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I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.
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Ammons Named Clinton City Schools Teacher of the Year

Cathy Ammons with Clinton City School Superintendent Dr. Stuart Blount

Clinton City Schools has officially announced their Teacher of the Year for the 2017-2018 school year. Mrs. Cathy Ammons, of Sampson Middle School, was named on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at the end of year ceremony.

Cathy Ammons has 27 years of teaching which included specializing in academically and intellectually gifted children. One of her contributions to Sampson Middle School students includes an annual school wide Spelling Bee, and creating an afterschool Spelling Bee Club. Her fascination with how people learn and respond emotionally has driven her curiosity and pursuit of education throughout the years.

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Harrells Volunteer Fire Dept 18th Annual Tractor Pull This Weekend

On Friday and Saturday, June 16th and 17th, the quiet little hamlet of Harrells in southern Sampson County is going to get a little loud. They plan on kicking up a lot of dust and dirt and drawing in a very large crowd. A fleet of what might be called "Muscle Tractors" will roll into town on that Friday and Saturday night, all for a great cause, the Harrells Volunteer Fire Department.

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Sampson Regional Seeking Registered Nurses with a Special Heart

Nursing Job Fair to be held at Sampson Regional Medical Center

Sampson Regional Medical Center is seeking Registered Nurses to fill a variety of open positions throughout the hospital's nursing units. The hospital will host a Nursing Job Fair on Saturday, June 24th, 7:00 am-7:00 pm where prospective employees will have an opportunity to apply and interview for positions on the spot. And, every attendee will be registered in a drawing for a free trip to the Bahamas!

The hospital is seeking nurses who can make the commitment to being the kind of nurse its patients deserve. This means following Nursing Standards, a pledge developed by the hospital's nursing staff that promises a culture of respect, motivation, teamwork, integrity, ownership, and accountability for safe and quality care. "We are seeking patient-centered, role model nurses," shared Allison Taylor, Chief Nursing Officer for Sampson Regional Medical Center.

Members of the nursing management team and Human Resources Department will be available at the career fair to meet with job seekers. Those attending are encouraged to have resumes and references on hand. In addition to beginning the application and interview process, applicants will enjoy refreshments and be registered to win a trip to the Bahamas.

Sampson Regional Medical Center offers competitive pay and benefits, including new increases to starting pay rates and medical insurance and retirement plan options that are effective immediately. The hospital additionally offers sign on bonuses, student loan repayment incentives, flexible scheduling for day and night positions, and growth opportunities. To learn more about this job fair or nursing opportunities at Sampson Regional Medical Center, visit www.SampsonRMC.org/NursingCareers or contact the Human Resources department to speak directly with a recruiter: hr@sampsonrmc.org or 910-590-8703.

About Sampson Regional Medical Center
Sampson Regional Medical Center (SampsonRMC) is a progressive healthcare facility located in Clinton, NC. SampsonRMC has served the medical needs of the people in Sampson County since 1950. The 146-bed facility offers a full range of medical services—from outpatient surgery, radiology, and nuclear medicine to cardiopulmonary and pediatrics. SampsonRMC provides comprehensive hospital and community-based services that preserve and restore health, provide comfort, and maintain dignity for all who seek care.

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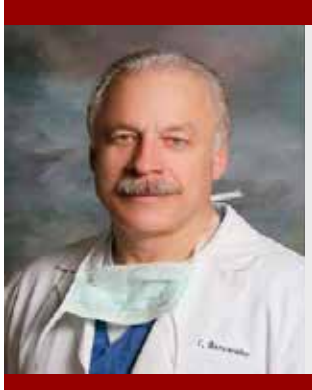

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From the Desk of Senator Brent Jackson

I hope you are having a great week so far. The House and Senate have been busy at work over the last week conferencing on the budget. The budget conference is when the two chambers meet to settle on the differences between their proposed budgets and draft a final budget. If you would like to view the most recent edition of the budget, please follow: Senate Bill 257.

NC Farm Act of 2017

I am pleased to report that the North Carolina Farm Act of 2017, Senate Bill 615, unanimously passed out of the Senate on Monday afternoon.

Above is a picture of me presenting the Farm Act on the Senate floor during session. Now, the bill will make its way through the House committee process. I look forward to having this bill passed and sent to the Governor.

2018 Ballot Constitutional Amendment

Senators Britt, Brock, and Sanderson filed Senate Bill 677 last week which would put an amendment to the North Carolina State Constitution on the November 2018 ballot. The amendment would safeguard North Carolina citizens' right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife. Our state's citizens will decide whether to adopt this constitutional amendment by casting their vote in the 2018 election in support or against this amendment. Hunting and fishing are vital parts to North Carolina's heritage and economy. In fact, last year alone North Carolina issued 1.87 million hunting and fishing licenses. Twenty-one states have already adopted this amendment to their State Constitutions, and this gives North Carolina voters the opportunity to decide whether they want to join them.

Question of the Week

For last week's Question of the Week, I asked your opinion on House Bill 21, Driver Instruction/Law Enforcement Stops. This bill would add a section to the driver's license handbook to describe law enforcement procedures during traffic stops and the actions a motorist should take during that stop. The responses I received thought this was good legislation. As always, thank you for your correspondence on House Bill 21.

For this week's Question of the Week, I would like to know your opinion on Senate Bill 104, Require Criminal BGC/Pharmacist Licensure. This bill would add a requirement of a criminal background check or record report for those applying to practice pharmacy. This background check will be added to the same application and qualifications the individual had to complete before SB 104 would be adopted. Also, the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy will keep all information obtained in accordance with applicable state law and federal guidelines, and confidential. What do you think about Senate Bill 104 and background checks being required for those wanting to practice pharmacy? I look forward to hearing everyone's responses.

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

Second Year Anniversary "Poetry with a Twist"

The second year anniversary of Spoken Word's "Poetry With a Twist" is scheduled for Saturday, June 24th, at 7pm at the Ribeyes Steak House in Clinton. The event offers as a way for local residents in the community to come together and express themselves through emotions and words over a microphone. There will be twelve Participants, with each paying a $25 dollar entry fee, competing for a winner take all poetry slam prize of $300. Poets will be judged by an original three minute poem. Judges will be randomly selected from the audience, and will score the poem on a scale from 0 to 10. Also, an open microphone will be offered during which attendees may read poetry, sing, or participate in any other way they would like to express themselves. Admission is free; however attendees are encouraged to donate $5, which goes toward the funding for the event. If you would like more information about the event, please call Valawaugn McCain at 910-214-0648.

In Closing

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your representative in the North Carolina Senate. I read every email that comes to my legislative account and I encourage you to reach out to me with your thoughts and concerns. If you would like to stay informed of my actions in the legislature, I encourage you to friend me on Facebook and/or follow me on Twitter.

Straight A's at SCC

Once again, Sampson Community College's Cosmetology program received an A-grade after an inspection last week by the North Carolina Board of Cosmetic Art Examiners. The auditor noted the college's record and file-keeping as remarkable and noted the cleanliness of the department. Photos of some items were taken during inspection as an example for other colleges to use. Loreta Jones, Department Chair of Cosmetology and Pharris Shirley, cosmetology instructor have consistently helped get the program A-rate inspections for SCC. For information about SCC's cosmetology program, call 910-592-8081.

Flag Day Celebrated By Daughters of the American Revolution

The Richard Clinton Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution passed out American Flags on Flag Day. Pictured left to right are Joan Carr, Regent of the Chapter, and Donna Zeznock, Associate Member. The Daughters are decedents of the Patriots who were in the American Revolutionary War.

DAR National Recognition for Women in the Arts

The Daughters of the American Revolution is proud to announce that local artist Paula Fitzpatrick has received national recognition for her contributions to the arts. Pictured are Til Herring, Chairman of the American Heritage Committee for the Richard Clinton Chapter, presenting a National Recognition Certificate and pin to Mrs. Fitzpatrick for Women in the Arts, at the DAR May meeting. This certificate is signed by the National Chairman of the American Heritage Committee NSDAR, Diane Oliver and the State Regent NCSDAR, Elizabeth Graham. Mrs. Fitzpatrick is well known in N.C. as well at other states for her Artistic expertise. We are very proud to be able to give this certificate to her, she has done so much for our community in the arts. The DAR is a national service organization with objectives in the Historic, Patriotic and Educational goals. The members are descendants of Patriots in the American Revolutionary War and have Chapters all over world.

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According to Mr. Greg Dirks,Principal of Sampson Middle School, "Ammons exemplifies what it means to be a part of our SMS family. She prepares her students for life's experiences that they will face in the future. We are thrilled for her to be chosen as the Jack and Kitty Morisey Clinton City Schools Teacher of the Year".

Ammons shares, "My accomplishments in education have been twofold: mentoring beginning teachers into accomplished educators and inspiring students to surpass their academic potential. Whether mentoring or teaching, I have always been rewarded".

According to Dr. Stuart Blount, Superintendent, "Mrs. Cathy Ammons is an amazing teacher. She is well respected by her Sampson Middle School colleagues, her students and their parents. Mrs. Ammons is a true leader within her classroom, school, and our community. She is a selfless servant to public education and we are proud to have her represent Clinton City Schools as the district Teacher of the Year for 2017-2018."

Cathy Ammons along with friends and family on Tuesday as she waas named the Jack and Kitty Morisey Clinton City Schools Teacher of the Year

HARRELLS, cont. from 1

Some of these trucks and tractors will come from states as far away as Florida and Maryland. Pull organizerFire Chief George McGill expects thatover 3,500 people from up to 100 miles away will converge on Harrells over the two days to join in on the excitement and fun found at the Harrells 300 Truck and Tractor Pull. Starting over 18 years ago, the Tractor Pull in Harrells is organized by the Harrells Fire Department and is sanctioned by the United Pullers of the Carolinas and the National Tractor Pullers Association. All proceeds this year will go to purchase new fire equipment for the fire department which has over 50 volunteer firefighters.

Chief McGill also responded, "The event has always brought great entertainment for people in the general area. The revenue goes to help not only Harrells but also Sampson County as a whole.The pullers will stay in motels, buy gas, eat, and spend money while in the county bringing in much needed revenue and sales tax dollars."

All the noise adds up to a great deal of fun and excitement for the whole family. Little ones will cover their ears, eat funnel cake, and scream as they watch their favorite truck or tractor screech down the dirt track, spinning wheels and throwing dirt high in the air.

The tractors have come a long way over the years. What started out with a few farmers and perhaps a little too much boasting in Missouri way back in 1929, has turned into a highly entertaining, highly competitive circuit sport governed by a sanctioning body that ensures fair competition for the contestants and safe entertainment for the spectators.

The first organized pull in North Carolina was in 1972. The North Carolina Tractor Pullers Association and the East Coast Tractor Pullers Associationmerged in the 1990's to form the United Pullers of the Carolinas. Today, the United Pullers of the Carolinas sanction pulls in North and South Carolina, Virginia, and Eastern Tennessee.

Today's multi-engine tractors can reach wheel speeds of 175 miles per hour while pulling 68,000 pounds down a 300 foot track. That is alot of horsepower, a lot of noise, a whole lot of excitement and good ol' wholesome fun. There are 7 different classes this year; Super Stocks, 4 X 4 Trucks, Mini Modified Tractors, Light 4 X 4 Trucks, Super Farm Tractors, 2 WD Trucks, and Modified Tractors. This year's pull is expected to have over 40 pullers or as they are often called "hooks" with ages ranging from 18-65 years old. On Friday night anyone with a stock 4 X 4 truck can enter (not modified in any way) the Stock 4X4 Pull. According to McGill, "We will accept the first 10 entrees (there is an entry fee required) and the winner of the event will receive a trophy."

Harrells' Fire Chief George McGill is hoping for a big turnout this year. The money raised will help him and the other firemen protect the 1,000 homes and farms in southern Sampson County served by theHarrells Fire Department since 1957.

Of course you can't get too much barbeque, and with Sampson County offering up some of the best barbecue around, you'll want to wait until you get to the Harrells Fire Department track near the intersection of U.S. 421 and N.C. 41 to eat. Barbeque sandwiches, hotdogs, ice cream and funnel cakes and other snacks will be available along with your favorite soft drinks. Harrells Tractor Pull t-shirts will also be for sale.

The event is a great way to spend time with the whole family and the organizers insure family fun is found by all. Alcohol and coolers are prohibited and clean facilities will be available to the public. Gather up the whole family, a few neighbors and grandma too, and come out to Harrells to have a great time with friends and family while you watch the loudest sports event in Sampson County at the Harrells 300 Truck and Tractor Pull.

The Harrells Truck and Tractor Pull is scheduled for Friday and Saturday June 16th and 17th starting at 7:30 pm each night. The event is sponsored by the Harrells Volunteer Fire Department located at 606 Tomahawk Hwy, near the intersection of US 421 and NC 41 in Harrells. Admission is Adults/$18.00, Children 6-12/$5.00 and 5 years and under is Free. For more information about the event call (910)532-4276 or check them out on the web at www.tpull.com.

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Roseboro Public Hearings Address Budget and Zoning Concern

The property at 500 S. West Street was at issue during this month's Town Hall meeting in Roseboro. A rezoning request from the owner asked town leaders to change the zoning from Residential to Manufactured Home.

Interim Town Clerk, Tammy Faircloth, explained, "The property owner wants to remove that old home from that site and replace it with a manufactured home. The home is in disrepair, and the Sampson County Inspection Department has been there and told them that it would take a lot of upgrades to make that home livable."

Faircloth added that the town's planning board had reviewed the case and approved the rezoning. "There is a manufactured home on one side of the property already", said Faircloth. "All the neighboring property owners were notified by letter."

Mayor Pro Tem, Anthony Bennett asked, "Did you make the owner aware that would have to be a double-wide, and that it would need a brick underpinning?"

Faircloth assured board members that the owner had received all the specifications for a manufactured home, and that the owner planned to remove the current home on the property.

During the Public Hearing, a few citizens at the meeting expressed concerns about rezoning from Residential to Manufactured Home.

One resident asked, "When you put in a modular home, amongst regular homes, doesn't it kind of take the value away from other people's homes."

Faircloth explained that there was already a manufactured home next door to the property in question, and with one already in place she didn't know if it would have an increased effect.

She also explained, in reply to another question, that the rezoning would only effect that one property and would not change the zoning in place for adjoining properties.

Commissioner Ray Clark Fisher stated that he agreed with the concern raised, but explained, "The zoning board has looked at this and recommended that it would look better to have that (manufactured home) there than this (current home)."

