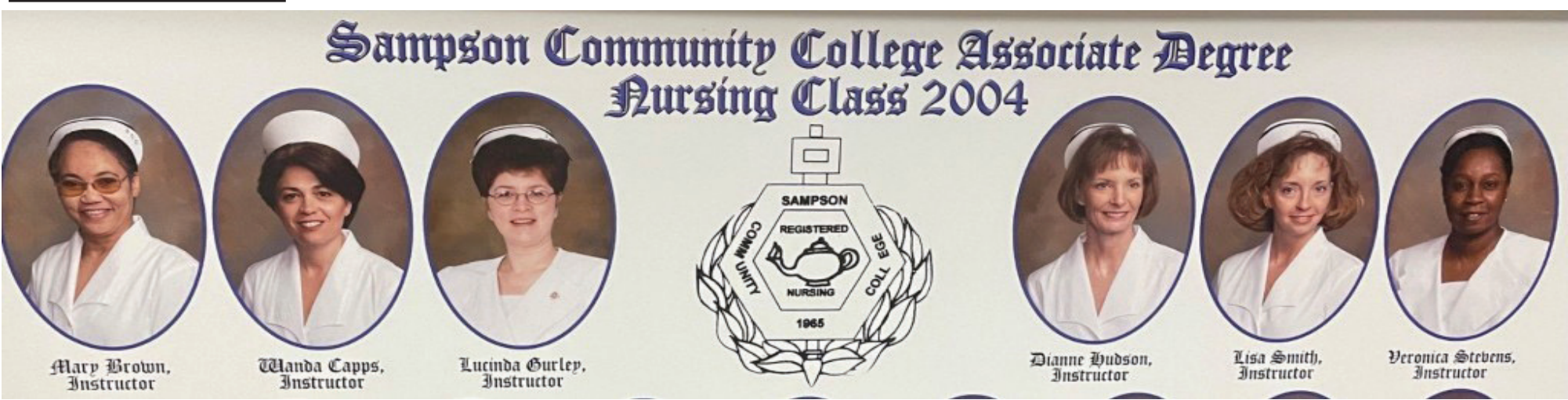


SCC NURSING, cont from Pg. 1



More influential leaders of the ADN program: (From L) Mary Brown, Wanda Capps, Lucinda Gurley, Dianne Hudson, Lisa Smith, and Veronica Stevens

tember 2022. The event brought together current and former directors, instructors, and students; family and friends of those who were significant to the program’s development; faculty and staff; and others who wanted to participate in the celebration of the College’s major achievement.

Before becoming SCC’s beloved and accredited ADN curriculum, the nursing program began as a Practical Nursing (PN) program under the joint direction of Sampson County Memorial Hospital (Sampson Regional Medical Center) and Sampson Technical Institute (Sampson Community College). In 1972, after serving students for six years, the PN program evolved into SCC’s current ADN program after receiving a National Institute of Health Grant for \$108,000. Previously located at Sampson County’s Co-harie Tribal Center (formerly Sampson Technical Institute), the ADN pathway allows students to obtain an Associate Degree in Nursing upon completion, a key difference between the PN and ADN programs.

During the commemorative event, both remarks and reflections were given by Dr. Bill Starling, SCC President; Lakeya Howard, senior nursing student at SCC; Wanda Capps, former Vice President of Academic Affairs, Division Chair of Health Programs, Department Chair of Nursing, and Associate Degree Nursing instructor; Dr. Veronica Stevens, Division Chair of Health Programs; and Mark Lawson, graduate of the ADN program. The speakers honored the pioneers and history of the ADN program while celebrating the new generation of nurses that SCC is producing, with 43 graduating from the ADN program in 2022.

One of the featured moments of the day was a panel discussion led by Lisa Turlington, Dean of Advancement and Executive Director of the Foundation. She encouraged the four panelists with connections to the ADN program: Robin Palmer, Mary Brown, Dan Gurley, and Robin Bradshaw to share some fond memories about its history and early influential leaders with the audience in attendance. Though many individuals’ names came to mind, in their discussion, they decided to focus on the recognition of Mrs. Sallie Gayle Reynolds, a trailblazer and the first director of the ADN program at SCC.

Educated at Duke University, Reynolds was truly the backbone of the ADN program in its early years—someone who was “larger than life,” according to Mary Brown, a

lifelong advocate for healthcare and education, SCC Foundation Director, catalyst of SCC’s Boykin Family Heritage Endowment, former member of the Sampson County Board of Education, and successor of Gayle as director of the ADN program.

Brown recalled, “Sallie Gayle was a great nurse and leader. She allowed us to be flexible in our individual skills, and I thought that was fair of her-- that she could allow us to lead, guide, and direct the students for their good. We were in the cafeteria one morning when she asked me to take over the program. She said, ‘Ms. Brown I’m planning to retire and I’m going to recommend that you replace me.’ And of course, tears flowed. I replied, ‘Mrs. Reynolds you think that I can fill your shoes?’ Sallie Gayle was very fair, loved the students, and she wanted them to be great. We remember her with great honor.”

Robin Palmer, great-niece to Sallie Gayle, also shared her best memories of her dear great-aunt during the ceremony. With a background and family rooted in healthcare, Palmer focused her career on community wellness, working at Sampson Regional Medical Center for twenty years while also serving as a SCC Foundation director. As a little child, she remembered coming to work at SCC with her mother, former nursing instructor, and interacting with Gayle who “had such high standards for herself and her students, even down to the way they dressed.”

Palmer explained, “I went to work with my mom, and I can still remember the joy, the pride, and just having the warmest and best feeling. The uniforms, the starched caps, white hose no runs, white shoes no scuffs. Aunt Sallie Gayle was serious about every single part of being a nurse. She made my mom want to be a nurse because of the pride she took it in and how she presented it. Everyone in here has been impacted and influenced by that desire and image she portrayed of what nursing should be like. I think Sallie Gayle launched the program and instilled the desire and passion. This program provides that core structure for healthcare in this county. You all are the glue and the heart and the sole of healthcare. You all are carrying on the legacy of Sallie Gayle.”

