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WEATHER

Fri Scattered
T-Storms
60%

Hi: 83° Lo: 67°

Sat Cloudy
20%

Hi: 87° Lo: 70°

Sun PM
T-Storms
40%

Hi: 86° Lo: 71°

Mon PM
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Hi: 87° Lo: 64°

Tues Partly
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Hi: 80° Lo: 59°

Wed Partly
Cloudy
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WEEKLY VERSE

*You will be made
rich in every way
so that you can be
generous on every
occasion, and
through us your
generosity will
result in thanks-
giving to God.
2 Corinthians 9:11*

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Helping Hands Determined to “Back the Blue”



According to Chris Sessoms, founder of the non-profit organization Helping Hands of Sampson County, “We just want to thank all the dedicated men and women who put their lives on the line daily.”

Americans across the country have been coming together to show their support for law enforcement and also for first responders who have put their lives on the line since the COVID-19 pandemic began and the social unrest going on across the county.

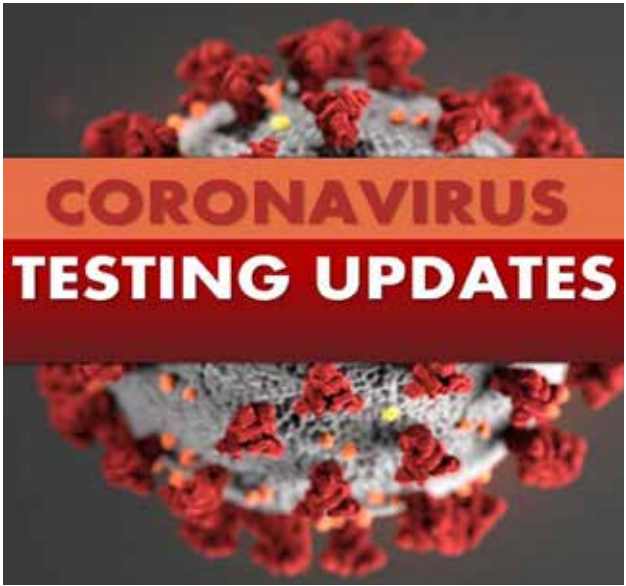
Sessoms stated that the idea for Helping Hands began when Darren Goforth, an [BLUE, see P. 4](#)

Public Schools Now Able to Implement Plan A for Elementary School



After several weeks of stable COVID-19 trends and continued low virus spread in school settings, Governor Roy Cooper Thursday announced that beginning on October 5, North Carolina public school districts and charter schools can choose to implement Plan A for elementary schools (grades K-5). Plan A continues to include important safety measures like face coverings for all students, teachers and staff, social distancing, and symptom screening, but does not require schools to reduce the num- [SCHOOL, see P. 3](#)

Two Additional Deaths this Week From COVID-19



On Friday September 18th, the Sampson County Health Department reported 29 new cases, bringing the total to 2,140 positive cases of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). Sadly, there was also 2 new deaths reported for the week ending on September 18th bring the total deaths from COVID-19 in Sampson County to 27.

COVID testing numbers for Sampson County as of September 18, 2020:
Total Number of Tests Performed: 6,188
Positive Test Results: 2,140 (1,723 recovered)
Negative Test Results: 4,032
Pending Results: 16
Deaths: 27

New COVID Cases by Date:
Monday September 14th- 37 new cases
Tuesday September 15th- 17 new cases
Wednesday September 16th- 24 new cases (1 New death)
Thursday September 17th- 13 new cases
Friday September 18th- 29 new cases (1 death)

As of Friday, there were 3,207 deaths in North Carolina with 904 currently being hospitalized for COVID-19; a total of 191,019 total positive cases across the state.

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Sources noted the following:

WHAT TO DO IF YOU FEEL SICK:
Stay home and call your doctor, if needed.

Most people who get COVID-19 will recover [COVID, see P. 5](#)



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LOCAL NEWS

Raynor Appointed as Interim Elections Director for Sampson County

County Searching For New Elections Director



On Monday, the Sampson County Board of Elections met to discuss the naming of an Interim Elections Director on the heels of the recent resignation of Emily C. Devane that took effect on September 14th.

Devane took the Director's helm at the Sampson County Board of Elections in October 2019. Her sudden resignation could not come at a more pressing time with the general election less than 45 days away and perhaps the most important Presidential election in our lifetime and with Early Voting beginning in less than a month.

In 2020, the in-person early voting period begins Thursday, October 15, and ends Saturday, October 31. During early voting, voters may cast a ballot at any early voting site in their county. This is different from Election Day when registered voters must vote at their assigned precinct.

In an extended Closed Session on Monday, the meeting came back into Open Session, with the board naming a new Interim Elections Director, Niya Raynor. Raynor has worked in the Elections office as the Deputy Director since July of this year. The board also agreed to start advertising immediately for a new Director.

As of Friday September 18th, the Sampson County Board of Elections has had over 2476 requests so far for Absentee Ballots.

Requesting an Absentee Ballot is actually quite easy. According to Election Officials, "A person can request an absentee ballot by downloading and completing a 2020 Absentee Ballot Request Form and sending it to us through the Postal Service. One can also obtain the said form by going on our website and accessing the portal relating to the absentee ballot request form, fill it out and email it to us. The request form can be completed by the voter or a near relative."

In 2020, all registered North Carolina voters, including voters serving in the military or living overseas, can request an absentee ballot online through the Absentee Ballot Request Portal.

The North Carolina State Board of Elections is also getting ready to launch BallotTrax (coming soon), a free service where voters can track the status of their absentee ballot. Voters can also contact their county Board of Elections as well.

The Absentee Ballot Request Portal:

-Allows registered North Carolina voters to securely request an absentee by-mail ballot completely online. The request may be made by the voter or their near relative or legal guardian. The voter's county board of elections will mail the ballot to the voter.

-Helps avoid duplicate requests by informing voters of existing absentee requests and allows users to submit subsequent requests to update information on a previously submitted request.

-Allows military or overseas voters to request and return their ballots through the portal.

Sampson County Board of Elections officials stated that the county has had over 2,343 requests so far for Absentee Ballots.

The last day to request an Absentee Ballot is Tuesday October 27, 2020. Election Officials noted that "If the voter lives in a facility such as a nursing home, and the voter's near relative or legal guardian is not available, the voter or the facility may arrange to have the county board of elections schedule a visit by a Multipartisan Assistance Team to provide assistance and serve as witnesses."

The General Election will be held on Tuesday November 3, 2020. Sampson County residents are eligible to vote in the following categories: US President, US Senate, US House of Representatives, NC Governor, NC Lieutenant Governor, NC Attorney General, NC Auditor, NC Commissioner of Agriculture, NC Commissioner of Insurance, NC Commissioner of Labor, NC Secretary of State, NC Superintendent of Public Instruction, NC Treasurer, NC Supreme Court Chief Justice Seat 01, NC Supreme Court Associate Justice Seat 02, NC Supreme Court Associate Justice Seat 04, NC Court of Appeals Judge Seat 05, NC Court of Appeals Judge Seat 06, NC Court of Appeals Judge Seat 07, NC Court of Appeals Judge Seat 13, NC State Senate District 10, NC House of Representatives District 04 Seat 03, NC State Senate District 10, NC House of Representatives District 022, NC District Court of Judge District 04 Seat 03, NC House of Representatives District 022, NC District Court of Judge District 04 Seat 04, NC House of Representatives District 022, NC District Court of Judge District 04 Seat 05, NC House of Representatives District 022, NC District Court of Judge District 04 Seat 06, NC House of Representatives District 022, NC District Court of Judge District 04 Seat 07, NC House of Representatives District 022, NC District Court of Judge District 04 Seat 08, Sampson County Board of Commissioners District 02, Sampson County Register of Deeds, Sampson County Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor.

Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the day of the election, Tuesday, November 3rd. One-stop early voting will be held at the Old Badcock Furniture Building (317 Northeast BLVD, Clinton, NC), NC Justice Academy (200 W. College St, Salemburg, NC), Harrells Fire Dept Training Center (915 Ward Rd, Harrells, NC), Newton Grove Fire Station (313 W. Weeksdale St, Newton Grove, NC), Plainview Fire Station (5041 Plainview HWY, Dunn, NC). One-stop early voting will be open from Thursday, October 15th until 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31st. Monday-Friday 8AM-7:30PM, Saturday 8AM-3PM, and Sunday 1PM-4PM. Canvass will be held in the Sampson Board of Elections office at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 13th.

PUBLIC NOTICE

DOCKET NO. SP-25199, SUB 0

APPLICATION OF MEMBER EMC SOLAR FIVE, LLC FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 27, 2020, Member EMC Solar Five, LLC (Applicant), filed an application seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.1(a) for construction of a 500-kW solar generating facility to be located at 2000 Leroy Autry Road, Autryville, Sampson County, North Carolina. Applicant's site layout illustrating the footprint of the facility may change to some degree based on government land use requirements, interconnection requirements, or similar factors.

The Applicant plans to sell the electricity to the North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation.

Details of the application may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 430 N. Salisbury Street, 5th Floor, Dobbs Building, Raleigh, North Carolina 27603 or 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300 or on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net.

If a complaint is received within ten days after the last date of the publication of this notice, the Commission will schedule a public hearing to determine whether a certificate should be awarded, will give reasonable notice of the time and place of the hearing to the Applicant and to each complaining party, and will require the Applicant to publish notice of the hearing in this newspaper. If no complaint is received within the time specified above and if the Commission does not order a hearing upon its own initiative, the Commission will enter an order awarding the certificate sought by the Applicant.

Persons desiring to lodge complaints may file statements to that effect with the Commission. Such statements should reference Docket No. SP-25199, SUB 0 and be addressed as follows: Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.

Statements may also be directed to Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff - North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300 or to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General of North Carolina, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-9001. Written statements may be emailed to utilityAGO@ncdoj.gov.

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ber of children in the classroom.

“We are able to open this option because most North Carolinians have doubled down on our safety and prevention measures and stabilized our numbers,” said Governor Roy Cooper. “North Carolinians are doing the hard work to improve our numbers and trends. Many people are wearing masks, keeping social distance and being careful to protect others as well as themselves. We have shown that listening to the science works. And I’m proud of our resolve.”