"That's the reason you do it spot by spot," said Fisher. "In this situation, I can see why they would recommend it."

When residents continued to express concerns that the encroachment of manufactured homes in town limits would have a negative impact on current property values, Anthony Bennet stated that he appreciated his manufactured home and that if taken care of properly, a manufactured home would be a far better option that the current home at the property in question.

Again showing a picture of the current home, Bennett stated, "All I'm saying, is if you look at this, then you could understand what he (owner) wants to do. And I have no problem with it."

That prompted a request for a motion from Mayor Alice Butler to close the public hearing, which Bennett supplied. A vote on the zoning request followed and passed with all in favor except Commissioner Cary Holland who voted against the change.

A second public hearing Tuesday night on the proposed budget FY 2017-2018 yielded no comments from town residents. Mayor Butler gave a brief synopsis of the budget prior to closing the public hearing.

A vote to approve the proposed budget for Roseboro was set for a later meeting to be held on June 27th.

Final Garland ABC Audit Brings Negative Results

At the June Garland Board of Commissioners meeting, Mr. Matt McLean of S Preston Douglas & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, presented the final audit of the now closed Garland ABC store.

Mr. McLean stated that when the Garland ABC store closed on August 22nd of 2016, that the store had current outstanding invoices that the store was unable to pay. He stated that the North Carolina ABC Commission had assumed $20,012 in accounts payable with no cost to the town.

The audit showed incomes from operations Year Ending 6-30-16 to be a loss of $12,633 and Year Ending 01-31-17 to be a loss of $26,135.

The audit also noted that the Garland ABC Board was closed by the NC ABC Commission on August 22, 2016 due to poor internal controls, continued deficits in Unrestricted Net Position and lack of sufficient working capital.

The audit went on to state that the store was closed based upon the June 30, 2016 Audit which raised concerns in the audit report regarding the failure of those charged with management and governance to effectively institute internal control procedures to reduce the risk of theft or fraud as well as the inability of the Garland ABC Board to reach the required minimum working capital set forth in the North Carolina General Statutes and continuing to maintain a deficit in unrestricted net position. The Commission currently has not set forth any conditions for which the Board will be allowed to open.

Mr. McLean stated that the Garland ABC store was making a profit on liquor sales. It was noted that there no way to know where the inventory was going. McLean also stated that there was a cash deposit of $5300.00 that was not accounted for.

Commissioner Judy Smith asked Mr. McLean if he knew where the money/inventory could have gone. McLean replied by saying that there were not internal controls in place that would have prevented theft from going on. "I am not an investigator though," noted McLean.

According to Garland Town Officials, the situation is still under investigation by the State Board of Investigation (SBI).

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We Should Know . . .

Eileen Coite, Michael Brown and Brooke Blackmon with JW Simmons Host of We Should Know

Tuesdays from 2:30 PM until 3:30 PM, J.W. Simmons hosts a radio show on 1170 AM 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 topic for this week's show is the damage sustained to the agriculture community during recent storms which included a tornado followed closely by damaging winds. The guests for the show are Eileen Coite, Michael Brown and Brooke Blackmon

Eileen Coite is the County Extension Director, now nearing her fourth year in Sampson County. Prior to being named director in Sampson County, Coite served 13 years as an Extension Agent for Livestock and worked in the swine industry before joining the NCCES.

Michael Brown, Supervisory Farm Loan Specialist, manages farm loan programs throughout District 3, consisting of 16 Counties. Mike has been with the Farm Service Agency for 26 years.

Brooke Blackmon is a Program Technician responsible for the Livestock Disaster Assistance Programs, consisting of the Livestock Indemnity Program, Livestock Forage Program, and Emergency Livestock Assistance Program. She is also responsible for the Agriculture Risk Coverage(ARC) and Price Loss Coverage(PLC) Program. Brooke has been with the Farm Service Agency for 22 years.

JW Simmons begins the show stating that there are ongoing recover efforts still in process due to Hurricane Matthew in October 2016. He asks his guest to help everyone understand what local farmers are facing as they clean up and recover from weather related losses.

Eileen Coite explains that what happened on May 30th was totally unexpected. "Of course, hurricanes and things of that nature we have a little warning, but they just didn't see this coming. You figure one day you go through your hog houses or turkey barns and everything is fine, and then you turn around and in the middle of the night, poof, they're gone."

"So, it was major for many, many people. From someone who had 5-day old birds to someone who's birds were going out in a couple of weeks. It doesn't matter, those animals were lost, a lot of their livelihood was destroyed, there's emotional loss there. It's just very devastating."

Coite says that it wasn't just livestock farmers that had losses, but that row crop farmers also suffered heavy losses in some areas as well. "Those crops really took a beating. That will shift a lot of things for them such as when they can market those crops, if they come back. And then we'll be competing with other states if they come back late. So, it's more than just what you lose today, it will have an effect on marketability later,"

Next, Simmons asks Brooke Blackmon of the Farm Service Agency to discuss her thoughts just after the storm and its impact on agriculture. "With the 2014 Farm Bill, we have the Livestock Indemnity Program," says Blackmon, "and it's an ongoing program. It's there every year, so it doesn't have to be a massive disaster or have a declaration from the Secretary. It's there, in place every year, for any kind of natural disaster weather related, for loss of livestock."

Blackmon says her initial thoughts were to find out who had been affected, because poultry producers aren't often associated with the Farm Service Agency. "I wanted to be able to get in contact with those people and make them aware of this program, so that we could get the application process initiated. Let them know what kind of documentation they needed to get started. And assure them that there was some kind of support there."

Next, Simmons asks Brooke Blackmon to give a phone number where they can get more information on the Livestock Indemnity Program. Blackmon asks that people call the Farm Service Agency at 910-592-4791.

Blackmon says the process of applying for the Livestock Indemnity Program is relative to the size of an operation, but that documentation is required and can be supplied by a variety of places including the integrator, veterinarians, neighbors and corporate partners as well as pictures. Applicants do need to make application within 60 days of the loss including a beginning inventory of livestock.

Blackmon goes on to add that there are several emergency assistance programs available through the 2014 Farm Bill. "The Livestock Indemnity Program, which we've talked about. Then we have the Livestock Forage Program which is in case of severe drought for grazing losses, and then we have the ELAP or Emergency Livestock Assistance Program. That helps with honey bees. We have a lot of honey bees in Sampson County."

Next, Simmons says that livestock production in Sampson County is not just a chicken coop in the back yard, but a major investment that can quickly run up to $1 million or more. Simmons asks Mike Brown to discuss the role the Farm Service Agency plays in the financial area of agriculture.

Brown begins, "Usually, the role we play is to work with other lenders, like Farm Credit, that come in with those integrated type situations. We do have some direct money available, that we could look at to possibly help them rebuild. We do joint financing with partner lenders."

"Most of the guys with integrated poultry or integrated hogs are on contract, and if the integrator is willing to go with them, to help them build back, that's always a big question. Depending on whether they want to expand, or need that production. So, a lot of times, people's livelihoods are on the line with those integrators, and if they're willing to reconstruct those facilities."

"And there again," adds Brown, "signing their name on the bottom line of a promissory note for another 15 years might not be in their best interest."

Next, Simmons says that weather related events in recent years have given a kind of weather corridor label to Sampson County, and he asks his guest what impact that could have on the agriculture community.

Mike Brown states, "That might be a question for our insurance folks, if they're going to increase coverage, or increase the cost of coverage. If we become riskier, that might affect future development."

"Not rebuilding in the flood plain, those kinds of situations," adds Coite. "I just heard today, that starting July 1st, some of the insurance companies out there that cover these farm operations, that deductibles are going to be going up. And that the minimal deductible would be like $2,500."

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

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Local Man Rams Family Members Vehicle Resulting in Multitude of Charges

According to the Sampson County Sheriff Department, Joel Thomas Parker, 56, of 44 Laudie Honeycutt Road in Clinton was arrested and charged with the following on Friday:
-Assault With A Deadly Weapon
-Communicating Threats
-Injury To Personal Property, Injury To Real Property
-Trespassing
-Allow Live Stock To Run At Large
-Cruelty to Animals
-2 charges of Dispose of Dead Domesticated Animals
-Allow Live Stock to Run at Large

Parker was held on a $75,000 secured bond for all charges, trial date 7-17-2017 and 7-27-17

According to Lt. Marcus Smith with the Sampson County Sheriff's Department, "On Friday, deputies and NCSHP responded to reports of assault where Joel Parker was the suspect. The suspect allegedly had a dispute with a family member and rammed the family members vehicle with his vehicle causing damage. As a result, the suspect was taken into custody and charged with assault. He later posted a bond and was released. On Saturday, the Sheriff's Office received reports of cows in the roadway. Further investigation discovered two deceased cows on Joel Parker's property. As a result, he was charged with failure to dispose of the cattle properly and animal cruelty for not providing water to his cattle. Yesterday a search warrant was served and the cattle were taken into custody by animal control officers and relocated to another location where they can be properly cared for."

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Sampson County VITAL STATS

Deaths
-Irene Grantham
-Rayford Howard
-Colonel Holmes
-Calvin Edward Johnson
-John Allan Jernigan
-Betty Ellen Jackson
-Leslie Harding Maynard
-Elouise Parker
-Donald Ray Simmons
-Fannie Elizabeth Williams

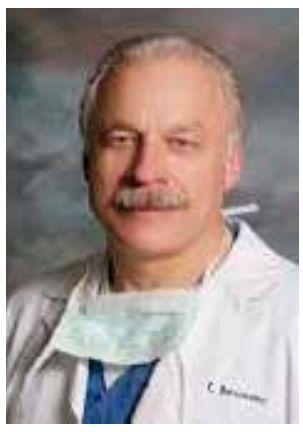
Marriage Certificates
-Johnny Edward Lucas II to Susan Ann Wilson Mote
-Fortino Velasquez Morales to Eluvia Sanchez Mazariegos
-Bryce James Lessor to Selena Noel Anders
-Justin Aaron Wrench to Jorjanna Elizabeth Godwin
-Jimmy Quamane Smith to Yoko ShamadaZanique Arne
-Devin James McLamb to Jessica Brooke Parish

Births
-Jayden Alejandro Lepiz born on May 30, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Leonel Alejandro Alejandro and Araceli Lepiz Corona
-James Dillon Hurley born on May 30, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to James Dexter Hurley and Amanda Justice Hurley
-Keshon Elijah Faison born on May 30, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to BraquanKanswell Faison and KeshaunaSamone Davis
-Danny Brice Brewington born on May 30, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Andrew BurtissBrewington and Ronda Ann Jackson
-Shanjya Marie Oates born on May 29, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Chanice Marie Perkins
-Ayden Renteria Gomez born on May 27, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Junior Renteria Carrachure and Lucresia Renteria Carrachure
-Fatima Gonzalez Romero born on May 27, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Rodolfo Gonzalez Patlan and Maribel Gonzalez Romero
-Aria Elizabeth White Newton born on May 26, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Adria Rayshawn White Newton
-Abraham Vargas Santizo born on May 26, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Jose Antonio Vargas and Griselda SantizoValazquez
-Cayden Amhad Brunson born on May 27, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Shakia Adel Brunson
-Audrey Juliette Amaya born on May 26, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Moises Ulises Amaya-Mendoza and Merlin Dinora Gonzalez Ruiz
-Elijah Wilendky Saint Lot born on May 25, 2017 at Sampson Regional Medical Center to Wilson Saint Lot and PharlenskaMilhomme

Land Transfers
-Robert C Tart Jr, Gail Tart to Jeromey Aaron Matthews and Rebecca Lauren Matthews- Lot 2 Plainview and Lot 1 9.32 Acres Plainview
-Millard T Owen III, Deborah S Owen to John Wayne Ottaway- Honeycutt Township Lot 70 Subdivision 1.13 Acres Laurelwood Acres Section Four
-Robert C Tart Jr, Gail Tart to Monnie Clifton Holland III, Sherry Denise Holland- 0.29 Acres Plainview
-Janice B Thornton, Marshall Thornton to Raul Llamas- 2.0 Acres Little Coharie
-William L Whitehead, Janet G Whitehead, William Whitehead to Buena Vista Sun LLC- Tracts A1, A2 31.59 Acres
-Patricia Karina Aguirre, Patricia Aguirre to Araceli Ramirez- Franklin Township 0.86 Acres Lot 4
-Danny E Norris, Joan L Norris to Robert G Moore- Lot 53 Hawley Ridge Phase One Mingo
-Andrew D Rose, Bridget C Rose to Frank Edward Owens, Devan Ezzell Owens- 0.63 Acres Lot 1 North Clinton
-Jean B Murdock, Henry R Brewington, Veronica K Brewington- 3.96 Acres Tract A Dismal
-Arthur L Coston Jr to Marsha L Coston, Arthur L Coston Jr- 0.50 Acres Lisbon
-Ella Marie Carroll Ketchum, Marie E Carroll/NKA to Timothy W Carroll, Timothy Wayne Carroll/AKA, Michelle Lynne Carroll- Lot 8 10.10 Acres
-Donald Ray Lee, James Ray Lee, Mary Jo Scoggins Lee, Heather Lynn Lee to James Marion Tart III- 3 Tracts Westbrook
-Jeffrey B Vreugdenhil, Laurie P Vreugdenhil to Jean C Turlington- South Clinton Two Tracts
-Shawn L Barber, Cecilia T Barber to Cecilia T Barber- 0.70 Acres Mingo
-Kenneth DenoMcLamb, Cindy R McLamb to FelisAndonis Torres Zuniga, Paula Osiris Ramos Acosta- Lot 2
-JC Pridgen Enterprises LLC, Ronald Pridgen/MGR to Live Oak Properties of Sampson LLC- Tract 3 0.20 Acres South Clinton
- Live Oak Properties of Sampson LLC, Hugh N Carr/MGR to JC Pridgen Enterprises LLC-South Clinton
-Roy O Merritt Jr, Pamela C Merritt to CMH Homes Inc- Lot 2
-John Mark Windley, Ashley Trogdon, Ronnie Taylor/TR, Mike Barnhill/TR, Justin Barnett/TR, Eastern Conference of the Original Freewill Baptist of North Carolina to Sanchez Marta Oberlina - 2 Tracts
-Emily Black to Daniel Webster Carr Jr- Lot 1 1.44 Acres Franklin
-Paula Ramos Acosta, FelisAndonis Torres Zuniga to Hermelinda Nunez Navarro- Little Coharie Township Lot 12 1.48 Acres Hillside Landing Subdivision
-Deborah V Tatem to Larry G Bacon, Barbara B Bacon- Lot Sampson
-Lady Luck Farms LLC, Morgan B Lee/MBR/MGR, Joan Lee/MBR to Chen Farm Inc- 4 Tracts Halls and Piney Grove
-Chen Farms Inc to Lady Luck Farms LLC- 346.35 Acres Franklin
-Thornton Homes Co to Robert L Rich- 0.52 Acres South River & Lots 5 & 6 Block J43 South River
-Carlton B Barefoot, Snowdean T Barefoot to Jimmy Dean Barefoot LLC- 21.822 Acres w/exceptions Newton Grove
-Winifred Lee Jernigan Williams, Richard Perry Williams to Dana M McLeod- Tract 1 20.7 Acres w/exceptions Westbrook
-Leoncio C Cruz to Felicia Cruz and Baldemar Cruz Cruz- 2 Tracts
-Felicia Cruz, Felicia Ornelas/FKA, Baldemar Cruz Cruz to Leoncio C Cruz- Lot 15 River Bend Mobile Home Division Phase I Plainview
-Martha Jane Brinson to Nathan Israel Shelton- 1.44 Acres Little Coharie
-Jeffrey M Wall, Carlyn Ann Wall to Nathan James Laborde, Kimberly Nichole Warren Laborde- Four Tracts North Clinton
-Thomas Michael Steed, Rebecca B Steed, Anthony Reed Steed, Shelia B Steed to Alpha Jenisis Alvarado- Halls 5.85 Acres Lot 5
-Desiree Jones Draughon to Donald L Kurtz Jr, Linda McFerren Kurtz- Dismal Two Parcels w/exceptions
-Jane B Johnson to William B Johnson II, Miriam W Johnson- 3.75 Acres Lisbon
-Beverly Ann Lane/TR, the Larry Alonza Carter Family Revocable Intervivos Trust to Rudolph Veronte Becton Jr, Jimmy R Barden/TR, Marcus Becton/TR, Becton Family Cemetery- Becton Family Cemetery 0.40 Acre Lot 1 Taylors Bridge
-Allison Warren Best, Robin Best to Allison Warren Best, Ronnie Warren, Cathie W McLamb, Gail W Dunn- 2.55 Acres Mingo

