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Sampson County Turkeys Receive Presidential Pardons



Photo courtesy
The White House

Local Sampson County farmer Wellie Jackson holds the prize Presidential Turkey that he raised on his family farm, as President Trump gives Butter an official pardon

On Tuesday, President Donald Trump and First Lady Melania Trump pardoned two lucky birds on the White House lawn. Their names are Bread and Butter and they are not only North Carolina turkeys, but they were raised right here in Sampson County by local farmer Wellie Jackson. Wellie, his wife Tara and their three children Daughtry, Channing and Sara were at the White House when the pardon occurred. President Donald Trump even mentioned the local Christian school, Harrells Christian Academy, where the three children attend. The students at Harrells Christian Academy actually gave the two turkeys their official **PARDON, see P. 4**

A Presidential Tradition



By Sandy Sanderson

In recent years, the presentation of a live turkey to the President and then the President issuing a "Presidential Pardon" to the turkey the week of Thanksgiving has become a tradition. The turkey is then allowed to live out its days on a farm or petting zoo forever free of the fear of ending up the wrong type of guest of honor at a meal. The event is a fun Thanksgiving tradition that has a local flavor this year because the star of the show is a turkey that was raised right here in Sampson County at Wellie Jackson Farms.

The presentation got its start in 1947 and has changed greatly over the years. In 1947, the world was still recovering from World War II. The United States was giving foreign aid in the form of food to Europe. The Truman Administration, in an effort to conserve food in America, began a campaign of "Meatless Tuesdays" and "Poultryless Thursdays" in the fall of 1947. Although the program was voluntary, the "Poultryless Thursdays" hit America especially hard in the fall of 1947 because not only was Thanksgiving, as usual, on a Thursday but so were Christmas and New Year's Day that holiday season. This greatly concerned turkey growers since those three holidays represented huge days for turkey consumption in the United States. It also upset many Americans who wanted their traditional turkey dinner on those holidays, especially Thanksgiving. Less than a decade before there had been a lot of ill will though out the country when President Roosevelt had changed the date of Thanksgiving. Not wanting to go through a similar lingering Thanksgiving controversy, the Truman Administration relented in early November of 1947 and called off the ban on turkeys on Thursdays.

As a way to promote that turkeys were again acceptable for the three Thursday holidays that season, the National Turkey Federation presented President Truman with a live turkey in front of the gathered media that holiday season. Far from pardoning this bird, Truman discussed eating that turkey and others that were given to him annually by the National Turkey Federation each year thereafter that he was in office. So, the tradition of the turkey presentation began in 1947, but it would be a while before a "pardon" **TURKEY, see P. 3**

Jean Turlington- A True Public Servant



Wife, mother, grandmother, church servant and public servant, Selma Jean Calhoun Turlington will step down from Clinton City Council after 19 years of service. A city made better by her service will surely miss the wisdom and wealth of knowledge Jean Turlington has provided. And for those in her district, a strong leading voice will be missed as well.

Jean Turlington was appointed to council to fill her husband's unfinished term upon his death. Thomas Turlington passed away in May of 2000. The couple had been married for 47 years. After completing her husband's unfinished term, Turlington was elected to council for her district out- **TURLINGTON, see P. 3**

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Sat	Partly Cloudy	10%
	Hi: 54°	Lo: 44°
Sun	Rain	90%
	Hi: 67°	Lo: 43°
Mon	Partly Cloudy	20%
	Hi: 51°	Lo: 35°
Tues	Partly Cloudy	0%
	Hi: 50°	Lo: 33°
Wed	Partly Cloudy	10%
	Hi: 52°	Lo: 34°

WEEKLY VERSE

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.
Psalm 34:18

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LOCAL NEWS

From the Desk of Senator Brent Jackson



I hope you had a great week thus far. I would like to take a moment to wish you Happy Thanksgiving. I hope you all take time to reflect on the important things in life. Along with family and friends, I am honored to represent the citizens of Senate District 10. I thank everyone for your support and hope you had safe and blessed holiday. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if I can assist you in any way possible.

Legislative Recap Weekly Legislative Update

This week, most members are at home to celebrate the holiday. The legislative building is pretty quiet, but some members trickle in and out while staff continues to work on some outstanding bills. In particular, there are a number of bills that the Governor has sent back to the legislature by veto. Our Medicaid transformation is at stake and the legislature's attempt to fund that process has been vetoed. We also have teacher pay raises and regulatory reform that need a three-fifths majority to overturn those vetoes.

However, the legislature does not reconvene until January 14th, 2020. This session has already gone much longer than expected despite hope in the beginning to be done by June. But the process of overriding these vetoes has kept lawmakers extremely busy in Raleigh. This brief period of time will be helpful for members to refresh, spend time with family, and come back in the new year ready to fulfill their obligation to all North Carolina citizens.

From the District Sampson County- Turkeys Get Presidential Send-Off

On Wellie Jackson's farm, a group of turkeys gobbled as visitors admired their white feathers and blue faces.

The birds received a lot of spotlight Friday before their big trip to Washington D.C. for the National Thanksgiving Turkey Presentation at the White House. For the time-honored tradition, the President of the United States is presented with live turkeys. Soon, two of the turkeys on Jackson's farm will receive a pardon from President Donald Trump before retiring at Gobblers Rest on the campus of Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va.

Jackson, a contract grower for Butterball, received a lot of praise for his work during the special send-off celebration with officials representing the company, state, American Humane and the National Turkey Federation (NTF) — the organization presenting the bird to the president in the Rose Garden of the White House.

One of the presenters was Steve Troxler, North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture.

Those turkeys will also be representing Sampson County, thanks to Jackson. He began working with Butterball more than a decade ago, but growing a turkey for the White House is a first for the Sampson County farmer. He thanked family members, friends and everyone part of his journey as a turkey grower.

The presidential presentation dates back to 1947 with President Harry S. Truman and then with President George H.W. Bush formalizing the turkey pardoning in 1989. Before they travel hundreds of miles to the nation's capital, community members took pictures of the turkeys enjoying a special home built by Hog Slat.

Kerry Doughty, NTF chairman, said the work shown on the farm truly validates the reason Jackson's farm was selected to grow the presidential bird. Like many others, he excited about the opportunity.

Connor Reynolds, farm program manager for American Humane, said hearing the turkeys gobbling is a lot more enjoyable than hearing blaring car horns in Washington, D.C. She also made remarks about the American Humane organization and Butterball being the first and only integrated turkey company to be certified from American Humane.

Troxler expressed how Friday was a special day for North Carolina, while honoring farmers and



growers such as Jackson.

North Carolina produces more than 32 million turkeys in the state, which translates to about \$739 million, making it one of the top commodities in the state. It's also part of the larger \$5 billion poultry industry. Troxler added that it's not only a day celebrate the turkeys going to White House, but the poultry and turkey industries. While these turkeys won't receive a pardon, there will be many on tables for Thanksgiving.

District Spotlight Johnson joins NCHP in Sampson

Inside a patrol car, Trooper Evan Johnson is making sure the highways are safe for residents and visitors passing through Sampson County every day.

His father, Billy Johnson, patrolled the same highways years ago as a trooper with the local unit. The Garland native is proud to follow in his father's footsteps.

Johnson's first official day with the local branch was Nov. 13. With pride in his voice, Billy expressed his confidence that Evan will be a great trooper.

Evan grew up in Garland and graduated from Union High School. After earning his diploma, he went to Sandhills Community College in Pinehurst before graduating from Sampson Community College's (SCC) Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) program in June 2019. Later, he went to the N.C. Highway Patrol Training Academy and finished in October.

Evan is looking forward to helping people through unfortunate incidents such as wrecks, while enforcing laws related to speeding and not being buckled up.

As Evan continues his days in Sampson County, he's going to enjoy working with other troopers as well.

Billy graduated from SCC's BLET program, before serving the Town of Roseboro, the Sampson County Sheriff's Office and the local Highway Patrol in January 2000. Now, Billy is a sergeant at the N.C. Highway Patrol Training Academy in Raleigh and school director for the Speed Measurement Instrument certification. His decision toward a career in law enforcement began in high school.

Now, he's proud to see his son serving the community he calls home.



Sgt. Billy Johnson pins his son Evan Johnson as he officially becomes a North Carolina State Trooper

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right and has remained a steady influence for the 19 years she served.

Described as a hard worker, researcher and investigator, Jean Turlington was known to be well studied and prepared for every meeting. According to her son, Tom Turlington, in 19 years on the city council, Jean has missed only two meetings. "Never one to let partisanship influence her decisions," says son Tom, "her only goal was to make her district and her city the best that it could be."

Jean was by no means the only Turlington to make Clinton better. In fact, her family has made Clinton better for generations. Jean was born to W.J. Calhoun and Selma Ward Calhoun of Clinton. Mr. Calhoun had a hatchery and farm supply store on Wall Street in Clinton for many years. He also built Calhoun Milling Company located at the Clinton City Schools administrative building, and he was one of the first volume poultry growers in this area to vertically integrate, supplying chicks, feed, and supplies to increase efficiency and profitability.

As a young woman growing up in Clinton, Jean graduated from Clinton High School and later attended Salem College in Winston-Salem, NC. At Clinton High, Jean served as editor of the Clinton High Yearbook and while at Salem College Jean served as editor of the school's newspaper 'The Salemite'.

Jean's husband Thomas' family have also been leaders in the business community for generations with Turlington Lumber Company. Started in 1917, Turlington Lumber has employed the citizens of Clinton, provided a tax base and produced a quality product for over 100 years.



Jean Turlington & family

TURKEY, cont. from P. 1

became part of the tradition.

It appears that President Eisenhower like Truman ate the turkeys that were presented to him by the National Turkey Federation. It is unclear what happened to the first two turkeys presented to President Kennedy, but on November 18, 1963, less than a week before his death, Kennedy was presented with a huge 55-pound turkey for Thanksgiving that year. In the ceremony, Kennedy stated "Let's keep him going" according to the White House Historical Association and multiple other sources. The bird was then sent back to the farm, becoming possibly the first Presidential Turkey to get an unofficial reprieve.

After Kennedy's declaration that the turkey in 1963 would not be eaten, there is no indication that any president actually ate a presented turkey, but there was no formal procedure for what would happen to the bird each year or whether the reprieve was temporary or permanent. It appears at least some of the turkeys received by Nixon and Carter went to petting zoos. By the time Reagan took office, it was standard procedure for the presented turkey to be sent to a farm or petting zoo to live out its days. In 1987, Reagan was receiving serious questions about whether he would pardon Oliver North. Reagan deflected those questions at Thanksgiving of 1987 with a joke about pardoning the turkey. Reagan did not use the word pardon in his final turkey presentation in 1988, however.

Most sources agree that the tradition of the pardon began with George H. W. Bush in 1989. He used the phrase "Presidential Pardon" during that ceremony. Since 1989, all of the Presidents have stated in the ceremony that the turkey was receiving a "Presidential Pardon" and each turkey has been allowed to live out its natural life at a farm or petting zoo without the threat of ending up on a dinner table at the White House or anywhere else.

North Carolina has, at times, been the number one state in terms of turkey production in the United States and currently ranks second. Sampson County is the largest producer of turkeys of any county in North Carolina. Given those facts, it is not surprising that the Presidential Turkey Presentation Ceremony has Sampson County connections over the years. On November 23, 1982, Bill Prestage was the chairman of the National Turkey Federation and presented a turkey to Ronald Reagan. On November 26, 2002, Bill's son, Ron Prestage, was also chairman of the National Turkey Federation and presented a turkey named after his daughter Katie to George W. Bush. This was a history making presentation as it marked the first time a female turkey had received a "Presidential Pardon".

The turkey presented to President Trump this year has a Sampson County connection, as well. It was grown at Wellie Jackson Farms in Sampson County. Ten turkeys from Wellie Jackson Farms were designated as Presidential Turkeys. Out of those ten, two were selected to actually go to the White House. The final two were selected based on appearance and temperament. Only one was then selected as the Presidential Turkey for 2019, but both got "pardons" and will end up at Gobbler's Rest. Gobbler's Rest is a farm in Virginia where all Presidential Turkeys have gone to live out their lives since 2016.

The Presidential Pardon of a turkey each Thanksgiving is a fun holiday tradition. It is ironic that it all started because President Truman in 1947 was attempting to give ALL turkeys in the United States a pardon for Thanksgiving that year.

Thomas Turlington served as President and General Manager of Turlington Lumber from 1959 until his death in May of 2000. As Turlington Lumber's leader, Thomas worked hard to improve the company through increased mechanization and marketing strategies. His leadership led to increased production as the company expanded its markets in the US and begun exporting to Europe. Today, sons Bill and Tom Turlington run the company.



Thomas Turlington

During those years together, Thomas and Jean Turlington had four children. N. Neale Turlington and husband Barry Lindholm; Thomas E. Turlington and wife Margaret Peffers Turlington; William F. Turlington and wife Lisa Hall Turlington; and Selma Ward Turlington.

Jean also has six grandchildren. Callie F. Turlington, T. Eli Turlington III, W. Festus Turlington, Jr, Jean J. Turlington, Lillie W. Turlington, and R. Noel Turlington.

In addition to raising her extended family and public service Jean Turlington has been an active member of First United Methodist Church. As an active member, Jean served as a Sunday school teacher in rotation for almost 30 years, she is also active in the United Methodist Women, and served as church historian.