As the Governor announced in July, every district will continue to have flexibility to select Plan A, B or C based on their unique needs. In addition, districts should still provide an option for families to select all remote learning for their students. Read the Strong Schools NC Public Health Toolkit to learn more about the requirements under each plan.

Dr. Mandy Cohen, Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services shared an update on North Carolina’s data trends. Dr. Cohen explained that North Carolina has seen a sustained leveling or decrease of key metrics.

“Our trends show that we are on the right track. It’s up to all of us to protect our progress. Our individual actions like those 3 Ws will help keep our school doors open.” said Secretary Cohen.

Dr. Cohen also explained that as schools have opened, the current science shows that younger children are less likely to become infected, have symptoms, experience severe disease or spread the virus.

“It’s great news today that we are a step closer to providing the option of in-person learning to families who want their children to return to school,” said Superintendent of Public Instruction Mark Johnson. “While the Governor, the State Board of Education, and I have our differences, I join with them today to encourage local school board members to take advantage of this change and open all schools safely. I thank the many parents and teachers across North Carolina who have been vocal advocates on this important issue.”

“For the past 6 months, superintendents, principals, teachers and local BOE have worked diligently to care for the safety of our students and staff while educating our children. While we are anxious to return all students, we know that teachers, principals, and students need a gradual transition over the next 3 months. I ask our parents to remain patient, knowing that we are moving as quickly as is safely possible. And I ask our teachers to continue to assist our students by supporting this deliberate, thoughtful transition,” said Eric Davis, Chairman of the State Board of Education.

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

-North Carolina’s syndromic surveillance trend for COVID-like illness is declining.

Trajectory of Confirmed Cases Over 14 Days

-North Carolina’s trajectory of lab-confirmed cases is declining.

Trajectory in Percent of Tests Returning Positive Over 14 Days

-North Carolina’s trajectory in percent of tests returning positive is declining.

Trajectory in Hospitalizations Over 14 Days

-North Carolina’s trajectory of hospitalizations is declining.

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

Laboratory Testing

-Access to testing has expanded. No-cost testing events are being deployed across the state and testing turnaround times have improved.

Tracing Capability

-Contact tracers continue to be hired to bolster the efforts of local health departments. A new exposure notification app will be launched soon.

Personal Protective Equipment

-Personal protective equipment (PPE) supplies are stable

North Carolina education leaders gave statements in support of Governor Cooper’s announcement.

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LOCAL

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officer in Texas was shot “execution style” while simply pumping gas. He was 47 and had two children. Sessoms said, “I cried when I heard the news coverage of this story... My thoughts were “What can I do to help make a difference?” Well it came to me I can’t help them (meaning the officers in Texas), but I can make a difference in our/my County (Sampson County). So, in October of 2014 Helping Hands began with a committee of individuals who wanted to make a difference.”

Sessoms said the main goal of the organization is “To keep our hearts open to the needs of our First Responders and to help all of them know they are loved by Sampson County and we appreciate all they do for us.”

The non-profit organization is made up of concerned citizens from across the county. “We have a committee of many individuals,” noted Sessoms. “Business Owners, Teachers, Pastors, First Responders and local citizens.”

In 2015, Helping Hands fed First Responders and their families for the first time. In 2020, the organization presented a check to a deputy who had lost everything in a house fire. In March of this year, Helping Hands provided all the employees of Sampson Regional with a meal and dessert as appreciation for being Hero’s in the battle with Covid.

This week, Helping Hands served all law officers with a take-out meal and a whole cake for their families Sessoms stated that the group recognizes the challenges that Law Enforcement are facing right now in their jobs... “for protecting us...” remarked Sessoms. The event took place at Clinton Community Church on Monday and Wednesday, serving over 186 law enforcement officers a hot meal.





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IT IS RESOLVED AND NOTICE IS GIVEN by the Sampson County Board of Elections, in accordance with N.C.G.S. 163-128, that a new voting place has been established, effective immediately, for the following precincts:

Garland Precinct	
Old Polling Site Location Garland Town Hall 190 S. Church Street Garland, NC 28441	New Polling Site Location Garland Fire Station 375 W. 2 nd Street Garland, NC 28441
Kitty Fork Precinct	
Old Polling Site Location Sampson County Farm Bureau 1203 US 421 HWY Clinton, NC 28328	New Polling Site Location North Carolina Army National Guard 101 Armory Rd Clinton, NC 28328
Mingo Precinct	
Old Polling Site Location Mingo Community Building 1358 Mingo Church Rd Dunn, NC 28334	New Polling Site Location Old Midway Elementary School 1500 Midway Elementary School Rd Dunn, NC 28334

This 3rd day of September 2020

Sessoms explained that in 2014, when the organization began, they began a mission to get citizens to donate \$7 to provide a meal for one First Responder. “The support was unbelievable,” exclaimed Sessoms. “Many people want to help but don’t know how, by putting it together and planning it out they now can say thank you in a big way.”

The group is thankful for the outpouring of support that they have received and in turn they can show support for our local first responders. “We have many churches who help us. This last event we asked for two volunteers from each church, to come together and help us prepare bags and get everything ready. We just want to thank everyone who came out to help us.”

Helping Hands is important in many ways noted Sessoms. “Businesses can show their support for our community. Churches, with people from many walks of life, get together for a greater good and get to be the Hands and Feet of our Lord sharing love.”

“We have nothing to do with politics so it’s just individuals who want to serve others. I hope our name becomes a standard county name and people recognize us as a group of individuals who are doing good things for others.”

The group is currently sponsoring a “Back the Blue” campaign to get citizens to put blue bows on their mailboxes to “let local law enforcement know that we support them!” The blue bows can be purchase at Bryant’s Florist, Parker and Company and Chris and Company.

The next scheduled event for Helping Hands will be held in April 2021 at Hubbs Farm Inc. There will be a fair, dancing and music and a meal served to approximately 2600 First Responders. Churches are being asked to help with the event. If you would like to donate to Helping Hands or become a volunteer to help at one of their events, contact Chris Sessoms at (910)592-1337 or email them at helping-hands.sampson@gmail.com.



COVID, cont. from P. 1 symptoms – such as fever and cough without shortness of breath or difficulty breathing. You can call your doctor to see if you need medical care.

Some people are at higher risk of getting very sick with COVID-19. People at higher risk should call their doctor if they develop symptoms of fever or cough. You are at higher risk if you:

- Are 65 years and older
- Live in a nursing home or long-term care facility
- Have a high-risk condition that includes:
 - Cancer
 - Chronic Kidney Disease
 - Chronic lung disease
 - Heart disease with complications
 - Compromised immune system
 - Obesity — body mass index (BMI) of 30 or higher
 - Sick Cell Disease
 - Other underlying medical conditions, particularly if not well controlled, such as diabetes, renal failure or liver disease

People who are pregnant should be monitored since they are known to be at risk for severe viral illness.

To date, data on COVID-19 has shown pregnancy might be at an increased risk for severe illness.

Call your doctor or 911 right away if you have: • Shortness of breath • Difficulty breathing • Chest pain or pressure • Confusion • Inability to wake or stay awake • Blue lips

Anyone with symptoms or thinks they have been exposed to COVID-19 should get tested.

If someone tests positive for COVID-19, we want to help ensure that they have the resources they need to get better and to protect their loved ones and neighbors. Most people with COVID-19 recover without needing medical care. If you are experiencing severe, life threatening symptoms, seek immediate medical care.

There are two kinds of tests available for COVID-19: viral tests and antibody tests. A viral (or diagnostic) test tells someone if they currently have COVID-19. An antibody test tells someone if they had the virus before.

Election Campaign Sign Season Underway



Drivers traveling on North Carolina roadways are likely seeing what has become an election year tradition – a lot of campaign signs.

A state law passed in 2011 allows campaign signs to be placed in the state road right of way as early as 30 days before the start of early voting, which starts on October 15. That means signs legally started going into place this week.

There are restrictions regarding the signs. They include:
 -Whoever places a sign is required to get the permission of any property owner of a residence, business or religious institution fronting the right of way where a sign would be placed;
 -No sign is permitted in the right of way of a limited-access highway such as an interstate;
 -No sign can be closer than 3 feet from the edge of the pavement of the road;
 -No sign can obscure motorist visibility at an intersection;
 -No sign can be higher than 42 inches above the edge of the pavement;
 -No sign can be larger than 864 square inches; and
 -No sign can obscure or replace another sign.

The N.C. Department of Transportation has the authority to remove any signs that violate these rules. If anyone else removes or vandalizes a sign, they could be subject to a Class 3 misdemeanor citation from law enforcement.

Campaign signs can remain in place for 10 days after the November 3 election. Signs still in the right of way after the deadline are in violation of state law, and the NCDOT is authorized to remove and dispose of them.

Structure Fire Destroys Home on Alston Street



CLINTON- According to Stephen Lovette, Fire Chief with the Clinton Fire Department, the Clinton Fire Department was dispatched to a reported structure fire at 3:43 a.m. on Monday morning on Alston Street. “The person making the initial 911 call did know the exact location of the fire and nearby Clinton Police units were able to locate the fire and direct responding fire fighters to the correct location. Crews arrived to find a single-family residence partially involved with fire. Crews began suppression activities and when conditions allowed began an initial life safety search. During the search it was determined there were no occupants inside. The fire was held to the area of the bedrooms and extension throughout the residence was kept to a manageable level. Sampson County Emergency Management was requested as crews stayed on the fire ground until around 6:00 a.m. extinguishing hot spots.”

Clinton Fire Department was assisted by Clinton Police, Taylors Bridge, Halls, Salemburg, and Herring Fire Departments Also, by Sampson County EMS and Sampson County Emergency Management. The scene was turned over to the Sampson County Fire Marshall’s office for investigation.



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FAITH

Every Human Heart Has a Throne: Perversions of Christian Ethics



Jesus encountered many people.