Sallie Gayle also holds a special place in the heart of Dan Gurley, husband to Cindy

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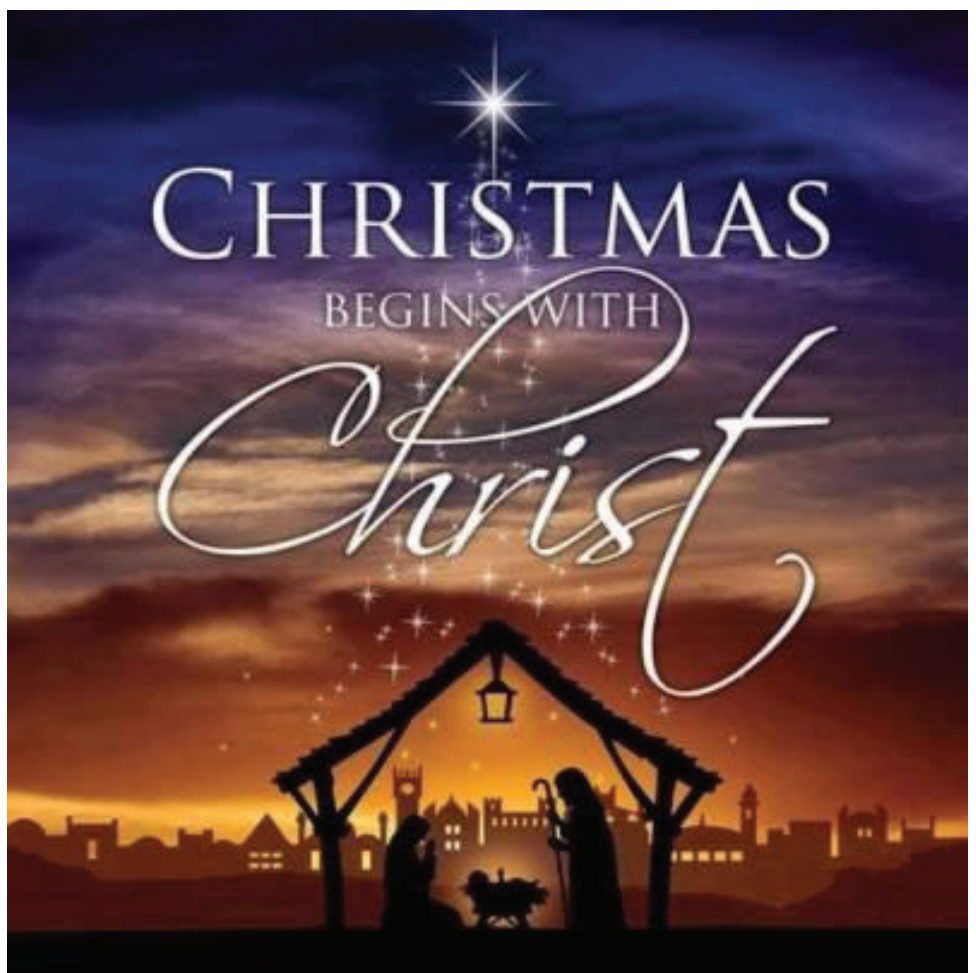
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Foreclosure, garnishment, bank attachment and levy procedures on real estate and personal property will begin on January 6, 2023. No exceptions or payment arrangements will be made.

If paying by mail, the US Postmark must be dated no later than January 5, 2023. The County Tax Department is located at 126 West Elizabeth Street, Clinton, NC 28328.



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SCC NURSING, cont from Pg. 2

Gurley, a dedicated instructor and eventual director of the early ADN program, and namesake of the Lucinda P. Gurley Nursing Scholarship Fund at SCC. In 1980, Gurley urged his wife to apply for an instructor position at SCC, even though she had no experience teaching, only shift work in L&D nursing at the time. But Gayle took a chance on her, and with the guidance of Gayle and mentorship of Brown, Mrs. Gurley became an outstanding leader in nursing at SCC until her retirement in 2007.

Dan Gurley voiced, “Fortunately, I think Mrs. Sallie Gayle had the ability to see things in people that they might not even know about themselves. I think she saw something in Cindy and she was willing to take a chance on her. Over the years, I soon discovered, and so did Cindy, that she had a gift for teaching. She was talented and had a natural God-given gift for teaching. Not only did that translate to nursing, but she also taught things like Lamaze, bible study, and Sunday school teacher at her church. I give Sallie Gayle, and Mary Brown as well, credit for that. Cindy loved Mary Brown-- she was a mentor to her for years. I can’t tell you how much I appreciate what Mary did for Cindy, and how she helped her grow in her ability to teach and in her relationship with students.”

Mrs. Gurley heroically battled cancer for nine years before passing away in 2009. But even within her final days, Gurley said he still saw the impact his wife left on the nursing program because of Gayle and Brown, with two of her former students serving as hospice nurses to her.

“I can’t tell you what that means to me, and I know what it meant to Cindy. She was so grateful for that. She stayed connected to her former students and colleagues until close to the end. She loved this College, the people she worked with, and she loved the students. She tried her dead level best to make sure that as many of them as possible could succeed. I am so grateful for this program and all it’s meant to our community and my family.”

Coming to SCC in 1988, Wanda Capps, former Vice President of Academic Affairs, Division Chair of Health Programs, Department Chair of Nursing, and Associate Degree Nursing instructor at SCC, also shared about the numerous, significant nursing program milestones she witnessed during her time at the College until 2020-- such as the ADN program’s national accreditation in 2012.

Other notable accomplishments Capps recalled were the program’s high passage rates, the relationships they developed with students, and the program’s partnership with Sampson Regional Medical Center, which resulted in the Sampson Simulation Center. During that time, the majority of the College’s nursing faculty were also graduates of SCC’s ADN program—another fact Capps was incredibly proud of.

She mentioned, “If I had to think about the most heartfelt reflection about the program it is the same thing that most of you have already said: the impact that this program has had on students and their lives and the impact this program has on our community. The passion that we have for the students, the College, and the community is one of the things that has made it so successful, and I can sit back and wait for greater things to happen.”

With an amazing team of nursing instructors, administrative staff, and directors, SCC’s Associate Degree Nursing curriculum, now led by Dr. Veronica Stevens, Division Chair of Health Programs, provides knowledge, skills, and strategies to integrate safety and quality into nursing care, to practice in a dynamic environment, and to meet individual needs which impact health, quality of life, and achievement of potential. Course work includes and builds upon the domains of healthcare, nursing practice, and the holistic individual. Content emphasizes the nurse as a member of the interprofessional team providing safe, individualized care while employing evidence-based practice, quality improvement, and informatics. Graduates of this program are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN). Employment opportunities are vast within the global health care system and may include positions within acute, chronic, extended, industrial, and community health care facilities.

In a final quote, Lakeya Howard, a current, senior nursing student in the ADN program at SCC, shed light on the students’ point of view and spoke for all her fellow classmates by truly encapsulating the vast impact the College’s nursing program and instructors, former and current, have had on their educations and careers over the years—an im-



Current SCC instructors, directors, and students were also in attendance.

pact they will feel for years to come.

