5, 2-4): The Yellowjackets got a bye week when Miami, originally set to be today's opponent, was overwhelmed by COVID-19 cases.



13. Florida State (2-6, 1-6): Clemson has won five in a row against Florida State with an average victory margin of 32.3 points in their last three meetings.



14. Duke (2-6, 1-6): Saturday's game will not be played due to positive tests and quarantining at Wake. The Devils' next game is at Georgia Tech on Nov. 28.



15. Syracuse (1-7, 1-6): So, you're telling me there's a chance? Syracuse has a chance to escape the ACC's cellar with a win vs. a two-win Louisville team this week.

BEST OF THE REST

Liberty at N.C. State

When: 7:30 p.m.
Where: Carter-Finley Stadium, Raleigh, N.C.
Streaming: ESPN3
Notes: The Wolfpack has a tough nonconference matchup against a Flames squad with a perfect record with a pair of road wins at ACC schools Virginia Tech and Syracuse. QB Bailey Hockman is coming off a strong win over Florida State, snapping a two-game skid.

Abilene Christian at Virginia

When: 4 p.m.
Where: Scott Stadium, Charlottesville, Va.
Streaming: ESPN3
Notes: Virginia is looking to keep momentum after wins over then-No. 15 UNC and Louisville behind quarterback Brennan Amrstrong, who has three games this season with at least 200 passing yards and 40 rushing yards while accounting for at least three scores.

Virginia Tech at Pittsburgh

When: 4 p.m.
Where: Heinz Field, Pittsburgh, Pa.
TV: ACC Network
Notes: The Hokies have suffered demoralizing, narrow, back-to-back losses vs. Liberty and Miami. To extend the nation's longest streak of bowl bids (27) alive, this is a must-win for Tech. The Panthers, who must face Clemson next week, also need a victory to remain in bowl contention.

ACC LEADERS



Passing yards

Player Yds.
S. Howell, UNC2,631
P. Jurkovec, BC2,355
D. King2,086
M. Cunningham, LOU1,907
T. Lawrence, CLEM1,833



Passing TDs

Player TDs
S. Howell, UNC23
D. King, MIAMI17
T. Lawrence, CLEM17
P. Jurkovec, BC17
M. Cunningham, LOU15



Rushing yards

Player Yds.
J. Williams, UNC868
K. Herbert, VT852
J. Hawkins, LOU822
M. Carter, UNC807
K. Williams, ND777



Receiving yards

Player Yds.
D. Brown, UNC829
A. Rogers, CLEM720
J. Roberson, WF657
Z. Flowers, BC625
J. Addison, PITT611



Scoring

Player Pts.
J. Williams, UNC108
BT Potter, CLEM82
K. Walker III, WF78
J. Borregales, MIAMI73
B. Johnson, VT73

ACROSS THE NATION

Friday, Nov. 20
Syracuse at Louisville
Purdue at Minnesota
Saturday, Nov. 21
Charlotte at Marshall
UCLA at Oregon
LSU at Arkansas
Cent. Arkansas at Louisiana-Lafayette
Virginia Tech at Pittsburgh
Oklahoma St. at Oklahoma
Georgia St. at South Alabama
Missouri at South Carolina
Houston at SMU
East Carolina at Temple
Tennessee at Auburn
Liberty at NC State
Georgia Tech at Miami
Florida at Vanderbilt
North Alabama at BYU
Navy at South Florida
Kentucky at Alabama
Mississippi at Texas A&M
Clemson at Florida St.
Cincinnati at UCF
Mississippi St. at Georgia

Wake Forest at Duke
W. Carolina at E. Kentucky
Texas at Kansas
Tulane at Tulsa
Arkansas St. at Texas State
Appalachian St. at Coastal Carolina
Kansas St. at Iowa St.
Georgia Southern at Army
FIU at W. Kentucky
Rice at North Texas
UTSA at Southern Miss.
Middle Tennessee at Troy
UAB at UTEP
Louisiana-Monroe at Louisiana Tech
Indiana at Ohio State
Michigan at Rutgers
Wisconsin at Northwestern
Michigan State at Maryland
Illinois at Nebraska
Arizona at Washington
Arizona State at Colorado
Cal at Oregon State
USC at Utah
Washington State at Stanford

Friday, Nov. 27
Memphis at Tulane
Notre Dame at North Carolina
Iowa St. at Texas
Louisville at Boston College
UCF at South Florida
Southern Miss. at UAB
Oregon at Oregon State
Stanford at Cal
Washington at Washington State
Saturday, Nov. 28
Louisiana Tech at FIU
W. Kentucky at Charlotte
Miami at Wake Forest
Cincinnati at Temple
Georgia Southern at Georgia St.
Mississippi St. at Mississippi
SMU at East Carolina
Oklahoma at West Virginia
Tulsa at Houston
Kansas St. at Baylor
Auburn at Alabama
Tennessee at Vanderbilt
UTEP at Rice
Arkansas vs. Missouri, at Kansas City

TCU at Kansas
Duke at Georgia Tech
Virginia at Florida St.
NC State at Syracuse
Coastal Carolina at Texas State
South Alabama at Arkansas St.
Pittsburgh at Clemson
FAU at Middle Tennessee
Texas Tech at Oklahoma St.
Georgia at South Carolina
LSU at Texas A&M
Kentucky at Florida
Troy at Appalachian St.
North Texas at UTSA
Louisiana-Lafayette at Louisiana-Monroe
Penn State at Michigan
Minnesota at Wisconsin
Nebraska at Iowa
Ohio State at Illinois
Northwestern at Michigan State
Maryland at Indiana
Rutgers at Purdue
Arizona at UCLA
Colorado at Utah
Utah at Arizona State

Friday, Dec. 4
Washington State at USC
Saturday, Dec. 5
Georgia Tech at NC State
Wake Forest at Louisville
West Virginia at Iowa St.
Texas at Kansas St.
Alabama at Arkansas
Mississippi at LSU
Texas A&M at Auburn
Vanderbilt at Georgia
South Carolina at Kentucky
Kansas at Texas Tech
Clemson at Virginia Tech
Florida at Tennessee
Missouri at Mississippi St.
Boston College at Virginia
Baylor at Oklahoma
Florida St. at Duke
Syracuse at Notre Dame
Oklahoma St. at TCU
North Carolina at Miami
Liberty at Coastal Carolina
Louisiana-Monroe at Troy
Ohio State at Michigan State
Maryland at Michigan
Northwestern at Minnesota