Many people are familiar with Jesus' command to "follow me." In Matthew 4, a story is recorded of how Jesus was walking along the sea and saw two brothers, Simon (aka Peter) and Andrew. "Come, follow me" Jesus told them (Mt. 4:19, NIV) and immediately they did as he said.

This is what disciples do: they follow Jesus. The most important question we could ask ourselves is the question, "Am I following Him." This is not only a question of allegiance but a question of ethics. Our beliefs shape our actions and to act ethically means to act in accord with a certain accepted rules of conduct in a consistent manner.

In the book of Numbers, Moses records in historical narrative the wanderings of the Israelites. Not long into their journey, the Israelites grow complacent with the manna that God provides them to eat and they reminisce about the food they once ate as slaves under Egyptian oppression. God sent them quail to eat, and Numbers 11 tells us that for two days they did nothing but gather quail and while the meat was still in their teeth, the anger of the LORD burned

against them. The reason is not only allegiance, but ethics. Every human heart has a throne -- something or someone sits on that throne and rules over our desires, behaviors and attitudes. If Christ is not on that throne, then we are not disciples of Christ. We are not following him. The Israelites had their own desires on the throne of their hearts and their ethics -- their moral decision-making, showed it.

When moral-decision making is shifted away from God and based on ourselves, our desires, and our feelings, we have perverted Christian ethics. We have perverted discipleship. There are two primary ways this happens: Legalism and Nominalism.

Legalism puts the primary focus of moral-decision making on the application of rules rather than God. One of the finest examples we have of this in Scripture is the Pharisees. The Pharisees magnified religious rules and traditions over exalting God. Jesus encountered the Pharisees in Scripture over and over again, and their goal was always to find out what He was teaching and find ways to stop Him. Because rules and traditions were seated on the throne of their heart, they missed God in the flesh.

Nominalism is quite different. Nominalism tends to put the focus of ethics on the self and tends to elevate freedom from rules so that our moral obligations to please God is all but ignored. When we are nominal, we aren't taking our faith seriously. We are talking the talk, but we aren't walking the walk. Usually when we shift Christian ethics to a nominal view, we are putting our self on the throne of our heart. Moral decision-making becomes about what is best for us and we fall down a slippery-slope towards hedonism, the pursuit of our own pleasure as the highest and all-encompassing good. A nominal Christian is just that: they say they are a Christian, but as long as their own desires are on the throne of their hearts, they are far from being Christian.

The truest way to not pervert Christian ethics, for a Christian none-the-less, is to approach moral-decisions from a biblical perspective, using Jesus as our model. He lived a morally perfect life without sin, and even though our thinking and acting are impaired by sin, God is constantly conforming us to the image of Christ.

Jesus encountered many people, and so do we. Are our words (beliefs) and our deeds (ethics) lining up with each other and lining up with what is true? Are the people we encounter constantly seeing a legalist, a nominalist, or someone striving to be more like Christ?



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Red, White and Blue Greek Yogurt Bark
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- 1/3 cup honey, plus additional for drizzling (optional)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 cup strawberries, sliced into rounds
- 1/2 cup blueberries
- 1/2 cup raspberries, halved

In medium mixing bowl combine Greek yogurt, 1/3 cup honey and vanilla.
On parchment paper-lined baking sheet, spread Greek yogurt mixture to 1/4-inch thickness. Press strawberries, blueberries and raspberries into yogurt. Freeze at least 3 hours. Break into pieces upon removing from freezer.

FAMILY FEATURES

Snacks are a way of life for people of all ages, but especially children, who consume about 25% of their daily calories from snacks, according to research published in the “Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior.” Providing nutritionally balanced snacks for your children at home can make for a happy and healthy day. Planning snacks that are as delicious as they are healthy is a winning solution, and snacks are a simple way to add more nutrition to your child’s diet. For example, low-fat and fat-free dairy foods are essential to children’s growth and overall wellness. They provide calcium and vitamin D, two nutrients kids don’t get enough of, according to the 2015 Dietary Guidelines for Americans. The guidelines recommend 2-3 servings of low-fat and fat-free dairy foods every day, depending on the child’s age. Giving kids a role in the preparation can give them added incentive to enjoy healthy treats, and these recipes are all easy enough that kids can make them on their own (or with minimal assistance). Giving your kids the ability to play a role in the kitchen and create is a gift that can last a lifetime. The culinary skills they develop early in life can give them the confidence and know-how to cook nutritious meals for themselves as teens and adults. Get more ideas to get kids cooking and snacking smart at milkmeansmore.org.

Dairy: Did You Know?

Dairy foods can add taste and versatility to your plate, but they also deliver a unique package of essential nutrients important for good health.

- Milk has a unique combination of nine essential nutrients: protein; calcium; potassium; phosphorus; vitamins A, D and B12; riboflavin and niacin. Each of these nutrients is a key ingredient of milk and they all work together to help keep bodies healthy.

- Milk, cheese and yogurt are good sources of high-quality protein, which is essential for growth and maintenance of muscle and other proteins within the body.
- Enjoying dairy foods like milk, cheese and yogurt as part of a healthy diet is associated with many health bonuses, including reduced risk of heart disease, Type 2 diabetes and high blood pressure.



Good Morning Yogurt Parfait

Peanut Butter Yogurt Dip
Prep time: 5 minutes
Servings: 4

- 3/4 cup vanilla Greek yogurt
- 1/4 cup peanut butter
- 1 dash cinnamon
- apples, graham crackers or other dipper of choice

In bowl, mix Greek yogurt, peanut butter and cinnamon until smooth.
Serve with apples, graham crackers or another dipper of choice.

Good Morning Yogurt Parfait
Prep time: 5 minutes
Servings: 1

- 1/2 cup sliced or diced fruit, any variety
- 6 ounces low-fat or fat-free vanilla yogurt
- 1/4 cup granola or other cereal (optional)

In small bowl or cup, layer fruit and yogurt, starting with fruit on bottom. Top with cereal or granola, if desired.
Note: This recipe can be made using low-fat or non-fat cottage cheese sweetened with honey and cinnamon.



Peanut Butter Yogurt Dip



Frozen Banana Pops

Frozen Banana Pops
Prep time: 2 hours
Servings: 8

- 4 large bananas, peeled
- 8 wooden ice pop sticks
- 2 cups vanilla non-fat Greek yogurt
- 1/2 cup creamy natural peanut butter

Cut each banana in half and carefully insert wooden ice pop stick in bottom of each, about one-third into banana. Place bananas on large baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Freeze bananas until partially frozen, about 30 minutes.
Carefully dip each banana in tall pint glass of vanilla yogurt to coat, leaving 1/2-inch at bottom of banana uncoated. Return yogurt-coated bananas to parchment paper-lined baking sheet and freeze until completely firm, about 1 hour.
Microwave peanut butter until smooth and creamy, about 30-45 seconds. Drizzle peanut butter evenly over bananas then place on baking sheet to freeze until peanut butter is firm, about 30 minutes.
Serve immediately or wrap each banana in plastic wrap and store in freezer up to 3 months.

GAME OF THE WEEK MIAMI AT LOUISVILLE

When: 7:30 p.m., Saturday When: Cardinal Stadium, Louisville, Ky. TV: ABC



Louisville's Javian Hawkins ranked second in the ACC and seventh nationally a year ago when he piled up a school-record 1,525 yards rushing. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE ACC

Can speedy Louisville slip by Miami?

Keys for Miami

Unlock the passing attack: Houston grad transfer D'Eriq King was efficient, completing 16 of 24 passes for 144 yards and a touchdown in the opening win against UAB. But it was the 83 yards King contributed to Miami's 337-yard rushing total that was most damaging against the Blazers.

A year ago, the Hurricanes torched Louisville's secondary for 253 passing yards and a school-record six touchdowns. So King will need to stay in the pocket longer and display better timing with his receivers against an improved Cardinal secondary in order to repeat last year's success and 52-27 victory.

Win the deep battle: Louisville boasts one of the best and swiftest receiving corps in the nation, led by All-ACC playmaker Tutu Atwell.

But it was senior Dez Fitzpatrick and sophomore Braden Smith who led the Cardinals in the opening victory against Western Kentucky.

Miami's secondary will be challenged to keep that trio from getting behind them in what will almost certainly be many deep throws from Louisville quarterback Micale Cunningham.

Keys for Louisville

Success in the run game: If Miami allows sophomore Javian Hawkins to get to the edge too often, it will result in big gains and force the Hurricanes to bring more defensive support to contain him. With Miami focused on containing Hawkins, it will create opportunities for Cunningham and the Cardinals receivers to make plays in the passing game.

Improve special teams: The

Cardinals had two fumbles, penalties, made poor decisions on kick-off returns and punted poorly against the Hilltoppers. Western Kentucky scored two of its three touchdowns in the game off special teams errors after recovering a fumbled snap on a punt and blocking another one.


Prediction


Louisville 37, Miami 34: Louisville has taken a giant leap forward in just one season under coach Scott Satterfield. The Cardinals looked significantly improved on defense against Western Kentucky, limiting the Hilltoppers to just 248 total yards — their lowest against an FBS opponent in two years.