Not All Eye Allergies are Eye Allergies

by R. Thomas Barowsky, MD



Ocular rosacea is associated with a chronic skin condition known as acne rosacea. The problem usually affects those with light skin, and is characterized by redness and bumps concentrated on the forehead, nose and cheeks. One of the earliest symptoms of rosacea (often experienced during puberty) is facial flushing brought on by changes in body temperature, emotion, or hot drinks. Eventually, the skin may become chronically red, irritated and inflamed.

Approximately 60% of patients with rosacea develop related problems affecting the eye (ocular rosacea). Patients with ocular rosacea most commonly experience irritation of the lids and eye, occurring when the oil-producing glands of the lids become obstructed. Styes, blepharitis, episcleritis, and chronically red eyes are also typical conditions. Ocular rosacea may also affect the cornea, causing neovascularization (abnormal blood vessel growth), infections, and occasionally ulcers.

The signs and symptoms of acne rosacea include:

- Red flushed skin
- Breakouts or papules concentrated on the nose, forehead, and cheeks
- Facial flushing after drinking alcohol, eating hot or spicy foods, or events that increase body temperature
- Dry, flaking skin

Whereas ocular rosacea is characterized by:

- Chronically red eyes and lid margins
- Irritated eyelids (blepharitis)
- Styes (chalazion)
- Dry, irritated eyes
- Burning
- Foreign body sensation

Those with ocular rosacea are frequently under the care of a dermatologist and are referred for treatment when the patient develops related eye conditions. However, your ophthalmologist may also make the initial diagnosis with a routine eye exam and evaluation of the skin.

Patients with this condition should avoid hot drinks, spicy foods, alcohol, or activities that cause the body temperature to become elevated. Care should be taken to protect the skin from ultraviolet light exposure by using sunscreen with a high SPF factor and wearing hats and sunglasses when outdoors. This is especially true for people who spend a lot of time outdoors. The reflected sunlight off lakes and snow has a big impact on this condition.

Controlling skin inflammation may give marked relief of the eye conditions. Because of this, your ophthalmologist and dermatologist often work together to treat the problem. Eye-related symptoms can often be relieved with warm (not hot) compresses on the lids, eyelid scrubs and artificial tears. There are many good eyelid scrubs on the market that make it convenient to insure good eyelid hygiene but, good old fashioned baby shampoo scrubs using a wet cotton ball is very effective and only a little more messy. Topical and/or oral antibiotics may also be prescribed to reduce symptoms. Typically they must be used continuously to help control the chronic nature of the infection. Recent advances in antibiotic eye drops and gels have made it easier to treat and control the infection portion of the rosacea. Once under control it is not unusual for the rosacea sufferer to only need the gel once or twice each month.

By following your ophthalmologist's recommendations you should see a significant improvement in your symptoms. Just remember this is a chronic condition that is controllable but not curable.

A Happy Father's Day to all the Dads out there. Enjoy your special day.

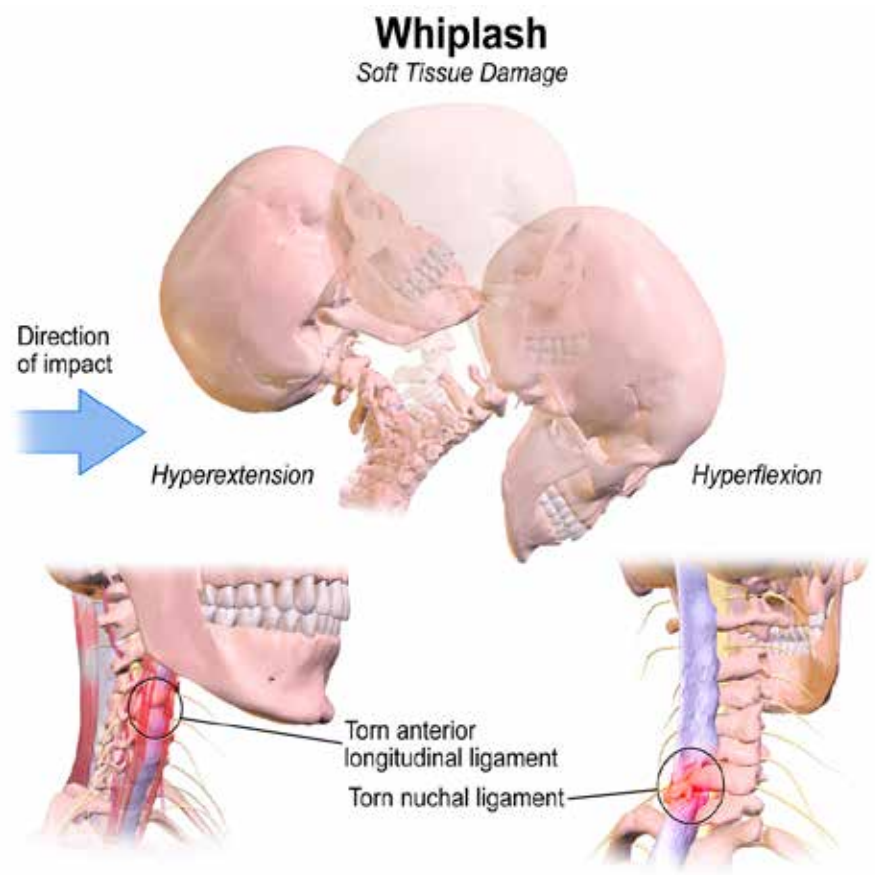
If you have questions about your eye health e-mail Dr. Barowsky at doctom@tdkj.com and we'll try to answer your questions here at Eye-Q.

Whiplash Injuries May Be Linked to Long Term Health Problems

By Dr. Tim Kosterman

of Kosterman Chiropractic Center of Clinton

A whiplash injury is described as rapid acceleration or deceleration of the neck into flexion and extension that happens so quickly that it causes the muscles to spasm and the ligaments to be sprained and stretched. One of the most common whiplash injuries occurs in a motor vehicle accident, especially when getting rear ended or running straight into something. Depending on the severity of the whiplash, other tissues of the neck and back can be damaged such as: discs, nerve roots, joints, and other soft tissues. Some of these injuries may resolve on their own if the injuries are minimal; however, most whiplash injuries that are left untreated may have debilitating effects on the neck and back as a person gets older.



A normal cervical spine (neck) is shaped in a fan-like manner called a lordosis. Due to the extreme flexion and extension the neck endures during a whiplash injury, it may also cause a loss of the normal cervical spine curve. The loss of curve results in a straight neck or even worse, it could reverse the neck curve causing it to go in the opposite direction. The loss of curve could be detrimental years later because straightening of the normal curve in the neck causes increased pressure on the spinal cord impairing proper oxygen and blood flow to the brain. Research is showing that loss of oxygen and blood flow to areas of the brain may be linked to conditions such as: Multiple Sclerosis, Alzheimer's disease, dementia, and other neurodegenerative disorders.

As stated, most whiplash injuries occur during a motor vehicular accident, but there are other ways these injuries can occur such as from falls, roller-coaster rides, sports injuries, and anything involving rapid movement of the head. Often times whiplash injuries cause neck, shoulder, and back pain as well as muscles spasms. The pain is usually described as sharp or burning. Other common symptoms of whiplash injures include: headache, dizziness, abnormal sensation in neck or arms (nerve root injury), foggy thinking, or vertigo. If the injury is severe enough, the person may experience concussion like symptoms such as: memory loss, sleep disturbances, irritability, anxiety/depression, brain fog, or an inability to concentrate and focus. If left untreated these brain injuries may cause severe neurological problems later in life.

Getting proper treatment for whiplash injuries is imperative for your health and the quality of your life. The goal for the treatment of whiplash injuries is to reduce soft tissue swelling, decrease inflammation, eliminate pain and restore the proper alignment and movement of the spine. This can be accomplished by chiropractic adjustments to help restore proper motion within the joints and help correct the alignment of the cervical spine. In addition, non-invasive procedures such as laser therapy, electrical stimulation, or pulsed electromagnetic field therapy help to reduce soft tissue swelling, inflammation, decrease pain, and speed up the healing process of the soft tissues. It is important to do rehabilitative exercises to improve muscle strength and function. If you or someone you know experiences a whiplash injury, you should seek treatment as soon as possible. Please don't let a short-term problem turn into a lifetime of struggles by avoiding proper treatment.

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Our View of Sin

John 8:1-11, "Jesus went unto the mount of Olives.And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them.And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst,They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not. So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground.And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more."

Once you proclaimed Jesus as your Savior did you also desire to stop sinning? Being a pastor for over twenty years I have come across so many Christians that don't understand the importance of leaving their sinful life behind them when they begin to follow Jesus. It's as if they somehow forgot that Jesus came to rescue them from their sin.

It doesn't take long reading the Bible to learn that God denounces sin and the Scripture teaches us to abandon any and all sinful practices. One familiar example we find comes from John 8:1-11. In this passage, Jesus' enemies brought a woman to Him who was caught in the very act of adultery, with the hopes of trapping Jesus in His words. The stakes were high for Jesus, and the woman, too; her sin was a capital offense in those days. Jesus however turned the tables on the woman's accusers, and He shamed them so badly that they all walked away in silence.

After these self-righteous church leaders were all gone, Jesus looked at this embarrassed woman whose life He had just saved and gave her a simple, but life-changing command: "Go now and leave your life of sin." In other words, Jesus told her to, "Stop sinning." His command is not just for this unnamed woman, but for everyone that has come into contact with Him as their Lord. We can't walk the same path with Jesus if we are not willing to leave the old path of sin we were traveling.

Jesus never sinned, mainly because He was God and He also knew the devastating consequences of sin. Then Jesus said, "Stop sinning," that's exactly what He meant. Jesus wants our sinning to come to a complete stop. Just slowing down how often we sin was not His command. Think about it like this: the person who constantly gossips about others doesn't need to cut back on their verbal defamation; they need cut it out entirely. No matter what sort of sin we've grown accustomed to such as stealing, lying, drunkenness or envy, Jesus wants us to stop it.

This week I encourage you to remember that being a follower of Christ doesn't give us a free ticket to disobey His commands. Ignatius of Antioch proclaimed, "It is impossible for a man to be freed from the habit of sin before he hates it, just as it is impossible to receive forgiveness before confessing his trespasses." Do you really have a hatred for the sin that you commit? If the answer is no you should revaluate your relationship with the one you call Lord.

Technology, Progress and The Gospel

Most of us are fans of progress, in one way or another. For example, when I was a kid, my parents bought a truck with something I had never seen or fathomed: a car phone. It was probably one of the coolest things I had ever seen at that point in my life. You could literally be driving down the road and talk to someone on the phone at the same time. Fast forward a few years, and I got my first cell phone when I turned 17. Somewhere I have a picture of me with my antenna pushed all the way up talking with a friend. Of course, I couldn't talk for long, I only had a certain amount of minutes. Cell phones were for emergencies only.

I also remember when we got our first desktop computer, circa 1997. We had dial up internet – that meant I could click the "log on" button, go eat dinner, take a shower, wash the dishes, and sit down just in enough time to be connected. And even then, my internet time was limited, you know, in case someone needed to call the house.

Fast forward twenty years, and I carry a small computer in my pocket that occasionally doubles as a telephone. I can check the weather, the score of the ballgame, I can connect with family, friends through social media and I can push the round button at the bottom and have some computer woman named "Siri" to tell me a joke. This is progress that most of us are ok with.

Then you have progress as an ideology. Progressivism is a philosophy (theological, political and ethical) that urges social reform toward a common end: a better life. This better life culminates with human equality, social justice and moral relativism. In order to achieve the better life, progressives have denigrated traditional values in favor of moral subjectivism and undermined the moral posture that has been set forth in Scripture. Progressivism has gotten more rampant and stronger under the technological era we currently live in. In the last few decades, technology has exploded like never before (We've always had technology, but as far as digital space, there is no equal to the last few decades in human history), and for most of us, has truly led to a better life. We can travel further and faster with the invention of automobiles, we can speak to our relatives living in another part of the world almost instantaneously, and we can heal broken bodies and cure diseases.