Of his mother's public service, Tom Turlington states, "When Mother was appointed to my dad's unfinished term, she was eager to serve. However, I am sure that the task seemed intimidating as my dad was quite an imposing figure with a reputation for a no-nonsense way of getting things accomplished."

"I knew," adds Tom, "that if she took up the task that she would put 100% effort into it. She had spent her years before my father's death giving 100% of her efforts to her children and to my father."

"The government way of doing things must have seemed entirely foreign to her," continued Tom. "A lifelong learner, it didn't take long for her to get comfortable in the council chair. She would often attend the area meetings of her fellow council representatives supporting them as was befitting one who desires the best for the City of Clinton. She enjoyed serving yet realized her solemn responsibility to the citizens of Clinton as an elected official."

After stating that she would not seek re-election to her district council seat, Mayor Lew Starling stated, "Ms. Turlington did an outstanding job on the city council. She was always well-prepared, studied all of the issues thoroughly, and is extremely knowledgeable about the operation of the city."

"She is a great source of wisdom for me and other members of the city council," added Starling. "She is truly one of the best councilmembers I have ever served with during my tenure. Her steady hand and wisdom will be missed by the city. I sincerely thank her for her service."

Jean Turlington has weaved her life into the very threads that bind her family, her church, and her city together. As a public servant her guidance will be missed. She has been a trailblazer throughout her life, and we wish her the very best as she steps down from the Clinton City Council.

Christmas

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- 5:30pm Clinton Community Christmas Tree Lighting with Miss North Carolina 2019 - Alexandra Badgett

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LOCAL NEWS

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names, Bread and Butter.

Last Friday, an official send off was held on the Jackson's turkey farm, Illusion Farms, which is right outside of Clinton on Hobbton Highway.

The Jackson family, who are growers for Butterball, received the honor to grow the prize Presidential Turkeys. The Jackson's have been growing turkeys since 2004.

Ten turkeys were chosen and raised for the opportunity to go to Washington with only two being chose for the official journey.

Wellie stated on Friday at the Send Off Celebration, "This has been an experience completely different from what every day turkey growing is."

Wellie Jackson noted that it was quite an honor to be chosen to be the grower.

The turkeys are 18 1/2 weeks old and weigh approximately 45 pounds each. The Jackson's also presented the prize turkeys that received their pardons from Governor Roy Cooper this year. Its been a busy year for the Jackson farm.

Photo right courtesy
The White House



According to the White House, Butter likes to play the bagpipes and he likes snacking on sweet potato fries. Bread likes bluegrass music and his favorite snack is Cheerwine. The birds actually arrived in Washington on Sunday where they spent the night at a 5 star hotel, the Willard Intercontinental Hotel.

Tuesday's event is the 72nd Annual National Thanksgiving Turkey presentation. The turkeys will live out the rest of their lives at Gobbler's Rest on the campus of Virginia Tech University.

(See Sandy Sanderson's story in this week's edition for more history on the Presidential Turkey Pardon)



Wellie Jackson and his family at the Presidential Turkey Send Off event

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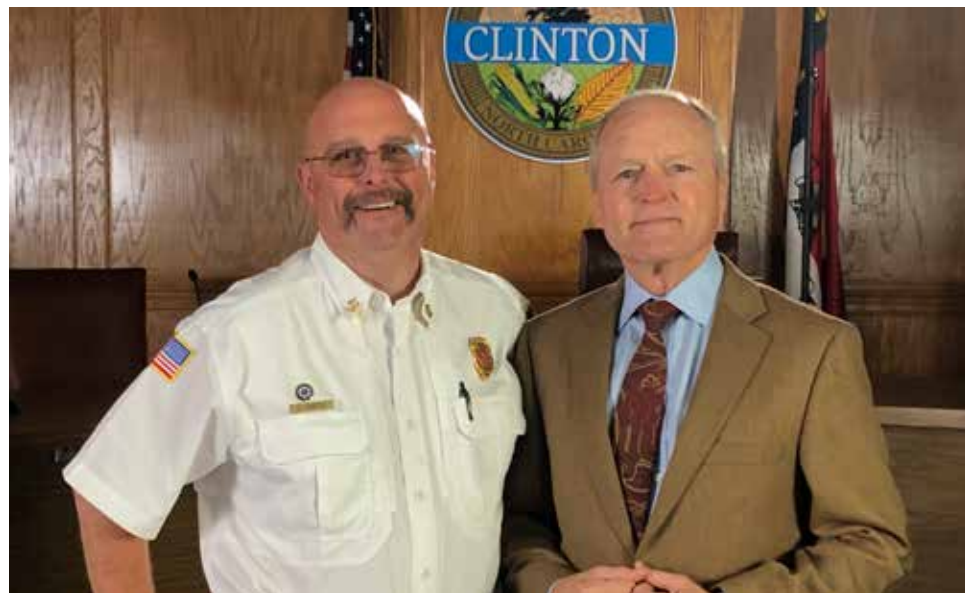
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We Should Know . . .



Stephen Lovette with J.W. Simmons host of We Should Know

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

The week’s We Should Know is Holiday Safety and the guest for the show is Clinton Fire Chief Stephen Lovette.

Chief Stephen Lovette has 32 years of service in firefighting beginning in 1986 with the Salisbury Fire Department. He has been Chief of the Clinton Fire Department for a little over a year now.

Lovette states, “Yes, I was very fortunate to have the opportunity to work with the City of Salisbury for 32 years beginning in 1986. Follow through with the City of High Point and then my current employer with the City of Clinton. I’ve been here about 18, 18 ½ months and enjoying it very much so.”

JW Simmons points out that Lovette was deployed by FEMA to the Gulf in 2005 after Hurricane Katrina and he brings a great deal of experience managing emergencies. “I do,” says Lovette. “I was very fortunate with that. I had the opportunity to be deployed about 34 days with the United States Fire Administration. They put out a call for 2,400 highly skilled, highly motivated firefighters, and I fit the criteria. We were able to be deployed – I went to Texas.”

“We managed operational centers and my county was Brazos County, home of Texas A&M. And we had a number of evacuees that came from New Orleans, the Dome, into Reed Arena at College Station and I was the Operations Office for that duration after the hurricane.”

Next, Simmons asks Lovette how one comes to process devastation on the level that occurred with hurricane Katrina in the Gulf states. “Devastating,” says Lovette. “It truly was devastating. The houses can be replaced, the cars can be replaced, the property can be replaced. It’s how the devastation impacted the lives.”

“If we can take just one simple moment and turn someone’s bad day into a little bit of a bright day. There was a lot of self-gratification in doing that. And it was truly devastation and working with the

people had a huge impact on me and an impact on my career. And it really brought to life that whole aspect of customer service.”

“We pride ourselves at Clinton Fire. That trait was already here when I got here, I’m fortunate to say, where they really have a true customer service mindset. We’re going to take care of the needs of the people that live within our district and those around us.”

Next, Simmons says that a part of that customer service is actually educating the public on how to prevent a disastrous event such as a home or building fire. He asks Lovette to discuss some of the key things people need to think about when it comes to fire safety.

Lovette replies, “One of the credentials that means the most to me is I’m a credentialed public fire educator. You get to get out and go to schools, see kids. You get to get out and hang smoke detectors. We just went through a very successful smoke detector campaign here in the city. And I’m very fortunate that my guys really jumped on it and were able to hang smoke detectors in a number of homes here in Clinton that did not have a smoke detector. And with that, I would like to say that if you have a smoke detector and you need batteries, if you provide the batteries we’ll come out and check it.”

“If we don’t have a smoke detector now and we’re waiting on another shipment on a grant to come in, we’re going to start hanging those smoke detectors again. So, we make sure we’re trying to provide a safe environment for all of those citizens we have. Our customers if you will.”

“But,” says Lovette, “that public fire educator is a huge credential that I really, really value because with a good prevention program it can be seen operationally and can be taught to children as early as 5 years old. There have been documented cases where 5 year old’s have been able to dial 911 upon hearing the sound of the smoke detector and it’s something they hear in a pre-K lecture or they hear in a trip to the fire station.”

“So, all of that comes in to play. Learning simple things over and over and over again. That’s the reason we train in repetition.”

Simmons says it unfortunate, but almost yearly we see a situation were a firefighter is killed trying to extract someone from a burning home. And that there was recently a firefighter killed out of state. “We did,” says Lovette. “In Worcester MA had a lieutenant off of ladder company 5 who made that ultimate sacrifice as he was working with other members of his crew and working to get members of the public evacuated from the involved apartment building. As a fire service our hearts break because we have lost one of our own.”

Simmons says that people like firefighters are asked to rush into some of the most horrific circumstance to try to get people to safety. He asks Lovette how hard it is to recruit people to do dangerous jobs like that.

“Lovette states, “In the volunteer fire service, and I’m very proud to say I was a volunteer when I moved to Clinton so my roots or in the volunteer aspect, but the volunteer fire service now with the lives of two income families and children playing multiple sports, people are involved in other civic organizations. A lot of the fire departments in North Carolina, as many as 80 to 90% were all started for one reason; something devastating happened in that community. And it now hard to find people that are willing to make that dedication and make that sacrifice.”

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

The next “We Should Know” hosted by J.W. Simmons will air next Tuesday from 2:30 to 3:30 PM on our local radio station WCLN 1170 AM and on Star channel 16 SD and 316 HD. If you would like to reach “We Should Know” you may call them at 910-592-8947 or email them with show ideas at weshouldknowedu@gmail.com or you can find them on Facebook.

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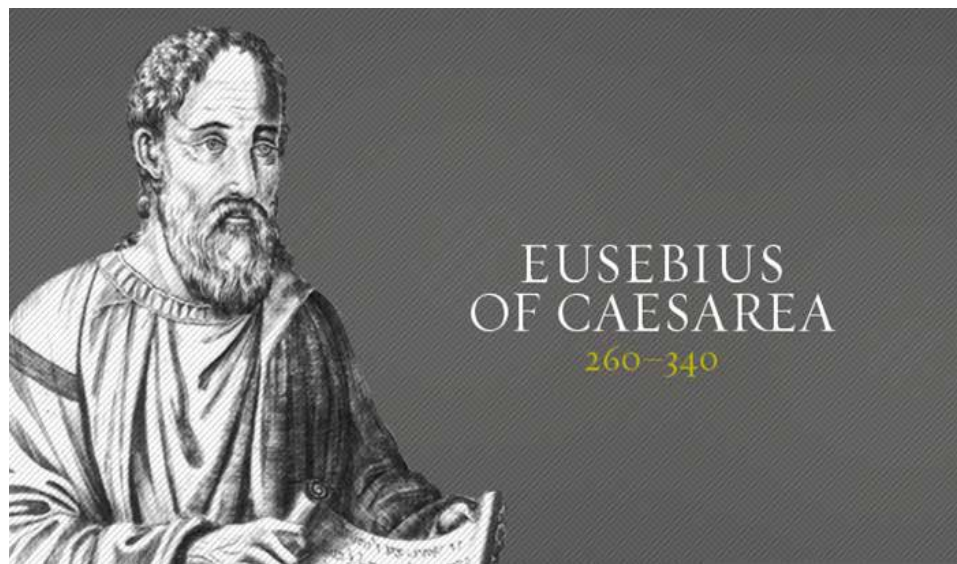
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FAITH

Church History in Two Paragraphs: Eusebius



Why think about, read about or try to begin to think about church history? First and foremost, because all of history is God's history. God is the creator and this is his world. He sustains us, allowing us to exercise our will as free moral agents, and throughout history, people have made good and bad decisions. For centuries, there was no separation of church and state – that ideal is a uniquely Western expression of philosophy. When Christianity became the official religion of the Roman Empire around 323AD, to be a citizen was to also be a Christian. The history of the Empire would inextricably be tied to the Christian faith in a concept called "Christendom," and consequently worked to water down the witness and the influence of the church. Even then, great theologians who were faithful to Scripture were raised up by God to influence the church and make their mark in history.

One of the first church historians was a man named Eusebius (263-339). Eusebius was the bishop of Caesarea at the time Constantine eased up persecution ten years previous to Christianity becoming the official religion of Rome with The Edict of Milan, and he wrote the longest surviving history of Christianity. Eusebius' major contribution to church history was his chronicle: Ἐκκλησιαστικὴ ἱστορία ("Ecclesiastical History") which has given generations of Christians insights into early church life under the thumb of persecution in the Roman Empire, insight into The Edict of Milan and extensive knowledge and history of the Apostle Paul. This is important for all Christians for two reasons. First, wherever you go, you will be defending your faith. The early Christians dealt with a far more extensive persecution than we have in our American context, and we can learn from the early believers who were imprisoned and martyrs how to live out our faith publicly. Second, Eusebius' work give us insight into how early Christians lived in a time where there were no more apostles (those who knew Jesus personally). The questions people asked about God and reality are the same questions that people ask about God today. We are able to put on the lens of the third and fourth century and see that as much have things have changed, much is still the same.



Will Matthews is student pastor at Immanuel Baptist Church in Clinton.

Give God the Credit



Daniel 2:27-28, "Daniel answered the king: "No wise man, medium, diviner nk-priest, or astrologer is able to make known to the king the mystery he asked about. But there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and He has let King Nebuchadnezzar know what will happen in the last days."

2 Corinthians 3:5, "Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God."

Nebuchadnezzar was a powerful, brutal and intelligent king who one night had a disturbing dream. He woke up worried about what this dream could mean for himself and for his people, so he summoned his advisors and said, "Interpret my dream for me." These charlatans thought, let's just make up something. How will he know the difference? So they asked the king to describe his dream.