It may take a last-minute drive, but Louisville continues the momentum it established in Satterfield's debut season


POWER RANKINGS


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1. Clemson (1-0): Trevor Lawrence launched his Heisman campaign with 351 yards passing while accounting for three touchdowns in a little more than one half.
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2. Notre Dame (1-0): Notre Dame struggled a bit early against Duke. Now the Irish face a South Florida team coached by ex-Clemson offensive coordinator Jeff Scott.
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3. North Carolina (1-0): North Carolina's game against Charlotte was canceled after COVID-19 contract tracing protocols left the 49ers' offensive line depleted.
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4. Louisville (1-0): A unit that posted 10 tackles for loss against the Hilltoppers offers plenty of optimism, but a showdown against Miami should reveal more.
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5. Virginia Tech (0-0): Due to "COVID-19 concerns," the Hokies season opener has been postponed, so we won't be afforded our first look at Virginia Tech until Sept. 26.
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6. Miami (1-0): Has Miami finally found a quarterback? Newcomer D'Eriq King, a transfer from Houston, passed for 144 yards and ran for 83 more in his debut.
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7. Pitt (1-0): The feeling here is that Pitt could be the surprise of the league in 2020 and a 55-0 win over Austin Peay did nothing to change that.
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8. Florida State (0-1): After dropping a season-opening 16-13 decision at home to Georgia Tech, the Seminoles must stew for a week before facing Miami.
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9. Virginia (0-0): Thanks to COVID-19, which canceled the Cavaliers' first two games, Virginia won't open the season until hosting Duke on Sept. 26.
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10. N.C. State (0-0): N.C. State gets ready for its season opener against Wake Forest, which has won three straight games in the series.
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11. Georgia Tech (1-0): Things may finally be looking up for the Yellow Jackets, who opened the season last week by stunning Florida State, 16-13, in Tallahassee.
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12. Boston College (0-0): The Eagles are equipped to bull their way to victories on the road with the bulk of a veteran offensive front returning and RB David Bailey.
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13. Duke (0-1): New starting quarterback Chase Brice looked impressive in his Duke debut and the Blue Devils may be able to throw a scare into more opponents.
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14. Wake Forest (0-1): The Deacons may have discovered their next All-ACC receiver against Clemson as redshirt freshman Taylor Morin had nine catches for 93 yards.
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15. Syracuse (0-1): The Orange trailed just 10-6 entering the fourth quarter at nationally ranked North Carolina on Saturday, then imploded in a 31-6 loss.

BEST OF THE REST

Wake Forest at N.C. State

When: 8 p.m. Saturday
Where: Carter-Finley Stadium in Raleigh, N.C.
TV: ACC Network
Notes: The Demon Deacons are coming off an opening thrashing at the hands of Clemson. But they'll attempt to extend a winning streak to four straight against an N.C. State team hoping to rebound from its first losing season in six years.

Syracuse at Pittsburgh

When: Noon Saturday
Where: Heinz Field, Pittsburgh, Pa.
TV: ACC Network
Notes: The Panthers cracked the national rankings after routing FCS Austin Peay in their opener, despite missing seven players due to COVID-19 protocols. All seven should be back for Pitt's ACC opener against Syracuse, which struggled on offense (202 total yards, seven sacks) at UNC.

Central Florida at Georgia Tech

When: 3:30 p.m. Saturday
Where: Bobby Dodd Stadium, Atlanta, Ga.
TV: ABC
Notes: The Yellow Jackets pulled a semi-stunner in the opener, edging Florida State. Now Tech must refocus against American Athletic Conference power UCF, which returns 16 starters from a 10-3 club.

ACC LEADERS



Passing yards
Player Yds.
T. Lawrence, Clem.....351
M. Cunningham, Lou. 343
S. Howell, UNC.....295
K. Pickett, Pitt.....277
J. Sims, GT.....277



Passing TDs
Player Yds.
M. Cunningham, Lou.....3
I. Book, ND.....1
T. Lawrence, Clem.....1
S. Howell, UNC.....1
Three others tied.....1



Rushing yards
Player Yds.
C. Harris, Mia.....134
K. Williams, ND.....112
T. Etienne, Clem.....102
D. King, Mia.....83
M. Carter, UNC.....78



Receiving yards
Player Yds.
D. Fitzpatrick, Lou.....110
B. Smith, Lou.....110
D. Brown, UNC.....94
K. Williams, ND.....93
T. Morin, WF.....93



Scoring
Player Pts.
J. Williams, UNC.....18
B. Potter, Clem.....13
V. Davis, Pitt.....12
T. Sibley Jr., Pitt.....12
Three more players.....12

PLAYER TO WATCH



Jeff Sims
Quarterback, Georgia Tech
The true freshman made his debut a major success by throwing for 277 yards and a touchdown, rushing for 64 yards and leading the Yellow Jackets to a 16-13 victory at Florida State.

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ROUNDING IT OUT

Saturday (all times Eastern)		
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CRIME REPORTS

09-08 Jimmy Clifton Sanders, 46, Clinton. Driving While License Revoked. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 09-14-20

09-08 Zachary Ray Williams, 26, Clinton. Assault on a Female. Trial Date 10-19-20

09-08 Jaquan Fredrick McLean, 23, Clinton. Conspire Commit Felony Larceny, Forgery of Instrument, Uttering Forged Instrument, Conspiracy, Obstructing Justice, Bond \$17500. Trial Date 10-21-20

09-08 Michael Moore, 48, Roseboro. Failure to Appear On Probation Violation Court Date. Bond \$190.00. Trial Date 09-30-20

09-08 Bobby James Parker, 28, Newton Grove. Failure to Appear. Bond \$500. Trial Date 09-15-20

09-08 Michael Lyn Maldonado, 43, Clinton. Simple Assault. Bond \$500. Trial Date 10-12-20

09-08 Christopher Joe Justus, 30, Clinton. Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle. Trial Date 11-24-20

09-09 Eliceo Santizo Velasquez, 30, Turkey. First Degree Rape, Statutory Sex Offense Child > 13, Statutory Rape of Child <= 15, Indecent Liberties with a Child, Crime Against Nature, Statutory Sex Offense with Child <= 15, FTA- No Operators License. Bond \$751,000. Trial Date 09-18-20

09-09 Bryan Rodriguez, 18, Garland. Speeding 112/55, Careless and Reckless. Trial Date 10-19-20

09-09 Julius Ray-Atkin Monk, 39, Roseboro. Failure to Appear. Bond \$500. Trial Date 09-29-20

09-09 Donald Watts, 40, Clinton. Driving While License Revoked, Fict/Alt Title/reg Card/Tag, Expired Registration Card, No Liability Insurance, Child Support. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 09-28-20

09-09 Teresa Snodgrass, 45, Dunn. Criminal Summons Misdemeanor Worthless Check. Trial Date 09-17-20

09-09 Sidney Amonte Killett, 29, Clinton. OFA- FTC-Child Support.

09-09 Larry Newton, 26, Autryville. Felony Probation Violation, Misdemeanor Larceny. Bond \$11000. Trial Date 10-14-20

09-09 Kenneth Blackman Tew, 56, Godwin. Possession of Cocaine. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 09-18-20

09-09 Bradley Clark Hefner, 26, Dunn. Possession of Heroin, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$30000. Trial Date 09-18-20

09-09 Molly Harriet Duffy, 37, Clinton. Larceny. Bond \$500. Trial Date 09-14-20

09-09 John Henry Fryar, 24, Clinton. OFA/ DWLR, OFA/No Liability Insurance. Bond \$500. Trial Date 09-09-20

09-09 Tyrese Sincere Lofton, 19, Clinton. WFA/Break or Enter a Motor Vehicle, WFA/ Financial Card Theft, WFA/Break or Enter a Motor Vehicle, Financial Card Fraud, WFA/ Misdemeanor Larceny. Bond \$25000. Trial Date 09-18-20

09-09 Jordan Wayne Sills, 21, Dunn. (CS) Assault on a Female, (CS) Harassing Phone Call.

09-09 Coty Lejuan Register, 48, Dunn. Sexual Battery. Trial Date 10-12-20

09-09 Ricky Devone Rich, 31, Warsaw. Communicating Threats, Trespassing. Trial Date 10-27-20

09-10 Ashton Grant Jackson, 19, Dunn. Misdemeanor Stalking. Trial Date 10-01-20

09-10 Laura Lewis Laurie, 56, Godwin. Misdemeanor Worthless Check. Trial Date 09-17-20

09-10 Emsley Britton Gilbert, 52, Dunn. DV Protective Order Violation, Resisting Public Officer. Trial Date 09-15-20

09-10 Joyce Faye Barnes, 59, Clinton. Sampson County Animal Control Ordinance. Bond \$500. Trial Date 10-13-20

09-10 Eternal Shaquan Lewis, 19, Clinton. Assault on a Female. Bond \$750. Trial Date 10-27-20

09-10 Karla Herrera, 20, Dunn. Assault Inflicting Serious Injury. Bond \$750. Trial Date 10-19-20

09-10 Matthew Defranco, 22, Fayetteville. Poss Marij > ½ to 1 ½ oz, Possess Marijuana Paraphernalia, Carrying Concealed Weapon. Bond \$500. Trial Date 10-20-20

09-10 Eddie Bronson, 78, Garland. Assault by Pointing a Gun. Bond \$500. Trial Date 10-28-20

09-10 John Ashley Davis, 53, Faison. Assault with a Deadly Weapon. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 10-12-20

09-10 William Maurice Moore, 22, Salemburg. Possession of Firearm by Felon, Possession of Marijuana up to 1 and a half Ounce, Possess Drug Paraphernalia, Carrying Concealed Weapon. Bond \$15000. Trial Date 09-18-20

09-10 George Faison, 56, Clinton. Communicating Threats, Simple Assault. Trial Date 10-13-20

09-10 Donnie Ray Sholar, 33, Beulaville. DWLR Not Impaired, Expired/No Inspection, Expired Registration Card/Tag. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 10-16-20

09-10 David McNeil Melvin, 35, Roseboro. Felony Possession Sch II, Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$30000. Trial Date 09-18-20

09-10 Isais Campson, 25, Rose Hill. Agricultural Spill. Trial Date 11-09-20

09-10 Jeffrey Allen Hobbs, 44 Roseboro. Trespassing. Bond \$500. Trial Date 11-13-20

09-10 Melissa Ann Miles, 34, Swansboro. Possess Cocaine, Possess Marijuana, Possess Drug Paraphernalia, Possess Marijuana Paraphernalia. Bond \$15000. Trial Date 09-18-20

09-10 Douglas Faircloth, 75, Clinton. Warrant Service. Trial Date 10-22-20

09-10 John Roscoe Butler III, 57, Fayetteville. Possess Stolen License Plate.

09-10 Atiya Shim, 32, Clinton. Possess Marijuana, Drug Equipment Violations, DWLR Impaired Rev, Open Container.