So what's the big deal? Because humanity has been able to make the world a better place, we have no more need for God. We need not God to provide manna from heaven, we need not God to multiply fishes and loaves and we certainly need not God to give us commandments chiseled in stone. This modern thread of omitting God from human morality began with the Greek philosopher Epicurus, who saw pleasure as the supreme good of life and taught that to be happy, one must cultivate an ability to choose pleasure as the highest moral enjoyment. Against this, Thomas Aquinas fought back, developing a theory of natural law flowing from the doctrine of general revelation. Aquinas' understanding of a better life entailed participating in God's eternal law as opposed to hedonistic pleasure independent from God. Dr. Mark Leiderbach states this is pertinent today in a culture of progressivism because "postmodern commitments truly do introduce nightmarish possibilities." Among the logical outcomes are destructive perspectives on gender, marriage, life and death issues, sexual ethics, and religion. The rally cry of progressives swelled with a deafening roar when Nietzsche declared "God is dead," shaking the epistemological foundation of Western society.

So how then can Christians take a biblical perspective on progress, technology with gospel-colored lenses? First, we should recognize that technology in and of itself is not bad. It's a gift from God. When God placed our first parents in the Garden of Eden, he gave them a mandate to exercise dominion over it. This exercising of dominion isn't one of raw authority, but a cultivating and tending. This would require technology, a gift from God to man as a tool for flourishing.Second, we should not see all technology as inherently evil. Facebook, Twitter and other forms of social media are technological in nature, and certainly can be used for good as well as evil. Hatchets (a very primitive form of technology) can be used to kill, but they can also be used to chop down trees so that we may build houses, hospitals and homeless shelters. The hatchet itself is not bad, it's the human heart that is. This is because sin entered into the world which corrupted all things, even technology.Instead of seeing these things as bad, we should, as Augustine said, reorder our loves. We can say this about any element of culture: technology, sports, politics, etc. God gave us these things for our good and His glory, but in our misdirected attempts at progress, we have driven these things off course of their original purposes. Our approach to technology now should seek to redirect and restore these technological advances back to God's original intent. In essence, we should use technology for good and for God's kingdom.

Will Matthews

A B.B.B. WHAT?

BY Martha M. Pierce

That's a very good question, glad you asked, so I'll clue you in. Call it pampering, call it a habit or call it an extravagance, but I do allow myself one weekly indulgence. I go to the beauty shop every Friday morning for a hair-fix. Over the past fifty years there have been an assortment of fixers and facilities, but thankfully now I'm very happily settled in with "Miss" Carol at Salon II. In fact, I just don't know how I could function without Carol Honeycutt helping me with this fine, resistant, straight, thinning, gray hair, and those issues aside, I love her as a friend.

Now back to the B.B.B. question. It simply would not be as much of a treat if I just went once a week to the beauty-shop, I need some fellowship, some comaraderie and most certainly some degree of fun. Well, if you know anything about women at all you know that I'm not the only one with this necessity in her life, so over the years a pattern developed as I began to realize that the same five ladies were ending up at the same beauty shop at the same time every Friday. We laughed together, cried together, we shared our tales of woe or our praise reports, we celebrated birthdays, we just simply bonded and came to look forward to seeing each other every Friday morning. You must understand that this is a very cosmopolitan group, we would not normally be thrown together, our paths probably would not cross otherwise, but we were enjoying our little time together and by and by we came to name ourselves the B. B. B. CLUB. Translated that is the Beautiful Beauty-shop Bunch Club, and that we are!

This is the point at which my desire to color outside the box kicks in. I cannot imagine belonging to a club and not doing something exciting occasionally, so I made a suggestion:

"If you ladies will trust me, if you will go along with me, please meet me here on Monday morning, we are going on a B.B.B. Club Mystery Trip."

The ladies were excited – yes – and sure enough Monday morning found Carol, Jean, Anna, Faye, Jeanne and me ready for an adventure, all "raring-to-go". You would think that a group of ladies off on a lark would end up shopping in some Mall, but my mind simply does not work like that, in fact these friends needed an outing they would not soon forget.

All six of us crammed into a van and I was the self appointed B.B.B. Director for the day. Our first stop, actually it was a slow-down, was Waycross, some had never even heard of it much less been there. We made our way to Rose Hill, we so excited to have our picture made in front of The World's Largest Frying Pan. Lunch followed at the Duplin Winery and then the fun really began. I directed the driver to the area in which I was bred and born, down in the southern end of Sampson County, we toured and visited places like:

Little Egypt, Buckhorn, Newton's Cross Roads, Wildcat, Ivanhoe, Beatty's Bridge, Yonder Store, Kerr Station, Clear Run, Tomahawk and Harrell's Store. The B.B.B.'s became more impressed with every twist and turn, actually they began to praise the Lord, but I think the reason was that we had brought our own refreshments along and that eventually were able to find a suitable "facility". We stopped at a church that was unlocked, went inside, and believe it or not, I played the piano while we harmonized to the top of our voices on some fine old hymns. We stopped at Black River, all piled out of the van, stood on the riverbank and sang "Shall We Gather At The River" to the top of our voices. We visited Ed and Lola Mae Bowen's Goat Farm and took pictures of Carol making friends with one of the "old goats". Our mystery trip was exciting, educational, thrilling, exhilarating, memorable, and oh yes, on the way home we began making plans for our next outing.

We have gone to Surf City, and to Fearington Village on other mystery trips, we traveled to a new restaurant just for lunch in a new setting, and we toured the Seagrove Area Potteries. Bottom line – The B. B. B. Club is into having fun and making memories – it just doesn't get much better than that! Praise God for the ability to make memories that are such a blessing!

What's Happening at SCT

By Angela Martin

Honk, Jr. Preparing for Two Day Care Shows and Public Performances

SCT is proud to be producing our next production, Honk, Jr. and we are also having two Day Care shows with our upcoming feature. The musical will be held for Day Cares in our area on Thursday, June 22 and Friday, June 30 at 9:30 am. Please contact our director, Linda Carr for information concerning the production. 910-336-1111. The shows will last approximately an hour and fifteen minutes and the cost of the production includes a popcorn and juice.

The cast of 35 for Honk, Jr. is in the middle of rehearsals learning their dances and songs and gearing up to present our third production of the theatre season. Honk, Jr. is a production that is a musical comedy. This show is about the Hans Christian Anderson tale of "The Ugly Duckling". The production follows the story of Ugly. Ugly looks a bit different than his duckling brothers and sisters. The animals on the farm are quick to notice and point this out, despite his mother's protective flapping. Feeling foul on himself the young fowl finds himself on an adventure of self-discovery, while outwitting a very hungry Cat. Along the way, Ugly meets a flock of unique characters and realizes being different is not a bad thing to be.

The production will be held June 22 - 25 and June 29 - July 2. With Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances at 7:30 pm and Sunday matinee performances at 2:30 pm. The musical is directed by Linda Carr and sponsored by Star Communications.

PUBLIC HEARING

The 2016-2017 Amended Budget and the 2017-2018 Proposed Budget for the Town of Harrells has been presented to the Harrells Board of Alderman, and is available for public inspection at the Town Hall from 9:00am to 5:00pm Thursday's and will also be posted on the front door until the public hearing.

There will be a regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Alderman and a public hearing on Tuesday, June 27, at 5:00pm at the Harrells Town Hall for the purpose of discussing and adopting the Amended and Proposed Budget. Citizens are invited to make oral or written comments.

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Friday-Thursday
1:00p 3:15p 5:30p 7:45p

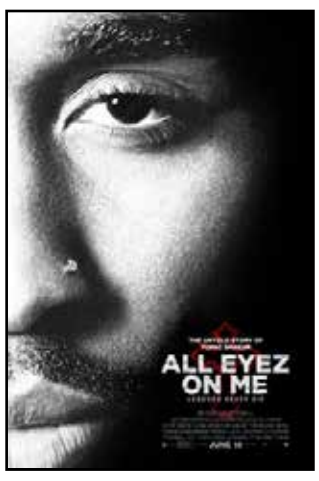
WONDER WOMAN

NOW SHOWING

Rated: PG-13 for sequences of violence and action, and some suggestive content

Before she was Wonder Woman, she was Diana, princess of the Amazons, trained to be an unconquerable warrior. Raised on a sheltered island paradise, when an American pilot crashes on their shores and tells of a massive conflict raging in the outside world, Diana leaves her home, convinced she can stop the threat. Fighting alongside man in a war to end all wars, Diana will discover her full powers...and her true destiny.

Friday-Thursday
1:30p 4:30p 7:30p



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NOW SHOWING

Rated: R for language throughout, drug use, violence, some nudity and sexuality

The true and untold story of prolific rapper, actor, poet and activist Tupac Shakur. The film follows Shakur from his early days in New York City to his evolution into being one of the world's most recognized and influential voices before his untimely death at the age of 25. Against all odds, Shakur's raw talent, powerful lyrics and revolutionary mind-set propelled him into becoming a cultural icon whose legacy continues to grow long after his passing.

Friday-Thursday
1:15p 4:00p 6:45p

CAPTAIN UNDERPANTS

NOW SHOWING

Rated: PG for some mild rude humor throughout

Two grade-school kids hypnotize their mean principal into assuming a secret identity of an under-wear clad superhero who helps their fellow classmates.

Friday-Thursday
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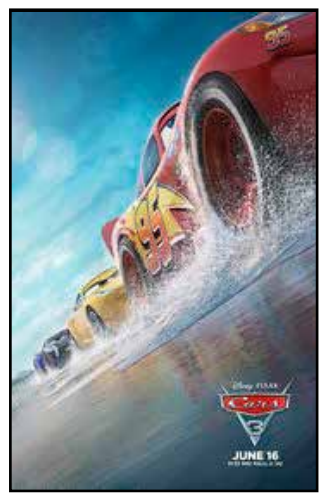

CARS 3

NOW SHOWING

Rated: G for all audiences

No longer a rookie, Lightning McQueen is now a veteran racer. After suffering a loss to the young upstart Jackson Storm, he faces retirement questions. Not willing to close the door on racing, McQueen enlists the help of sleek yellow trainer Cruz Ramirez to prepare in the off-season for the Florida 500.

Friday-Thursday
1:30p 3:30p 5:30p 7:30p

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Beef on Steak Salt

BEYOND the FLAME

FAMILY FEATURES

Just ask any dad, he's sure to agree: a perfectly seasoned steak flame-kissed to perfection is one of the great pleasures of summer grilling. This Father's Day, you may be able to teach dad a few tricks of your own.

Start by selecting a premium-quality steak like those from Omaha Steaks, which are aged at least 21 days to reach the peak of tenderness then flash frozen to stay that way. Then take that guaranteed quality to the grill and try a new method, such as slow, steady smoking, for an ultimate flavor experience.

Find tips to make your summer grilling great at omahasteaks.com.

Beef on Steak Salt

Total time: 1 hour, 20 minutes

- **1 Omaha Steaks T-Bone (30 ounces)**
- **1 package (3 ounces) Omaha Steaks Original Beef Jerky**
- **3 tablespoons kosher salt**

Thaw steak 24-48 hours in refrigerator.

Using box grater finely shred enough beef jerky to yield 2 tablespoons; mix with kosher salt. Pat steak dry on both sides and season with 1-1 1/2 tablespoons jerky salt. Allow seasoned steak to sit 45 minutes-1 hour, uncovered, at room temperature.

Heat gas or charcoal grill to 450 F and oil grates to prevent sticking.

Grill to desired doneness based on thickness of steak. Let steak rest 5 minutes.

Garnish steak with remaining jerky salt.

7 Steps to Great Steak

Achieve steakhouse-worthy results at home with these tips from Omaha Steaks Executive Chef Grant Hon.

1. **Proper preparation.** Clean and heat your grill to high. Make sure to oil grates after cleaning.
2. **Prepare your steaks.** Pat steaks dry and season food before grilling. Use sea salt and freshly cracked pepper or a complete steak seasoning or rub.
3. **Searing.** Sear steaks over high heat and avoid moving them before they're fully seared on all sides to protect flavor and juiciness.
4. **Handling steaks on the grill.** Use tongs or a spatula to turn meat on the grill; poking with a fork can damage the meat.
5. **Controlling your cook.** Close grill cover as much as possible while cooking to maintain a temperature around 450 F. This helps lock in flavor and prevent flare-ups. After determining the amount of time you'll need to reach your desired doneness, use the 60/40 grilling method. Grill 60 percent on the first side then 40 percent after you turn the steak over for an even cook.
6. **Juiciness.** After grilling, allow steaks to rest tented with foil for 5 minutes between cooking and serving. This lets juices redistribute for the best-tasting and juiciest steak.
7. **Finish and enjoy.** Garnish steak and serve with style. Add colors, textures and flavors to make perfectly grilled steak even more memorable.

Smoked King Cut T-Bone

- **1 Omaha Steaks King Cut T-Bone (48 ounces)**
- **1 tablespoon Omaha Steaks Steak Seasoning**
- **2 tablespoons kosher salt**

Thaw steak in refrigerator 48-72 hours.

Remove steak from vacuum packaging. Prepare dry brine by combining steak seasoning and salt and rubbing into meat on both sides. Place meat on wire rack uncovered; refrigerate 18-24 hours or overnight. **Tip:** If time doesn't allow for overnight brining, let rubbed steak sit on wire rack at room temperature at least 1 hour.

Cook to desired doneness with preferred indirect grilling method, placing food next to, instead of directly over, the fire.

Gas or Charcoal Grill

For gas grill, ignite one burner and leave others off. Adjust side burner until thermometer in grill lid reads 400 F. Place smoking box or foil pouch of wood chips over ignited burner. Place steak on grate over burners that are off. Keep grill covered and maintain temperature at 400 F.

For charcoal grill, arrange hot coals evenly on one side of charcoal grate. Add wood chunks to coals and allow to smoke 10 minutes. Place drip pan with water in center of grate to keep drippings from burning. Place cooking grate over coals and place steak on grate, centered over drip pan. Place lid on grill. Adjust air vents to bring temperature to 400 F.

Face side with filet mignon away from hottest portion of grill; larger side should be facing heat source. Smoke 40-55 minutes for medium-rare 48-ounce T-bone steak. Flip steak one time, halfway through cooking time. Verify temperature using kitchen thermometer before removing from grill. If desired, finish exterior of smoked steak over direct heat 1-2 minutes per side once it reaches desired temperature. Allow steak to rest 15 minutes before cutting and serving.

Kettle or Bullet Smoker

Arrange hot coals evenly on one bottom of smoker grate. Add wood chunks to coals and allow to smoke 10 minutes. Place drip pan with water under rack. Place cooking grate over coals and place steak on cooking grate centered over drip pan. Place lid on smoker. Adjust air vents to maintain 250 F.