Indiana at Wisconsin
Iowa at Illinois
Penn State at Rutgers
Nebraska at Purdue
Colorado at Arizona
UCLA at Arizona State
Stanford at Washington
Oregon at Cal
Oregon State at Utah
Friday, Dec. 11
Arizona State at Arizona
Utah at Colorado
Saturday, Dec. 12
Navy vs. Army, at Philadelphia
Michigan at Ohio State
Wisconsin at Iowa
Michigan State at Penn State
Minnesota at Nebraska
Illinois at Northwestern
Purdue at Indiana
Rutgers at Maryland
Cal at Washington State
Oregon State at Stanford
USC at UCLA
Washington at Oregon

PLAYER TO WATCH



Thayer Thomas

Wide receiver, N.C. State

The former walk-on enjoyed a career-best performance in last week's 38-22 win against Florida State. The redshirt junior from Wake Forest, N.C., hauled in 11 catches for 135 yards and two touchdowns for the Wolfpack. Thomas has touchdown catches of 10 and 24 yards.

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ROUNDING IT OUT

Friday	Matchup	TV
7 p.m.	Syracuse at Louisville	ESPN
Saturday	Matchup	TV
postponed	Wake Forest at Duke	
postponed	Georgia Tech at Miami	

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HCA Homecoming King and Queen



During the annual Powder Puff game held on Wednesday, October 28th, Ann Holland Bell of Kenansville and Henry Moore of Clinton/Wallace were crowned Homecoming Queen and King. They will proudly represent Harrells Christian Academy for the 2020-2021 school year.

Female Representatives: Amber Jones (10th grade of Harrells), ViviAnn Johnson (11th grade of Elizabethtown), Kensley Blanchard (11th grade of Rose Hill), Anna Edwards (11th grade of Clinton), Georgia Pope (9th grade of Clinton), Katie Johnson (12th grade of Ivanhoe), Lexi Kornegay (12th grade of Clinton), and Natalie Cline (12th grade of Warsaw).

Male Representatives: Tadan Ivey (10th grade of Wallace), Ayden Fussell (11th grade of Wallace), Cody Butler (12th grade of Elizabethtown), Jacob Barnes (10th

grade of Garland), Harrison DeVane (11th grade of Elizabethtown), Devin Gardner (12th grade of Magnolia), Case Barber (9th grade of Wallace), Jack Barber (11th grade of Wallace), Noah Tart (12th grade of Clinton), and Grice Bell (12th grade of Kenansville).



18th Annual Sampson Classic a Success



Butler and Faircloth Real Estate took home 1st place in Flight One. Team members included Sprunt Hill, Don Hill, Phillip Chauncey, and Kyle Best. (Photo Credit, Cheyenne McNeill)

As a part of an annual tradition, the Sampson Community College Foundation hosted its Sampson Classic Golf Tournament on Friday, November 6. One of its largest donation events of the year, the golf tournament allows local golfers and businesses to raise funds for student scholarships and faculty outreach. This year, golfers teed off at Lakewood Country Club for a day on the green, and for a chance to give back.

The SCC Foundation was founded more than three decades ago and was designed to generate an awareness and broad community support for the college and to seek external funds through private donors to support the college's mission. Through that, the Sampson Classic was formed.

As the event kicked off, annual participants greeted each other, while also welcoming newcomers to the fold. Breakfast, sponsored by McDonald's of Clinton was shared and golfers entered in for door prizes, purchased half and half tickets, and prepared for the tournament. This fun-filled day is also one full of giving and support of Sampson Community College students and their futures.

Lisa Turlington, Dean of Advancement and Executive Director of the Foundation, looks forward to event every year. A time to see old friends and long-time donors of SCC, she says the comradery, fun, and support surrounding the event make the hard work worthwhile.

"It is great to have so many friends of the college come together and have fun while raising money for education," Turlington remarked.

Major corporate sponsors for this year's Sampson Classic include: Baker Motor Company, Dubose Strapping, Merrill Lynch Purcell Group, Prestage Farms, Deacon Jones of Clinton, and Smithfield Hog Production.

Silver Sponsors were Bill Starling, Butler & Faircloth Real Estate, Clinton Truck and Tractor, First Citizens Bank, GO of Wilmington, Han-Dee Hugo's, Hog Slat, Star Communication, Schindler, BB&T, Crumpler Plastic Pipe, Ezzell Trucking, GF and Sylvia Gainey, Hugh and Nan Caison, Mike Warren, Neal and Jonelle Strickland, and Smithfield of Clinton.

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Co-Chair for the event, Bill Fulton, was pleased with the weather and turnout for the event, especially given the state concerning COVID-19.

"There were several pars and birdies to go around, but at the end of the day, the real winners are the students of Sampson Community College who will benefit from the generosity of those who participated," Fulton commented.

Volunteers for this year's golf tournament were Blair Hairr, Amanda Raynor, Frankie Sutter, Carlie McPhail, Olivia Gillespie, Melissa Fulton, Bill Fulton, Cheyenne McNeill, and Lisa Turlington.