Howard concluded, “I am proud to be the recipient of such a rich legacy of nursing excellence. SCC’s Associate Degree Nursing program takes pride in producing quality nurses, even in this time with the pandemic. The education I am receiving is adequately preparing me for the next level of my career by instilling the confidence, professionalism, and critical thinking skills required to be a successful nurse. It is an honor to be a part of something that is bigger than myself and has such a positive impact on the community and truly makes me feel that I can begin here and go anywhere.”

Sampson CC is exceedingly proud to have offered an Associate Degree Nursing program, now nationally accredited, to students for the past fifty years. The College is thankful to the program’s early pioneers and their contributions that paved the way for a successful, decades-long nursing program. SCC also extends its gratitude to its recent directors and instructors who continue to honor the legacies and histories of those who came before them. Sampson CC is dedicated to continuing to provide students with a beloved, accredited nursing curriculum that prepares them for successful careers within the healthcare field.



**Sallie Gayle Reynolds, Chair-
man**



Pictured in 1973, Sallie Gayle Reynolds, the first director of the ADN program at SCC.



*Seen in 1986, Mary Brown, the second director of
the ADN program at SCC.*

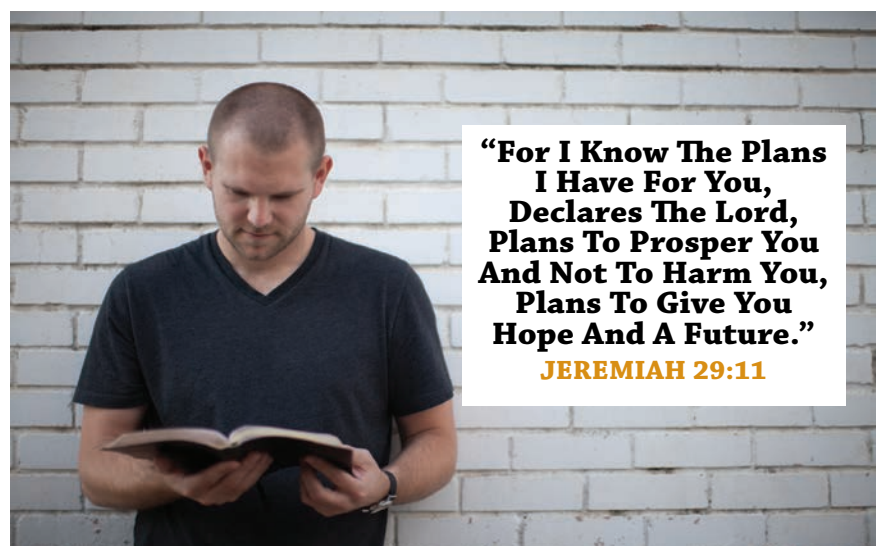


Students in the Practical Nursing program at SCC in 1968.

For more information about the Associate Degree Nursing program or how to enroll, visit www.sampsoncc.edu/associate-degree-nursing or contact healthprograms@sampsoncc.edu.

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SAVING SAMPSON, cont from Pg 1
for fees to become a 501c3 nonprofit organization.”

Denning continued, “Our mission is reducing the number of animals entering the shelter by aggressively spaying/neutering and making it affordable for everyone. The last public animal shelter report for Sampson county animal shelter was submitted in 2020. That year they took in 1112 dogs, 300 of those dogs were euthanized and they took in 737 cats and 548 of those cats were euthanized. Those numbers are distressing, especially for the cats. These numbers reflect poorly on us as citizens. That is what makes TNR (Trap, Neuter, & Return) so essential for our community. TNR can help save the county a significant amount of money. For one cat to participate in the TNR program, it is around half of the cost of euthanizing a cat.”

Kristy continued, “Even if you’re not a cat person you should want to support this program to control the population.”

Kristy noted that she does the majority of the trapping, so there’s always a waiting list. “As of 12/21/22 we have successfully TNR’D 204 cats this year. I encourage citizens to buy appropriately sized traps and learn to correctly TNR themselves. They can reach out via email or Facebook with any questions.”

“Also, lack of education on the benefits of spaying and neutering are an issue in our community. I often hear people say, “I’m not taking away my animal’s manhood/womanhood”. I struggle with giving appropriate responses to comments such as that. It’s a proven fact that spaying and neutering is healthier for your pet. With NC having the 3rd highest euthanasia rate in the nation, I feel like we need to make an effort to slow down excessive breeding and backyard breeding of purebred dogs and cats as well. We ask the community to step up and have their animals fixed! If you cannot afford it, there are resources available.”

Kristy explained the process, “We do require proof of hardship to qualify for free spay/neuter, and we always have a waiting list. We also ask if you see an animal being abused or neglected please call animal control and make a report. It’s up to us as a community to start setting higher standards for the care and wellbeing of our pets. Saving Sampson belongs to ALL of us. We are all part of this mission whether you

CHRISTMAS STOCKING, cont from Pg 1
overheard the concerns of a widower with three daughters. After the death of his wife, the widower had fallen on hard times and was concerned that his daughters would never be able to marry because he could not afford to pay dowries which were a requirement at that time for a girl to get married.

The widower was too proud to take charity, so Saint Nicholas had to get creative to help them. So, one night as the family slept, Saint Nicholas tossed three bags of gold down the chimney of the family’s house. One or more of the bags ended up in the stockings of the daughters, who had washed the stockings and hung them by the fireplace to dry before they went to sleep. Others in the village heard of the daughters’ good fortune and hung up their stockings too in hopes of getting presents as well.

But how do we get from that legend to hanging stockings for Christmas? Again, that is not totally clear. It seems that the tradition started in celebration of Saint Nicholas Day, celebrated on December 6th each year, and later it began to be associated with Christmas when Saint Nicholas and his legendary gift giving began to be associated with the Christmas celebration. How the stocking tradition came to America is a little more clear. Britannica.com says that the Dutch introduced the tradition of hanging Christmas stockings to the United States around the start of the 1800s. Then in 1822 came the big

foster, volunteer, adopt, donate money or purchase wish list items, share our social media posts, or simply pray for us.”

Denning stated that every Sampsonian is part of the team to protect animals. “You are part of the team and we love and appreciate you! I am so thankful for our team: Steve Denning, Savannah Denning, Kathy & Troy Faircloth, Nick Hatcher, Meghan & Eric Jackson, Caitland Lambright, Caitlin Floyd, Felisha Horne, And our tiny but mighty team of fosters Celeste, Sharon, Diane, and Alex! This year has been amazing thanks to each of these people, but next year will be even better!”