However, King Nebuchadnezzar knew his men. "Before you tell me what my dream meant," he demanded, "you must tell me what my dream was." The advisors objected, "Nobody can do that, not even the gods." Their rash response angered King Nebuchadnezzar and he replied, "If you can't tell me my dream and what it meant, then I'll have you all executed." So the king issued a blanket order to decapitate his advisors and bury their corpses in dung heaps.

As advisors in training, Daniel and his three friends were included in this murderous order. So when Daniel heard about it, he asked for a little time. He and his friends prayed earnestly, and that night God implanted in Daniel's mind the dream of Nebuchadnezzar. The next day, Daniel appeared before the king. When the king asked if Daniel could describe his dream and interpret it, Daniel humbly replied that no mere mortal could do

THOUGHTS of THANKSGIVING



The Pilgrims had a custom of putting five grains of corn on each empty plate before a dinner of "thanksgiving" was served. This practice reminded them of how for two years the first Pilgrim's allowance was only Five Grains of Corn per person each day.

Think about that!

The Pilgrims had little but they did possess gratitude. It was upon this base of genuine gratitude that America was founded and flourished! Our English word "thanks" comes from our word "think". So, let's "think" of five things for which we are "thankful":

1. FAITH in God, the joy of worshipping Him.
2. FAMILY we love and cherish
3. FRIENDS we hold so dear
4. FREEDOM we sometimes take for granted
5. FUTURE that is secure in Christ

Let us take time to look at five grains of corn and tell God, our family, and our friends just how much we love and appreciate them particularly at this Thanksgiving time. Let's go out of our way to remember to "thank" them and our Lord. The results may overwhelm you!

All my life I have quenched my thirst at wells I did not dig... and I am most grateful.

If my supply of blessing should be shut of this moment, I could not justify complaining about it. I have been the recipient of so many blessings I could go on giving thanks anyway.

I think about a few of the blessings I have enjoyed:
Thousands of sunsets, God's finger-painting across the sky
Glorious sunrises, gentle cool breezes, refreshing rain
Walking barefoot on the seashore, gathering sea shells
Drinking from a cool spring with cupped hands
Worshiping God at the top of a mountain
Gazing in awe at the beauty of a rainbow
Eating cold watermelon, homemade ice cream
Watching expectantly for hummingbirds return
Observing squirrels diligently gather food for winter
Hearing a symphony of birds singing before dawn

I've always had the comfort and assurance of knowing I was being lovingly watched over by a caring and ever-present Heavenly Father

If I should never, as long as I live, receive another blessing, I could still say without reservation, "Thank you, God!"

In the words of the poet,
"God, you have given me so much, I only ask for one thing more, give me a grateful heart."

"We are so BLESSED, Lord we love you so much!"



Martha M. Pierce

so; however, he knew the God in heaven who reveals mysteries. Then Daniel told the king what he wanted to hear, thus saving the lives of all the king's advisors.

Daniel refused to take credit for what only God could do. The king got his answer, but only through what we might call courageous humility, confidence based on submission to God, something we could all use. Psalm 86:12, "I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever." The life we live should be glory to God because all that we have is because of His wonderful work.

In March of 2012, two Harvard neuroscientists, Diana I. Tamir and Jason P. Mitchell, did a series of studies to understand how talking about ourselves affects our brains. Using brain image scanners they monitored the blood flow between neurons to see what happened. The results showed increased activity in the meso-limbic dopamine system. This is the area of the brain that responds to pleasures like food and sex, and rewards like money. The significance of these findings is in how powerfully rewarding and even addictive it is to talk about ourselves.

Now imagine if we refocused our attention from ourselves and starting talking more about the greatness of God. Instead of using the word "I" when taking credit for a task, let us proclaim, "It was God that allowed me to do this." Not only will this change your way of thinking, but it will also change the attitudes of those around you. People will observe the power and mercy of God in your life when you start to give Him the praise instead of yourself. I encourage you this week to look at all your abilities and see the powerful hand of God working in your life. Be thankful for you talents and like Daniel, never forget they come from our Creator.

Rev. Ken Smith
Atkinson Baptist Church



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By Angela Martin

at **SCT**

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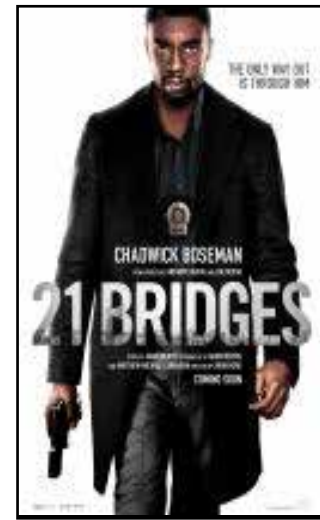


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As chilly weather sets in and days get shorter, comfort food favorites once again fill menus. While traditional flavor combinations typically hold a special place in many families' hearts and on their plates, there is almost always room to add new and exciting flavors to tried-and-true favorites.

If you're craving cheesy scalloped potatoes, savory stuffing or juicy braised meat, an option like California Ripe Olives are an easy addition that can spruce up your go-to dishes. Their mild and unique taste lends itself well to many different flavor pairings such as Prosciutto-Wrapped Stuffed Turkey Breast, Potatoes Au Gratin with Olives and Fennel, and Green Beans with Olive Butter.

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Celebrate the Flavors of Fall

Use a pantry staple to spice up comfort food classics



Prosciutto-Wrapped Stuffed Turkey Breast

Recipe courtesy of Karista's Kitchen

Brine:

- 1/4 cup salt
- 1 teaspoon whole black peppercorns
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 quarts water

3 1/2-4 pounds turkey breast

Turkey:

- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh rosemary
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley

- 1 tablespoon orange zest
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4-1/3 cup dried cranberries
- 3/4 cup sliced California Green Ripe Olives, divided
- 4-5 slices prosciutto

Gravy:

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 1-1 1/2 cups chicken broth
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- orange slices, for garnish

To brine turkey breast: In large, non-reactive bowl, mix salt, peppercorns and bay leaves in water. Place turkey breast in brine and cover with

additional water, if needed. Place plastic wrap over bowl and refrigerate at least 8 hours or overnight.

To cook turkey breast: Heat oven to 375 F.

Remove turkey breast from brine, rinse and pat dry. On large cutting board with sharp, sturdy knife, slice into thickest portion of turkey and cut lengthwise, but not all the way through.

Brush inside of turkey breast with 1 tablespoon olive oil then sprinkle with salt and pepper, to taste, rosemary, parsley and orange zest. Spread minced garlic, cranberries and 1/2 cup sliced green olives over bottom half of turkey breast then fold top over bottom.

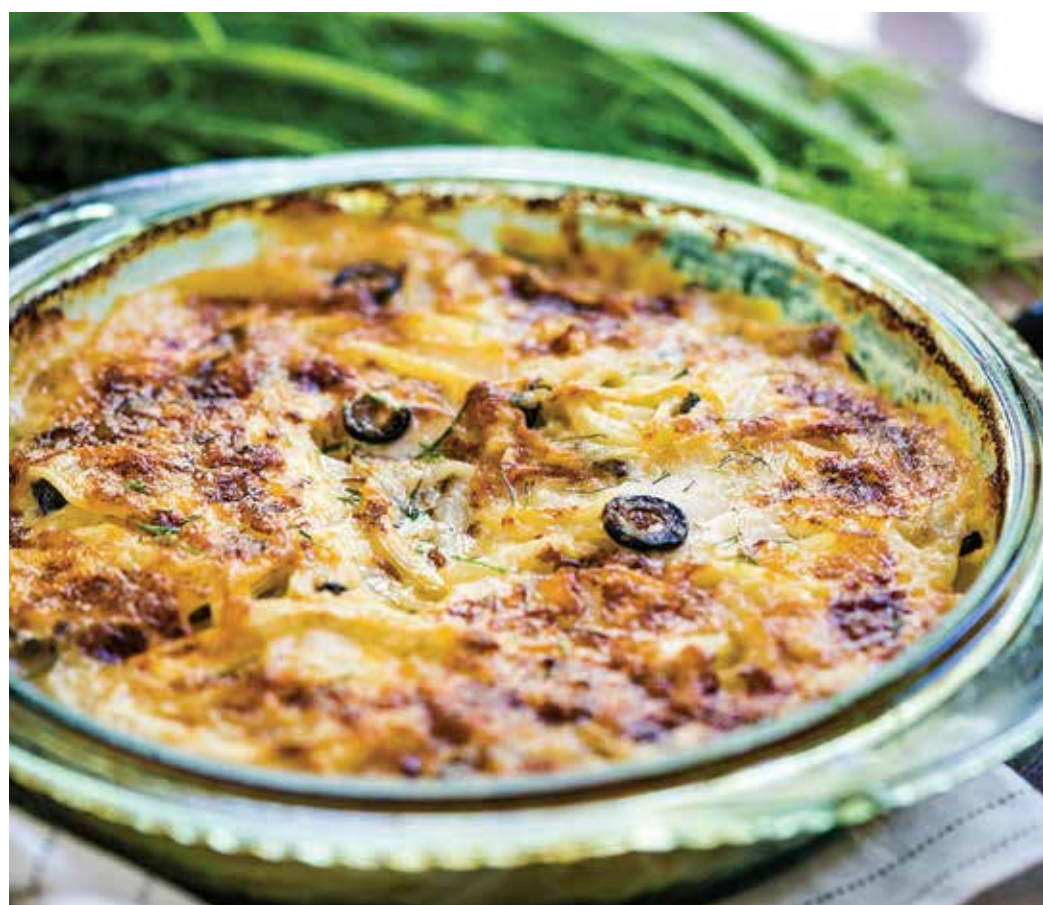
Brush outside of turkey breast with remaining olive oil and place prosciutto slices over top of turkey breast. Using three pieces kitchen twine, tie turkey breast on each end and in middle.

On baking sheet, roast turkey 15 minutes then turn heat down to 350 F and roast 35-45 minutes. Once internal temperature reaches about 155 F, remove from oven and tent foil over top to allow it to continue cooking and stay warm. Let turkey rest about 15 minutes.

Once turkey is cool enough to handle, remove kitchen twine and slice. Arrange slices on platter.

To make gravy: Take remaining juice from baking sheet and add to saucepan over medium heat along with butter. Once butter is melted, sprinkle in flour and whisk. While whisking, add 1 cup chicken broth. If it becomes thick, add 1/2 cup chicken broth, or more, as needed. Let gravy cook several minutes, whisking constantly.

When gravy is done, remove from heat and drizzle over sliced turkey breast. Garnish with remaining green olives and orange slices. Serve warm.



Green Beans with Olive Butter

Recipe courtesy of Culinary Hill

- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) unsalted butter, softened
- 20 California Black Ripe Olives, chopped
- 2 shallots, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 4 quarts, plus 1/4 cup, water, divided
- 1 tablespoon salt, plus additional, to taste
- 2 pounds green beans, trimmed
- freshly ground black pepper, to taste

In food processor, pulse butter, olives, shallots and garlic; set aside.

In large saucepan or stockpot, bring 4 quarts water and 1 tablespoon salt to boil.

Add green beans and boil until tender-crisp, but still bright green, about 3-5 minutes.

Work in batches, if necessary. Drain well and immediately plunge into bowl of ice water to stop cooking. In large skillet, add remaining water over medium heat. Add blanched beans and toss until heated through.

Toss beans with olive butter to coat.

Season, to taste, with salt and pepper.

Transfer to serving platter.



Potatoes Au Gratin with Fennel and Olives

Recipe courtesy of Heather Likes Food

- 1 bulb fennel, washed, stalks removed and cored
- 1/2 yellow onion
- 2 large russet potatoes, washed and peeled
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 tablespoon salted butter
- 1 cup, plus 2 tablespoons, heavy whipping cream, divided

- 1/2 cup California Ripe Black Ripe Olives, sliced
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper
- 3/4 cup Gruyere cheese, grated, divided
- 3/4 cup Jarlsberg cheese, grated, divided

Heat oven to 350 F.

Using mandoline or handheld slicer, thinly slice fennel, onion and potatoes.

In medium pan, heat olive oil and butter then saute onion and fennel over medium-low heat 15 minutes, or until tender. Remove from heat.

In large bowl, combine sliced potatoes with 1 cup cream, olives, salt, pepper and all but 2 tablespoons of each cheese.

Add cooked fennel and onion to bowl and stir to combine.

Transfer potato mixture to 8-by-8-inch baking dish or deep pie plate and flatten surface so potatoes are mostly submerged in cream.

In small bowl, combine remaining cheese with remaining cream. Sprinkle cheese over top of potatoes evenly.

Bake 45-60 minutes, or until potatoes are tender and top is golden brown and bubbly. If needed, tent with foil to prevent top from becoming too brown.