09-10 Rebecca Dare Kennedy, 38, Faison. Shoplifting. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 09-18-20

09-11 Tony Wayne Dustin Strouth, 49, Clinton. DWLR Not Impaired Rev. Trial Date 10-12-20

09-11 Ofelia Salas-Solis, 36, Clinton. No Operators License. Trial Date 11-13-20

09-11 Anais Marie Miller, 29, Salemburg. 75mph in a 55mph Zone. Trial Date 10-30-20

09-11 Michelle Hines, 42, Newton Grove. Speeding 70/55. Trial Date 11-19-20

09-11 Junie Martin Ammons, 40, Clinton. Assault on a Female. Bond \$500. Trial Date 10-19-20

09-11 Tracey Smith, 38, Clinton. Computer Trespass. Bond \$500. Trial Date 11-09-20

09-11 Ed Smith, 49, Clinton. Computer Trespass. Bond \$500. Trial Date 11-09-20

09-11 Amanda Lewis, 31, Clinton. Second Degree Trespass. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 10-27-20

09-11 John Moore, 31, Clinton. Order for Arrest/ Viol of Release. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 10-27-20

09-11 James Edward Holmes, 40, Autryville. Larceny. Trial Date 11-09-20

09-11 Isaia Jesus Monjaras, 36, Godwin. Possession of Cocaine. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 09-25-20

09-11 Jerome Howard Ryals, 40, Godwin. Possess Drug Paraphernalia, DWLR, Fict/Alt Title/ Reg Card/Tag, Seat Belt Viol Driver, Borrow Registration Plate. Trial Date 11-09-20

09-11 Windy Gail Williamson, 41, Clinton. Shoplifting. Trial Date 10-29-20

09-11 Ronnie Earl Knowles Jr, 31, Salemburg. Simple Assault. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 11-24-20

09-11 Joshua Tyree McPhail, 19, Clinton. Possess Marijuana, Drug Paraphernalia.

09-11 Sara Faith Davis, 19, Clinton. Drug Paraphernalia.

09-11 Lisa Carr Davis, 47, Clinton. Possess Schedule IV CS, Veh/Dwelling/Place CS. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 09-25-20

09-11 Austin Taylor Stewart, 20, Clinton. Possess Meth. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 09-25-20

09-11 Edward Neil Corbett, 41, Clinton. Possess Schedule II, Possess Marijuana, Possess Schedule IV, Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$300000. Trial Date 09-25-20

09-11 Dustin Ray Millen, 32, Clinton. Possess Methamphetamine, Possess Percocet. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 09-25-20

09-12 Mildred Michelle Suggs, 38, Clinton. DWLR Aft Impaired Rev Notice. Bond \$500. Trial Date 10-01-20

09-12 Natasha Yvette Smith, 42, Turkey. Obtaining Property by False Pretense. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 09-18-20

09-12 Martize Alexander Blue, 46, Newton Grove. Possess Heroin, Simple Possession of Schedule VI CS, Littering > 15lbs, Failure to Heed Blue Lights and Sirens. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 09-25-20

09-12 Stephanie Ann Jackson, 39, Dunn. Attempted Larceny. Bond \$500. Trial Date 10-15-20

09-12 Adrian Rodriguez, 32, Clinton. Probation Violation. Trial Date 10-05-20

09-12 Erica Sheranda Satchell, 33, Salemburg. Speeding 74/55, DWLR. Trial Date 10-19-20

09-12 Sergio David Tabora, 34, Benson. Failure to Appear. Bond \$100. Trial Date 11-12-20

09-12 Mike Earl Ware, 38, Fayetteville. Speeding, Threatening Phone Calls. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 10-19-20

09-12 Jonathan Breedlove, 45, Miami. (OFA) Speeding, (OFA) DWLR Not Impaired Rev. Bond \$500. Trial Date 10-14-20

09-12 Hector M Perez-Miguel, 33, Newton Grove. Assault on a Female. Trial Date 11-17-20

09-13 Alex Edgardo Pineda, 38, Clinton. Driving Under the Influence. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 10-15-20

09-13 Teresia Newkirk Cobb, 47, Roseboro. Discharge Weapon Occupied Property. Bond \$4500. Trial Date 09-18-20

09-13 Roberto Hernandez Sabas, 23, Warsaw. Order for Arrest/FTA. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 09-29-20

09-13 Bryan Alexander Goodman, 28, Roseboro. Fail to Comply. Bond \$500. Trial Date 09-22-20

09-13 Donald Ashmore Fries, 60, Newton Grove. Failure to Appear- Criminal Summons or Citation, Assault on a Female. Trial Date 10-01-20

09-13 Lacy Flanagan, 24, Raeford. Resisting Officer. Bond \$1200. Trial Date 10-13-20

09-13 Daniel Webster Thompson, 29, Fayetteville. Warrant Service for Other Agency. Trial Date 09-28-20

09-13 Edgar Yair Velasco Ramirez, 26, Clinton. Shoplifting. Trial Date 10-29-20

09-13 Johnesa Rennete Shipp, 22, Clinton. Simple Possession Schedule VI CS. Trial Date 12-14-20

09-14 Ignacio Murillo Sanchez, 37, Dublin. Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, No Operators License- Failure to Appear. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 11-10-20

09-14 Omarion Malik-Omar Allen, 18, Roseboro. Communicating Threats. Trial Date 11-09-20

09-14 Bradley Preston Dubois, 19, Goldsboro. Communicating Threats, Damage to Property, Assault on a Female, First Degree Trespass Enter/Remain.

Bond \$1000. Trial Date 10-15-20

09-14 Ryan McCray Walker, 38, Winston Salem. OFA- FTA Assault Govt Official/Employee, OFA- FTS Resisting Public Officer, OFA- FTA License Plate Frame/Cover Violation. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 10-21-20

09-15 Terry Lynn Smith, 46, Clinton. Possess Meth, Misdemeanor Larceny. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 10-02-20

09-15 Darrell Wayne Royal Jr, 32, Salemburg. Trespass. Bond \$500. Trial Date 10-01-20

09-15 Tamika Maria Pickett, 30, Rose Hill. (WFA) Second Degree Trespass. Trial Date 11-10-20

09-15 Georgia Beatty, 67, Willard. (WFA) Second Degree Trespass. Trial Date 11-10-20

09-15 James Williams, 76, Clinton. Second Degree Trespass. Trial Date 10-12-20

09-16 Jontal Enrique Crutchfield, 43, Raleigh. Domestic Simple Assault. Trial Date 10-08-20

09-16 Jonathan Tyree Lane, 27, Clinton. Assault on a Female, Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Breaking & Entering, Simple Assault. Trial Date 10-12-20

09-16 Jason Sylvester Scrivner, 20, Clinton. Possession of Firearm by Felon, PWIMSD Schedule II, PWIMSD Marijuana, Resisting Public Officer, Damage to Property. Trial Date 09-18-20

09-16 Devrane Christopher Boykin, 20, Clinton. Possession of Firearm by Felon, PWIMSD Schedule II, PWIMSD Schedule Marijuana, Possess Marijuana, Resisting Public Officer, Damage to Property. Trial Date 09-18-20

09-16 Jamarian Hyleem Smith, 21, Clinton. PWIMSD Schedule II, PWIMSD Marijuana, Resisting Public Officer, Possess Marijuana, Damage to Property. Trial Date 09-18-20

09-17 Stephanie Emmanuel Philippe, 22, Clinton. Simple Assault. Trial Date 11-10-20

09-17 Woodrow Wilson, 48, Clinton. Driving While License Revoked. Bond \$500. Trial Date 10-20-20

INCIDENT REPORTS

09-08 Veronica Padilla of Clinton reported a Theft From Motor Vehicle.

09-09 Mary Hall of Clinton reported a Theft From Motor Vehicle.

09-09 Parker-Stockstill Construction Inc reported All Other Larceny.

09-09 James Herring of Roseboro reported Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories.

09-09 Big Blue of Clinton reported Larceny of clothing, \$200, tools \$750.

09-10 Big Blue of Clinton reported Shoplifting- clothing \$90, tools \$100.

09-11 Michael Ashley of Clinton reported Theft from Motor Vehicle.

09-10 Augustine Farm Inc of Autryville reported a Motor Vehicle Theft.

09-10 Zachary Honeycutt of Clinton reported a Breaking & Entering, Damage to Property.

09-10 Nery Hernandez of Clinton reported a Motor Vehicle Theft automobile \$4000.

09-10 Dwayne Oreshack of Clinton reported A Burglary/Breaking & Entering, Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property.

09-11 C Allen Farms LLC of Harrells reported a Motor Vehicle Theft.

09-11 Natalie Salinski of Clinton reported a Larceny.

09-11 Walmart of Clinton reported Shoplifting- merchandise \$52.28.

09-12 Walmart of Clinton reported Shoplifting- merchandise \$100.

09-13 Walmart of Clinton reported Shoplifting- merchandise \$45.33.

09-13 Shelia Hobbs of Clinton reported Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property.

09-13 Roseville Baptist Church reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering.

09-14 PNC Bank reported Wire Fraud \$55000.

09-14 Maurice Blanks of Clinton reported a Motor Vehicle Theft.

09-14 Dustin Myers of Clinton reported All Other Larceny- clothing \$100, money \$160, Phone \$100.

09-14 George Faison of Clinton reported All Other Larceny.

09-14 Farion Ivey of Clinton reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering, Destruction/ Damage Vandalism of Property.

09-14 Jade Williams of Clinton reported Larceny of a Firearm handgun \$300, Handgun \$220, Handgun safe \$250.

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

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION SAMPSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

A general election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 in Sampson to vote in the following contests: US President, US Senate, US House of Representatives, NC Governor, NC Lieutenant Governor, NC Attorney General, NC Auditor, NC Commissioner of Agriculture, NC Commissioner of Insurance, NC Commissioner of Labor, NC Secretary of State, NC Superintendent of Public Instruction, NC Treasurer, NC Supreme Court Chief Justice Seat 01, NC Supreme Court Associate Justice Seat 02, NC Supreme Court Associate Justice Seat 04, NC Court of Appeals Judge Seat 05, NC Court of Appeals Judge Seat 06, , NC Court of Appeals Judge Seat 07, NC Court of Appeals Judge Seat 13, NC State Senate District 10, NC House of Representatives District 04 Seat 03, NC State Senate District 10, NC House of Representatives District 022, NC District Court of Judge District 04 Seat 03, NC House of Representatives District 022, NC District Court of Judge District 04 Seat 04, NC House of Representatives District 022, NC District Court of Judge District 04 Seat 05, NC House of Representatives District 022, NC District Court of Judge District 04 Seat 06, NC House of Representatives District 022, NC District Court of Judge District 04 Seat 07, NC House of Representatives District 022, NC District Court of Judge District 04 Seat 08, Sampson County Board of Commissioners District 02, Sampson County Register of Deeds, Sampson County Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor.

Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the day of the election, Tuesday, November 3rd. One-stop early voting will be held at the Old Badcock Furniture Building (317 Northeast BLVD, Clinton, NC), NC Justice Academy (200 W. College St, Salemburg, NC), Harrells Fire Dept Training Center (915 Ward Rd, Harrells, NC), Newton Grove Fire Station (313 W. Weeksdale St, Newton Grove, NC), Plainview Fire Station (5041 Plainview HWY, Dunn, NC). One-stop early voting will be open from Thursday, October 15th until 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31st. Monday-Friday 8AM-7:30PM, Saturday 8AM-3PM, and Sunday 1PM-4PM. Canvass will be held in the Sampson Board of Elections office at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 13th.

Absentee voting by mail is available. Requests for an absentee ballot must be made on an absentee request form (available on the State Board of Elections website, at the county board of elections office and where one-stop early voting is offered), and must be received in the Sampson Board of Elections office by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27th . Absentee voting requires the voter to complete an application on the return envelope that must be witnessed by one qualified person or a notary public. Completed absentee ballots must be returned to the Sampson Board of Elections by 5:00 p.m. on Election Day (ballots received by mail after this time will be considered timely if they are received within three business days and postmarked on or before Election Day). Voters may receive assistance voting a mail-in absentee ballot from a qualified person of their choice. If the voter lives in a facility such as a nursing home, and the voter's near relative or legal guardian is not available, the voter or the facility may arrange to have the county board of elections schedule a visit by a Multipartisan Assistance Team to provide assistance and serve as witnesses.

All persons who are registered to vote with the Sampson Board of Elections may vote in this election. Persons who are not already registered to vote in the county must register by Friday, October 9th to be eligible to vote in this election. Voters who are not registered in the county by that deadline may register and vote during one stop early voting only, and will be required to provide documentation of their identity and residence. Voters who wish to change party affiliation or who have changed name or address must do so by the registration deadline. Voters who fail to timely make a change in name or address in the county must update the information when presenting to vote, and may be required to vote a provisional ballot.

Voters voting in person are entitled to assistance by an election official, or, if assistance is needed due to disability or illiteracy, by a qualified person of their choice. Voting sites are accessible to all voters. Curbside voting is available for voters who are not able to enter voting sites.

In accordance with July 17, 2020 Emergency Order issued by the North Carolina State Board of Elections, some locations have been changed to ensure sufficient space for social distancing and other measures, identify larger facilities for use as polling places.

Persons with questions about registration, polling places, early voting, absentee ballots, a Multipartisan Assistance Team visit to a facility, or other election matters may call the Sampson Board of Elections Office at 910-592-5796.

Horace Bass, Chairman
Sampson Board of Elections

OBITUARIES



GARLAND
Mr. Isidro "Shortie" Roman Barrera, 38 of Tyndall lane, Garland died Monday September 07, 2020 at Sampson Regional Medical Center, Clinton. Mr. Barrera was born January 29, 1982 in Acapulco, Guerrero, Mexico. Mr. Isidro leaves to cherish his memory: his father; Asencion Roman, his mother; Lucia Barrera, his uncle; Max Barrera, his daughter; Galilea Sanchez and many friends. Mr. Isidro proudly worked for Garland Farm Supply for 12 years, in those years he made a good friend; Alfred Smith, who worked a longside of him. He enjoyed fishing, helping others, and helping at Doña Mary Restaurant. A public viewing was held on Friday, September 18, 2020 from 4:00 - 8:00 PM at Carter Funeral Home in Garland. A graveside service was held at 11 AM Saturday, September 19, 2020 at Garland Cemetery. Always remembered Shortie.

CLINTON



Wanda Joyce Brewer Bass, 88, of 6141 Keener Road, passed away Sunday, September 13, 2020 at Wayne Memorial Hospital. A graveside service was held at 3 PM, Wednesday, Sept. 16, at Keener United Methodist Church Cemetery with Rev. Leanne Calhoun officiating. The family received friends following the service.

Joyce, born in 1932, was the daughter of the late Lloyd Lafayette Brewer and Canniebell Thornton Brewer. She was a homemaker and a member of Keener United Methodist Church. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Marion Glynn Bass, son, Gary Wayne Bass, and siblings, Bradford Brewer, Ernest Brewer, Ledell Brewer, Jack Brewer, Billy Brewer, Thurman Brewer, Mattie Brewer, Lorraine Brewer, Judy Brewer and Faye Thornton. Survivors include; son, Richard Glenn Bass (Kathy); daughter, Shelia Steed (Anthony); daughter-in-law, Denise Bass; grandchildren, Emily Mason, Michael Bass, Carrie Lane, Kevin Bass, Ashley Szulak, and Morgan Steed; seven great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com. Memorials may be made to Keener United Methodist Church, c/o Ann Hobbs, 4570 Hobbton Hwy, Clinton, NC 28328.

GREENSBORO

Miss Ercelle Colwell, 83 of 3823 Lawndale Drive, Greensboro, NC (formerly of Clinton, NC) passed on Saturday, September 12, 2020 at the Emeritus of Greensboro Center, Greensboro, NC. The funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.



CLINTON

Victor Michael Dipierro 74 passed on Saturday, September 12, 2020 at his home. A graveside service was held at 11:00 am on Thursday, September 17, 2020 at Clinton City Cemetery. The family received friends at the cemetery following the service. Victor M. DiPierro did it his way through life. Every person he met he helped them out if they needed it. He always had a smile for everyone. He had his ups and downs, but he did things his way. He lived a full life. He loved, he lost, he laughed, he had his fair share of blows, but he did it his way; even in his death...he did it his way. Victor is preceded in death by his wife: Brenda DiPierro along with parents: Michael and Mildred DiPierro. Victor DiPierro leaves to cherish his memories, children: Lisa Guy and husband Wayne Guy, Lori Parker and husband Mark Parker, Michael DiPierro, Susan Beach, and sister: Diana Augustine and husband Joe Augustine, a granddaughter: Caliegh Parker. Victor also leaves behind Sadie, his beloved pet.



CLINTON

Hattie Lee Richardson Frazier was born October 22, 1960 in Bunnell, Florida. She was the daughter of the late Ruby Inez Gilyard Ward and Ben Thomas of Homerville, Georgia. Hattie was preceded in death by her late husband; George Frazier (Willard, NC), both parents, and two brothers; Farnell "Teddy" Williams (Bunnell, FL) and Willie (Betty) Thomas (Darien, GA). Hattie spent a small part of her early childhood living in Eau Gallie, Florida with her family. She was adopted by the late Ora Lee Richardson and Johnelle Richardson who later raised her in Colombia, Tennessee, and moved to Clinton, NC in the late 1970's. Hattie attended her senior year at Clinton High School where she met and later married James Raynor Jr, and had two children: Crystal and Delrick. Hattie enjoyed being a member of her girl's scout troop as a child and going on camping trips. She loved the outdoors and going to the beach with her family and friends. She loved taking road trips with her children, sitting outside to enjoy nature and spending time with her grandchildren, who she loved greatly. Hattie began working for the Department of Social Services in 1982 and after 30 years of service, she decided to retire in 2012. Many years ago, Hattie dedicated her life to Christ and served as a dedicated member at Beaver Dam Missionary Baptist Church of Clinton, NC. She was a member of the adult choir until her health declined and she was an active member on the Pastor's Aide Committee. While at home on Monday September 13, 2020, Sister Hattie's name was called by her Heavenly Father. She will leave behind in her memory a daughter Crystal Raynor; a son Delrick (Lissza) Raynor both from Clinton, NC; 6 sisters: Ruby Gilyard and Kimberly Ward both of Crawfordville, FL, Angela (Frank) Mosley of Tallahassee, FL, Lynda Thomas and Cynthia Thomas both from Darien, Georgia and 2 brothers: Danny Ward of West Palm Beach FL and Joe Thomas of Darien, GA; 4 grandchildren: Ja'darian Raynor, Tae'Khouri Raynor, La'Dai Raynor and Josiah Sloan Raynor. She also leaves behind to cherish her memory, her fur-baby "Ginger" along with a host of nieces and nephews. Graveside Service will be held Saturday, September 19, 2020 at Noon at Beaver Dam MBC Cemetery in Clinton, NC. Public visitation will be from 10 am until 11:30 am on the same day as service. Masks are required. Service will be live streamed through Butler & Son Funeral Home Facebook Page. Butler & Son Funeral Services Clinton, NC.



CLINTON

James E. Goodman, 72, of 38 Church Road, passed away Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill. A funeral service was held at 4 PM, Sunday, September 13, 2020 at Holy Grove Holiness Church with Rev. Dr. Randy Simmons and Rev. Darrell Little officiating. Interment followed at Grandview Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 3 PM - 4 PM, Sunday, at the church just before the funeral. James, born in 1948 in Durham County, was the son of the late Ruth Ammons and Marvin and Annie Goodman. He was a retired employee with the City of Clinton and a preacher at Holden Beach. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his first wife, Geraldine Mitchell Goodman Survivors include; wife Linda Jones Goodman; children, Jerri Perry, Jamie Goodman, and Joseph Goodman; step-children, April Renee Jones, Tressa Lynn Tyner and Dana Victoria Jones; sisters, Linda Jarman and Marchell



Carter; brothers, Jackie Ammons and Sherman Goodman; and a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com.