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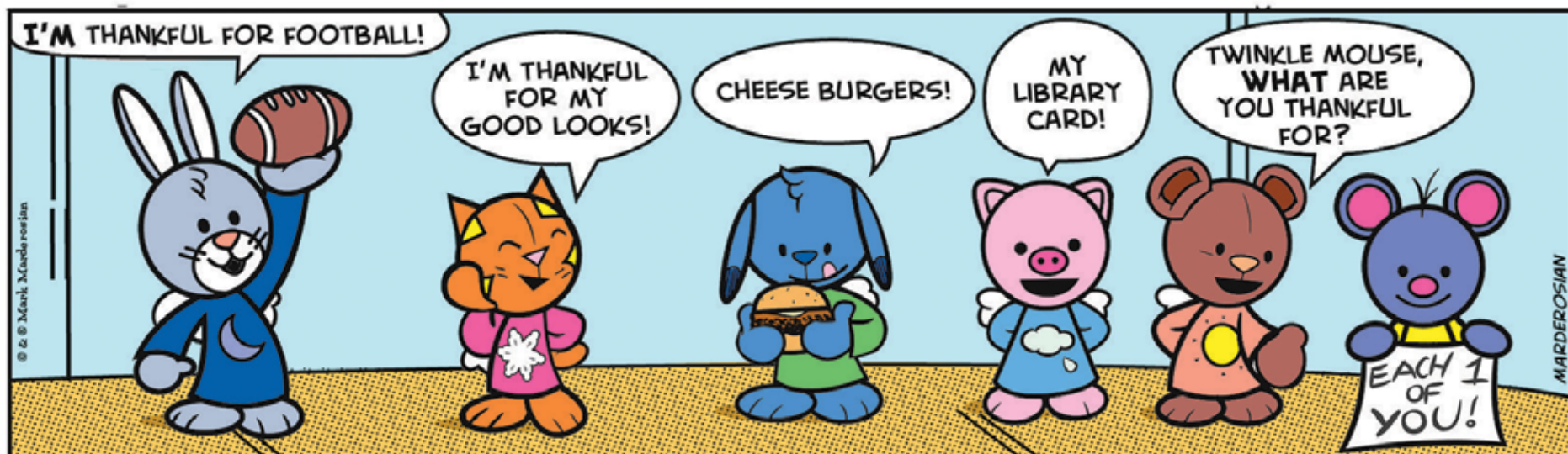


First place in the Flight Two went to Han-Dee-Hugo's. Team members include Michael Mason Mason, Ashley Odum, Tim Pope, and Evan Johnson. (Photo Credit, Cheyenne McNeill)



First place winners of Flight Three was First Citizens Banks. Team members were Brandon Whitley, Trent Sumner, Vince Nelson, and Tim Sumner. (Photo Credit, Cheyenne McNeill)

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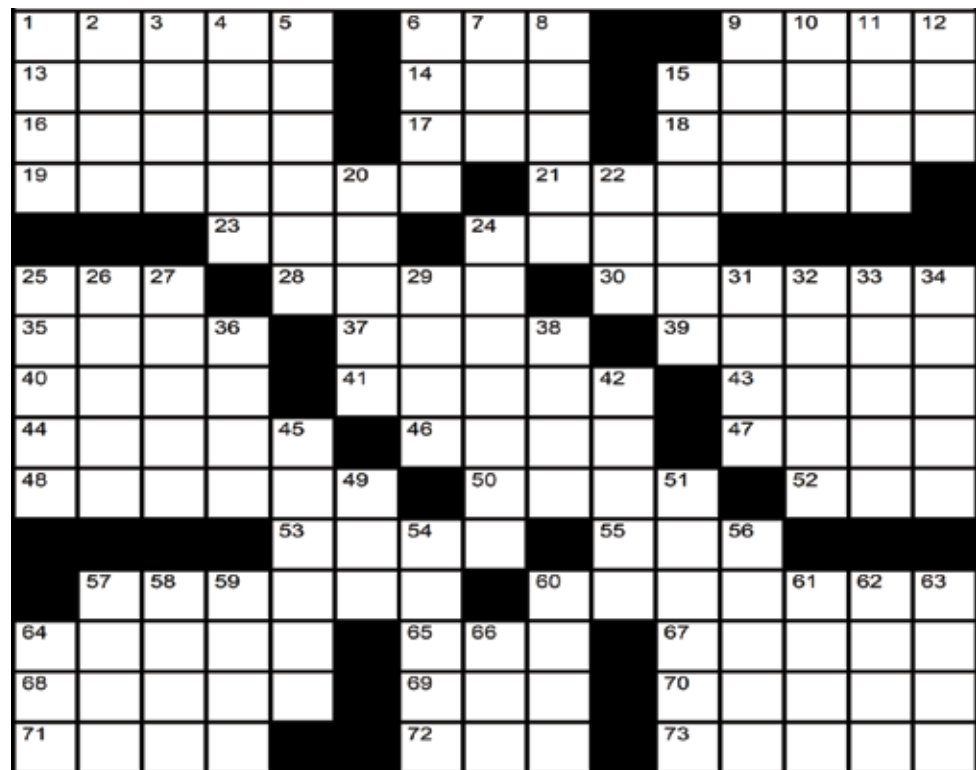
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PUZZLES



HALLOWEEN

ACROSS

1. Accumulate
6. To and _____
9. Audition tape
13. October, e.g.
14. Adam's body part
15. Mountain climber's spike
16. Weasel's aquatic cousin
17. Gentry's "___ to Billie Joe" (1967)
18. Agitate
19. *Stanley Kubrick's "The ___"
21. *Ghost or ghoul
23. "___ Clear Day You Can See Forever"
24. Clothing joint
25. *Nighttime radar flyer
28. European sea eagle
30. Not wholesale
35. In the sack
37. Popular dieter's foe
39. Laundromat setting
40. Carrying bag
41. Enjoy, as in food
43. Parks on a bus
44. Made a mistake
46. In 1492, it sailed the ocean blue
47. Outback birds
48. Stadiums
50. ___ pit
52. Hitherto
53. Genuflecting joint
55. Feather glue
57. *She played Laurie Strode
60. *Dead one
64. Bipolar disorder phase
65. Marienbad, e.g.
67. Blind alternative