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Clinton Dark Horse 2019 Varsity Football Schedule



DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE	RECORD
Aug 23rd	Cape Fear Colts (Rescheduled)	HOME	7:30	W 00 - 00	0-0
Aug 30th	East Bladen Eagles	HOME	7:30	W 43 - 16	1-0
Oct 4th	Northside Monarchs	Away	7:00	W 28 - 14	4-1
Sept 13th	JF Webb Warriors	Away	7:00	W 41 - 12	2-0
Sept 20th	Pamlico County Hurricanes	HOME	7:00	W 70 - 14	3-0
Sept 27th	Central Cabarrus Vikings	Away	7:30	L 08 - 19	4-1
Oct 11th	East Duplin Panthers	HOME	7:00	W 34 - 09	5-1
Oct 18th	Goldsboro Cougars**	HOME	7:00	W 58 - 24	6-1
Oct 25th	Wallace-Rose Hill Bulldogs	Away	7:00	W 14 - 07	7-1
Nov 1st	James Kenan Tigers	Away	7:00	W 35 - 13	8-1
Nov 8th	Midway Raiders	HOME	7:00	W 49 - 03	9-1
Nov 15th	Fairmont Tornadoes	HOME	7:30	W 35 - 06	10-1
Nov 22nd	Beddingfield	HOME	7:30	W 38 - 22	11-1
Nov 29th	West Craven Eagles	HOME	7:30		



Harrells Crusaders 2019 Varsity Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE	RECORD
Aug 23rd	Sandhills Titans	HOME	7:00	W 52 - 06	1-0
Aug 30th	Rocky Mount Prep	Away	7:00	W 46 - 12	2-0
Sept 6th	SouthLake Christian Academy	HOME	7:00	W 49 - 12	3-0
Sept 13th	Trinity Christian Academy	HOME	7:00	L 00 - 56	3-1
Sept 20th	Ravenscroft School	Away	7:00	L 31 - 35	3-2
Sept 27th	North Raleigh Christian	Away	7:00	W 13 - 07	4-2
Oct 4th	Carolina Bearcats	Away	7:00	W 38 - 27	5-2
Oct 11th	North Wake Saints	Away	7:00	W 48 - 14	6-2
Oct 18th	Northside Christian Academy	HOME	7:00	W 44 - 12	7-2
Oct 25th	Wake Christian Academy	HOME	7:00	W 54 - 34	8-2
Nov 1st	SouthLake Christian Academy	HOME	7:00	L 34 - 42	8-3

Home Games in Bold

** Homecoming

Hobbton Wildcats 2019 Varsity Football Schedule



DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE	RECORD
Aug 22nd	East Chapel Hill	HOME	7:00	W 51 - 46	1-0
Aug 29th	Louisburg	Away	7:00	W 45 - 42	2-0
Sept 6th	East Columbus	HOME	7:00	W 34 - 06	3-0
Sept 13th	Spring Creek	Away	7:00	W 56 - 27	4-0
Sept 20th	Midway Raiders	HOME	7:00	L 26 - 53	4-1
Sept 27th	North Stokes	HOME	7:00	L 28 - 32	4-2
Oct 11th	Rosewood	Away	7:00	L 07 - 55	4-3
Oct 18th	Princeton	HOME	7:00	L 20 - 63	4-4
Oct 25th	Lakewood Leopards	HOME	7:00	W 45 - 13	5-4
Nov 1st	Union Spartans	Away	7:00	W 45 - 28	6-4
Nov 8th	North Duplin	Away	7:00	W 36 - 34	7-4
Nov 15th	South Stokes	HOME	7:30	W 41 - 20	8-4
Nov 22nd	Tarboro	HOME	7:30	L 64 - 00	8-5

Home Games in Bold

** Homecoming



Midway Raiders 2019 Varsity Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE	RECORD
Aug 23th	Union Spartans	HOME	7:00	W 27 - 00	1-0
Aug 30th	South Brunswick	HOME	7:00	W 28 - 24	2-0
Oct 4th	Harnett Central	HOME	7:00	W 31 - 14	6-0
Sept 13th	Lakewood Leopards	HOME	7:00	W 42 - 22	3-0
Sept 20th	Hobbton Wildcats	Away	7:00	W 53 - 26	4-0
Sept 27th	Spring Creek High	Away	7:00	W 52 - 00	5-0
Oct 11th	James Kenan High	Away	7:00	W 50 - 20	7-0
Oct 18th	Wallace-Rose Hill Bulldogs	HOME	7:00	L 14 - 56	4-4
Oct 25th	East Duplin High	HOME	7:00	W 28 - 24	8-1
Nov 1st	Goldsboro High	HOME	7:00	L 00 - 15	8-2
Nov 8th	Clinton Dark Horses	Away	7:00	L 03 - 49	8-3
Nov 15th	Red Springs	Away	7:30	L 14 - 27	8-4

Home Games in Bold

** Homecoming



Union Spartans 2019 Varsity Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE	RECORD
Aug 23rd	Midway Raiders	Away	7:00	L 00 - 27	0-1
Aug 30th	Heid Trask	Away	7:00	W 20 - 00	1-1
Sept 6th	Pender Patriots	HOME	7:00	W 34 - 22	2-1
Sept 13th	Jones Senior	Away	7:00	W 58 - 06	3-1
Sept 20th	James Kenan	HOME	7:00	L 12 - 49	3-2
Sept 27th	Swansboro	HOME	7:00	L 22 - 47	3-3
Oct 11th	Princeton Bulldogs	Away	7:00	L 06 - 57	3-4
Oct 18th	North Duplin	HOME	7:00	L 20 - 48	3-5
Oct 25th	Rosewood	Away	7:00	L 00 - 55	3-6
Nov 1st	Hobbton Wildcats	HOME	7:00	L 28 - 45	3-7
Nov 7th	Lakewood Leopards	HOME	7:00	W 32 - 14	4-7
Nov 15th	Alleghany	Away	7:30	L 08 - 60	4-8

Home Games in Bold

** Homecoming



Lakewood Leopards 2019 Varsity Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	SCORE	RECORD
Aug 23th	Wake Christian Academy	Away	7:00	L 12 - 28	0-1
Aug 30th	KIPP Pride	HOME	7:00	W 21 - 20	1-1
Sept 6th	Camp Lejeune	HOME	7:00	W 51 - 00	2-1
Sept 13th	Midway Raiders	Away	7:00	L 22 - 42	2-2
Sept 20th	South Brunswick	HOME	7:00	L 00 - 34	2-3
Sept 27th	James Kenan	HOME	7:00	L 13 - 32	2-4
Oct 11th	North Duplin	Away	7:00	W 21 - 13	3-4
Oct 18th	Rosewood Eagles	HOME	7:00	L 07 - 40	3-5
Oct 25th	Hobbton Wildcats	Away	7:00	L 13 - 45	3-6
Nov 1st	Princeton Bulldogs	HOME	7:00	L 00 - 42	3-7
Nov 8th	Union Spartans	Away	7:00	L 14 - 32	3-8

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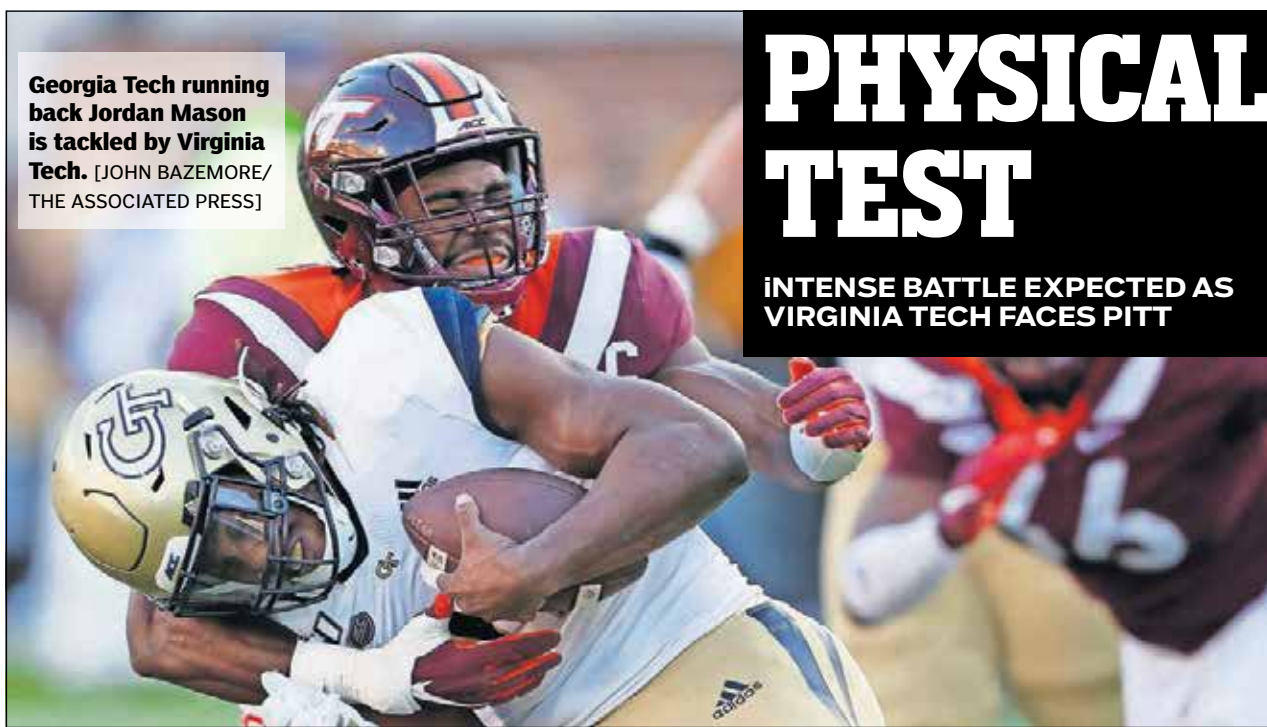
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STANDINGS Through Nov. 16

ATLANTIC TEAM	CONFERENCE		OVERALL		PF	PA	COASTAL TEAM	CONFERENCE		OVERALL		PF	PA
	W	L	W	L				W	L				
Clemson	8	0	11	0	505	118	Virginia	5	2	7	3	310	225
Louisville	4	3	6	4	323	327	Pittsburgh	4	2	7	3	222	208
Florida State	4	4	6	5	332	302	Virginia Tech	4	2	7	3	313	245
Wake Forest	3	3	7	3	324	285	Miami (FL)	4	3	6	4	293	192
Boston College	3	4	5	5	338	321	North Carolina	3	4	4	6	278	278
North Carolina State	1	5	4	6	229	292	Duke	2	4	4	6	249	294
Syracuse	1	5	4	6	266	282	Georgia Tech	1	6	2	8	165	311

GAME OF THE WEEK PITTSBURGH (7-3, 4-2) VS. VIRGINIA TECH (7-3, 4-2)

When: 3:30 p.m. Eastern, Saturday Where: Lane Stadium, Blacksburg, Va. TV: ESPN2



Georgia Tech running back Jordan Mason is tackled by Virginia Tech. [JOHN BAZEMORE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

PHYSICAL TEST

INTENSE BATTLE EXPECTED AS VIRGINIA TECH FACES PITT

Keys for Pittsburgh

Play the UNC Pickett: Junior quarterback Kenny Pickett has had his ups and downs this season. But in last Thursday's prime-time tilt against North Carolina, Pickett was at his absolute best, torching the Tar Heel secondary for 359 yards and a touchdown passing and rushing for 53 more yards and two scores in a 34-27 win. The Panthers will need more of the same from Pickett to get past the Hokies.

Keep the sack count high: The Panthers lead the entire nation in quarterback sacks with 45, led by sophomore defensive tackle Jason Twyman with 9.5. Twyman is one of four Panthers with

at least five sacks this season. Tech quarterback Hendon Hooker is still in the early stages of his career as a starter, so applying pressure with the pass rush could result into some game-altering turnovers for Pitt.

Keys for Virginia Tech

Win the ground game: It's no stretch to say Virginia Tech's turnaround has been due in large part to the development of its ground attack. The Hokies have rushed for 220 or more yards in four of their last five games with the only loss occurring when they were stymied on the ground against Notre Dame.

Stop the deep shots: Pickett only threw for one

touchdown against UNC last week, but he hit on a lot of deep shots, completing at least five throws of 28 or more yards. Virginia Tech's secondary has been vulnerable at times this season having given up 19 passing touchdowns.

Prediction

Virginia Tech 17, Pittsburgh 10. This is going to be a physical, intense game between teams battling to stay in the ACC Coastal Division race. The defenses will dominate the action, which probably favors the Panthers. But it's hard to go against the Hokies, who are the ACC's hottest team right now other than Clemson, and playing at home.

BEST OF THE REST This weekend's other top conference games (all times Eastern)

DUKE (4-6, 2-4) AT WAKE FOREST (7-3, 3-3)
When: 7:30 p.m., Saturday
Where: BB&T Field, Winston-Salem, N.C.
TV: ACC Network
Notes: The Demon Deacons try to get back on track after two straight losses, including last week's shellacking at the hands of Clemson. They'll do so against in-state rival Duke, which has averaged just 11 points during its current four-game losing streak.

BOSTON COLLEGE (5-5) AT NOTRE DAME (8-2)
When: 2:30 p.m., Saturday
Where: Notre Dame Stadium, South Bend, Ind.
TV: NBC
Notes: The Fighting Irish will attempt to complete a five-game sweep of the ACC teams on its 2019 schedule. To do so, they'll have to contain the ACC's top rushing attack (282.2 yards per game) and No. 2 scoring offense (33.8).

SYRACUSE (4-6, 1-5) AT LOUISVILLE (6-4, 4-3)
When: 4 p.m., Saturday
Where: Cardinal Stadium, Louisville, Ky.
TV: ACC Network
Notes: Usually reliant on its rushing attack, Louisville burned N.C. State with deep scoring throws of 43, 74 and 42 yards in a win that made the Cardinals bowl eligible in Scott Satterfield's rookie season as head coach. Syracuse snapped a four-game losing streak by downing Duke, 49-6, last week.