TURKEY

Mrs. Margaret F. Jackson, 88, of 7940 Old Warsaw Road, answered the Master's call Monday, Sept. 14, 2020, at PruittHealth Carolina Point, Durham, NC. She is the daughter of the late Neimiah and Willie Ann Morrissey Faison and was born in Sampson County on Sept. 16, 1931. Her love and legacy will be cherished by her children, Katie Brunson of Turkey, Celeburn Morrissey and Mary Ann Morrissey of Warsaw, Carolyn Powell of Clinton; Larry Morrissey of Fayetteville, Jeffrey Morrissey of Turkey, and Osie Wilson of Warsaw; six stepchildren, Willie Morrissey of El Paso, Texas, Shelia Nwaebiem and Gregory Morrissey of Raleigh, Pamela McMillon, Deborah Peterson, and Timothy Morrissey of Wallace; five sisters, Othel Jackson, Charlotte Hines, Minnie Pearl Thompson of Turkey, Scottie Hendricks of Clinton, and Mary Ellen Wesley of Atlanta; one brother, Matthew Boone of Clinton; 48 grandchildren; and a host of great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. The family will receive friends at the home of her daughter, Osie Wilson, 112 L-K MHP #3 Yancey St., Warsaw. The viewing will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at Garris Funeral Home, 812 S. Center St., Mt. Olive. Graveside Service, 1 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, at Morrissey Cemetery, Old Warsaw Road, Turkey.



GARLAND

Mr. Bascom Josh "B.J." Johnson, 84 of Garland, passed away on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at UNC Rex Hospital. The funeral service was held at 3:00pm on Sunday, September 13, 2020 at Parkersburg Baptist Church, 204 Reeves Road, Garland, with Reverend Michael Salisbury and Reverend Donnie Myers officiating. Burial followed at Parkersburg Cemetery. Born October 22, 1935, B.J.



was the son of Bascom Josh and Mollie Hudson Johnson. He was the president of Parkersburg Bear Hunting Club and was a farmer. He is survived by his son, Bobby Stone of Monroe; one sister, Mildred Johnson Lewis of Fayetteville; his companion, Mary Johnson of Harrells; two nieces and two nephews. The family received friends from 2:00-2:50 pm on Sunday prior to the service. Memorials may be made to Parkersburg Baptist Church, 190 Reeves Road, Garland, NC 28441. Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro is serving the family.

WILLARD

Mrs. Mildred Rivenbark Mathews, 86, passed away at her home on Saturday, September 12, 2020. A Graveside Service was held Monday, September 14 at 2:00 pm at Wells Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Barry Wells officiating. Born on August 16, 1934 in Pender County, Mildred was the daughter of the late William Rivenbark and Daisy Piner Rivenbark and widow to Henry Lee Mathews. She was a devoted member of Wells Chapel Baptist Church and anytime the doors were open, and she was able, you could count on seeing her. She was a fantastic cook and known best for her chocolate layer cakes and fried chicken. Every morning for breakfast, she would eat a raisin creme pie and drink a Pepsi. She was a "greeter" at Walmart in Wallace and she genuinely loved her job, as making others smile put a smile on her face, as well. She was a caregiver to many - whether it be to her neighbors, friends or loved ones. Mildred was a humble, quiet woman with a heart of gold and loved by all who knew her. She loved being surrounded by her family, especially her great-grandchildren - they were her joy in this world, and she was theirs. She will be greatly missed. She is survived by her daughter, Loretta M. Powell and husband, Jimmy of Willard; grandson, Jeremy Powell and wife, Kristen; granddaughter, Ashley Rezk and husband, Mostafa; grandson, Henry "Lee" Matthews, III and wife, Victoria; and five great-grandchildren: Kaylee and Hunter Powell, Ashdan and Landan Stone, and Lily Grace Mathews. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her son, Henry "H.L." Matthews, Jr.; her brothers: Clayton and Johnny Rivenbark and her sister, Annie Jane Flynn. The family received friends one hour prior to the service, beginning at 1pm, in the sanctuary of Wells Chapel Baptist Church; and other times at her daughter, Loretta's home in Willard. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made Wells Chapel Baptist Church, 2070 Wallace Hwy, Wallace, NC 28466. Royal-Hall Funeral Home is honored to serve the Mathews family.



HARRELLS

Mr. Charles Bryan Maynard, 72, of 460 Belvin Maynard Rd., passed away at his home on Thursday morning, September 17, 2020 with his family by his side. A Graveside service will be held Saturday, September 19th at 10:00 am at the Maynard Family Cemetery with Rev. Tim Register officiating. Visitation with family and friends will be held immediately following the service.



Born on November 29, 1947 in Sampson County, Charles was the son of the late Junius Houston Bryan Maynard and Alma Louise Turlington Maynard. He was born in this world in the same bedroom where he passed away; his homeplace, of which he was proud of. He was a member of Siloam Baptist Church and a retired Human Resources officer with S&W Ready Mix and known around town as the "Candy Man". He was a hardworking man and had a heart of gold. He enjoyed working with his hands, especially carpentry work. He was loved by his friends and family and will be greatly missed, especially by his grandchildren, who were his world. Charles is survived by his wife of fifty-one years, Gloria Shipp Maynard of the home; three daughters: Caren Long and husband, Robert of Harrells, Casey Maynard of Harrells and Charly Maynard of Ramseur; five grandchildren: Catie Spell (Chris), Eva Long, Roxie Long, Kali Edgar and Charles Edgar; two great-grandchildren: Maddie & Maddox Spell; and three sisters: Pat Prather of Raleigh; Gail Wells of Wilmington and Dorothy Carawan of Rose Hill. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Judy Arnett. Flowers are welcome, or memorials may be made to www.pancan.org or by mail to: PanCan, 1500 Rosecrans Avenue, Suite 200, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266. Condolences may be sent by visiting www.royalhallfuneralhome.com. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Maynard family.

NEWTON GROVE

Ms. Frances E. Merritt, age 82 of Newton Grove, passed away Thursday, September 10, 2020 at her residence with her family by her side. Her funeral service was held Sunday, September 13, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. in the chapel of Hopewell United Methodist Church. Officiating was Rev. Gregg Presnal. She will be laid to rest in the Merritt Family Cemetery, Newton Grove. She is preceded in death by her parents: James Hardy and Hermie Elouise Harris, husband; William Harold Merritt, sister; Joyce McLamb and brothers; James Robert Harris and Jackie Harris. In light of the recent restrictions due to CoVid -19, the family understands if you are not able to join them for the funeral services. If you attend, please consider wearing a mask and observing social distancing. Your thoughts and prayers are appreciated. Online condolences may be made at www.westanddunn.com.



www.westanddunn.com. Services have been entrusted to West & Dunn Funeral Home, Newton Grove, North Carolina.

SALEMBURG

Mr. Ronald David Naylor, 52 of Salemburg passed away on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at his home. The funeral service was held at 3:00 pm Sunday, Sept. 13 at Corinth Baptist Church, 991 Corinth Church Rd, Salemburg, with Rev. W. A. Creech officiating. Burial followed in the Harnett Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery, 172 Harnett Church Rd, Roseboro. Due to COVID-19 restrictions the family request that masks are worn. Mr. Naylor was a native of Sampson County, the son of Ronald Tate Naylor and Linda Matthews. He was preceded in death by his father and grandparents Bertice and Iona Matthews, and Rhotate and Euva Naylor. He was a salesman with Q C Supply Company and was a farmer. He is survived by his wife, Angela Young Naylor of the home; two daughters, Samantha Naylor and Hanna Naylor both of the home; son, Tate Ray Naylor of the home; his mother and step father, Linda and Kenneth O. Matthews, Sr. of Salemburg; a step-brother, Kenneth Matthews, Jr. (Denise) of Salemburg. The family will receive friends from 5-7 pm Saturday, Sept. 12 at Butler Funeral Home in Roseboro and at other times at the home. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.



CLINTON

Mr. Ross Elliott Peterson, 43, of 366 Fork Lake Drive, passed away at his home Thursday, September 10, 2020. Funeral Services was held on Sunday, September 13, 2020 at 4:00 pm at Clinton Community Church with Rev. Dwight Dunning officiating. Burial followed in the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church Cemetery. Born on March 24, 1977 in Sampson County, Ross was the son of Belva Nunnery Peterson and the late Ivey Elliott Peterson. He graduated in 1995 from Union High School. Ross has always loved farming, and most recently has been a chicken farmer for Sanderson Farms. He enjoyed hanging out with his brother and friends, and he loved to go fishing. More than anything, he loved spending time with his family, wife, and two children, who he adored. They were his world, and he was theirs. He is survived by his wife of twelve years, Betsy Henry Peterson; daughter, Ava Rose Peterson; son, Landon Drake Peterson; his Mother, Belva N. Peterson of Clinton; brother, Chad Peterson and wife, Nicole of Clinton; niece, Ivey Kate Peterson and nephew, McCray Peterson. Visitation for family and friends was held prior to the service at the church, beginning at 3pm; and other times at his home. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Peterson family.



CLINTON

Melba Dean Tyndall, 88, of 1476 Share Cake Road, passed away Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at Kitty Askins Hospice Center. A private graveside service will be held at the King Family Cemetery with Rev. Jerry Parsons and Rev. C. H. Lee officiating. The family will receive friends at the home and have asked that visitors wear masks and practice social distancing. A public viewing will be held from 9 AM - 2 PM, Saturday, September 19th at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home without the family present. Melba, born in 1932 in Sampson County, was the daughter of the late James Robert King and Bertie Flora Thornton. She was a homemaker, farmer and a member of Mary's Chapel Baptist Church. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her sister, Mildred King. Survivors include: husband of 68 years, Ernie Astern Tyndall, Jr.; daughter, Evette Bloomquist and husband David; grandchildren, Melissa Coutts (Jon) and Kimberly Neely (John); and great-grandchild, Kaitlyn Neely. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Mary's Chapel Baptist Church, c/o Patty Bland, 1616 Share Cake Road, Clinton, NC 28328.