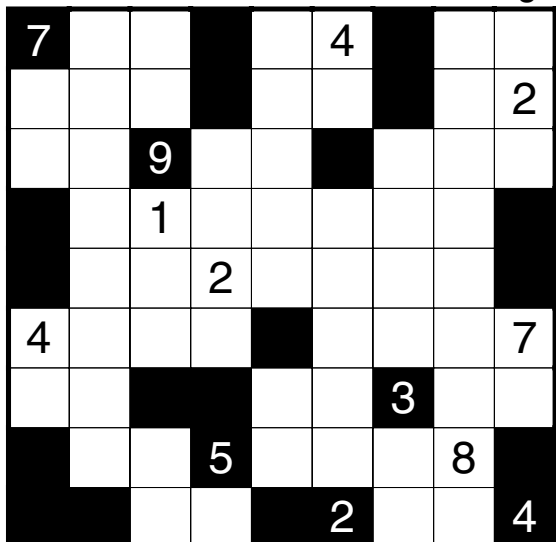
DOWN

1. Andy's radio partner
2. Sweater eater
3. Dead against
4. Kind of pad
5. Sacred spot
6. *"Eye of newt, and toe of ___"
7. Relieve from
8. Falstaffian in body
9. Christian of haute-couture
10. Evening purse
11. Lion's share
12. Single
15. Kindergartener's textbook
20. Drug agents
22. "___ for the course"
24. Nonprofit's purpose
25. *"Psycho" motel proprietor
26. Terminate, as in mission
27. "Four" prefix
29. Indian flatbread
31. Homemade swing seat
32. Societal breakdown of moral standards
33. October edition of "Vogue," e.g.
34. Minimum
36. Ownership document
38. *___-chilling
42. Haile Selassie's disciple
45. Stalin's order, e.g.
49. "Wheel of Fortune" request
51. Equestrian's seat
54. Op-ed piece
56. More raw
57. Vena ___
58. g or cm
59. *"The Vampire Chronicles" author
60. *Christine and such
61. Weather
62. Homer's "Iliad"
63. Monthly due
64. Came together
66. Crusty dessert

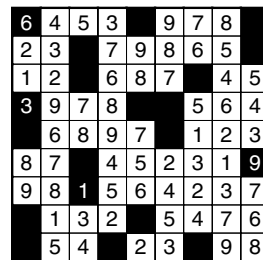


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No. 407 Tough



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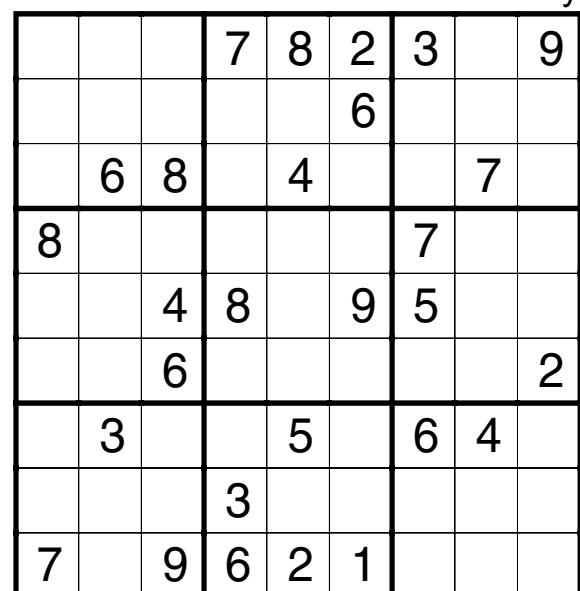


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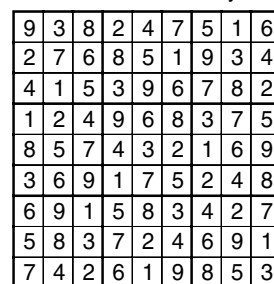
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SUDOKU

No. 407 Easy



Previous solution - Very Hard



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Gideon (Judges 6:1-40)

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Naomi and Ruth Return (Ruth 1:6-22)

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OBITUARIES



GARLAND

Mr. Richard "Pete" Ammons, Jr., 78 of Garland passed away on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at his home.

followed in the Roseboro Cemetery with full fireman's honors. Mr. Ammons was a native of Bladen County, the son of Richard and Tiny Hall Ammons.

CLINTON

Bernice Avery "B. A." Gautier, 77, of 306 Carolina Ave., passed away Friday, November 20, 2020 at Southwood Nursing Center.



CLINTON

Ms. Virginia L. Bannerman, 71, of Clinton, NC passed away Thursday, November 12, 2020 at Brian Care Center, Durham, NC.



CLINTON

Lonnie Jackson Bass, 89, of 926 W Mount Gilead Church Road, passed away Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at his home.



CLINTON

Betty Lou Lane, 86, of 111 Lake Point Lane, passed away Wednesday, November 19, 2020 at Southwood Nursing Center.



Baptist Church. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, John Junior Lane, son, Kenneth M. Lane, and son-in-law, Harvey Hall.



ROSEBORO

Mr. Lalister Bernard "L.B." Bryant, Jr. of 3815 Butler Island Bridge Road, Roseboro, NC passed away peacefully in his home on November 15, 2020 while surrounded by his family.

attended NC State University and was the owner and operator of Imperial Exterminators for 50 years and was a lifetime member of Beaver Dam Baptist Church.

HARRELLS

Morris Chestnutt 51 passed away at his home on Sunday, November 15, 2020. Morris, the youngest son of Albert Neil and Lula Chestnutt was born in Sampson County on November 19, 1968.



FAISON

Rebecca "Becky" Britt Darden, 71, of 25 East Darden Rd, died at her home Friday, November 20, 2020 with her loving family by her side.



ROSEBORO

Mrs. Annie Grace Edwards, 78 of Roseboro passed away on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at the New Hanover Regional Medical Center.

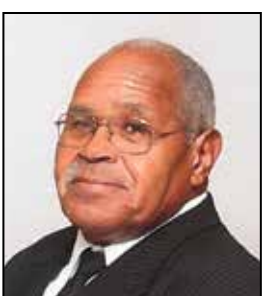


4PM on Saturday at Butler Funeral Home in Roseboro. Mrs. Edwards was a native of Bladen County, the daughter of John Dawson and Minnie Peterson Sessoms.

sons, James Lynwood Edwards and wife, Ann of Roseboro and Carl Edwards and Michele of Clinton; three sisters, Nellie Gray Woodard of Erwin, Elaine House of Salemburg and Edith Bonilla of Siler City;

TURKEY

Mr. Johnnie Lee Faison, 89, of Turkey, NC passed away Sunday, November 15, 2020 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center, Fayetteville, NC.



TURKEY

Michael Keith Hudson 61 of 6945 Old Warsaw Rd., Turkey, NC, passed away on Friday, November 13, 2020 at Laurels of Forest Glenn of Garner.



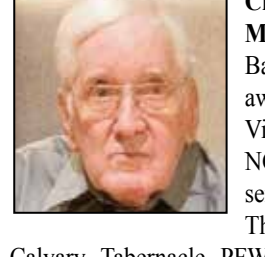
CLINTON

God so lovingly welcomed Thurman R. Lee, Sr. home on Friday morning, November 13, 2020 at his home surrounded by loved ones.