BY THE NUMBERS ACC individual statistical leaders through Nov. 16



PASSING YARDS
Player
S. Howell, UNC
2,794
T. Lawrence, CLEM
2,575
B. Perkins, UVA
2,439
J. Newman, WAKE
2,338
K. Pickett, PITT
2,311



PASSING TOUCHDOWNS
Player
S. Howell, UNC
29
T. Lawrence, CLEM
27
J. Newman, WAKE
22
T. DeVito, SYR
17
Two tied at ...
16



RUSHING YARDS
Player
A. Dillon, BC
1,451
T. Etienne, CLEM
1,335
J. Hawkins, LOU
1,045
C. Akers, FSU
1,042
D. Bailey, BC
765



RECEIVING YARDS
Player
S. Surratt, WAKE
1,001
T. Atwell, LOU
920
T. Terry, FSU
892
T. Jackson, SYR
848
D. Newsome, UNC
817



SCORING
Player
C. Akers, FSU
104
T. Etienne, CLEM
96
N. Sciba, WAKE
89
B.T. Potter, CLEM
88
A. Dillon, BC
84

POWER RANKINGS Breaking down the ACC

- 1. Clemson:** The Tigers have done their part in recent weeks, and now they have a week off before clash with Gamecocks.
Last week: 1
- 2. Virginia:** The Cavaliers have matchup with Liberty before that big one with Virginia Tech looming to close regular season.
Last week: 2
- 3. Virginia Tech:** The Hokies have shown grand improvement, but it's going to come down to final two weeks vs. Pittsburgh and Virginia to determine league fate.
Last week: 3
- 4. Pittsburgh:** The Panthers finally win against the Tar Heels in ACC play, so that keeps other goals within reach.
Last week: 5
- 5. Wake Forest:** The Demon Deacons show glaring weaknesses in another lopsided loss to Clemson, but there's time to make things better with the home finale against Duke.
Last week: 4
- 6. Miami:** The Hurricanes have two road games remaining to try to improve their stock in the bowl pecking order.
Last week: 6
- 7. Florida State:** Seminoles are back in the bowl picture even though it took some painful moments along the way. So take the week off.
Last week: 7
- 8. Boston College:** After a week off, the Eagles step out of conference for a trip to Notre Dame. Catholic schools clash on the football field.
Last week: 8
- 9. North Carolina:** Another overtime went sour for the Tar Heels. It's no wonder they went for the two-point conversion in regulation in September against Clemson.
Last week: 9
- 10. Louisville:** Half of the Cardinals' victories have come on the road after winning at N.C. State. They've won two tight games at home, where they face Syracuse this week.
Last week: 10
- 11. North Carolina State:** A four-game losing streak and a quick turnaround for a Thursday night game on the road. This isn't ideal.
Last week: 12
- 12. Syracuse:** That was more like the Orange we expected to see this season after it gave Duke a whipping. Is this too little too late?
Last week: 14
- 13. Duke:** The Blue Devils aren't competitive in many of their games as four of their losses have come by margins of 30 or more points.
Last week: 11
- 14. Georgia Tech:** The Yellow Jackets are assured of no better than sharing last place in the Coastal Division. In two games this year, they've failed to score a touchdown.
Last week: 13

SNAPSHOT



Clemson QB Trevor Lawrence scrambles against Wake Forest, last Saturday in Clemson, S.C. [RICHARD SHIRO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

ROUNDING IT OUT This weekend's other games

SATURDAY (all times Eastern)			TV
Time	Matchup		
Noon	Liberty at Virginia		ACCNX
3:30 p.m.	Mercer at North Carolina		ACCNX
7 p.m.	Miami at Florida International		CBSSN

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Team photo of Soccer Champs, Foreign Ain't Borin'. (Mike Blankenship)

Sampson Community College has its first soccer championship team since intramurals came back to the college earlier this year. The final game between teams Hobbton Football Club and Foreign Ain't Borin' was held last week and originally ended in a tie before Foreign Ain't Borin' won 7-6 in overtime.

"A couple of months ago, numerous students were asking for intramurals," said Amanda Raynor, Student Engagement Coordinator for the college. "We sent out surveys and they came back with overwhelming support for soccer and other sports. The energy around this endeavor is amazing and they love the field. We are also in the process of planning other sports. Everyone on campus and in the community is talking about it. It's nice to ride by and see campus coming into its own for the next generation."

Team members of Foreign Ain't Borin' include John Cruz, Daniel Alvarez, Levi Cruz, Luis Pineda, Manuel Valbuena, Alex Resendiz, Brian Ocampo, Karol Kusmierczuk, Nestor Tellez and John Nettrou.

Soccer games are made possible by the college's Develop the East project which began last year. After months of preparing and constructing walking trails, extra lighting, benches and bridges in what is destined to become the hot spot of Sampson County, soccer nets soon went up and players took the field. To participate in the Develop the East project or for more information, contact Turlington at lturlington@sampsoncc.edu.

Students Recognized for NCSBA Poster Contest



At the November Sampson County School Board meeting, Dr. Linda Jewell Carr recognized Sophia Melvin, 2nd grader from Roseboro Elementary School and Isabel Fincham, 5th grader from Clement Elementary School for submitting their posters to the NCSBA poster contest this year.

Schools Lauded For Achievement



At the November Sampson County School Board meeting, Sampson County schools were recognized for their recent achievements.

The Department of Public Instruction recognized schools for graduation and growth. Whether for academic growth or graduation rate, these certificates represent an impressive amount of hard work by students and educators for the 2018-2019 school year. Sampson County Schools recognized the following schools for their Certificate of Achievement for:

Expected Growth

- Hobbton District – Hargrove Elementary, Hobbton Elementary, Hobbton High
- Lakewood District – Lakewood High, Roseboro Elementary, Roseboro-Salemburg Middle
- Midway District - Clement Elementary, Midway Elementary, Midway High
- Union District - Union Middle

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- Lakewood District – Salemburg Elementary
- Midway District – Midway Middle and Plain View Elementary
- Union District – Union Elementary, Union High
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Lakewood FFA Takes Top Honors



At the November Sampson County School Board meeting held at Hobbton Middle School on Monday night, Principal John Goode recognized the Lakewood FFA Parliamentary Procedure team who placed first at the NC State FFA Convention. The Lakewood team represented North Carolina at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis the week of October 28th against all the top teams in United States. The team members are Harrison McLamb, Jana Hunter, Chloe Hobbs, Lauren Jackson, Gregory Robinson, Gloria Watson and the advisor Sarah Potter McCullen.

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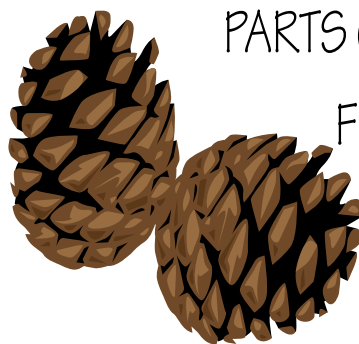
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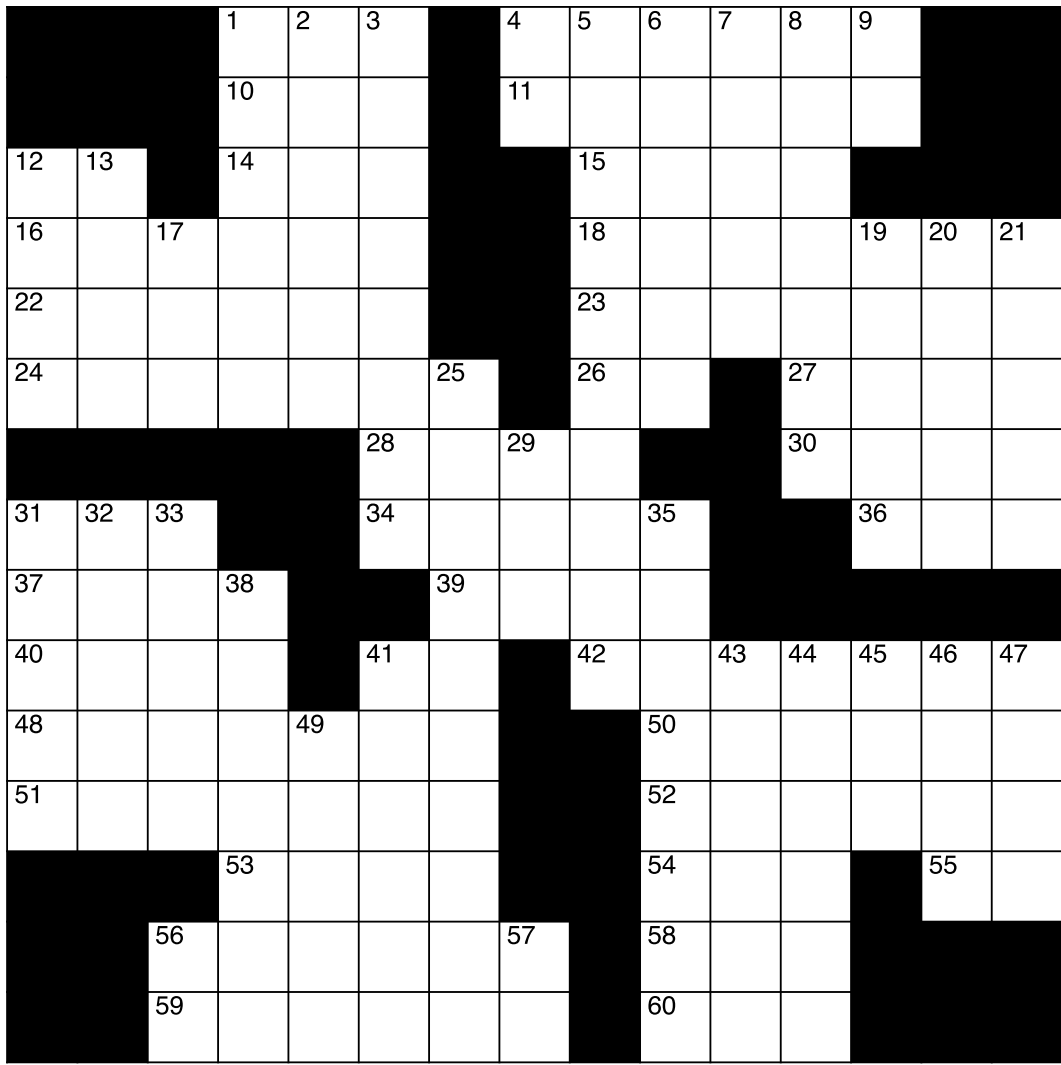
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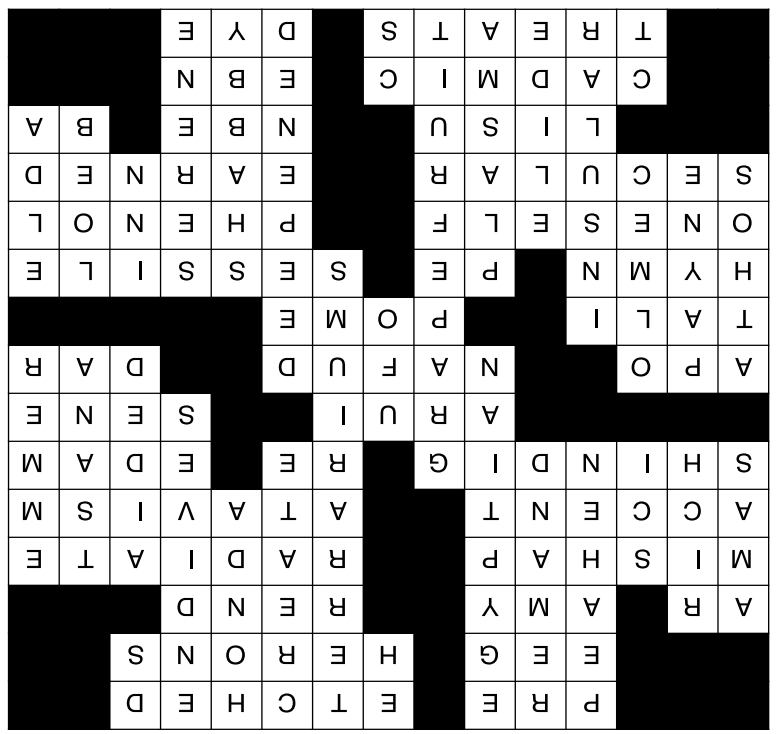


CLUES ACROSS

1. Indicates before
4. Printed from a plate
10. Brain activity test
11. Wading birds
12. Atomic #18
14. Writer Tan
15. Tear
16. An unfortunate accident
18. Send out rays
22. Emphasize
23. Genetic throwback
24. A large and noisy party
26. With reference to
27. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
28. Aoudad
30. 100 = 1 tala in W. Samoa
31. Military mailbox
34. No. Saudi Arabian desert
36. Constitution Hall is HQ
37. Scree (plural)
39. Apple, pear, quince
40. Religious song
41. 17th Hebrew letter
42. Attached at the base
48. Reflexive form of one
50. Carbolic acid
51. Worldly rather than spiritual
52. Worked for income
53. A Loloish language
54. One point E (clockwise) of due N
55. Common college degree
56. Of cadmium
58. East by north
59. Delightful surprises
60. Color