A medium-rare 48-ounce T-bone steak rested at room temperature for 1 hour prior to cooking should require 1 hour-1 hour and 15 minutes to reach proper temperature, which can be verified with a kitchen thermometer. If desired, finish exterior of smoked steak over direct heat 1-2 minutes per side once it reaches desired temperature. Allow steak to rest 15 minutes before cutting and serving.

GRILLING | GAS OR RED HOT CHARCOAL

Preheat grill on high, 600 F. Lightly oil and season steaks. Cook steaks covered. Rest 3-5 minutes before serving.

THICKNESS	RARE 120°–130°		MEDIUM RARE 130°–140°		MEDIUM 140°–150°		WELL DONE 160°–170°	
	FIRST SIDE	AFTER TURNING	FIRST SIDE	AFTER TURNING	FIRST SIDE	AFTER TURNING	FIRST SIDE	AFTER TURNING
1/2"	2 min	2 min	3 min	2 min	4 min	2 min	5 min	3 min
3/4"	4 min	2 min	4 min	3 min	5 min	3 min	7 min	5 min
1"	5 min	3 min	5 min	4 min	6 min	4 min	8 min	6 min
1 1/4"	5 min	4 min	6 min	5 min	7 min	5 min	9 min	7 min
1 1/2"	6 min	4 min	7 min	5 min	7 min	6 min	10 min	8 min
1 3/4"	7 min	5 min	8 min	6 min	8 min	7 min	11 min	9 min
2"	8 min	6 min	9 min	8 min	10 min	8 min	13 min	11 min

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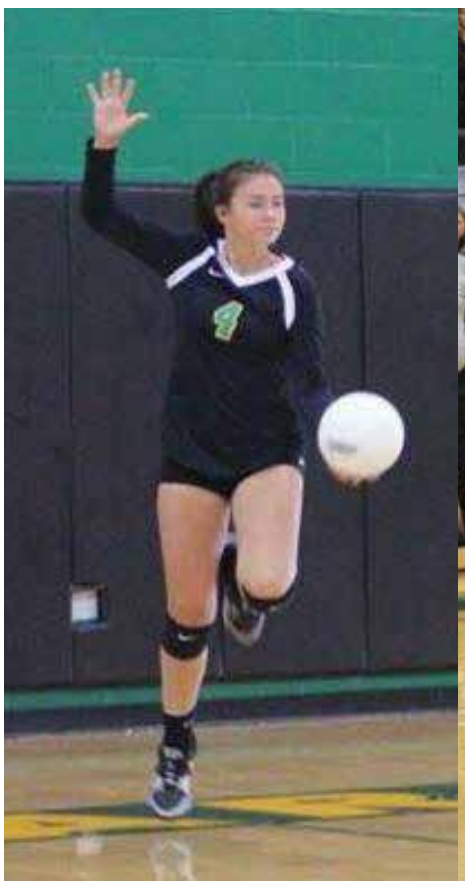
HCA's Sydney Norris Ready for Senior Year and Beyond



Sydney Norris had a great junior year of high school.

The Harrells Christian Academy rising senior helped lead her basketball team to a 16-7 season at guard; helped her volleyball team to an 11-9 season at middle hitter; and was a leader on her soccer team, although they were in a rebuilding season with a young team.

"I think that we will be a lot better next year," the 17-year-old midfielder said earlier this week. "I think that the more we work together, the more we will mesh better. It just takes a little time, but I know we will be better."

Because of her hard work and effort - on and off the field - her soccer coach, Alex Grey, nominated Norris to be named this week's Performance Auto/Sampson Weekly Star Athlete of the Week.

"I honestly didn't know anything about it," Norris admitted. "I am very surprised. This is pretty big for me - I just didn't expect it, but I really do appreciate it. It makes me feel good."

The three-sport standout said that she has been playing sports since she was young.

"I played soccer and tried softball, but didn't like it," she admitted. "Then when I was in middle school, I met Dan Heinz. He really brought the love of volleyball into my life; taught me all the basics and that changed everything for me."

In addition to playing soccer, basketball and volleyball in school, she also played travel volleyball.

"I first started travel (volleyball) ball when I was about 14," she remembers. "I think that helped me a lot with my game. It helped me on defense and got me to play a lot faster on the court. It is very challenging playing at that level, everything happens so fast. But, I think that it really did help me play better."

After attending another private school during her middle school years, Norris relocated to Harrells Christian Academy at the beginning of her freshman year.

"In eighth grade I really felt like I was getting stronger with my play," she explained. "In my freshman year, I played JV for Coach Wendy Crumpler and she really helped me grow into the player, and really, the woman, that I am today - that is because of her."

An 'A' student who is a member of the BETA Club, Norris said that he favorite subject is AP Literature.

"I have a great AP Lit teacher (Jane Green)," she says proudly. "I just love it. Literature. English ... I really, really enjoy that class. It is my favorite."

So it comes as no surprise that she says leaving Harrells after her final year as a senior will be difficult next year.

"Honestly, this is one of the best schools ever," Norris said. "The teachers always give you attention. If you work hard and are trying, they will do everything they can to help you be better. Mrs. Green is tough, but she makes you better. She makes you want to succeed. Every teacher here is like that. They want what is best for you and they want to give you the tools to get there. So, yes, leaving here will be bittersweet for me because this has really become a second home to me."

Speaking of leaving Harrells, Norris said that she would consider playing volleyball post high school.

"But I think that I will focus on my studies first," she admits. "I would love to attend ECU or Carolina and I would love to play, but as a 5 foot 7 inch hitter, it is not likely."

So what is she planning on studying?

"Well, at first, I wanted to be a teacher," Norris says with a slight pause. "But then I thought I would rather become an occupational speech therapist. I have always had an interest in helping people in some shape or form. I have always helped my younger brother and younger cousins with their homework, so I think teaching would be a great way to help; working as a speech therapist is like teaching, just in a different way."

That family has been a crucial part of Norris's success, she says.

"My whole family (mother, Jennifer; father, George; and brother, Coleton) has always been there for me. They drove me all over and gave me so many good pieces of advice, I just really can't tell you how much I appreciate everything they have done for me."

After pointing out that travel to and from games is a sacrifice not just for Norris, but is a shared family experience, the humble teen says, "that is the most truest statements ever".

She continues her thought, "You know, after every single game, I always talked with my parents. On those rides home, some longer than others, you are talking and it is not really sinking in ... but looking back on it right now, yeah, my mom and dad not only helped me to be a better player (with those talks), but also prepared me mentally for where I am now."

Now that she is a school year away from graduating, what piece of advice would Norris like to pass on to an upcoming freshman?

"I would tell them to just come in and work hard and not give up. You have to keep trying to succeed. I know it is really hard, but you have to come in and just work hard, never give up and keep trying."

Norris admits that when she was coming up as a freshman she was given a similar piece of advice as well.

"My mom is my best friend," she explains. "I was nervous going into the ninth grade because I was going to a new school and didn't really know anybody. So she sat me down and told me that all I have to do is be myself. People will like you for you. If some people don't like you, well, that is fine too. But you always have to be yourself."

In her free time, Norris said she likes to run, sing and go to the beach with her friends.

"I have to tell you that I have enjoyed this school," she said. "I would tell younger kids that you have to enjoy every minute. It seems like yesterday that I was just coming into this school. It goes really fast. Don't forget to take time to enjoy it."

In addition to her family, Norris said she wanted to thank all of her teachers, teammates, coaches and friends.

In particular, coaches Wayne Cannady, Alexander Grey, Wendy Crumpler and Rhonda and Clayton Hall. Her Harrells Christian Academy family and her boyfriend, Grayson Fussell. "For always being at my games and supporting me through everything," she said.

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FAMILY FEATURES

With the end of the school year and summer fast approaching, gifting occasions are plentiful. Some events – graduations and Father's Day, in particular – can be a challenge when it comes to finding the perfect present.

Resist the temptation to throw some cash or a gift card in an envelope and instead peruse these ideas for inspiration for gifts that your dad or new graduate will actually use and appreciate.

Find more gift ideas for dads and grads at officedepot.com.

Gifts for Dads

Upgrade the Man Cave

Keep dad's space cool with smart home technology that can control features such as temperature, lighting and music volume. Many devices and apps allow for themed settings, so dad can instantaneously turn up the lights and sound to catch the game on his big screen, or relax while taking a leisurely weekend nap.

Gadgets Galore

If dad still works on a desktop, help him upgrade his outdated tech toys. Go in on a big present with your siblings and splurge on dad with a top-selling 2-in-1 laptop, such as a Dell Inspiron 13, which is available at Office Depot and OfficeMax locations. The stores offer a broad assortment of tablets and laptops to get him going with the latest in portable technology.

Out of This World

If you love playing video games with your dad, take it to the next level this Father's Day with a virtual reality headset that gives new meaning to getting into the game. These devices allow for 360 degree immersive viewing of more than 400 virtual reality apps available for Android and iOS devices, as well as many popular video content providers.

Tech for Every Day

So much of people's lives revolve around technology, and dads are no exception. Help him stay up-to-date with simple yet convenient and effective options for his smartphone like rechargeable power banks, cellphone cases, screen protectors and charging accessories. For a less tech-savvy dad, start small with an option like Bluetooth headphones.

Share Memories

A new digital camera is the perfect way to let dad capture every moment together with the family. If he as an ample photo library just waiting to be shared, create a work of art with a personalized canvas print he can proudly display in his office or favorite room in the house.

Goodies for Grads

Show Some Spirit

Graduating doesn't have to mean leaving everything about college behind. Let your grad proudly represent his or her alma mater with university-branded items for their desk at the office or at home. With an assortment of spirited options, Office Depot offers everything from USB drives and mouse pads to planners and notebooks.

Planning Ahead

Starting a new job means taking on new responsibilities and learning the ropes at a new company. Help your graduate stay ahead of the learning curve and on top of important meetings with a smart, new planner that makes organizing that extra-busy schedule a cinch.

Photos on the Go

If your grad is an avid photographer or even just enjoys the occasional commemorative photo with the family, consider a gift that gives him or her the ability to immediately enjoy personal artwork. While looking at photography on a phone can be fun, a device like the HP Sprocket Wireless Photo Printer, which can fit in a pocket, gives the option to print a 2-by-3-inch photo in as little as 40 seconds so favorite photos don't get lost in cyberspace.

Sign Up for Success

Today's students probably spent most of their college years tapping keys to take notes and complete important tasks. While those habits will transition well to the corporate world, there are still plenty of reasons to have some quality pens available. Whether jotting quick notes while on a call or signing important documents, the job is more enjoyable with a high-quality pen in hand.

Take Initiative

When starting a new job, a newbie needs to show just how much he or she is engaged in the work. Give them the opportunity to showcase value by documenting brainstorms, meeting notes and important deadlines in a discbound leather notebook, such as the TUL Note-taking system. Bonus: you can even pick out the paper inserts that best fit his or her personal style.

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Moving Day at SCC

When Elizabeth Gainey and Chris Warwick get married this fall, they will already have one of their biggest wedding gifts in place. The Wayne County couple, who live near Goldsboro, NC, visited Sampson Community College this week to take one last peek at their new home before it is moved from SCC's Building and Construction Technology Department across county lines to where they will live after they tie the knot in October.

Carolina House Movers arrived on campus to load the 54-foot long house onto their trucks, a process that takes about seven hours, and hit the road to Wayne County this week with interested onlookers observing the process.

The thriving construction program at SCC serves more than one purpose. In addition to providing hands-on real world experience that is invaluable to students, it provides the opportunity for some lucky buyer to get a house at the end of the project for a much better deal than comparable homes elsewhere.

The tremendous building that houses the program has two large hangar-type doors so buyers can easily remove completed houses. Gainey saw the home on SCC's very active Facebook page a while ago and the rest is history.

Barney Grady serves as the Department Chair for the Building and Construction Technology Department at Sampson Community College. The program, established in 2004, was designed to meet the construction needs for Sampson and surrounding counties. The program provides students with both the hands on aspects as well as the management side of construction. With courses like blue print reading, estimating, and building codes, students are prepared for all phases of the construction process. The list of available electives allows SCC to customize a plan that works for almost any student.

"Because of the extra time allotted and the attention to detail", said Grady, "buyers are assured that TLC has been put into every single step of each house to ensure quality. It really is a great deal to whomever comes in to purchase these homes."

This is the sixth home the college has sold and the seventh, which is already being built outside of the main building, is already showing interest from those who have heard about the program and are looking for a deal.

In 2006, the SCC Foundation partnered with Sampson Building Supply to fund housing projects that would not only present students a future career but also use the finished product to provide an affordable alternative for home buyers to get a brand new house for a significantly reduced cost.

House movers pull the house out of the hangar for its journey to Wayne County.

Gainey and fiancée, Chris Warwick receive the keys to their new home from SCC.

"The Foundation is pleased to partner with the Building and Construction Technology program to provide this extraordinary training experience for our students", said Lisa Turlington, SCC Foundation director. "Upon graduation, they have real life skills to take into the workplace."

The home features full plumbing, heating and air conditioning. The home is 1,350 square feet and boasts three bedrooms, two bathrooms and an open floor plan, popular among today's buyers. It also includes energy efficient windows, cabinets, all plumbing and electrical fixtures. SCC's homes have to pass all the same inspections as homes built anywhere else so professional quality is ensured.

"It is amazing to watch the precision and expertise involved in preparing the house to be moved from our campus," says SCC President Dr. Paul Hutchins. "And to know that a young couple starting out will be the recipients makes it a win-win situation for the students and the buyers."

Those interested in signing up for the Building Construction Technology program or if interested in the purchase of one of the homes, you are encouraged to call 910-592-8081 for more information.

SCC Students Pack the House

Students fill the Academic Success Center at Sampson Community College Thursday to attend the New Student Orientation for the college's upcoming academic year. Over the past few years, SCC has experienced increased enrollment numbers, a trend that is predicted to continue this fall semester.

Sampson County Schools TOYs Recognized From Each School

The Sampson County Schools Board of Education recognized school representatives for Teacher of the Year 2017-2018 at their May meeting. Pictured: Kim Townsend- Hargrove Elementary School, Kristin Spell- Hobbton Middle School, Randi Kaye Honeycutt- Roseboro Elementary School, Pam Godwin - Clement Elementary School, Christine Detwiller - Midway Elementary School, Michelle Warren - Plain View Elementary School, James Lewis - Lakewood High School, Angelique Young - Union Middle School, Ashley Yancey - Union High School, Kenneth Eichburg - Sampson Early College High School. Not Pictured:Dana Allen- Hobbton Elementary School, Brandon Thompson - Hobbton High School, Jenny Edwards - Salemburg Elementary School, Pandora Matthews - Roseboro-Salemburg Middle School, Melissa Stone - Midway Middle School, Ashley Melendrez - Midway High School, Mary Malpass - Union Elementary School, Angelina Hardison - Union Intermediate School, and Carl Cain - Learning Center at CEP.