CLINTON

Mr. Lester Lee Barnes, 89 of 805 Basstown Road, Clinton, NC passed away Monday, November 16, 2020 at Vidant Duplin Hospital in Kenansville, NC.



OBITUARIES



ELIZABETHTOWN

Mr. Johnnie Ray "Pete" Locklear, 64, of 615 McLeod Village-Apt. 3A, Elizabethtown died Monday, November 16, 2020 at Bladen County Hospital, Elizabethtown. Mr. Locklear was born August 14, 1956 in Robeson County to the late Luther Locklear and Anna Oxendine. Mr. Locklear is preceded in death by his wife; Katherine Locklear and his sister; Vicki Sprow. A graveside service was held at 1:00 PM Friday, November 20, 2020 at Oxendine Cemetery, 5142 Oakgrove Church Road, Lumberton. Mr. Locklear is survived by two sisters; Shelby Melvin and husband Randy of Roseboro, NC and Verla Smith of Leland, NC, one brother; Speedy Locklear and wife April of Garland, NC and a host of nieces and nephews. Services provided by Carter Funeral Home, Garland. www.carterfh.com.

RALEIGH

Mrs. Rosa Lee Underwood McLean, 69, of Raleigh, NC, formerly of Sampson County, NC passed away Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at Rex Healthcare, Raleigh, NC. The graveside service was held at 2 p.m., Monday, November 16, 2020 at Sandhill Cemetery, Clinton. Burial followed the service. Mrs. McLean is survived by her HUSBAND-Daryl McLean of Clinton, NC; SONS-Kectral Underwood of Raleigh, NC and Kectral Underwood, Jr. of Raleigh, NC; SISTER-Mildred Bennett of Clinton, NC and Maretha King of Raleigh, NC, BROTHER-Billy Underwood of Roseboro, NC; 2 grandchildren. Viewing at Worley Funeral Home (Mask are required) on Monday, November 16, 2020, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Service will be live-streamed via Worley Funeral Home Facebook page. NOTE: To access the graveside service via Facebook, log on to your Facebook account and type in Worley Funeral Home. The live-stream will be available at the service time.



TURKEY

Jerry Eugene Mercer, 76, of 1078 Bowden Road, passed away Friday, November 13, 2020 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Graveside service was held at 1 PM, Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at the Quinn Family Cemetery in Turkey NC, with Rev. Clay Carter officiating. The family received friends immediately after the service and at other times at the home. Jerry, born in 1944 in Tampa, Florida, was the son of the late Major Bryant McCullen and Audrey Beatrice Mercer. He was a truck driver and retired from Smithfield Foods. Jerry enjoyed deer hunting and fishing and was a true outdoorsman. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his sister, Alice Dawn and grandson, Nicholas Mercer. Survivors include; wife of 52 years, Carrie Lynn Chambers Mercer; sons, Greg Mercer (Tammy), Terry Mercer (Wendy), and Jeremy Mercer (Becky); grandchildren, Audrey, Deandra White, Zackery, Cody, Hunter, Will and Bella; great-grandchildren, Isabella White; brothers, Major Bryant McCullen, Jr. and Vincent McCullen; and sisters, Nancy Ezzell, Brenda Quinn, Connie Wilson, Melody Willis. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com.



ROSEBORO

Mrs. Linda Carol Miskimen, 75 passed away Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at UNC Rex Healthcare in Raleigh. No local services will be held. A graveside service will be held at Sunset Hills Cemetery in Canton, Ohio. She was born in Cumberland County to the late, Dentley Tyndall and Ruby Boykin Tyndall. She is also preceded in death by her brother, J.D. Tyndall. She is survived by her husband of over 60 years, James Miskimen of the home; children, Cheryl Miskimen of Roseboro, Mike Miskimen & wife, Dennita of Virginia, Dianna Smith & husband, Kawane of Clinton, and Christopher Miskimen of Roseboro; 9 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; and siblings, Sammy Tyndall & wife, Karen of Fayetteville, Wanda Lewis & husband, Rock of Salemburg, and Terry Tyndall of Florida. Arrangements by Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC 28382 and Karlo-Libby Funeral Home, 5000 Everhard Road NW, Canto, Ohio 44718.



WALLACE

Hilda Louise Heath Norris of Wallace left her earthly life on Sunday, November 8, 2020 while at New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington. Born on October 2, 1942, she was the daughter of the late James Paul and Mattie Batchelor Heath. She was also preceded in death by a son—Jason Norris. Left to cherish her memory are her husband—William Hallie Norris, Jr; son-Bill Norris and wife Kelli of Teachey; grandchildren—Caitlin Flockhart and husband Jason of Clinton, Riley Norris of Teachey, and Jenson Norris of Wallace; Andrew Hargrove of Calypso, and Jacob Hargrove of Wallace; and great grandchild—Avery Flockhart. Mrs. Norris was well known in the area as the owner and operator of Norris Restaurant and the Liberty Inn in Wallace for many years. She used her love of cooking in making many delicious meals in the restaurant for patrons of the community and the hotel. When she could get away from the business, she enjoyed spending her time at the beach where she enjoyed fishing. Whether at the beach or at home, spending time with family was her favorite love of all the things she did on earth.

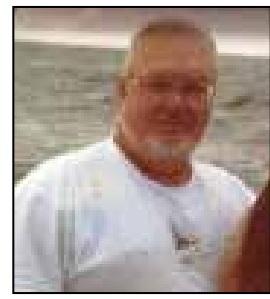
BLYTHEWOOD

Sandra Jean Peterson Barber, 87, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, November 15, 2020. Though we miss her so very much, we are happy knowing she is now re-united with her Ronald. She was born July 15, 1933 in Clinton, NC, the oldest of three children of the late Alvah Allen Peterson and Willie Frank Owen. She attended school in Clinton, where in the second grade,

she met the boy who would become the love of her life. After graduation from Meredith College in 1955, she became an English teacher. In 1956, she married her sweetheart, Ronald, and they went on to raise three children of their own. For 61 years, they built businesses, traveled the world, and served the Lord whom they loved. They were a team in all that they did.