CLUES DOWN

1. Female peafowl
2. Return to custody
3. Citizen of Cairo
4. What was that?
5. Gardens in fishbowls
6. Cause to be or to become
7. Civic or Accord
8. Chicories
9. Set of data
12. Fan-based music awards
13. Wealthy
17. ___-fi: "Star Trek" genre
19. Helped
20. Blue Nile source (alt. sp.)
21. Starch wheat
25. Breakfast citrus
29. Flying saucer
31. Monastic Republic Mount
32. "Miracle on 34th Street" actor John
33. Ancient C. American people
35. Dug lower
38. Restricted in outlook
41. Liquid body substance
43. Ragged
44. Unagitated
45. Hostelry
46. Leopold's crime partner
47. Spanish footwear museum city
49. Slur over in pronunciations
56. Constitution state
57. Atomic #55

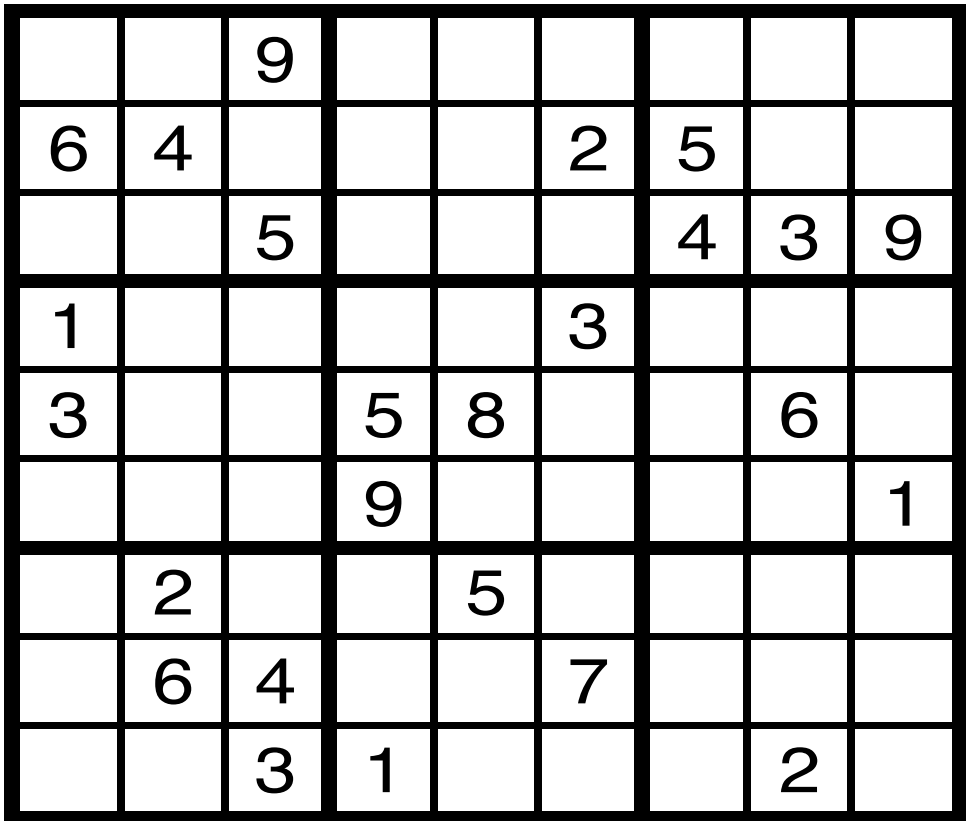


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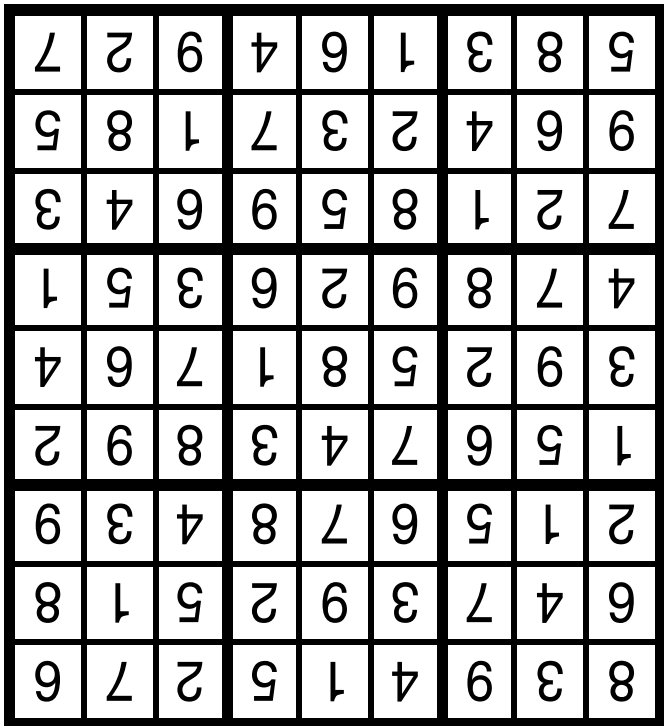
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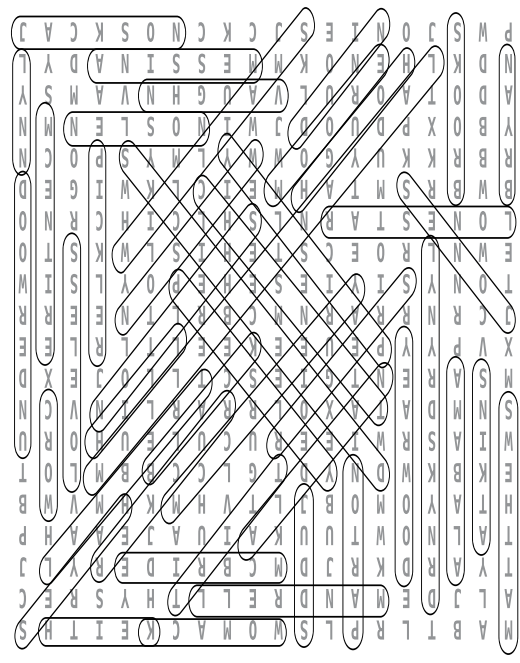
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- ALABAMA
- ALDEAN
- ATKINS
- BLACK
- BROOKS
- BRYAN
- CHESNUTT
- CROW
- DIXIE CHICKS
- DUNN
- HAYES
- HILL
- HOUGH
- JACKSON
- JONES
- JUDDS
- KEITH
- MESSINA
- MOORE
- NELSON
- PAISLEY
- PARTON
- PICKLER
- PRESLEY
- ROGERS
- RUCKER
- SHELTON
- TRITT
- UNDERWOOD
- VAUGHN
- WILLIAMS
- WILSON
- WOMACK
- YEARWOOD



CRIME

Crime Reports

11-21 Mildred Michelle Suggs, 38, Clinton. Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle. Bond \$500. Trial Date 12-16-19
 11-21 Ashley Marie Deetz, 33, Clinton. Larceny, Breaking and Entering Residence. Bond \$3000. Trial Date 12-16-19
 11-22 Prentice Lamar Kerr, 19, Roseboro. Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle. Bond \$500
 11-22 Jerri Michelle Simmons, 40, Harrells. Order for Arrest-FTA-Child Support. Bond \$332
 11-22 Howard Lee Carroll, 39, Garland. Second Degree Trespass. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 12-16-19
 11-22 Bobby Thurman Autry, 54, Roseboro. Probation Violation. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 12-11-19
 11-22 Terrance Kendelrick Barnett, 28, Fayetteville. Larceny of motor fuel. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 01-22-20
 11-22 Russell Lashawn Skinner, 40, Clinton. Larceny by Employee. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 11-25-19
 11-22 Anthony Corbett, 19, Newton Grove. Felony Conspiracy. Bond \$15000. Trial Date 12-13-19
 11-22 Hailey Michele Corbett, 18, Newton Grove. Felony conspiracy. Bond \$15000. Trial Date 12-13-19
 11-22 Terri Arlinda Pope, 34, Salem-burg. Possession of drug Paraphernalia, Possession of methamphetamine. Bond \$4000. Trial Date 12-13-19
 11-22 Keshaua Samone Davis, 22, Goldsboro. No Operators License. Bond \$500. Trial Date 12-12-19
 11-22 Jaime Mota Serano, 47, Cary. Possession Stolen Goods/Property. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 12-09-19
 11-23 Rebecca Lynette Melvin, 40, Roseboro. Misd Larceny. Trial Date 01-22-20
 11-23 Dailym Arabey Hernandez-Lopez, 27, Clinton. Brake Light Violation, NOL. Trial Date 01-14-20
 11-23 Ryan Curtis Merritt, 34, Roseboro. Order for Arrest-Release Order.

Bond \$10000. Trial Date 12-19-19
 11-23 Johnny Edwards Lucas, 28, Clinton. Order for Arrest, DWLR not impaired rev. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 12-18-19
 11-23 Tiffany Diane Harrell, 25, Autryville. Expired Registration Card/Tag, DWLR Not Impaired Rev. Bond \$500. Trial Date 11-26-19
 11-23 Tiffany Shonta Beasley, 37, Clinton. Driving Under the Influence.
 11-24 Isaac Lee Chavira, 22, Clinton. Order for Arrest-FTA Criminal Summons or Citation. Bond \$500. Trial Date 1-24-20
 11-24 Carlton Dewayne Bratten, 25, Roseboro. DWLR. Bond \$500. Trial Date 12-11-19
 11-24 Timoyhy T Kolakowski, 50, Faison. Driving Under the Influence.
 11-24 Kimberly Ann Byrd, 42, Clinton. Threatening Phone Call. Trial Date 12-17-19
 11-24 Robert Jovan Tripp, 32, Turkey. DWLR- Impaired Rev, Failure to Wear Seat Belt Driver. Bond \$500. Trial Date 12-13-19
 11-24 Terry Lee Evans, 63, Clinton. Possess Stolen Firearm. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 12-13-19
 11-24 Robert Frain, 24, Rose Hill. Larceny by Employee. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 12-13-19
 11-25 Joi Matthews, 22, Clinton. Communicating Threats. Trial Date 01-06-20
 11-25 Kamarahghi Lashawn Stencil, 24, Dunn. Robbery with Dangerous Weapon, Possession of Stolen Goods, Resisting Public Officer, Felony Probation Violation out of county, Misdemeanor Probation Violation. Bond \$165000. Trial Date 12-02-19
 11-25 Bryan Dale Wilson, 42, Turkey. Night Hunt. Trial Date 02-13-20

Incident Reports

11-20 Lucille Jacobs Jackson of Clinton reported a Breaking & Entering and Larceny of property. Television, jewelry, necklace valued at \$900.00.
 11-19 Richard Horace Boney of Clinton

reported a Breaking and or Entering, Larceny After Breaking/Entering, Injury to Personal Property. Stolen hemp plant and pvc pipe valued at \$1400.
 11-19 Tomika Vann Bradford of Turkey reported Burglary/Breaking & Entering. Stolen video game and games valued at \$400.00.
 11-20 Joshua Steve Campos of Dunn reported Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property- windshield \$700.00.
 11-20 Brian Thorton of Faison reported Burglary/Breaking & Entering, Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property. Damage to door \$300, Stolen safe and radio \$200.00.
 11-20 Hal Thorton of Faison reported Burglary/Breaking & Entering, Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property. Damage to door \$200.00.
 11-21 Rhonda Kay Rigsby of Dunn reported Burglary/Breaking & Entering, Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property. Stolen jewelry (\$55), television (\$630.00) and damage to door \$250.00.
 11-21 Frances Barbour of Dunn reported Larceny of money \$9000.00.
 11-22 Morgan Brianna Tyndall of Faison reported Burglary/Breaking & Entering, Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property. Damage to door \$100.00.
 11-22 Southern Bank reported Counterfeiting/Forgery check in the amount of \$1815.00.
 11-22 Michael Anthony McNeill of Dunn reported Burglary/Breaking & Entering, Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property. Damage to window \$100 and curio cabinet valued at \$500.00.
 11-23 Murphys USA reported Larceny of Gas in the amount of \$46.00, \$31.05, \$27.78, \$22.78.
 11-23 Carlie C's of Clinton reported Shoplifting of alcohol and groceries in the amount of \$31.00.
 11-23 Wooten Farms reported Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories \$750.00.
 11-23 Brett Hunter McLamb of Newton Grove reported Breaking and Entering Motor Vehicle, Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property- vehicle turn signal \$100 and car radio \$50.00.