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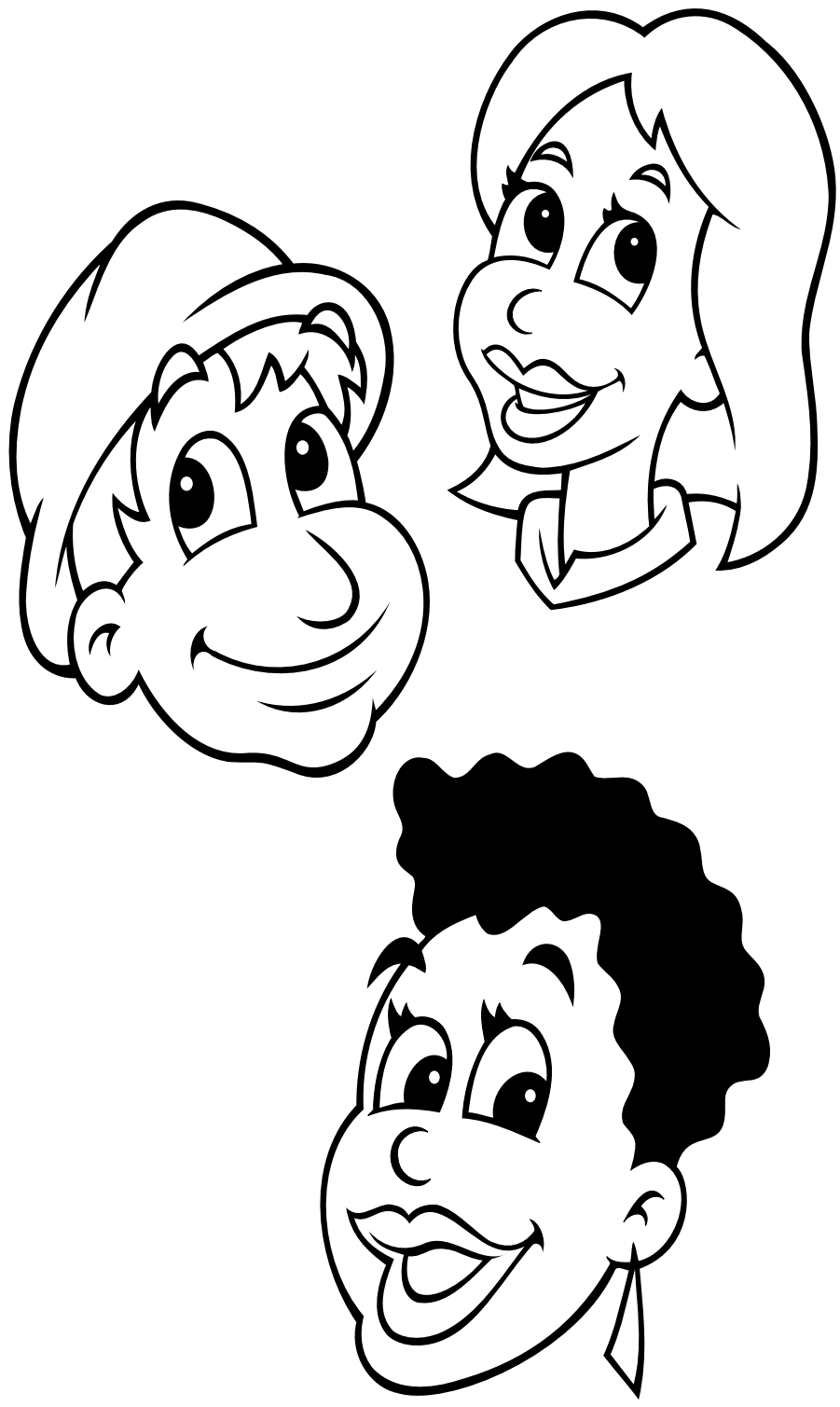

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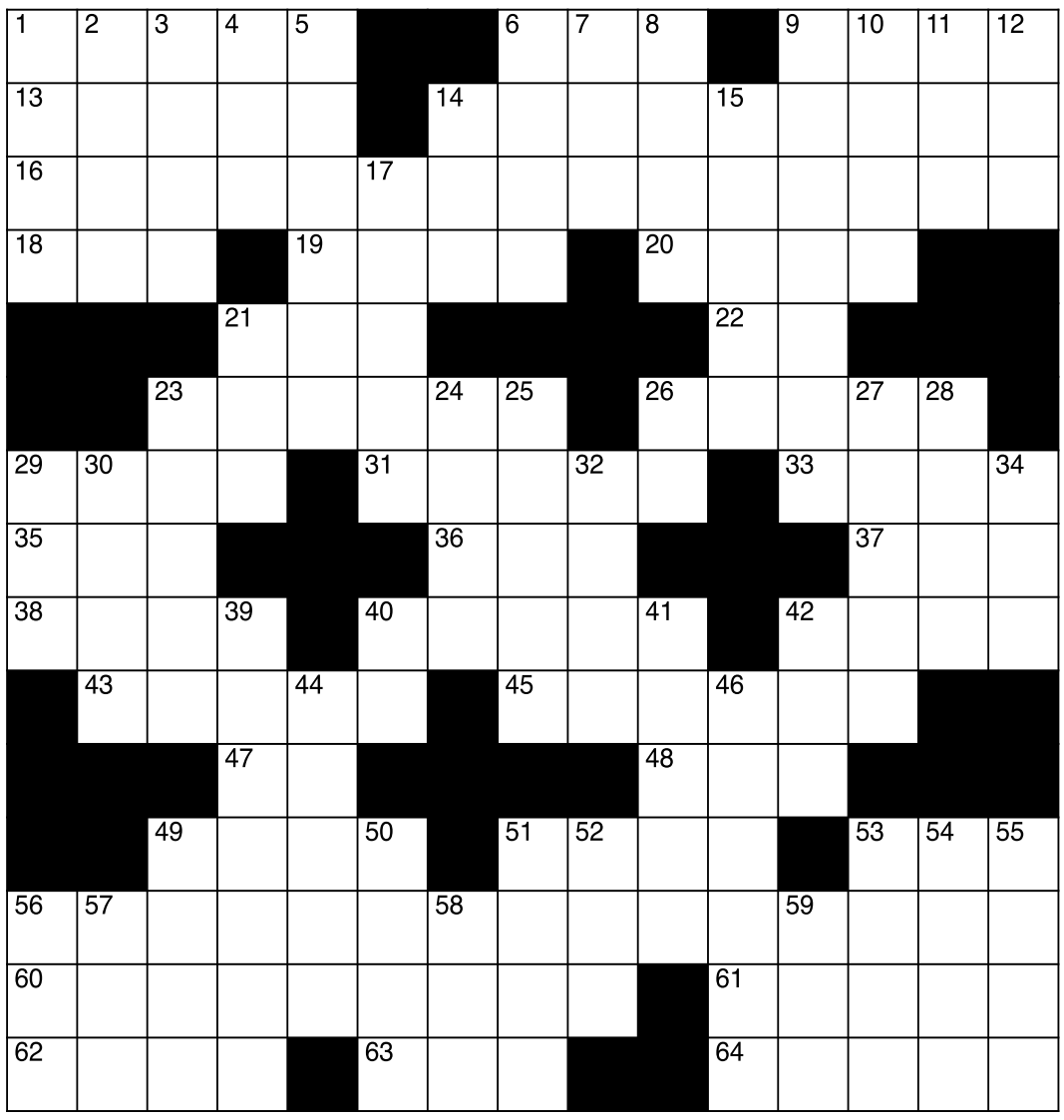
Kids' Corner

Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

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

ANSWERS ACROSS

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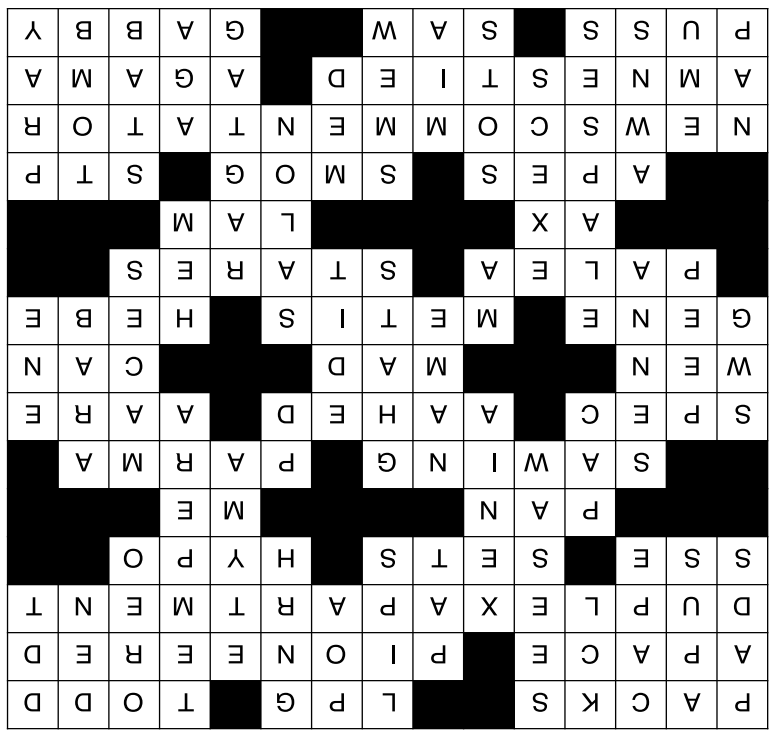
64. Gabby



PUZZLE SOLUTION

SUDOKU

Fun By The Numbers

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

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		9			1			4
		5		9				
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				5			2	9
	3	2	5		6			1
		6			8	7	4	
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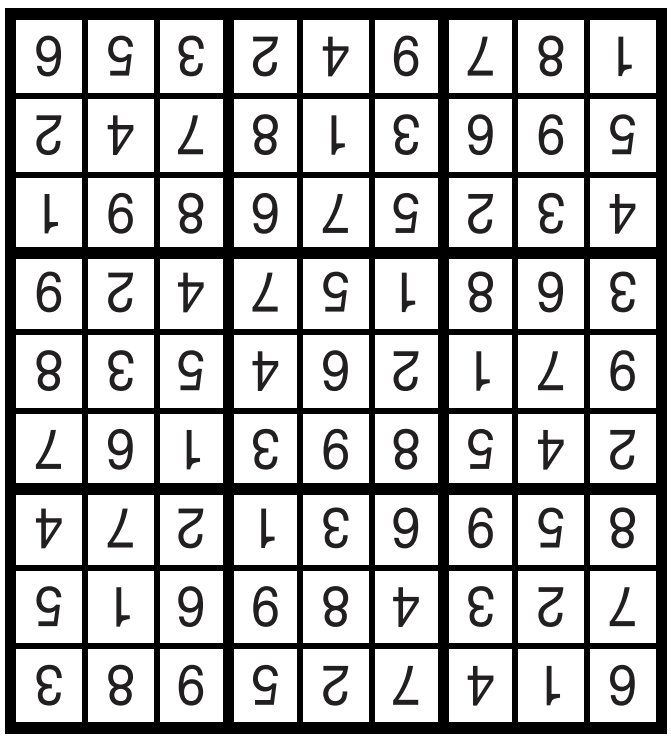
Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!



Word Search — Golden Years

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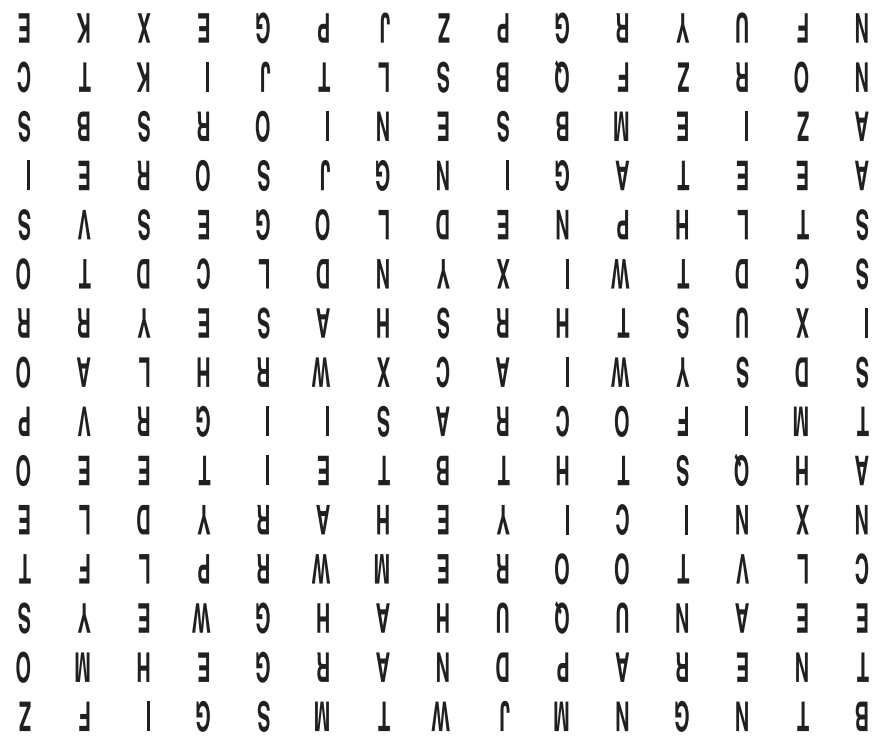


OBITUARIES

RALEIGH

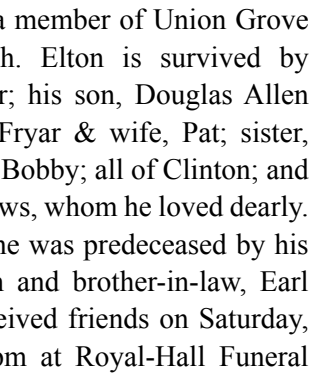
David Maurice Howell (October 26, 1946 – May 28, 2017), 70, of Raleigh, NC passed away on May 28, 2017. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 24 at Roseboro Baptist Church, 3720 Salemburg Highway, Roseboro, N.C. Born on October 26, 1946 in Wake County, David was the son of the late Ruby and Noah Howell of Roseboro, NC. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his daughter, Jennifer Elaine Hollingsworth. He is survived by two brothers: Charles W. Howell of Garland, Donald H. Howell and wife, Cathy, of Sneads Ferry; grandchildren: Hunter and Autumn Murchland of Colorado Springs, CO; and numerous nieces, nephew, grand nieces, grand nephews and other extended family whom he loved dearly. David graduated from Roseboro/Salemburg High School, was a member of the Army Reserves, and retired from IBM in 2004 after 38 years of service.