She and Ronald served faithfully at Columbia Evangelical Church and Hope Church Columbia for many years. Many missionaries and friends have become family through her legendary hospitality which included her Sunday roast dinners. Sandra had a love of studying and teaching God's word in various Bible studies within her church and community. She was also the ultimate problem-solver. Many were the recipients of this gift whether it be helping to pack, move, learn to drive, or create a budget. She is survived by three children, Ronald Edward Barber, Jr. (Amy McQuilkin), Cameron Jones (Steven), Alison Alvah Gratton (George); and the joy of her life, 9 grandchildren, Natasha Broucek (DJ), Stephanie Barber, Justin Barber (Nidhi), David Jones (Claire), Joseph Jones (Jennifer), Daniel Jones, Christiana Jones (Pavel), Mary Grace Lobo (Nicholas), Jesse Jones; and 8 great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Ronald Edward Barber, Sr. A visitation was held under the portico of Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, from 3 until 5 o'clock, Friday, November 20, 2020. The family requests those attending remain in their vehicles to abide by the state's regulations of social distancing. A private family graveside service will be held in Clinton, NC on Saturday, November 21, 2020 with Joshua Fleming officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Christian Missions, Inc., P.O. Box 3715, Columbia, SC, 29203.



FAISON

COVID has taken a lot from us this year. On November 10th it took Marvin Gerald Sutton. His final wish was to pass at home. He passed peacefully in the arms of his wife of 40 years, Gerarde (Geri) Sutton. The work of the Lord was evident even through his sickness and death.

Each of his beloved grandchildren, Cadance, Noah and Aletheia, wrote him a good-bye letter. Noah wrote him a passionate plea to seek the Lord. The grandchildren were able to read these letters to him over the phone. We had other opportunities like this during the last week of his life. In his final moments, he clearly called out to Jesus. We saw the answer to so many years of prayer!! Although we are grieved by his loss, we have an incredible sense of peace. He wasn't healed here on earth, but we find great comfort in the fact that he is now fully healed in the presence of Jesus. Marvin Gerald Sutton, was an avid fisherman and sportsman. Born and raised in Faison, NC he played multiple sports in high school and even played AA baseball. As he got older, he played more age appropriate games like bowling and golf. He bowled a 300 game and then quit because he felt he had conquered the sport. He moved on to golf. When he got his hole in one, he got less serious because he felt he had conquered that as well. He was always a fisherman. Although he had some citation fish, there was always another bigger fish to catch. He passed one day before Veteran's Day, so we salute our Veteran. Gerald served in the Air Force. After the Air Force he worked at the Newport News Shipyard for a short time. He retired from Anheuser Busch after 28 years. He was preceded in death by his father, Marvin Sutton; mother, Stella Swinson Sutton and son, Chad Jackson. He will be greatly missed by his wife, Gerarde (Geri) Sutton, daughters Dahlia (Kelsey) Troublefield and Jerilyn White (husband, Brian) and grandchildren, Cadance, Noah and Aletheia. We are so happy that this is not "Goodbye," but, "See ya later!" Always eager to crack a joke and get the last word in I know he would say, "Thanks for the warning!" There will be no funeral but a small gathering for the immediate family. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to East African Outreach, the missionary organization that his daughter Jerilyn White serves with in Uganda. www.eastafricanoutreach.com or P.O. BOX 573 Dryden, VA 24243.

EASTOVER

Mrs. Linda Smith Tatum, 72 of Eastover passed away on Saturday, November 14, 2020 at her home. The funeral service was held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at Beaver Dam Baptist Church with Rev. Tim McQueen officiating. The burial followed in the Church Cemetery. The family received friends from 1:00 - 1:50 PM prior to the service in the church fellowship hall. The family request that all attending please wear masks. Mrs. Tatum was a native of Cumberland County, the daughter of James Warren and Nellie Gillis Smith. She is preceded in death by her parents. She was the Cornerstone of our family. She was a retired employee for the NC State Employee Credit Union. She is survived by her husband, Harry Tatum, Jr. of the home; two daughters, Shelly Tatum McClanahan and husband, Doug of Raleigh; and Ashley Tatum Petrakis and husband, Nick of Garner; four grandchildren, Connor Douglas McClanahan, Cameron Tatum McClanahan, Andrew Nicolas Petrakis and Cole Smith Petrakis. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.



MAGNOLIA

David Carroll Arnett, 75, died November 13, 2020 at his home. David Arnett was born September 9, 1945 in Mount Olive, NC to Sammie Arnett and Edna Brock Arnett. David was a Veteran of the US Army and served honorably in the Vietnam War. David was also member of Ghost Riders Motorcycle Club of Wayne County NC and was affectionately known as "Pops". A graveside service was held at 2:00pm, Sunday, November 15, 2020 in the Pate Cemetery, Mount Olive NC. Visitation was held at the cemetery beginning at 1:00pm. Mr. Arnett is survived by three daughters, Lisa Rodriguez and husband, Edward of Clinton, NC, Amy Carroll Easterly of Cumming, GA, Erin Arnett Jones and husband, Andy of Clayton, NC; 7 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren with two special arrivals on the way. He is also survived by four brothers, Alfred Arnett and wife, Joyce of Atkinson, NC, Adrain Arnett and wife, Judy of Pink Hill, NC, Thomas Arnett and wife, Gail

of Rose Hill, NC, and Lynn Arnett and wife, Karen of Martinez GA; a sister, Mavis Smith and husband, Glenn of Ingold, NC and a sister-in-law, Terry Arnett of Smithfield, NC, along with numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to relatives, he leaves behind his two best pet companions, Gracie & Buddy. In addition to his parents, Mr. Arnett was preceded in death by wife, Linda Arnett and brother, Marshall Arnett.

SALEMBURG

Geraldine Holland McGough, 88, passed away on Sunday, November 15, 2020, at Sampson Regional Medical Center in Clinton, NC. Born on December 30, 1931, to the late Ransom B. and Laudie Mae Holland, Geraldine McGough is the widow of Willie B. McGough. Geraldine worked in the education system as a teacher for most of her life. Geraldine is preceded in death by her husband, Willie B. McGough. Geraldine Holland McGough leaves behind to cherish her memories, sons: John David McGough of Wilmington, NC, Paul Stephen McGough of Carolina Beach, NC, brother: Anglo Holland of Tampa, FL, and one granddaughter: Daniella McGough.