So far this year, Saving Sampson has spayed/neutered and vaccinated 413 pets belonging to citizens and foster pets (dogs and cats) as well this year. Some of the adoptable animals can be found on Petfinder.

Denning noted that the organization also rescues some dogs, but on a smaller scale. “When we rescue dogs, usually we get them up to one of our northern rescue families.”

All of the adoptable animals at Saving Sampson are spayed/neutered, vaccinated, microchipped, and treated for parasites and fleas.

If you are interested in helping Saving Sampson in any way, visit their website at <https://savingsampson.wixsite.com/savesampson> or email them at savingsampsonpets@gmail.com. They can be found on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/savingsampsonNC/>.


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breakthrough that really tied it all together in America. That was the year that Clement Clark Moore’s A Visit From Saint Nicholas was published. You may know it better as ‘Twas The Night Before Christmas. The lines, “the stockings were hung by the chimney with care, in hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there....” cemented the place of the Christmas stocking as a Christmas tradition in America.

There was a minor blip in the tradition in the late 1800s in America. For a short period, Christmas stockings fell out of favor with the increased popularity of the Christmas tree and the use of it as a place to put presents. The thinking went, “why do we need a Christmas stocking if we have all this space under the tree for presents? It’s redundant.” This line of thinking quickly and thankfully came to an end when people came to the conclusion that there really aren’t too many good locations for placing Christmas presents and the Christmas stocking made a triumphant and permanent return.


I do have a small confession. At the start of this article, I said that I hung a Christmas stocking when I was young. Actually, I never stopped. I still have the original stocking my grandmother made for me in 1966, but it has been retired and replaced by one my mother made a few years ago that matches those of my siblings, our children and our spouses. (Grandmother used a different pattern on mine than all the others that followed.) But, I still hang the new one each year in hopes that Santa will fill it. The Christmas stocking truly is a Christmas tradition for all ages!



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12-10 Amari Smith, 21, Rose Hill. Carrying Concealed Gun.

12-11 Sharon Kathlyn Sloan, 38, Warsaw. OFA DWLR, OFA Speeding. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 01-23-23

12-11 Burgess Griffin McNeill, 40, Clinton. Habitual DWI, DWLR. Bond \$20000. Trial Date 01-06-23

12-12 Malik Darrell Murphy, 22, Turkey. No Operators License, Larceny. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 01-12-23

12-12 Tymeisha Rayshon Fryar, 22, Clinton. Larceny. Bond \$500. Trial Date 01-12-23

12-13 Sharae Labronze Owens, 18, Salemburg. MO Larceny by Employee. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 01-06-23

12-14 Humberto Monsivais II, 30, Autryville. Larceny. Bond \$20000. Trial Date 01-06-23

12-14 Denia Gail Faison, 34, Clinton. Identity Theft, Possess Cocaine, Possess MDMA, Habitual Felon. Bond \$30001. Trial Date 01-09-23

12-15 Jamail Dante Moore, 32, Clinton. Trafficking in Schedule II, Possession of Schedule VI, Possess Drug Paraphernalia, DWLR, Open Container After Consuming. Bond \$50000. Trial Date 01-06-23

12-15 Timothy Reed Shively, 32, Roseboro. Possess Schedule II, Possess Drug Paraphernalia, Rear Lamp Violation. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 01-06-23

12-15 Ashford Kendra Smith, 30, Clinton. DWI, DWLR. Bond \$750. Trial Date 01-17-23

12-15 Tyrek Dunn, 34, Warsaw. Identity Theft. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 01-06-23

12-15 Destiny Nicole Edwards, 25, Newton Grove. Warrant Service for Other Agency. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 12-16-22

12-15 Bobby Parker, 31, Clinton. Order for Arrest. Bond \$150000. Trial Date 01-18-23

12-17 Cornell Brown, 59, Clinton. Simple Assault. Trial Date 01-05-23

12-15 David Earl Stone, 36, Clinton. OFA Sampson County Child Support. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 1-10-23

12-17 Donald Watts, 42, Clinton. Misdemeanor Stalking. Trial Date 01-12-23

12-16 Larry James Pettiford, 59, Durham. OFA FTC Failed to Pay Money. Bond \$273. Trial Date 01-10-23

12-16 Adriana Thompson, 38, Fayetteville. Possession of Stolen Firearm, Possession of Firearm by Felon. Bond \$15000. Trial Date 01-06-23

12-16 Jaequan Glennis Stevens, 25, Clinton. Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle, Assault on a Female, Failure to Appear. Trial Date 01-11-23

12-15 Michael Joseph Phillips, 46, Clarkton. Order for Arrest. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 01-10-23

12-15 Jaheim Lamond Tatum, 20, Roseboro. Communicating Threats, Assault on a Female, Threatening Phone Call. Trial Date 01-25-23

12-18 James Opal Williams, 29, Godwin. Possess Meth, Possess Drug Paraphernalia, Resisting Public Officer. Bond \$25000. Trial Date 01-06-23

12-17 Lafayette James Mishoe, 43, Clinton. Order for Arrest- Fail to Comply. Bond \$500. Trial Date 01-04-23

12-17 Randolph Joyner, 66, Clinton. Communicating Threats. Trial Date 01-10-23

12-16 Jeremy Clayton Horne, 39, Autryville. Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 01-06-23

12-17 Crystal Jean Johnson, 45, Elizabethtown. MO Poss Marijuana up to ½ oz, MO Poss Drug Paraphernalia, DWLR. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 01-09-23

12-17 Malik Ahmad Mason, 27, Clinton. OFA Simple Marijuana. Bond \$500. Trial Date 01-05-23

12-17 Jhonattan Alberto Salazar, 36, Clinton. OFA Speeding. Bond \$500. Trial Date 01-09-23

12-17 Jazzy Fryar, 24, Clinton. Simple Assault. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 01-12-23

12-17 Donte Trasean McLellan, 22, Dudley. Possess Marijuana, Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Trial Date 02-20-23

12-17 Danrique Alexander Mathis, 21, Clinton. OFA FTA Carrying Concealed Gun, OFA FTA Simple Possession Sch VI CS. Bond \$5500. Trial Date 01-13-23

12-18 Joe Efrain Medina, 35, Clinton. OFA Open Container, OFA DWLR Impaired Rev, OFA No Liability Ins. Bond \$500. Trial Date 01-09-23

12-17 Jorge Abel Meraz-Barahona, 31, Clinton. PWISD Cocaine, Possess Drug Paraphernalia, Rear Lamp Violation, Speeding, DWLR. Bond \$15500. Trial Date 01-06-23

12-17 Eduin Roberto Ochoa Diaz, 23, Clinton. Possess Stolen Firearm, Discharge Firearm in City, Possess CS Prison/Jail Premises. Bond \$20000. Trial Date 01-06-23

12-18 Rene Jaramillo Ferruzca, 29, Clinton. MO Hit and Run Leave Scene Property Damage, No Operators License. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 01-09-23

12-19 Denis Moises Martin, 22, Clinton. Assault on a Female.