GARLAND

Mr. Elton Douglas Fryar, 68, of 8835 Garland Hwy, passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, June 9, 2017. A Funeral Service was held on Sunday, June 11, 2017 at 3:00 pm at Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 863 Boney Mill Rd., Clinton, with Rev. Ray Carter officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Born on May 28, 1949, Elton was the son of the late Pauline Hairr and James Allen Fryar. He was a Farm Manager for Pride of Sampson and a member of Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Elton is survived by his wife, Doris Pope Fryar; his son, Douglas Allen Fryar; brother, Sherwood Fryar & wife, Pat; sister, Margaret Batts & husband, Bobby; all of Clinton; and numerous nieces and nephews, whom he loved dearly. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Elizabeth Blackburn and brother-in-law, Earl Blackburn. The family received friends on Saturday, June 10, 2017 from 6-8 pm at Royal-Hall Funeral Home; and other times at the home of Sherwood and Pat Fryar, 50 Boney Mill Rd., Clinton. Flowers are welcome; or memorials may be made to the Sampson County Animal Shelter, 168 Agriculture Place, Clinton, NC 28328; or to Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Attn: Kathy Jones: 863 Boney Mill Rd., Clinton, NC 28328. Royal-Hall is honored to serve the Fryar Family.

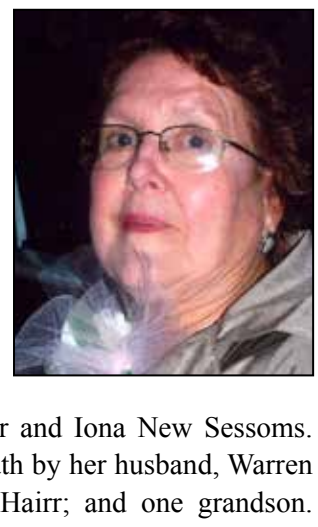
AUTRYVILLE

Mrs. Arlene Sessoms Hairr, 84 of Autryville, passed away Saturday, June 10, 2017 at Highland House of Fayetteville. The funeral was held at 4:00 pm Wednesday, June 14, at Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, with Reverend Billy Bass officiating. Interment followed at Lonie Carter Cemetery, Autryville Road, Autryville. Born January 16, 1933 in Sampson County, she was the daughter of the late Arthur and Iona New Sessoms. She is also preceded in death by her husband, Warren D. Hairr; one son, Jerry Hairr; and one grandson. She retired from Riverside Mattress Company as a Seamstress. She is survived by six children, Janet Ladd, Joan Bullington, Joel Hairr, Darlene Lupo, Sharlene Ontiveros, and Juan Hairr; 14 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren. The family received friends from 6:00 to 8:00 pm Tuesday, June 13, at Butler Funeral Home, Roseboro, and other times at the home of her daughter, Sharlene, 244 Starling Lane, Autryville. Services are by Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro.



PETERRSBURG, VA

Mrs. Mamie Annette Bennett, 70, of Petersburg, VA, formerly of Clinton,NC, died Saturday, June 10, 2017 at Southside Regional Medical Center, Petersburg, VA. The funeral service was held at 1pm, Friday, June 16, 2017 at Worley Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Cornolius Moore officiating. Burial in Sandhill Cemetery, Clinton, NC. Mrs. Bennett is survived by sons Jerry Bennett, Jr. of Charlotte, NC and Terrence Bennett of North Dinwiddie, VA; brother, Ivory Stokes of Washington, DC; two grandchildren. Visitation was held at Worley Funeral Home Thursday, June 15, 2017 from 1pm - 6pm. Online condolences may be sent to www.worleyfuneralhomeinc.com.



ROSEBORO

Mr. Timothy Olen Holley, 47, of Roseboro died Saturday, June 10, 2017. He was born in Harnett County on September 13, 1969. He was preceded in death by his father, Herbert Holley and a daughter, Brooke Holley. He owned and operated Tim Holley Mechanical Heating and Air for twenty years. A memorial service was held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home by Rev. Don Davis. He is survived by his wife, Tammy Holley of Roseboro, two sons, Blake Holley and Brandon Holley of Roseboro, a daughter, Hannah Holley of Roseboro, his mother, Doris Smith and husband Ricky of Dunn, a sister, Wendy Willis and husband Gary of Coats, two step brothers, Derrick Smith and wife Shannon, of Southern Pines, Eric Smith of Raleigh. The family received friends Thursday from 1 to 2 p.m. at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home.

DUNN

Agnes Strickland Lee, 70 of Dunn passed away on Friday, June 9, 2017 at Betsy Johnson Regional Hospital. Ms. Lee's funeral service was held on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 2:00 pm at Blackmans Grove PFWB Church in Dunn. The Rev. Ricky Lee will be officiating Ms. Lee's service. Ms. Lee will be laid to rest in the Blackmans Grove PFWB Church Cemetery. The family received friends at the funeral home on Monday, June 12 from 6 to 8 pm. Ms. Lee's survivors include her sons, Jimmy E. Lee and wife Cathy of Dunn, William Matthew Lee and wife Cyndil of Dunn; grandchildren, Zachery and Corey; great grandchild, Ryland; sisters, Jean Denning of Newton Grove and Margaret Coats of Linden; and a brother, Bill Strickland of Newton Grove. Ms. Lee was preceded in death by her husband, William Lee; parents, Wilbert and Louise Strickland; sisters, Catherine Strickland and Etta Mae Leber; and a brother, Adollph Strickland. Services have been entrusted to West & Dunn Funeral Home of Newton Grove, North Carolina

SALEMBURG

Herman Lee Butler 72, of Salemburg, NC died Saturday June 10, 2017. He was born October 4, 1944. He was preceded in death by his parents Naomi Williams Beatty and Craven Butler, (4) brothers Cardell, Thurman, Cherry, and Weldon and (1) sister Elizabeth. Home going Service will be held at 3:00 pm on Sunday, June 18, 2017 at Lakewood High School with Rev. Dr. Eddie Parker officiating, burial will be held in Faircloth/Herring Family Cemetery. He leaves to cherish his memories, his wife Betty Sue of the home, (1) Daughter Betsy "Missy" Mattocks, (3) sons Herman "Leroy"(Stephanie) of Jacksonville, NC, Gregory(Katrina) of Wade, NC, and Jermaine of Salemburg, NC. (Richard) of Garner, NC. (6) grandchildren, (5) great-grandchildren. (3) sisters Elma Garnett of Fort Washington, M.D., Betty Beatty of Clinton, NC, and Debbie Butler of Baltimore, MD. And a host of other family and friends. Visitation will be held Saturday, June 17, 2017 at Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Service & Cremation, 1246 Hobbton Hwy. from 2:00pm - 5:00pm with family present from 5:00pm – 6:00pm.

CLINTON

Mr. Gilbert Chestnutt, Jr., 69, of 132 Livingston Lane, Died Sunday, June 11, 2017 in Clinton. The funeral will be held at 12 p.m., Saturday, June 17 at Lisbon Street Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Thaddeus L. Godwin officiating. Burial will follow in Sandhill Cemetery. The visitation will be held Friday, June 17 from 2-6 p.m. at Worley Funeral Home, Inc. with the family present from 5-6 p.m. Mr. Chestnutt is survived by his sister, Cozette Davis of Southport, NC; brother, Percy Chestnutt of Clinton, NC. Online condolences may be sent to www.worleyfuneralhomeinc.com. Service entrusted to Worley Funeral Home, Inc. Clinton.

ROSEBORO

Mrs. Sylvia Jean Hall Faircloth, 78 of 1315 Hitching Post Road, Roseboro, passed away Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. The funeral will be held at 2:00 pm Friday, June 16, at Halls United Methodist Church, 4621 Minnie-Hall Road, Autryville, with Reverend Christi Christianson officiating. Interment will follow at the Church Cemetery. She was born April 24, 1939 in Sampson County and is preceded in death by her parents, Aaron Jolly and Wilma Autry Jolly Holland; first husband, Elwin Hall; and son, Michael Hall. She was a member of Halls United Methodist Church, and retired as a Teacher from Sampson County Public Schools and then Sampson Community College. She is survived by her husband, Oscar L. Faircloth; daughter, Sandra Hall of Chapel Hill; and brother, Harold Jolly of Durham. The family will receive friends from 12:30 to 1:45 pm Friday prior to the service, and other times at the home. Services are by Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro.

Arrest Reports

06-09 Jeremiah Wayne Lewis, 24; 103 Rouse Drive, Willard; Violation of a Court Order; Secured Bond $10,000; Court Date 06-26

06-09 Joel Thomas Parker, 56; 44 Laudie Honeycutt Rd., Clinton; 3 Counts: Assault With A Deadly Weapon; 2 Counts: Communicating Threats; Injury to Personal Property; Injury to Real Property; Trespassing; Allow Live Stock to Run at Large; Secured Bond $50,000; Court Date 07-17

06-09 Judy Lynn Hall, 24; 777 Hall Rd., Roseboro; Possession of Methamphetamine; Simple Possession of Marijuana; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Secured Bond $10,000; Court Date 06-16

06-09 Kenneth Charles Hogan, 63; 295 Keener Road, Clinton; Order for Arrest-DWLR; Secured Bond $1,000; Court Date 07-03

06-09 Quamaine Lamar Goodwin, 24; 3580 Lisbon Bridge Rd., Garland; Possess Firearm by Felon; Possession of Marijuana; Secured Bond $11,000; Court Date 06-16

06-09 Jerry Michael Jackson, 50; 360 Lorraine Road, Clinton; Possession of Cocaine; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia; Secured Bond $6,000; Court Date 06-16

06-09 Donald Phillip Caudle, 55; 210 Miller Farm Rd., Morehead City; Failure to Appear-Assault on a Female; Secured Bond $1,500; Court Date 06-27

06-10 Orlando Cabrera-Izara, 38; 151 Sandy Acres Lane, Turkey; Fail to Comply; Court Date 06-28

06-10 Joel Thomas Parker, 56; 44 Laudie Honeycutt Rd., Clinton; Cruelty to Animals; 2 Counts: Dispose of Dead Domesticated Animals; Allow Livestock to Run at Large; Secured Bond $25,000; Court Date 07-27

06-11 Rogelio Ramiro Francisco, 29; 200 Wheat Lane, Clinton; Failure to Appear-DWI; Failure to Appear-Drive Left of Center; Failure to Appear-DWLR Not Impaired Revoke; Secured Bond $5,000; Court Date 07-05

06-11 Jaquilla Latoya Williams, 22; 42 Leaf Lane, Clinton; Simple Assault; Injury to Real Property; Communicating Threats; Trespassing; Secured Bond $5,000; Court Date 07-05

06-11 Xavier Deone Hall, 30; 151 Artesian Spring Lane, Newton Grove; Injury to Personal Property; Unsecured Bond $500; Court Date 07-03

06-12 Steven Douglas Newgent, 28; 105 Wrench St., Roseboro; Escape from Custody or Resist Arrest; Secured Bond $5,000; Court Date 06-16

06-12 Sharon Amanda Carter, 35; 1733 Rabbit Street, Clinton; 2 Counts: Simple Assault; Second Degree Trespass; Stalking; No Bond; Court Date 07-11

06-12 Kenneth Steven Smith, 61; Failure to Appear- Shoplifting Concealment Goods; Secured Bond $200; Court Date 07-10

06-13 Cynthia Elena Rojas, 25; 8315 Turkey Hwy., Turkey; Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear-Speeding; Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear-DWLR; Secured Bond $500; Court Date 06-29

06-13 Robert Junior Smith II, 52; 1080 Thomson Ave., Turkey; Order for Arrest/Failure to Appear-Child Support; Court Date 06-27

06-13 Crosby Lee Carter Jr., 43; 1634 Cartertown Rd., Clinton; Trespassing; Written Promise to Appear; Court Date 06-19

06-13 Robby Wayne McLamb, 42; 48 Gill Lane, Clinton; 2 Counts: Larceny; Larceny of a Motor Vehicle; 2 Counts: Possession of Stolen Goods/Property; Secured Bond $15,000; Court Date 06-16

06-13 Airatren Kuan Stevens, 34; 233 Trappers Run Lane, Clinton; Failure to Appear-Speeding; Failure to Appear-DWLR; Court Date 07-18

06-14 Bernabe Ramirez Ramirez, 21; 224 Longview Lake Road, Garland; Simple Assault; 2 Counts: Failure to Appear-DWLR Impaired Revoke; Failure to Appear- Hit/Run Leave Scene Property Damage; 2 Counts: Failure to Appear-DWLR Not Impaired Revoke; Failure to Appear-Assault Government Official/Employee; Failure to Appear- Resisting Public Officer; Failure to Appear-DWI; Failure to Appear-Reckless Driving to Endanger; Failure to Appear-Flee/Elude Arrest with Motor Vehicle; Secured Bond $45,000; Court Date 07-03

06-14 Anthony Lafayette McKinney Jr., 22; 67 N Honeycutt Street, Coats; Burglary; Larceny after Breaking and Entering; Possessing Stolen Property; Larceny of a Motor Vehicle; Possessing a Stolen Vehicle; Secured Bond $200,000; Court Date 06-16

06-14 April Michelle Thompkins, 27; 655 Hall Rd., Roseboro; Court Violations: Failure to Appear-DWLR; Fail to Wear Seat Belt; Secured Bond $1,000; Court Date 07-10

06-14 Jacob Alan Peedin, 32; 222 Browns Church Rd., Clinton; Failure to Appear-DWLR; Secured Bond $500; Court Date 07-17

06-14 Anthony Lafayette McKinney Jr., 22; 67 N Honeycutt Street, Coats; Burglary; Larceny after Breaking and Entering; Assault on a Female; Interfere with Emergency Communication; Secured Bond $100,000; Court Date 06-26

06-14 Shannon Levon Moore, 23; 1605 Wallace Hwy., Harrells; Failure to Appear- Assault and Battery; Written Promise to Appear; Court Date 07-05

06-14 Robert Junior Hunt, 23; 58 National Avenue, Lumberton; Breaking and/or Entering; Larceny; Larceny of Firearm; Obtaining Property by False Pretense; Possess/Receive Stolen Property; Possession of Firearm by Felon; Secured Bond $25,000; Court Date 06-16

Incident/Investigation Reports

06-09 Dorothy Campbell reported a Burglary located at 3100 Fayetteville Hwy, Dunn. Items reported missing included a radio and assorted plate and silverware.