ROSEBORO

Mark Douglas Vinson went to Heaven on November 15, 2020. Mark was born on August 9, 1948, the son of Huston and Virginia Vinson. He grew up in the Millcreek Community near Roseboro with his younger brother, Charles and younger sister, Melba. In 1965 he graduated from Roseboro Salemburg High and attended Pembroke State University, graduating in 1970. He was drafted into the United States Army, serving as a Medic in Germany until he was honorably discharged in 1972. Upon leaving the army he moved to Kenansville and began a thirty-year career as a Juvenile Court Counselor where he touched the lives of countless youth and earned the respect of law enforcement officers, judges and attorneys. Mark served on the Kenansville Town Board for twenty years. He was a mason and member of the American Legion. He was a member of Kenansville Baptist Church where he was a deacon and a long-time teacher of the Senior Adult Sunday School class. Mark was an enthusiastic athlete and an admirer of athletic excellence. In his younger days he played football, basketball, baseball and softball and was an avid golfer for over sixty years. While other may have been more talented than he, no one was more competitive, more dedicated, or more demanding of himself. Mark loved the NC State Wolfpack, the Dallas Cowboys, and the New York Yankees. If there was a game on, and he was near a television, Mark probably watched it. Mark loved beach music, shagging, and the Williams Lake of his youth. He also loved classic country music, bluegrass, and southern gospel music. He was a great storyteller and known for his jokes. For the last several years his morning Facebook post gathered vast following. He loved his God, his country, his family, his friends, his church, Kenansville, and life. Mark is predeceased by his mother and father and the love of his life, Del Holt. He is survived by his son, Chris, his brother and sister, and countless friends and admirers. Due to COVID restrictions he cannot have the going home service he deserves. His remains were interred at 2:00 PM on Saturday November 21, 2020 at Oak Ridge Memorial Park, 985 NC 11, Pink Hill, NC. Attendance will be limited to family and few of his many friends. Masks and social distancing will be required. The family apologizes for this limited service and hopes to have a larger memorial service when COVID restrictions are relaxed. In lieu of flowers the family ask that donations in Mark's name be made to Kenansville Baptist Church P. O. Box 865, Kenansville, NC 28349 or the Kenansville Branch of the Duplin County Public Library.

NEWTON GROVE

On October 11, 1933, in Newton Grove, NC, **Mrs. Bessie Stephens** was born to John Calvin and Naomi Bryant Robinson. Mrs. Bessie married John Edward Monk and later James Stephens. She was the oldest of four children, Bessie had three brothers (John-deceased, (Jeanette), Robert (Annette-deceased), Amos (Barbara-deceased). She quietly transitioned to her heavenly reward on November 7, 2020, in her Newton Grove home. From the time she was a child, Mrs. Bessie proved that she was a unique individual with commitment and focus. She was a short-order cook, nursing tech, and a Licensed Beautician. She attended Catholic School at White Oak Disciples Church, where she skipped 9th grade and moved to Clinton High School, where she was an "A" student. She also loved sports and played basketball. Throughout her career, Mrs. Bessie's activism and thirst for community service never failed or wavered. She carried herself with remarkable grace and exerted her leadership with dignity. Sister Stephens served as a faithful member of the Usher Board, Pastors Aid Board, Mission Board, Head Nurse at Western Assembly Building and served on the Fellowship Service Committee, preparing and serving meals to her church family. Bessie often presided over meetings, seminars, and conferences with stoic dignity and passion for her auxiliaries. She was a proud Life Member of White Oak Disciples Church. Mrs. Bessie's life trumpets the importance of love, tolerance, and forgiveness. As the matriarch in our family, she exemplified family cohesiveness, praising God, and recognizing the good and talents of her children. Her husband and two of her children Ronald S. Monk and Rene Stephens predeceased her. A visitation was held at Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Chapel on Thursday, November 12, 2020, from 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm with family present from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm. A private burial will be held at the family's request. Bessie leaves a legacy of three sons, Daries E. Monk, James B. Stephens, Mark A. (Jasmine) Stephens, two daughters Gwendolyn F. Clark (William) and Patty Stephens. She has 27 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Her impact is enormous, her legacy is deep-rooted, and her love surpasses the depth of any sea. She leaves us a legacy of progress, of onward movement to live with an intended destination. To love and support one another.

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may fail, but God is the
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and my portion forever."
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QUESTIONS & ATTITUDES

NBC says its numbers didn't drop from 2019. Is that good news?

Since no one knows exactly how to measure what the sports world has gone through this year, let's go with the obvious: When in doubt, treading water is acceptable. Overall, the ratings probably should've been higher when NASCAR was the only game in town, and probably could've been lower when all of the abnormal competition arrived from baseball, basketball and hockey, followed by the usual football battle for viewers. NBC did announce a 29% increase in its streaming numbers, but since that's over our heads here, we'll just take their word for it and call that a positive.

Southwest Florida? Who knew?

NBC's market-by-market numbers produced no surprises — the top four markets were from the Carolinas and Tennessee, with the reliable Indianapolis market at No. 5, followed by Richmond and ... yes, Fort Myers-Naples, the only Florida market in the top 10. You would expect the Panhandle, or maybe Jacksonville, or of course the Orlando-Daytona market, but Fort Myers-Naples screams golf and tennis. You just never know.



NBC got a late-season boost with Chase Elliott's championship run at Phoenix. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA MOTOR MOUTHS

Ladies and Gentlemen, the offseason is now officially open for practice and qualifying (from the couches and bar stools).



THROUGH THE GEARS



Chase Elliott celebrates his championship at Phoenix and the dawn of a new stock-car era. ANDREW COPPLEY/HHP FOR CHEVY RACING

NASCAR'S NEW ERA

Elliott's title, addition of Jordan as team co-owner are a big part of change

Godwin Kelly
Daytona Beach News-Journal
USA TODAY NETWORK

There is no doubt NASCAR has started a new era heralded, of course, by Chase Elliott's Cup Series championship.