CLINTON

Mrs. Margaret Rose Dickinson DeJong, passed away on September 9, 2020, surrounded by her loving family. A Graveside Service was held Sunday, September 13th at 11:00 am at the Clinton City Cemetery with Rev. Cameron Dunn officiating. Visitation followed the service at the cemetery. Born in Beaufort, NC Rose was the daughter of the late James (Dick) Dickinson and Annie Lou Gore Dickinson. She was a graduate of Methodist University in Fayetteville, NC and was a dedicated educator in North Carolina and Florida. She taught for over thirty years, impacting many students' lives along the way. Throughout her life she loved to read, pamper her dogs and most of all, spend as much time as she could with her family, whom she adored. She was a devoted mother and very proud of her children. Her siblings were her best friends and she experienced so many fun times with all of her family especially her nieces, nephews and great-nephews over the years. There was never a dull moment when Rose was in the room. She was a bright and shining presence wherever she was and will be remembered by those who loved her dearly. Rose leaves behind to cherish her memory - her loving husband of forty-five years, Gabriel DeJong, II "Gabe" of the home; Son, Gabriel DeJong, III of Utah; Daughter, Angel DeJong of Illinois; Sister, Peggy Dickinson Ballington of Fayetteville; Brothers: James (Sonny) F. Dickinson of Clinton; and Wayne Dickinson and wife, Sue of Fayetteville; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and great-nephews, whom she adored. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her maternal grandparents: Addie and Mary Gore and paternal grandparents: James and Bertice Dickinson; her sister-in-law, Geraldine Dickinson and brother-in-law, Lewis C. Ballington. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the DeJong and Dickinson families.

CLINTON

Ernest Marion Odum, 84, of 4740 Roseboro Road, passed away Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at his home. Visitation: 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM, Saturday, September 19, 2020 at White Oak Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Graveside Service: 1 PM, Saturday, September 19, 2020 at White Oak Baptist Church Cemetery. Complete obituary will be posted as it becomes available.

TURKEY

Mr. Erwin Gill Sloan, 99, went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Sunday, September 6, 2020 in his home surrounded by family. Mr. Sloan is survived by his wife of 72 years, Winnifred H. Sloan; his sons Robert (Bobby) and wife Darlene of Buena Vista, VA, Erwin (David) of Magnolia, Ricky and wife Cathy of Kenansville, Norman and fiancée, Maryann of Hampstead and Aaron and Rosemond of Turkey. 15 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren; brother, Reuben (Carnell) of Kinston and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Sloan, Sr. of Calypso, infant son, George F. Sloan; brothers, Melvin Sloan of Winston Salem, Keith Sloan, Jr. of Goldsboro, Daniel Sloan of Ocala, FL; sisters, Thelma Boetcher Boone of Virginia Beach, VA and Edna Davis of Calypso; grandson, Michael G. Sloan of Hampstead. Visitation and a memorial service was held on Friday, September 11, 2020 at Warsaw Methodist Church. Visitation was at 2:00 pm and memorial services followed. Reverend Vito Bisogno presided and grandson, Alan Sloan, delivered the eulogy. A service of National Cremation. All flowers would need to be delivered to the church or to the family.

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SPEED FREAKS

Want to rethink your Austin Dillon predictions from last week?
GODSPEAK: It sure looks like Dillon is heading to the next round. RCR may have found some pixie dust in the old No. 3 shop.
KEN'S CALL: Four top-10s in his last six starts, including great back-to-back runs to start the playoffs. Been a while since the No. 3 sniffed a Cup.
Can Ryan Blaney pull off a minor miracle at Bristol this week?
GODSPEAK: Funny thing about Blaney. He's had one of the consistently fastest cars this season. Now is the time to put a complete race together.
KEN'S CALL: His high-water mark is fourth place in 11 starts there. Probably not, but make it toward the front late, and crazier things have happened.

GODWIN'S PICKS FOR BRISTOL

WINNER: Kurt Busch
REST OF TOP 5: Clint Bowyer, Martin Truex Jr., Joey Logano, Austin Dillon
FIRST ONE OUT: John Hunter Nemechek
DARK HORSE: Ryan Blaney
DON'T BE SURPRISED IF: Kyle Busch doesn't want to talk after his big brother wins the race.

BY THE NUMBERS

- 2Winning drivers in Cup Series playoffs
- 9Series-leading wins by Stewart-Haas Racing
- 34Career wins by Brad Keselowski
- 62Playoff points accumulated by Kevin Harvick
- 109Ryan Blaney's points deficit to leader Kevin Harvick

DAYTONA MOTOR MOUTHS

Two guys who haven't necessarily "seen it all," but know people who have.



THROUGH THE GEARS



Brad Keselowski, driving the No. 2 Ford, leads the field to a green flag at Richmond. SEAN GARDNER/GETTY IMAGES

DiBenedetto, Blaney in must-win situations

Godwin Kelly Daytona Beach News-Journal
USA TODAY NETWORK

There were no unscheduled caution periods during the Richmond race, which led to Brad Keselowski's runaway victory over the three-quarter-mile short track that thinks it's a superspeedway.

Keselowski's dominating performance (yawn) showed him leading four times for 192 laps and made NASCAR Nation yearn for one, or two, of those infamous mystery cautions from back in the day.

"Kez" led the last 48 laps and was more than 1.5 seconds ahead of second-place Martin Truex Jr., who has piled up a load of top-three finishes. In his last 12 starts, Truex has nine of them.

When the checkered flag falls at Bristol, the 16-driver field will be winnowed to an even dozen.

Drivers, start your worry engines . . .

FIRST GEAR: Remember all that playoff tension and anxiety, joy and heartbreak going into and exiting the Coke Zero Sugar 400 at Daytona International Speedway?

Well, for drivers such as Matt DiBenedetto, just making the elite 16-car field will have to suffice this season.

DiBenedetto and Ryan Blaney are bringing up the rear of the playoff standings with little hope of advancing into Round 2.

To advance, each driver has one hope — an option much like hitting the lottery or a half-court jump shot in the dark. If either gets a win, they're in the next round.

"We have to win next weekend," Blaney said. "It is pretty plain and simple. It is our goal every week to win the race but now it is our season on the line. We will see if we can get it done."

SECOND GEAR: Meanwhile, the bubble has reformed and Clint Bowyer finds himself on the cut line. He is only three points ahead of William Byron and four points behind 11th-place Kurt Busch.

Only 23 points separate ninth-place Kyle Busch, who is the Cup Series defending champion, and 14th-place rookie Cole Custer.

There is a chance Kyle Busch does not advance to the next round, should he score a poor finish. He is one cut tire, loose lug nut or pit road speeding penalty away from losing his postseason position.

THIRD GEAR: The elephant in the room for Kyle Busch is the fact he has not won a race this season.

Apparently, the lack of practice time has thrown the two-time Cup Series champion for a loop. Not only that, but he has only three carryover playoff points.

His playoff points total helped him capture the 2019 title.

Busch's 15-year streak of winning at least one Cup Series race each season looks more and more in jeopardy.

"Anything is possible," Busch said in a recent interview. "It's all right there, but we've just got to be able to execute when it matters."

FOURTH GEAR: The three drivers advancing to Round 2 are Kevin Harvick, who won at Darlington, Keselowski and Denny Hamlin, who clinched on points after his 12th-place run at Richmond.

So the pressure is off that trio at least for one weekend.

"We will move on to the next round and go have some fun next week and see how we do," Hamlin said.

QUESTIONS & ATTITUDES

Who'd skip a doughnut?

A racer with a little forward-thinking smarts, that's who. Hey, it doesn't always happen, but Brad Keselowski wisely toned down the customary doughnuts and burnout following his Richmond win. Yeah, there were a couple of small, half-hearted doughnuts (crullers?) and a quick little burst of tire burn, but Kez shut down the celebration before it got out of hand and bee-lined to Victory Lane.

Sounds like a party-pooper.

Nope, a wise man. Kez's Richmond car will also be his Phoenix car at the season finale, where he hopes to be part of the four-man championship hunt. So why take a chance at dinging something in the No. 2 Ford's innards? Some little something could create a balance issue and the Boys at the Shop are now forced to get the car back 100% like it was, and they rarely do. Of course, by the time we get to Phoenix, Kez may be out of the championship picture, which means he'll be all dressed up with nowhere to go.

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CUP STANDINGS

1. Kevin Harvick 2143
2. Denny Hamlin 2122
3. Brad Keselowski 2112
4. Joey Logano 2109
5. Martin Truex Jr. 2096
6. Austin Dillon 2094
7. Chase Elliott 2086
8. Alex Bowman 2085
9. Kyle Busch 2076
10. Aric Almirola 2065
11. Kurt Busch 2065
12. Clint Bowyer 2061
13. William Byron 2058
14. Cole Custer 2053
15. Matt DiBenedetto 2036
16. Ryan Blaney 2034
17. Jimmie Johnson 700
18. Erik Jones 645
19. Tyler Reddick 619
20. Christopher Bell 511

WHAT'S ON TAP

(All times Eastern)

CUP SERIES: Bristol Night Race
SITE: Bristol Motor Speedway (.533-mile oval)
TV SCHEDULE: Saturday, race (NBC Sports Network, 7:30 p.m.)

XFINITY: Food City 300
SITE: Bristol Motor Speedway
TV SCHEDULE: Friday, race (NBC Sports Network, 7 p.m.)

GANDER RV & OUTDOORS TRUCK SERIES: UNOH 200
SITE: Bristol Motor Speedway
TV SCHEDULE: Thursday, race (Fox Sports 1, 7:30 p.m.)

KEN WILLIS' TOP 10 NASCAR DRIVER RANKINGS

1. KEVIN HARVICK
Playing with house money for a while

2. DENNY HAMLIN
Three of last four outside top 10

3. MARTIN TRUEX JR.
Last 10: Five 3rds, three 2nds

4. BRAD KESELOWSKI
Smart to skip the donuts in that car

5. JOEY LOGANO
Returned to good-not-great form

6. AUSTIN DILLON
Suddenly a playoff wildcard

7.CHASE ELLIOTT
Daddy only won once at Bristol

8. ALEX BOWMAN
Our new Mr. Top 10

9. WILLIAM BYRON
The B also stands for Bubble

10. KYLE BUSCH
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