12-20 Curtis Wayne McLamb, 37, Faison. OFA Sampson County Child Support. Bond \$500.

12-16 Jeremy Clayton Horne, 39, Autryville. Possess Meth. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 01-06-23

12-20 Kevin Jamar Wright, 36, Durham. Identity Theft, Obtaining Property by False Pretense. Trial Date 12-22-22

12-15 Tiffany Rose Williams, 32, Salemburg. Indecent Liberties with Child, Sex Act with a Student. Bond \$40000. Trial Date 01-06-23

12-15 Andrew Lee Bailey, 49, Garland. Failure to Appear. Bond \$26500. Trial Date 01-03-23

12-16 Demetrius Antoin Eason, 23, Clinton. FTA Order for Arrest. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 12-19-22

12-20 Courtney Nicole King, 35, Dunn. Order for Arrest/FTA. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 01-17-23

12-20 Tyler Britt Strickland, 28, Faison. Felony Maintain a Dwelling, PWISD Marijuana, Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 01-06-23

12-20 Ryan Leigh Barefoot, 21, Godwin. Aggravated Assault. Trial Date 01-11-23

12-18 Eric Terrell Merchinson, 32, Dunn. Violating a Court Order. Trial Date 01-06-23

12-15 Kaylee Michelle Stone, 28, Clinton. OFA Sampson County Child Support. Bond \$240. Trial Date 01-10-23

12-19 Hasson Hakeem Massey, 33, Dunn. PWISD MDMA, Possess Paraphernalia, Littering, Maintain a Vehicle Dwelling, CCW, Trafficking Cocaine by Transport, RDO, Trafficking Cocaine by Possession. Bond \$280000. Trial Date 01-06-23

12-15 Charles Arthur Faulkner, 65, Clinton. OFA Child Support Sampson. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 01-10-23

12-16 Justina Skye Phillips, 30, Clinton. Trespass of Real Property.

12-16 Ashley Nicole Brunson, 38, Roseboro. Order for Arrest. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 01-09-23

12-17 Angello Leonel Esparza, 23, Garland. RDO, DWLR. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 01-26-23

12-19 Rogelio Ramos, 40, Clinton. Carrying Concealed Weapon, Resisting Public Officer, Order for Arrest FTA, Order for Arrest Probation Violation. Bond \$7000. Trial Date 01-9-23

12-20 Detron Detray Spruill, 31, Charleston. Fugitive from Justice. Trial Date 12-21-22

12-15 Isaiah Martin Bridges, 20, Fayetteville. PWISD Marijuana, Possession of Marijuana Paraphernalia. Bond \$4000. Trial Date 01-06-23

12-16 Adriana Thompson, 38, Fayetteville. Misdemeanor Possession of Marijuana. Bond \$15000. Trial Date 01-06-23

INCIDENT REPORTS

11-06 Jymir Brunson reported Motor Vehicle Theft- automobile \$7000.

11-07 Sandpiper Seafood reported Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories- catalytic converter \$300.

11-07 Tamasia Zuniga reported Destruction, Damage, Vandalism of Property, Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories- automobile damage \$200, license plate stolen.

11-08 Michael Carter reported Larceny of Cattle- bull \$6800, cow \$2000.

11-08 Heriberto Rodriguez reported Damage to Property- Nissan \$500.

11-08 Nancy Flores reported Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories- license plate \$40.

11-08 US Department of Agriculture reported Larceny- camera \$2500.

11-08 Redden Simmons reported a Larceny- camera \$100, trail camera \$70.

11-08 Wilfredo Padilla reported Larceny- water heater \$700.

11-09 Barry Puffer reported a Burglary/ Breaking & Entering, Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property, Larceny of Tools- exterior door \$500, gas air compressor \$800, ladder \$100, level \$40.

11-09 Erica Satchell, Roland Owens, Annie Owens reported Damage to Motor Vehicle- driver door \$500, damage to vehicle \$5000.

11-09 Ryan Herring reported a Motor Vehicle Theft- automobile \$9000.

11-11 Lowes of Clinton reported Found Property- narcotics.

11-11 Semaj Roscoe reported a Lost Package- computer hardware/software \$850.64.

11-11 Walmart reported a Larceny- merchandise \$572.45.

11-11 Handee Hugos reported Larceny by Employee- groceries \$50.

11-11 Patricia Lewis reported Counterfeiting/Forgery- \$5000.

11-12 Blue Ridge Power reported a Larceny- iPad \$1100.

11-12 Marcus Snowa reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering, Theft from Building- hand tools \$10000, electric dryer \$1000, freezer \$500.

11-12 Adam Scott reported Damage to Property- storm door \$100.

11-14 Wendy Carr reported Breaking and Entering Other Building- Christmas decorations \$500, golf clubs \$500.

11-14 Daniel Ray reported Obtain Property by False Pretenses- money \$8000.

11-15 Marathon reported a Larceny- hats \$320.

11-16 Charnella Highsmith reported a Theft from Motor Vehicle, Damage to Property- money \$55, door window \$250.

11-16 Margret Gaona reported a Theft from Motor Vehicle- wallet \$20, money \$575, credit cards, id cards.

11-16 Ashley Alejandro reported a Theft from Motor Vehicle- purse \$20, makeup \$80, hair products \$15, sunglasses \$5.