06-10 Walmart reported a Larceny located at 1415 Sunset Ave., Clinton. Items reported missing included an assortment of clothing, scooter and a candle.

06-11 Walmart reported the Larceny of Consumable Foodstuff located at 1415 Sunset Ave., Clinton.

06-12 Karen Woods reported a Larceny located at 1664 Pine Ridge Rd, Clinton. Items reported missing included a debit card, clothing and jewelry.

06-12 Obenson Sillien reported the Larceny of Flatscreen Car Radio and NC License Plate located at 6000 Block of Faison Hwy., Clinton.

06-12 Erica Warren reported a Larceny located at 200 W College St., Salemburg. Items reported missing included a ladies wallet, Military ID, California Drivers License, North Carolina Drivers License, Social Security Card, gift cards and debit cards.

06-13 Wendy Monroe reported a Burglary located at 85 Templar Lane, Roseboro. No items were reported missing.

06-13 Thomas Sessoms reported a Burglary located at 306 Richard Rd., Salemburg. Items reported missing included an assortment of firearms.

06-13 Sandra Newkirk reported the Larceny of US Currency located at 504 College St., Clinton.

06-13 Monalisa Flanagan reported the Larceny of their Vehicle located on Margaret St., Clinton.

06-14 Jorge Jiminez reported a Burglary located at 1190 Warren Mill Road, Newton Grove. Items reported missing included Iphone 6 with Otterbox case, crew cab flatbed truck, tools and US Currency.

06-14 Alex Santos Rivera reported the Theft of his Vehicle located at 217 Sandhole Road, Clinton.

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Education and Experience:
- Valid CDL and Medical DOT Card
- One-Two years minimum of job related CDL experience
- Previous moffett/forklift experience preferred
- Previous flatbed experience preferred
- Ability to operate a tablet/smartphone
- Be mechanically inclined to help troubleshoot issue with loading equipment
- Have attention to detail
- Ability to follow safe work procedures
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On Monday, June 12th the Clinton Sampson Chamber of Commerce held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Tucker and Tucker Towing. Use this 16 year family owned business for all of your towing needs! They are open 24 hours a day and offer roadside service for providers such as AAA, Geico, Allstate, and many more! You can reach them at 910-567-6137. Congratulations Tucker and Tucker Towing!

Chamber Chat

By Kaitlin Norris, Executive Director Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce

Join the chamber tonightfor our June Business After Hours at Tim's Gifts here in Clinton! Bring your business card and let the Chamber work for you from 5:30pm-7:00pm at 112 Northeast Blvd. Refreshments from Dominos will be served and you will get the chance to learn about the latest events with Tim's Gifts!

Come out next Monday at 11:00am as we network and celebrate with Member of the Week, Simpson and Holland Appraisal at their location of 2202 S Salemburg Hwy, Salemburg.

I encourage each of you to stop by and congratulate our member of the week, welcome our new members, and learn about all of our members by visiting the website at www.clintonsampsonchamber.org. or give us a call at 910.592.6177. For whatever services or products you are seeking we are always proud to recommend our members!

If you're a member of the Chamber, don't forget to display your membership decal. Did you know that studies shows that when a consumer knows that a small business is a member of the chamber, they are 63% more likely to purchase goods or serves from that company in the future and it increases your local reputation by 57% in the consumer's eyes. Check out the new 2017 Green Membership Decals and display them proudly… consumers notice.

I encourage you to get involved with the Chamber of Commerce. As an individual or business member, take advantage of the opportunities to network, advertise, attend educational seminars, and more. We are over 400 members strong and continuing to grow. Give us a call at 910.592.6177 and let us be a part of your business or organization today.

EVERY DAY IS INTERNET SECURITY DAY

Being safe online is important every day. There may be days devoted to internet security awareness, but you need to be careful every time you go online.

Do you know what it takes to be safe online? You probably connect daily to get information, shop, socialize, or work. Every time you go online, you need to avoid the risk of theft or fraud. Here are some tips to use while visiting the Social Security website and the other websites you use.

* Use Strong Passwords--Strong passwords have at least eight characters and include capital letters, numbers, and non-letter characters. These passwords make it harder for someone to hack your account.

* Do not Recycle Passwords--Although it requires effort to think of new passwords constantly, it provides safety when you do. What if you use the same password for every site and you lose your password? If someone finds it, they could get access to all your accounts. Many people choose to reuse — do not be one of them.

* Take Advantage of Multifactor Authentication--Many websites offer the option to use a second factor—or method—in addition to just a username and password to ensure that only you access your information. Using more than one factorto establish identity makes it harder for someone to get into your account and steal your personal information. Beginning June 10, 2017, Social Security requires multifactor authentication to access a my Social Security account. Customers choose whether to receive a one-time security code to either their phone or email in order create a new account or sign into their account. Visit this link to find out more about how to secure your personalmy Social Security account: www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount/verifyandprotectid.html. Consider using multifactor authentication whenever it is offered to protect your information.

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* Review Your Online Accounts and Credit Reports--Just as you review your earnings record with Social Security for accuracy at http://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount, you should review your bank and credit card accounts for accuracy. Get a free copy of your credit report available annually from the three credit reporting agencies (Experian, Equifax, and Transunion) at www.annualcreditreport.com/ and check it for incorrect entries.

By Brenda Brown

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MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES
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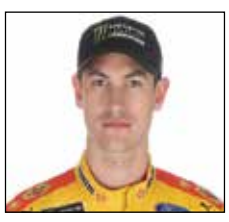
When: Sunday, 3 p.m. (ET)
TV: FS1
2016 Winner: Joey Logano (right)



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Race: Irish Hills 250
Where: Michigan International Speedway
When: Saturday, 1:30 p.m. (ET)
TV: FS1
2016 Winner: Daniel Suarez

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK SERIES
Race: Drivin' for Linemen 200
Where: Gateway Motorsports Park
When: Saturday, 8:30 p.m. (ET)
TV: FS1
2016 Winner: Christopher Bell

NASCAR INSIDER

by RICK MINTER /Andrews McMeel Syndication

Ryan Blaney emerges at Pocono with first Cup win; Wood Bros. tally No. 99

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Ryan Blaney celebrates his first Cup win in Victory Lane at Pocono as his team celebrates behind him.

The roar from the crowd in the grandstands at Pocono Raceway and the reaction on social media late Sunday left no doubt that Ryan Blaney's first career Cup victory, aboard the iconic No. 21 Ford fielded by NASCAR's oldest continuously operating race team, was one of the most popular in recent memory.

Blaney's first trip to Victory Lane gave NASCAR's younger fans a win to savor. And for the older set, seeing the popular Wood Brothers win for the 99th time was like a blast from the past.

Even the race's runner-up, Kevin Harvick, who dogged Blaney over the final eight laps once they both passed an aggressively blocking Kyle Busch, saw Blaney's victory as a positive event for NASCAR as a whole.

"These young guys winning is important for our sport," Harvick said. "Obviously as our team, we want to win, but these young guys have to get into Victory Lane to get these fans that don't like me and Kyle and the rest of the guys. ... Ryan was able to do that, so not only is it good for him, it's good for the whole sport."

Blaney's breakthrough victory, which came in his 68th career start, was accomplished with some old-school teamwork that has been the hallmark of the Wood Brothers for decades.

On the race's final pit stop, the one commonly called the "money stop," the Wood Brothers crew got Blaney back on the track as the first driver with four fresh tires and in the best position to overtake Busch, who elected not to pit at that point.

A fast stop by the Wood Brothers is nothing new, as the team is credited with developing the modern pit stop. And throughout the race, the Woods had to resort to some old-school communication methods after problems with the radio system that allows Blaney to talk to his crew.

With the crew unable to hear anything Blaney said, the team resorted to a combination of hand signals and clicks on the radio to communicate about adjustments to the car.

"It's definitely something I've never had happen before, but luckily I could hear them, and we were able to work something out," said Blaney, who also had to overcome an extra pit stop early in the race due to loose lug nuts.

Then there was the matter of passing Kyle Busch, who led a race-high 100 laps but faded to eighth place at the end, unable to keep pace while riding on older tires.

Busch put several aggressive blocks on Blaney, but his 23-year-old challenger held on and was able to deliver the Wood Brothers their first win since 2011 at Daytona. Blaney becomes the 18th different driver to win for the Woods, who have been racing in NASCAR since 1953.

"This will last forever," team co-owner Eddie Wood said of Sunday's triumph. "Every win you get is very, very special, and especially when you get Ryan's first win. We've had a number of kids that come through our car that won their first race in our car."

Wood also said Sunday's race reminded him of the team's last win at Pocono before Sunday.

"It just kind of took me back, and then right there at the end, the way [Blaney] was trying to get away from Harvick and dropping down to the inside like that," Wood said. "Neil Bonnett did that in 1980 here, and went on to win the race.

"It was just like I had flashbacks. It was really cool."

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Ryan Blaney piloted the No. 21 Ford past Kyle Busch late in the race and managed to hold off Kevin Harvick over the last several laps to score the 99th all-time Cup win for the Wood Brothers Racing team, which is based out of Stuart, Virginia.

Christopher Bell sneaks past Chase Briscoe for Truck Series win at Texas Motor Speedway

Christopher Bell edged ahead of Chase Briscoe right when it mattered most and came away the winner of Friday's Camping World Truck Series race at Texas Motor Speedway.

Bell had just surged ahead at the start of the final lap when a three-truck crash behind him — one that saw Timothy Peters tumble through the grass next to the frontstretch — brought out the caution flag and ended the race at that point. Peters was able to walk away from his truck once it was flipped back right-side-up by track workers.

It was Bell's second win of the season, the first coming at Atlanta Motor Speedway in the second race of the season, and the fourth of his career.

Briscoe, who finished a seven-race-career-high second over Grant Enfinger, Ryan Truex and Ben Rhodes, led the field to the green flag to start the final run, then fell just a few inches behind Bell when the caution flag flew for Peters' crash.

"I think that was as close as we could have gotten to winning and not be standing in Victory Lane," Briscoe said. "I honestly didn't know if we had the win or not when the yellow came out, it was that close."

Briscoe was without his regular crew chief at Texas, as Mike Hillman Jr. was suspended by NASCAR after a wheel fell off the truck during a race at Dover. Buddy Sisco was filling in at Texas and is expected to do so for the next three races.

"To be able to come here without our regular crew chief and pit crew members and still be competing for the win is something we can hold our heads up about," Briscoe said. "Now we just need to be so far ahead at the end of the next race that there's no questioning whether we are the winner."

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Timothy Peters' No. 99 Chevy Silverado was knocked into the grass at Texas before it overturned and landed on its roof late in Friday's race.

Keselowski scores first Xfinity win since 2015

Team Penske's No. 22 Ford Mustang, which is raced in the Xfinity Series mostly with Cup regulars at the wheel, had six second-place finishes this season, but no wins prior to Saturday's race at Pocono Raceway.

With Brad Keselowski driving, the No. 22 surged past race leader Kyle Larson on the last lap of the Pocono Green 250 to end a 46-race drought for the No. 22 team.

Justin Allgaier also passed Larson to take the runner-up spot over Larson, Elliott Sadler and Daniel Suarez.

As impressive as Keselowski's last-lap pass was, his charge back into contention after an incident on a restart with 16 laps to go was equally impressive.

Keselowski started that run on the front row, but a push from Sadler into Turn One was more than Keselowski needed. He drifted out of the groove and eventually regained control, but dropped back to 13th in the running order.

Still, he raced his way through the field to put himself in position to challenge for the victory.

"I drove by a bunch of cars and just pushed as hard as I could," Keselowski said.

It was Keselowski's 35th career Xfinity victory and his first since Nov. 7, 2015, at Texas Motor Speedway.

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Brad Keselowski celebrates Saturday's Xfinity Series win at Pocono in the No. 22 Ford Mustang for Team Penske, ending the team's 46-race winless drought.

NASCAR CUP DRIVER STANDINGS

1. Martin Truex Jr., 584
2. Kyle Larson, 583
3. Kevin Harvick, 480
4. Kyle Busch, 463
5. Brad Keselowski, 454
6. Chase Elliott, 438
7. Jimmie Johnson, 421
8. Jamie McMurray, 418
9. Denny Hamlin, 386
10. Clint Bowyer, 369

Darrell Wallace's debut doesn't go as planned

Darrell Wallace Jr., who on Sunday became the first African-American driver since Bill Lester in 2006 to race in NASCAR's elite Cup division, told reporters after the race that he was disappointed with the way his day played out. He was nabbed three times for speeding on pit road and finished 26th, one lap behind the winner, his close friend Ryan Blaney.

"I'm just so bummed out and frustrated with myself," said Wallace, who briefly passed out after climbing from the No. 43 Ford for Richard Petty Motorsports. "I know my family is going to be hard on me after this to not to be so hard on myself, but I'm competitive and I want to win races and I want to lead laps. Just wanted to have a good showing, and to speed four, five times, same segment, that was pretty tough to swallow. ... It was just not our day."

Wallace said he struggled to adapt to the digital dash that are found in Cup cars, but not in the Xfinity cars he's been driving.

"I'm so used to analog techs and everything, and this digital stuff I've got to figure out," he said. "I'll say I'm not a fan of it right now. It's jumping around too much. You just don't get a true feel of what you're running down pit road. A lot of other guys say it's fine, so I've just got to figure out what I've got to do better."

But he also saw some positives from his role as a fill-in for the injured Aric Almirola.

"I've been dreaming about this since I was a little kid, being in the Cup Series, and now it's here, and I made a name for myself," he said. "I thought I ran a pretty decent race, just kind of running there by myself, passed a couple people, tried not to make anybody too mad, and hopefully earned a lot of respect from those guys out there. I definitely had a blast. At the same time, I was a little frustrated, but we'll build off of it."

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Richard Petty, center, poses with young drivers and good friends Darrell Wallace Jr. and Ryan Blaney prior to Sunday's race at Pocono.

NUMERICALLY SPEAKING

5 Top-10 finishes this season for Pocono winner Ryan Blaney

6 Finishes of 30th or worse this season for Dale Earnhardt Jr.

13,059 Career laps led for Kyle Busch, who led 100 at Pocono — second only to Jimmie Johnson's 18,619 laps led among active drivers

51,406 Career laps led by Richard Petty — tops among all drivers in NASCAR Cup history