11-23 Kenia Patricia Cruz Rojas of Clinton reported Burglary/Breaking & Entering, Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property. Damage to door \$100.00.
 11-23 Robert Clayton Thigpen of Clinton reported Burglary/Breaking & Entering, Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property. Damage to door \$100 and stolen flashlights \$10, firearms valued at \$2400, gun cabinet \$100, assorted knives \$200 and assorted watches \$500.00.
 11-23 Emanuell Melvin of Clinton reported Larceny of automobiles \$11000, keyboard \$600, rifle \$130, and car stereo \$600.00.
 11-24 Walmart of Clinton reported Shoplifting of assorted items valued at \$250.00.
 11-24 Walmart reported Larceny by Employee of cell phone valued at \$139.00.
 11-24 Brian Clay Hoover of Roseboro reported Burglary/Breaking & Entering. Stolen television valued at \$1000, video games, controllers valued at \$1460, computer \$300, collectables \$300, battery \$200, assorted items, \$180, bicycle \$100, musical instruments \$1200, firestick \$40, safe \$50, security system \$185, and Nintendo \$250.00.
 11-24 Dennis Warren Tew of Clinton reported Larceny of Motor Vehicle valued at \$2800.00.
 11-24 Linwood Keith Smith of Dunn reported Motor vehicle Theft- golf cart valued at \$3000.00.
 11-25 Scotchman of Roseboro reported Larceny of Lottery tickets \$30 and cigarettes \$6.00.
 11-25 North Carolina Department of Public Safety in Clinton reported All Other Larceny of Tires and Rims \$1500.00

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

Sampson County VITAL STATS

Deaths

- Oscar Melvin Avery
- Flonnie O Craig
- Jesse Jack Edgerton
- Betty Rebecca Hairr
- Timothy Eugene McDuffie
- James Bertice Spell
- Alberta Wadsworth

Marriage Certificates

- Melvin Eberto Acosta Zuniga to Blanca Suyapa Campos Gonzalez
- Charles David Holland Jr to Samantha Carolleigh Monroe
- Jack ray Taylor to Taylor Brook Wood
- Steven Ray Evans to Haley Ashten Faircloth
- Joshua Matthews Willis to Demares Nicole Van Liew

Land Transfers

- Angela P Warner, Dwayne M Warner to Julissa Diaz and Miguel Ortiz- 0.13 Acres South Clinton
- Linda M Parker to Cynthia Diane Hall Parker, Russell Lee Parker- 2 Tracts Herring
- Helen V Smith, William V Smith to Carlos Baeza Fernandez- Lot 6 0.66 Acres Mingo
- Doris M Murray to Doris M Murray, Donna Murray Musson- 4 Tracts
- Malkia E Rayner, Walter C Rayner to Ehab S Shakir- Lot 1 Block G Tract Four South Clinton
- Barbara Edwards, Samuel Ray Edwards to Nicole Puglisi- 0.08 Acres Tract 1 Little Coharie
- Peggy Fowler to Christopher Paul Pittman, Sally Loraine Pittman- 0.33 Acres Lots 28 and 29 of the David S Bullard Lot Division Little Coharie
- GW Rackley Estate, Doris R Winkler/EXR to GW Rackley FBO Colin Lee Rackley Trust U/W, GW Rackley Estate, Doris R Winkler/TR- 9 Tracts
- RSZ Farming LL, Robin J Walston/MGR/MBR to Amy Darden, Earl Dewayne Stone- Tract 2 2.38 Acres Piney Grove
- William Marshall to Iris Yamileth Ramirez Aguilar- 2.0 Acres McDaniels
- H Lawrence Sanderson/MGR, Warren Realty LLC to Jordan Taylor Akers, Joshua David Akers- Lot 2 Plainview
- April Riley Poole to April Phillips Hall, April Riley Poole- 4 Tracts
- Glenn Charles Akers to Akers Acres LLC- Lot 5 35 Acres Herring
- Carolynn C Hadley to Carolynn C Hadley Revocable Trust, Carolynn C Hadley/TR- Lot 26 LA Edwards Subdivision First Section North Clinton and Lot 27 LA Edwards Subdivision First Section North Clinton

- Mildred Edith Blue/by AIF, Alice Caldwell/AIF to Raymond Austin Brown- Lots 9 and 10 Block J 43 of the JC Carter Brown Hill Subdivision South River
- Carolynn Harris to James Scott Underwood, Lauren Dina Underwood- One Acre Newton Grove
- Laura A Honeycutt, Nathaniel L Honeycutt to David M Calcutt, Taylor Lewis Calcutt- Lot 2B 0.76 Acres
- Brenda Holt Beasley, Marshall Gwyn Beasley, Otis Beasley Jr, Steven Craig Beasley, Terry Lynn Beasley, Wendyolyn Johnson Beasley to Sharon Rose Beasley-1.0 Acres Plainview
- Danny E N orris, Joan L Norris to Jacob T Hewlett, Michelle R Hewlett- Lot 7 Plainview
- Edith best Cox, Edith Best Middlebrook/FKA to Victorino Arroyo Garcia- 0.95 Acres Lisbon
- Gloria Hargrove, Jennifer Hargrove to Berzan Gutierrez Velasquez- 2.0 Acres Lot 5 North Clinton
- Gayle W Dudley/FKA, Gayle Wilkes Reiber, Webster Oliver Reiber III to Gayle W Dudley/FKA, Heather Renee Johnson, Donna Gayle Parker, Gayle Wilkes Reiber0 Lot 4 Timberlake Subdivision Section Eight 0.85 Acres North Clinton
- Agnes Hail Dudley/FKA, Gayle Wilkes Reiber, Webster Oliver Reiber III to Agnes Gail Dudley/FKA, Heather Renee Johnson, Donna Gayle Parker, Gayle Wilkes Reiber- 4/1 Acres South River
- Carroll Mercedes Estate. Christal Weaver Freeman/EXR to Sunrise Properties and Rentals LLC- 1.23 Acres Little Coharie
- Nrian T Stewart/AKA, Brian Todd Stewart to Jake D Nagle, Keytel Nagle- Lot 17 and 18 The Oaks Subdivision Section Two
- Gene Marshall Hart Jr, Kimberli Hart, Lynn Hart Register, Timothy G Register to Brandon William Smith, Melissa Chestnutt Smith- Lots 55, 56,57 Johnson Elliott Property
- Thornton Homes Co to Elsie Darlene Maynor, Nicholas Rubin Maynor- 2 Tracts Taylors Bridge
- Southern States Cooperative Inc to 3 boys Run Farms III LLC- Tract 1 0.007 Acres, Tract 2 3.26 Acres South Clinton
- Curr-Well Developments LLC, Currie Tee Howell/MBR/MGR to Maria Agustina Sanchez Medina- Lots 7 & 8 Williams Lake Acres
- Dawn M Howard, Shaun T Howard to Jimmy Alford, Sarah Alford- 6.38 Acres w/ exceptions Dismal
- Ann Garner, Simeon Garner to Thurman Garner- 26.69 Acres w/exceptions Herring
- The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina Inc to Olive Grove Church- 0.58 Acres olive Grove Church
- Kevin Escobar to Ryan Mark McGill- 13.85 Acres Newton Grove
- Dana E Faircloth, Houston Dearld Faircloth Jr to Cumberland Homes Inc- 1.0 Acre Plainview

OBITUARIES

ROSE HILL

Jeffery Wayne Boone of Rose Hill, NC, passed from his earthly life on Sunday, November 24, 2019 while at home. Born in Sampson County on March 12, 1966, he was the son of the late Herbert Lawrence and Shelby Jean Batts Boone. Also preceding him in death is a brother--Stephen Lawrence Boone. Surviving are his wife--Tammy Gail Boone; children--Jeremy Ray Bryan of Chapel Hill, Daniel W. Boone of Raleigh, and Natalie Jewel Boone of Rose Hill; siblings--Vickie Ezzell and husband Sherwood of Rose Hill, Johnny Boone and wife Karen of Rose Hill, Diann Orlovski and husband Kenneth of Lake Orion (MI), Terry Boone and wife Gail of Rose Hill; very special friends--Billy Pate and Randall Casteen; many nieces and nephews to which he was a loving uncle. Mr. Boone was a very talented mechanic with the ability to repair almost anything. He had a passion for the repair of autos, especially trucks. His life work was in the repair of machinery in the plant setting such as poultry production. He liked doing it "his way"--when and how he wanted. Jeffery had a real love for his dogs and the soap opera "Days of Our Lives". It was very important to be a good provider for his family and he gave tremendous attention to sick family members when they were in need. Above all else on earth, he loved his wife, his children, and his family. Family received friends at a visitation on Wednesday, November 27, 2019 at 1:00 pm in the chapel of Padgett Funeral & Cremation Services followed by his funeral service at 2:00 pm. Interment was in Duplin Memorial Gardens in Teachey, NC.



CLINTON

Mrs. Glenda Brandon, 81 of 1125 Isaac Weeks Road, Clinton, NC passed on Saturday, November 23, 2019 at home. The funeral service will be held at 2pm, Saturday, November 30, 2019 at First Baptist Church, Clinton, NC with Rev. Leonard Henry officiating. Burial in Hillcrest Memorial Park, Clinton, NC. A Visitation will be held on Saturday, November 30, 2019 from 1pm-2pm at First Baptist Church, Clinton, NC. Mrs. Brandon is survived by a daughter, Clara Black Davis of Greensboro, NC; sons, Clarence E. Brandon of Clinton, NC and Dwayne T. Brandon of Durham, NC; brother, Robert Clark of Dunn, NC; 13 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Online condolences may be sent to worleyfuneralhomeinc.com.



HARRELLS

Mrs. Macy Rene Cromartie Fennell, 88, of 1888 Tomahawk Hwy, Harrells died Saturday, November 23, 2019 at her residence. Mrs. Fennell was born August 17, 1931 in Sampson County. Mrs. Fennell is preceded in death by her mother Irene Cromartie, her daughter Carolyn Robinson, two grandchildren Johnetae C. Fennell, Kareem Fennell, three great-great grandchildren JaQuil "Quil" Fennell, Jamaris "Duke" Pridgen and Jahsiah Fennell. Funeral service will be held at 1:00 PM Friday, November 29, 2019 at Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church, Harrells. Burial will follow at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church Cemetery, Harrells. Mrs. Fennell is survived by one daughter Mary Clark (Leroy) Harrells, NC, two sons Willie D. Fennell, Harrells, NC, Johnnie C. "JC" Fennell, Harrells, NC, one brother Charlie C. Cromartie (Frances), Austin, TX, six grandchildren Derek Fennell (Erica), Raeford "Teddy" Fennell, Kimberly Fennell, April Fennell, Diamond Murphy, Phillip Cromartie and ten great-grandchildren. A viewing will be held on Friday, November 29, 2019 at Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church after the service.



GARNER

Mrs. Peggy Peterson Hondros, 88 of Garner (formerly of Clinton) passed away Saturday, November 23rd, 2019 at the State Employees Credit Union Hospice House in Smithfield. A graveside service was held Wednesday November 27, 2019 at 11:00 AM in the Clinton Cemetery with Rev. Ken Eanes officiating. Born in 1931 in Sampson County, Peggy was the daughter of the late Walter Elwin and Margaret Powell Peterson and the widow of William George "Bill" Hondros. She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church. Peggy loved working in her garden and listening to christian music. She is survived her daughter, Peggy Ann Clark and husband, Jeff of Garner and her brother, Walter E. "W.E." Peterson, Jr. of Clinton. She was blessed with one grandson, Johnathan Daniel Reiner. In addition to her parents and husband, Peggy was preceded in death by her daughter, Catherine Dawn Hondros, her sister, Doris P. Parker and her brother, Lloyd A. Peterson. The family received friends after the service at the Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.royalhallfuneralhome.com. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Hondros family.



SALEMSBURG

Jimmie Howard 66 passed away on Monday, November 18, 2019. He was born August 08, 1953 to the late Earl William (Carl V. Williams "Mutt") and Gloria Carrie Rene Howard. He attended Sampson County Schools and took automotive courses at Sampson Community College. He was very well mannered and would help anyone if he was asked. Jimmie loved James Brown, Marvin Gaye and especially Al Green, back in the day he loved the song "Distant Lover". He always mentioned God, his favorite saying was "Lord Willing". His favorite gospel song was "Do You Love Him". At an early age Jimmie was employed at the Piggly Wiggly in Roseboro and Triangle Automotive Sales of Clinton, NC. He moved to New Jersey around 1978 and later returned to NC in 2005. Jimmie was a song writer, he played the lead guitar and was instrumental in the formation of the gospel group "Last Will and Testament" after the



death of his oldest brother Sal. Home going services were held on Saturday, November 23, 2019 at 1:00 pm at Mingle Hill Disciple Church, 100 Zoar Church Road, Salemsburg. Burial followed in the Roseboro Snowhill Cemetery. Jimmie leaves to mourn their loss, two daughters; Telisa L. Crawford (Travis) of Clinton, NC, Faye Lynette Herring (Anthony) of Roseboro, NC one son; Jimmy L. Howard, Jr. (Harriette), Friend; Ruby Tatum of Roseboro, NC, sisters; Theresa M. Martin of Clinton, NC, Minister Dora R. Parker of Piscataway, NJ, Minister Lynette Williams of Cottendale, FL., brothers; Carl V. Williams, Jr. of Fayetteville, NC, Ricky Williams (Pam) of Newark NJ, special sisters & brothers; Shirley Jacobs (Ike) of Clinton, NC, Evangeline Williams (Dennis) of Riverdale, GA, Elder David C. Beatty of Salemsburg, NC, Ceasar R. Owens of Roseboro, NC, one aunt; Lillie P. Garyer of Muskegon, MI, one uncle; Ronnie L. Howard, Sr. (Earnestine) of Roseboro, NC, seventeen grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other family and friends. Visitation was held 2 hours prior to the service from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm at the church.