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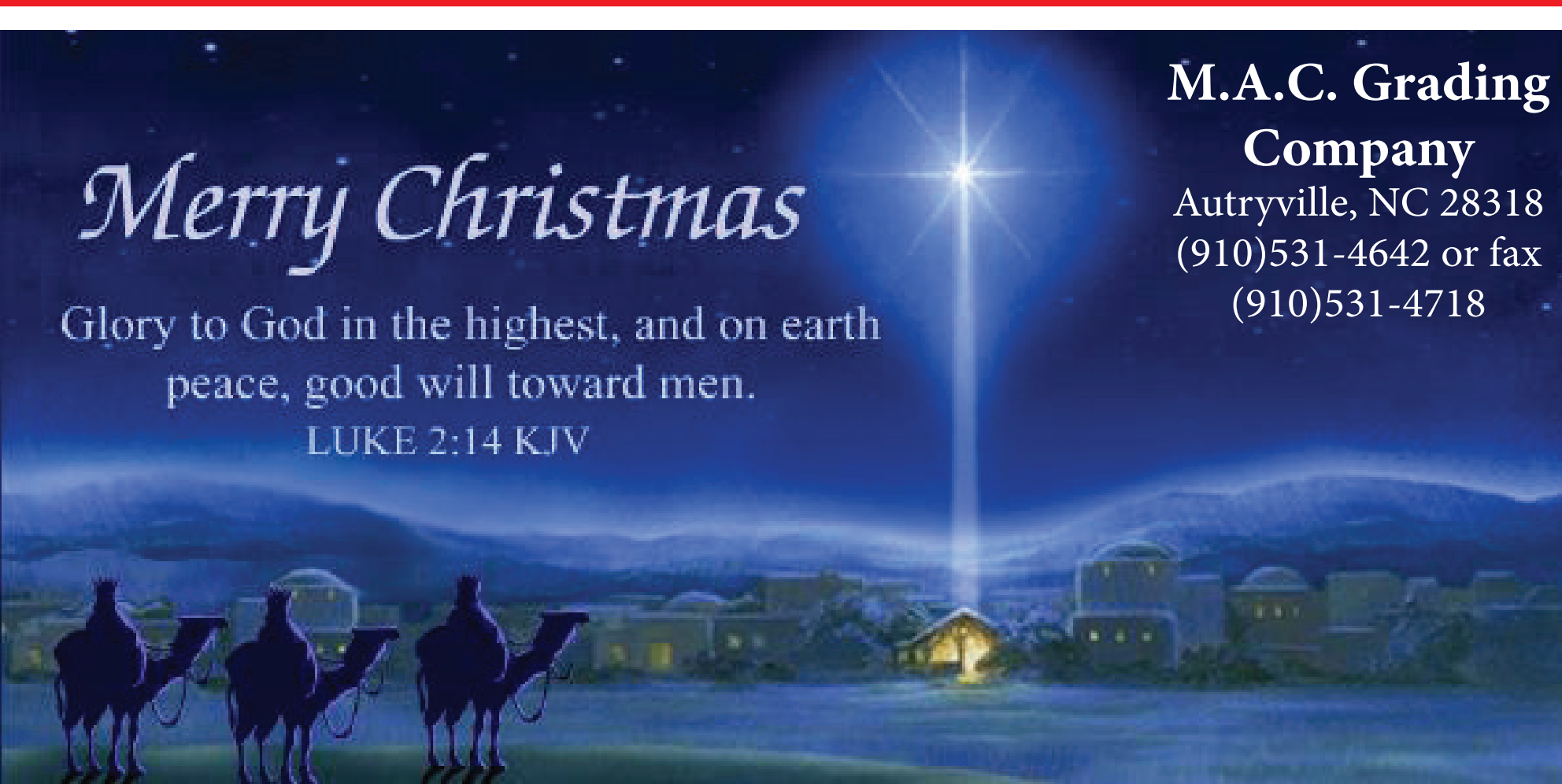
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The Story of the Christmas Guest



Oh, how I love to recite and share this beautiful poem which genuinely reflects the true spirit of Christmas! What JOY would be spread if each of us would simply live the daily of our lives realizing that just as Jesus said in Matthew 25:40 ***“Inasmuch as you did it unto the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me.”*** Thank you for allowing me to challenge you to model this same unselfishness during Christmas.

THE STORY OF THE CHRISTMAS GUEST

It happened one day at the year’s white end,
Two neighbors called on an old-time friend
And they found his shop so meager and lean,
Made bright with a thousand boughs of green.
And Conrad, the cobbler, was sitting with face a-shine
When he suddenly stopped as he stitched a twine,
And said, “Old friends, at dawn today,
When the cock was crowing the night away,
The Lord appeared in a dream to me
And said: Today I am coming your guest to be.”
So, I’ve been busy with feet astir,
Strewing my shop with branches of fir.
The table is spread and the kettle is shined
And over the rafters the holly is twined.
And now I will wait for my Lord to appear
And listen closely so I will hear
His step as He nears my humble place
And I open the door and look on His face.”

So his friends went home and left Conrad alone,
For this was the happiest day he had known,
For long since his family had passed away
And Conrad had spent many a sad Christmas Day.
But he knew with the Lord as his Christmas guest
This Christmas would be the dearest and best,
And he listened with only JOY in his heart,
And with every sound he would rise with a start
And look for the Lord to be standing there

In answer to his earnest prayer.
So he ran to the window after hearing a sound,
But all that he saw on the snow-covered ground
Was a shabby beggar whose shoes were torn,
And all of his clothes were ragged and worn.
So Conrad was touched and went to the door
And he said, “Your feet must be frozen and sore,
I have some shoes in my shop for you
And a coat that will keep you warmer, too..”

So with a grateful heart, the man went away,
But Conrad noticed the time of day.
He wondered what made the dear Lord so late
And how much longer he’d have to wait.
When he heard a knock he ran to the door,
But, alas, it was only a stranger once more,
A bent old lady with a shawl of black
With a bundle of kindling piled on her back.
She asked only for a place to rest,
But that was reserved for Conrad’s great Guest.
Her voice seemed to plead “Don’t send me away;
Let me rest for awhile on Christmas Day.”
So, Conrad brewed her a steaming cup
And told her to sit at the table and sup.
But after she left he was filled with dismay
For he saw that the hours were slipping away.
And the Lord hadn’t come as He said He would,
And Conrad felt sure he had misunderstood.

When out of the stillness he heard a cry,
“Please help me, and tell me where am I?”
So once again he opened his friendly door
And stood disappointed as twice before,
It was only a child who had wandered away
And was lost from her family on Christmas Day.
Again Conrad’s heart was heavy and sad,
But he knew he should make the little girl glad.
So he called her in and wiped her tears,
And quieted all of her childish fears.
Then he led her back to her home once more,
But as he entered his own now darkened door
He knew that the Lord was not coming today,
For the hours of Christmas had passed away.

So he went to his room and knelt down to pray,
And he said: “Dear Lord, why did You delay?
What kept You from coming to call on me?
For I wanted so much your face to see.”
When soft in the silence, a voice he heard;
“Lift up your head, for I kept My word.
Three times My shadow crossed your floor.
Three times I came to your lowly door.
For I was the beggar with the bruised, cold feet,
I was the woman you gave food to eat,
And I was the child on the homeless street.
Three times I knocked, three times I came in,
Three times you responded with love from within.