The soon-to-be 25-year-old driver set a clear marker on the stock-car timeline with his victory and title at Phoenix Raceway.

With the addition of Michael Jordan as a team co-owner, coupled with the retirements of Jimmie Johnson and Clint Bowyer and many other things happening, NASCAR is rounding second base in its interior/exterior renovation.

The game plan is to hold on to as many old-school fans as possible while building a brand which appeals to those in the coveted beer-drinking, taco-eating 18-to-35 demographic.

While COVID-19 hasn't done any favors for anybody, it did allow NASCAR to become the first "league" to reactivate in the spring (the only game in town) and permitted the sanctioning body to experiment with scheduling, such as adding two additional doubleheader Cup weekends.

Practice and qualifying were eliminated, creating an environment embraced by some teams (Kevin Harvick's

nine wins) and not others (Kyle Busch barely got one win). The list goes on and on. More change is on the way.

We've seen these big swings in the past, such as when the Cup Series went from 48 races in 1971 to 31 in '72, all staged on asphalt; a simplified points system was put in place; and Winston came charging in with its marketing budget to be an entitlement sponsor.

Armed with a 2021 schedule featuring more road courses (welcome COTA) and short tracks and the prospect of a new-generation car in 2022, NASCAR is beyond the setting the table for the future; it's already serving heavy hors d'oeuvres.

NASCAR is on the clock. Television money has helped hold the racing package together this season. The \$8 billion TV contract NASCAR has with Fox and NBC ends in 2024.

The negotiating process will begin in 2022. Here's hoping the "new NASCAR" has a foothold by that time.

First gear

Here is some good news for the sport. Despite the season being significantly affected by coronavirus, NBC Sports matched its viewership numbers from the 2019 campaign, headlined by a 3% viewership gain for races airing on the NBC broadcast network.

The season was capped by Chase Elliott's first Cup Series championship on NBC last Sunday, which produced a Total Audience Delivery of 3.093 million

viewers. Viewership peaked at 4.087 million views as Elliott crossed the finish line for his win.

Second gear

Car owner Rick Hendrick boasts an all-time record 13 NASCAR Cup Series championships with four drivers, most recently with Elliott.

But did you know Hendrick had to wait quite a while to get title No. 1? He started the team in 1984 but didn't win his first crown as a car owner until 1995 with Jeff Gordon.

Third gear

NASCAR's current youth movement can be found in the stat book. The average age of this year's crop of NASCAR national series champions is 23. Elliott was 24. Xfinity champ Austin Cindric is 22 while Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series trophy winner Sheldon Creed is 23.

Fourth gear

Even if Denny Hamlin did not win the championship, his team is riding a huge crest of momentum. "No one has won more than we have over the last two years," he said. "(Winning) the Daytona 500 and (qualifying for) the final four two years in a row; I'm pretty proud of what this team is doing and what we are building toward."

WHAT'S ON TAP?

- Jan. 13-18: Chili Bowl Nationals mid-gt-car championships in Tulsa, Okla.
- Jan. 22-24: Three-day test for Rolex 24 at Daytona
- Jan. 30-31: Rolex 24 at Daytona

NASCAR Speedweek at Daytona

- Feb. 9: Busch Clash
- Feb. 10: Daytona 500 pole qualifying
- Feb. 11: "Duel" Daytona 500 qualifying races
- Feb. 12: Truck Series season opener
- Feb. 13: Xfinity Series season opener
- Feb. 13: ARCA Series season opener
- Feb. 14: 63rd Daytona 500

SPEED FREAKS



Rick Hendrick's original pilot for the No. 5 Chevy, Geoff Bodine, here at Nashville Fairgrounds in 1984. ARCA RACING SERIES

Rick Hendrick is bringing back the No. 5 next year for Kyle Larson. When you think of the No. 5 ...

GODSPEAK: One of my favorite memories in racing was watching Terry Labonte win the 2003 Southern 500 in the No. 5 at Darlington, the last Cup win for the two-time NASCAR champ.

KEN'S CALL: Geoff Bodine obviously comes to mind, but I can't help but picture Terry Labonte's No. 5 Chevy getting its "cage rattled" by Dale Earnhardt in the 1999 Bristol night race.

Put a number on the total Cup wins for Hendrick Motorsports in 2021.

GODSPEAK: I'm going with eight. Chase gets

four. Larson will pick up a couple. Bowman and Byron will each nab one.

KEN'S CALL: Five for Chase (three on road courses), two each for Bowman, Byron and Larson. Let's see ... 5 and 2 and 2 and 2 ... carry the 1 ... yep, looks like 11 to me.

Where does Denny Hamlin now rank among best-ever non-champs?

GODSPEAK: He's moving up the list with a bullet, with those three Daytona 500 wins weighing heavily in his favor.

KEN'S CALL: Second to Mark Martin in the modern era though he has more wins. I'd say Junior Johnson is best among all-time drivers, though back then he wasn't running enough races for championships.

2021 CUP SERIES SCHEDULE

- Feb. 9: Busch Clash at Daytona
- Feb. 14: Daytona 500
- Feb. 21: Homestead
- Feb. 28: Fontana
- March 7: Las Vegas
- March 14: Phoenix
- March 21: Atlanta
- March 28: Bristol (dirt)
- April 10: Martinsville

- April 18: Richmond
- April 25: Talladega
- May 2: Kansas
- May 9: Darlington
- May 16: Dover
- May 23: Austin
- May 30: Charlotte
- June 6: Sonoma
- June 13: Texas All-Star
- June 20: Nashville
- June 26: Pocono

- June 27: Pocono
- July 4: Road America (Wisconsin)
- July 11: Atlanta
- July 18: New Hampshire
- Aug. 8: Watkins Glen
- Aug. 15: Indianapolis
- Aug. 22: Michigan
- Aug. 28: Daytona
- Playoffs Round of 16
- Sept. 5: Darlington
- Sept. 11: Richmond

- Sept. 18: Bristol
- Playoffs Round of 12
- Sept. 26: Las Vegas
- Oct. 3: Talladega
- Oct. 10: Charlotte Roval
- Playoffs Round of 8
- Oct. 17: Texas
- Oct. 24: Kansas
- Oct. 31: Martinsville
- Championship Round
- Nov. 7: Phoenix

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