DUNN

Mr. Shelton D. McLamb, 84, of Dunn passed away Saturday morning at his residence surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Harnett County on January 30, 1935 to the late James and Lillie G. McLamb. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Garland McLamb and Ottis McLamb, two sisters, Maxine M. Whitman and Reva M. Hudson. Shelton was a 1953 graduate of Dunn High School. He owned and operated Mac's General Merchandise for 50 years. He was a member of Antioch Baptist Church where he served as a deacon. Shelton loved being with his family, hunting and fishing, and was an avid Tarheel fan. A funeral service will be held at 11am at Tuesday at Antioch Baptist Church in Falcon by Rev. Sammy McLamb and Rev. Larry McCartney. Burial will follow in Devotional Gardens. He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Beverly H. McLamb, a son, Scott McLamb of Dunn, a daughter, Stacie McLamb of Dunn, a brother, Warren McLamb of Selma, two grandchildren; Matthew and Kasey McLamb and many loving nieces and nephews. The family received friends Monday from 6 to 8 pm at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to Antioch Baptist Church, 6237 Front St. Falcon, NC 28342.



DUDLEY

Luke Tracy Dean Roberts 25 passed away on Friday, November 22, 2019 at his home. Luke was born in Wayne County, North Carolina on April 18, 1994 to Craig Roberts and Susan Quintal, he worked as a truck mechanic, he enjoyed fishing, campfires and RC cars. Luke is



preceded in death by Maternal grandfather; Louis Quintal and Maternal grandmother; Lucienne Quintal and Paternal grandmother Mary Ann Padgett. Luke leaves to cherish his memories: mother; Susan Quintal of Pikeville, NC, father; Craig Roberts (Lulu) of Dudley, NC, daughter; River Roberts of Flowery Beach, GA, brothers; Timothy Sutton of Goldsboro, NC and Samuel Roberts (Pamela) of Winnabow, NC, Sister: Rachel Sutton (Stephen Singletary) of Raeford, NC, paternal grandfather: Royce Roberts (Diane) of Dudley, NC.

GARLAND

Mr. Charles Lane Robinson, 86, of 60 W. John St. Garland, NC died Saturday, November 23, 2019 at his residence. Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Carter Funeral Home in Garland.



CLINTON

Mrs. Betty Frances Westbrook Royals, 80 of 818 Peachtree St died at Sampson Regional Medical Center Friday morning, November 22, 2019. Funeral services were held Sunday at 3:30 PM at Royal-Hall Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Tony Moore officiating. Burial followed at Hilcrest Cemetery at Newton Grove. Born in 1939 in Sampson County, Betty was the daughter of the late Wade Hampton and Eunice Warwick Westbrook. She was a member of Pleasant Union Christian Church and a retired employee with Handy Hugo's. She was the widow of James "Tink" Royals. She is survived by her husband, Raymond Jackie Hudson. Two daughters, Sue Royals and Sheila R. Harris both of Clinton. Two sisters, Gloria Orozco and husband, Danny; and Linda Montez and son, Chris, all of Clinton. One brother, Wade Westbrook of Clinton. Two grandchildren, Tara Lane and Christy Tyndall. Three great grandchildren, Catelynn Tyndall, Chasity Tyndall and Kaleb Lane. The family received friends one hour prior to the service and the funeral home on Sunday and other times at the home of her daughter at 101 E. Johnson St. Clinton, NC. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Royals family.

CLINTON

Mr. Donnie Ree Hall, 80 of Clinton and formerly of Roseboro passed away on Friday, Nov. 22, 2019 at the Southwood Nursing Center. The funeral service was held at 2:00 PM Sunday, Nov. 24 at Butler Funeral Home in Roseboro with Rev. Deborah Carlisle officiating. Burial followed in the Roseboro Cemetery. Mr. Hall was a native of Sampson County, the son of the late George and Viola Bryant Hall. He was a retired fixer at the Roseboro Spinning Company. He is survived by his son, George Hall of Roseboro; three grandchildren; three sisters, Sandra McMillan of Autryville, Ann Ruth Royal of Spring Lake and Brenda Kay Faircloth of Roseboro; one brother, George Junior Hall of Roseboro. The family received friends from 1:00 - 1:50 PM on Sunday at the funeral home. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.

ROSEBORO

Shirley Alene Smith 84 passed away on Friday, November 22, 2019 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. Home going services will be held at 1:00 pm on Saturday, November 30, 2019 at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, 4442 Bonnetsville Rd,

Clinton with Bishop Varnie Fullwood officiating, burial will follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, 4442 Bonnetsville Rd. Clinton.

BENSON

Ms. Sylvia Genevia Smith, 76 of Benson passed away on Monday, November 25 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. The funeral service was held at 2:00 PM Wednesday, Nov. 27 at Butler Funeral Home in Roseboro. Burial will follow in the Bethlehem United Methodist Church Cemetery in White Oak, NC. Ms. Smith was a native of Bladen County, the daughter of Lawton and Thelma Sessoms Smith. She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Charles Smith, Paul Smith, Carl Smith and Eddis Smith and sisters, Wanda Ray and Faye Smith. She was a homemaker. She is survived by her daughter, Vickie Williford of Benson eight sisters, Nita Baker of Elizabethtown, Jean Horne and Donna Naylor both of White Oak, Hazel Smith of Raleigh, Betty Holder (Bill) of Cary, Judy Strickland of Fayetteville, Debbie Langdon (Greg) of Fuquay-Varina and Helen Huggins (Thomas) of Holly Hill, SC; one brother, Clyde Smith (Teresa) of Fayetteville; grandson, Jeremy Williford (Terri) and a great granddaughter, Maybelle Williford. The family received friends from 1:00 - 1:50 PM on Wednesday at Butler Funeral Home in Roseboro. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.

ERWIN

Mr. Clyde Edwin Warren, 83, of Erwin, died Monday, November 18, 2019 at Betsy Johnson Hospital in Dunn. Mr. Warren was born March 19, 1936 in Harnett County to the late William Oscar and Bertha Norris Warren. Mr. Warren was preceded in death by his wife Peggy Hawley Warren; daughter, Stephanie Warren Tart; and brother, J.W. Warren. Mr. Warren was part owner and operator of Warren Brothers Oil Company for many years. Mr. Warren loved his family and loved to golf as long as his health would allow. Mr. Warren is survived by his daughter, Scarlett Warren Godwin and husband Stan of Raleigh; brother, W.O Warren of Erwin; grandchildren, Casey Godwin, Mason Godwin, and Gavin Tart; son-in-law, James Tart, and special friend Rebecca Norris; and many nieces and nephews. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements by Skinner & Smith Funeral Home in Dunn.

FAYETTEVILLE

Mr. Alton Franklin West, Jr, 42 of Fayetteville passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2019 at the Alamance Healthcare in Burlington. A visitation was held on Tuesday, Nov. 26 from 6-8 PM at Butler Funeral Home in Stedman. He is survived by two daughters, Rachel Curry and Alyssa Alexander; two sons, Brandon Alexander and Caleb Thompkins; one grandson; his mother, Lucy West; brother, Richard West and three sisters, Melissa West, Cindy Anderson and Carrie West. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 6535 Clinton Road, Stedman, NC.

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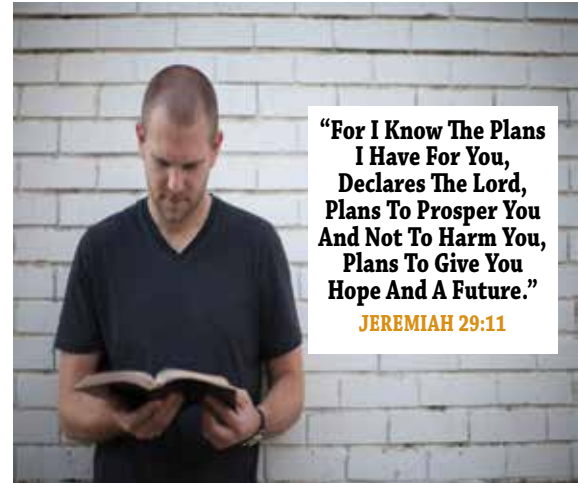
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SPEED FREAKS

A few questions we had to ask ourselves

Where would you rank Jimmie Johnson, all-time?
GODSPEAK: Going by the numbers, he would be right behind Richard Petty, David Pearson, Dale Earnhardt and Jeff Gordon, or simply fifth.
KEN'S CALL: It's obviously impossible to compare eras, but using my officially licensed decoder ring, I'd put him around seventh, between Jeff Gordon and Junior Johnson.

Who's next out the door?
GODSPEAK: If he doesn't win in 2020, look for Ryan Newman to make the grand exit from the sport.
KEN'S CALL: Of the big stars, it's gotta be Harvick, right? Unless Kurt Busch beats him to the exit within a couple of years.

FEUD OF THE YEAR

DENNY HAMLIN VS. JOEY LOGANO: Former teammates, remember? In the heat of the playoffs, Logano approached Hamlin on pit road about their contact at Martinsville. Logano shoved Hamlin, causing a pit road scuffle.
GODWIN KELLY'S TAKE: Logano said Hamlin pushed his car into the wall on purpose. "We were having a discussion, everything was civil, and then like Joey does, he does a little push and then runs away," Hamlin said.

GODWIN'S PICKS FOR DAYTONA 500

WINNER: Chase Elliott
REST OF TOP 5: Matt DiBenedetto, Martin Truex Jr., Joey Logano, Tyler Reddick
FIRST ONE OUT: Ricky Stenhouse Jr.
DARK HORSE: Jimmie Johnson
DON'T BE SURPRISED IF: Elliott's Daytona 500 victory takes him to the next level of popularity in the sport.

MOTOR MOUTHS PODCAST

It's getting oddly quiet in the Pod. Can it last?

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THREE THINGS TO WATCH



Chase Elliott, left, and his father Bill Elliott share a moment at the race track. Elliott led Dodge back into NASCAR in 2001. NASCAR hopes to see the car manufacturer return one day. [AP/JULIE JACOBSON]

1. Manufacturer moves

NASCAR hopes to woo a fourth or fifth car manufacturer into the sport in the next few years. NASCAR dropped the horsepower of its engines from 900 to 550 with the idea of getting some interest from several foreign car makers. And, of course, Dodge has an open invitation to come back whenever the mood strikes. Dodge came back in 2001. Bill Elliott sat on the Daytona 500 pole. It left in 2012 with a championship.

2. New NASCAR

The new NASCAR, which now owns International Speedway Corp., is working furiously to piece together the 2021 Cup Series schedule, which will be released in April. As the process unfolds, look for clues in the offseason. Are they putting a new coat of paint on the Nashville short track? Are they adding/subtracting seats at Dover? Is there a new hire at COTA in Austin who says "y'all" a lot? Eyes open during the offseason.

3. Even Stevens

Kyle Busch won the Cup Series championship for the second time with Adam Stevens as his crew chief. Stevens will be working most of the offseason on making the No. 18 Toyota even better for 2020. The mission never ends. "As a team, our goal is to win the championship," he said. "Our goal next year is to win the championship, and we damn sure want to be the guy that has the most stage points."

Godwin Kelly, godwin.kelly@news-jrnl.com

THREE THINGS WE LEARNED

1. Goodbye Jimmie

Seven-time NASCAR Cup Series champion Jimmie Johnson announced the 2020 season will be his last. The 44-year-old driver made the announcement over his social media accounts. "Next year is not a 'mail-it-in' year," Johnson said. "We're going to win races; contend for a championship."

2. Rookie field

Next year's rookie field has the talent to win races. The top-three drivers in the 2019 Xfinity Series standings are graduating to Cup in 2020. Christopher Bell (Toyota), Tyler Reddick (Chevrolet) and Cole Custer (Ford) will be racing with elite teams capable of



Christopher Bell will be among the Cup Series rookies to watch in 2020. [AP FILE]

victory.

3. Big announcement

NASCAR president Steve Phelps is expected to outline the company's new business model for the marquee Cup Series.

Monster Energy, which was the Cup's entitlement sponsor for three years, will be replaced by multiple sponsors. Monster is expected to stay in the sport.

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QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers

Jimmie Johnson says he won't mail it in next year. You buying that?

Yes and no. I believe he'd dearly love to win another race (or more) and give himself a puncher's chance at that eighth championship. But human nature is stubborn, and it's hard to be up to full speed when you have one foot pointed toward the exit. However, under the modern championship procedure, there's precedent for Jimmie's desires.

Jeff Gordon in 2015?

Yes, but Jeff was coming off a four-win season in 2014 when he entered his final year with optimism. He ended up having a sub-par year by his historic standards, yet ran well in the playoffs, got his one win in the third round, and went to Homestead as one of the final four with a chance. So, if Jimmie's timing is right, yes, he can make a run at No. 8.

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NASCAR CUP STANDINGS

1. Kyle Busch	5040
2. Martin Truex Jr.	5035
3. Kevin Harvick	5033
4. Denny Hamlin	5027
5. Joey Logano	2380
6. Ryan Blaney	2339
6. Kyle Larson	2339
8. Brad Keselowski	2318
9. Clint Bowyer	2290
10. Chase Elliott	2275
11. William Byron	2274
12. Alex Bowman	2257
13. Kurt Busch	2237
14. Aric Almirola	2234
15. Ryan Newman	2219
16. Erik Jones	2194
17. Daniel Suarez	846
18. Jimmie Johnson	835
19. Paul Menard	777
20. Chris Buescher	729

WHAT'S ON TAP

Dec. 3-5: Champions Week and banquet in Nashville
Jan. 25-26: Rolex 24 at Daytona
Speedweeks at Daytona
Feb. 8: ARCA 200
Feb. 9: Daytona 500 pole qualifying; Clash at Daytona
Feb. 13: Duel at Daytona qualifying races for Daytona 500
Feb. 14: Truck Series NextEra Energy Resources 250
Feb. 15: Xfinity Series NASCAR Racing Experience 300
Feb. 16: Daytona 500



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