And Conrad, of all the gifts Love is the best,
And I was honored to be your
CHRISTMAS GUEST!

By Edwin Markham



By Martha Pierce

Have You Given Up?



James 1:12, “Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.”

Recently, I was reading an article about the current state of college basketball. The University of Louisville Cardinals are 0-7 under its first-year coach. It is the worst start of their basketball program since 1940-41. Maryland defeated Louisville men’s basketball team 79-54 at the KFC Yum! Center, and after the latest in a string of sloppy losses, Louisville’s head coach Kenny Payne gave his players a chance to come clean. “We did not compete. We did not fight. We did not meet their intensity,” Coach Payne said. “At times, it looked like we gave up. I asked the guys if that was the case: ‘Have you given up?’” The question this college basketball coach asked resonated with me on a spiritual nature.

How many Christians have been more focused on their past defeats than on the victory Christ has promised all who follow Him? Maybe you do not have visible bruises or wounds, but your spirit can be crushed by this cruel world. The death of a loved one can sink our spirit for years. Divorce can seem like wandering in a valley of darkness.

The fear of financial debt can consume our daily lives. You begin to wonder will there ever be a better life than the one you are living.

Deuteronomy 31:6, “Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.” This scripture reminds us of how Moses was near the end of his ministry instructing his successor Joshua on how to handle the challenges of leadership. Moses is reminding his people of the great victories they have had with the Lord by their by their side, and is assuring them that those victories will continue.

When you sense fear and defeat remember to be strong. As a Christian, your strength comes not from this world, but God. He strengthens His children when they read the Bible. He strengthens His followers when they call out to Him in prayer. He can also strengthen you with the words of encouragement from a fellow believer. The key point is that our strength comes from the creator of the universe. Psalm 28:7, “The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.” If He can control the waves of the ocean, the rays of the sun and the positions of the planets, you can rest assured that God will give you His strength when you sense defeat.

Moses closes out his encounter with Joshua with the reminder that God will not leave or forsake him. Dr. Adrian Rogers proclaimed, “If I put things between me and Christ, it is idolatry. If I put Christ between me and things, it is victory!” God does not just stick around when you are on top of the mountain. God is there when the cancer report has been read, He is present when we stagger in the darkness of our sin and He loves us when the world has labeled us as defeated. Romans 5:8 declares, “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

I encourage you today to not give up. Matthew 24:13, “But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.” You have come to far to just throw up your hands and stop praying and believing in God’s promises. You have been knocked down, but you have also been lifted by God. Maybe you feel like a member of the Louisville men’s basketball team, but never forget the season has not ended yet.



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Roasted Chateaubriand with Red Wine Gravy and Lemon-Garlic Asparagus

Roasted Chateaubriand with Red Wine Gravy and Lemon-Garlic Asparagus

Recipe by Omaha Steaks Executive Chef David Rose
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: about 90 minutes

Chateaubriand:

- 1 Omaha Steaks Chateaubriand (2-4 pounds)
- kosher salt
- ground black pepper
- 1/4 cup grapeseed oil

Red Wine Gravy:

- Reserved chateaubriand juices
- 1 medium shallot, small diced
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 1/2 cups red wine
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, divided
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 1/2 cups water

- 2 beef bouillon cubes
- 1 tablespoon stone ground mustard
- kosher salt, to taste
- ground black pepper, to taste

Lemon-Garlic Asparagus:

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 pound jumbo asparagus, stems trimmed and spears blanched in salted water
- 1 pinch kosher salt, plus additional, to taste, divided
- 1 pinch ground black pepper, plus additional, to taste, divided
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/2 lemon, juice only
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter

To make chateaubriand: Pat chateaubriand dry with paper towels. Season on all sides with salt and pepper; bring to room temperature, about 30 minutes.

Preheat oven to 250 F.
In large cast-iron pan, bring grapeseed oil to high heat. Sear chateaubriand on all sides until golden brown, 2-3 minutes per side.
Remove chateaubriand from pan, reserving pan drippings; place chateaubriand on wire rack-lined baking sheet. Bake according to cooking chart for cook time and desired doneness. Use meat thermometer to ensure doneness.
Rest chateaubriand 15-20 minutes. Slice to desired thickness.
To make red wine gravy: Bring cast-iron pan with reserved chateaubriand drippings to high heat then add shallots and minced garlic. Brown 30 seconds. Add red wine and deglaze pan, cooking until reduced by half, about 3 minutes.
Reduce heat to medium and whisk in 2 tablespoons butter and flour until all clumps have disappeared and mixture is well-incorporated, 3-4 minutes.

Add water and bouillon cubes; bring to boil then whisk in stone ground mustard.
Reduce to low heat and simmer until achieving sauce-like consistency, 7-8 minutes.
Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Turn off heat and whisk in remaining butter until fully melted and emulsified into sauce.
To make lemon-garlic asparagus: In large saucepan, bring olive oil to medium-high heat.
Add asparagus and season with salt, ground black pepper and crushed red pepper flakes. Sear undisturbed about 1 minute.
Turn asparagus and add minced garlic, sauteing about 10 seconds. Add lemon juice and continue sauteing until reduced by two-thirds, about 1 minute.
Turn off heat and add butter, stirring until emulsified into pan sauce. Season with salt and ground black pepper, to taste.
Serve chateaubriand with lemon-garlic asparagus and red wine gravy.



Crab Stuffed Lobster Tails with Dirty Rice

Crab Stuffed Lobster Tails with Dirty Rice

Recipe by Omaha Steaks Executive Chef David Rose
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes
Servings: 4

Dirty Rice:

- 2 cups jasmine rice
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1 pound Omaha Steaks Ultra-Premium Ground Beef
- 1 tablespoon kosher salt, plus additional, to taste, divided
- 1 teaspoon black pepper, plus additional, to taste, divided
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 2 teaspoons smoked paprika
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 medium red bell pepper, small diced
- 2 green onions, minced
- 1 cup small diced yellow onion
- 1/2 cup tomato-based sofrito
- 3 1/2 cups chicken broth

Crab Stuffing:

- 3/4 cup mayonnaise
- 2 teaspoons seafood seasoning
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 lemon, juice only
- 20 butter crackers, finely crushed
- 1 pound jumbo lump crab meat

Crab Stuffed Lobster:

- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted

- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- 4 Omaha Steaks Cold Water Lobster Tails (5 ounces each), halved lengthwise

To make dirty rice: Rinse jasmine rice with water until water is clear. Drain.
In large saucepot, bring vegetable oil to medium-high heat.
Add ground beef, 1 tablespoon salt, 1 teaspoon black pepper, garlic powder and smoked paprika; saute 5 minutes until browned.
Using slotted spoon, remove browned beef and set aside.
Add butter to pot then add red bell pepper, green onions and yellow onions. Saute 2 minutes until lightly caramelized.
Add sofrito and jasmine rice to pot; saute 1 minute. Add cooked ground beef and chicken stock; bring to boil. Once mixture boils, reduce heat to simmer 10 minutes. Turn off heat and leave lid on pot 5 minutes. Fluff rice with fork and season with salt and pepper, to taste.
To make crab stuffing: In medium bowl, whisk mayonnaise, seafood seasoning, Dijon mustard, Worcestershire sauce and lemon juice.
Gently fold in crushed butter crackers and crab meat. Set aside.
To make crab stuffed lobster: Preheat oven to 425 F.
Stir melted butter, salt and lemon juice. Brush lobster tails with butter mixture.
Divide crab stuffing into eight portions. Stuff each lobster tail half with crab stuffing, pressing stuffing into lobster. Place stuffed lobster tails on aluminum foil-lined sheet pan and bake 10-12 minutes, or until golden brown. Serve with dirty rice.

Pepper-Crusted Prime Rib with Creamy Horseradish Sauce and Crushed Potatoes

Recipe by Omaha Steaks Executive Chef David Rose
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: about 2 1/2 hours
Servings: 4-6

Creamy Horseradish Sauce:

- 15 ounces crema or sour cream
- 1/3 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons horseradish
- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh chives
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon hot sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt, plus additional, to taste, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon white pepper, plus additional, to taste, divided
- 1/4 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon smoked paprika

Pepper Rub:

- 3 tablespoons kosher salt
- 1 tablespoon ground peppercorn medley
- 2 teaspoons ground guajillo chili
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves

Prime Rib:

- 1 Omaha Steaks Boneless Heart of Prime Rib Roast (4 pounds)
- 1/4 cup grapeseed oil

Crushed Potatoes:

- 1 pound baby red skin potatoes
- cold water
- 1 pinch kosher salt, plus additional, to taste, divided
- 1/4 cup olive oil

- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 tablespoons finely minced Italian parsley
- ground black pepper

To make creamy horseradish sauce: In medium bowl, whisk crema, mayonnaise, horseradish, vinegar, chives, Worcestershire sauce, lemon juice, hot sauce, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon pepper, onion powder, garlic powder and paprika until well-incorporated. Season with additional salt and white pepper, to taste.
To make pepper rub: In small bowl, stir salt, peppercorns, chili and thyme.
To make prime rib: Pat prime rib dry with paper towels. Season on all sides with pepper rub and bring to room temperature, about 30 minutes.
Preheat oven to 250 F.
In large cast-iron pan, bring grapeseed oil to medium-high heat.
Sear prime rib on all sides until golden brown, 2-3 minutes per side.
Place seared prime rib on wire rack-lined baking sheet. Bake according to cooking chart for cook time and desired doneness. Use meat thermometer to ensure doneness. Cook until internal temperature is 10 F below desired doneness.
Rest prime rib 15-20 minutes. Slice to desired thickness.
To make crushed potatoes: Preheat oven to 425 F.
Add potatoes to stockpot. Cover with cold water by about 1 inch and add 1 pinch salt. Over high heat, boil 8-10 minutes, or until fork tender. Drain and completely cool with running cold water.
Once cool, carefully crush potatoes with palms until skin breaks and potatoes are slightly crushed.
In medium bowl, whisk olive oil, garlic and parsley.
Place crushed potatoes on aluminum foil-lined baking sheet and toss lightly with olive oil mixture. Season potatoes on both sides with kosher salt and ground black pepper, to taste. Roast potatoes until crisped and golden brown, 15-17 minutes.
Serve prime rib with crushed potatoes and creamy horseradish sauce.



Pepper-Crusted Prime Rib with Creamy Horseradish Sauce and Crushed Potatoes

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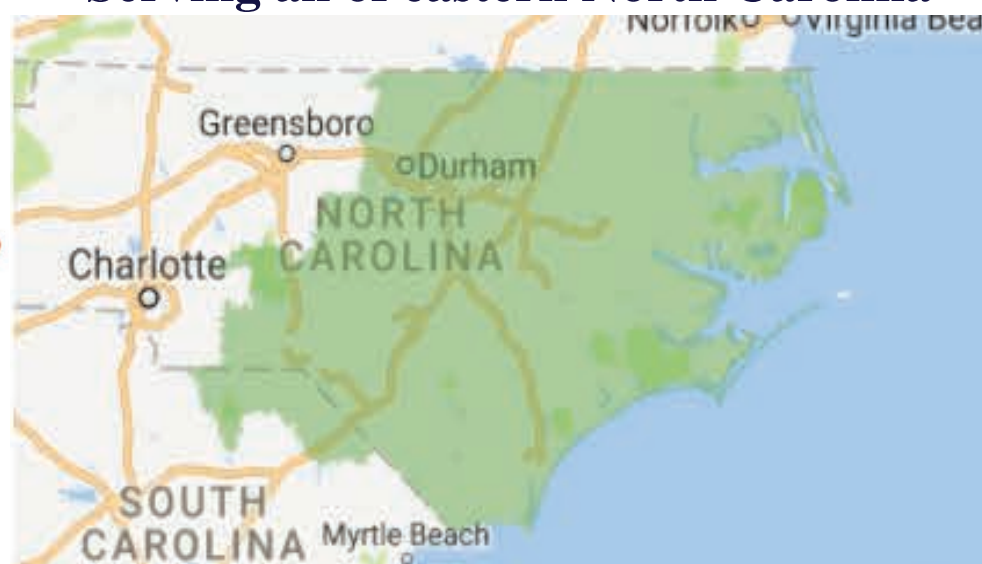
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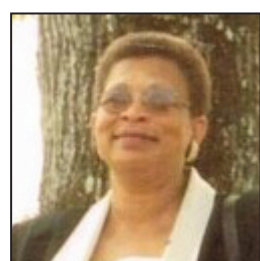


GARLAND
Mr. Carmn Cartz Coleman, 66, of 213 Carter Blueberry Road, Garland, passed away on Thursday, December 15, 2022, at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in Fayetteville. Carmn served in the Army as a young man. He was a general contractor for most of his working career but his favorite job of all was being a Grandfather. He was always there for family and friends to support them in any way needed. He will be sorely missed but we rest assured that God has him in the palm of his hand. Arrangements are incomplete at this time. Carmn leaves to cherish his memory one daughter: Brook Coleman (Caleb) of White Lake, one son: Chade Coleman (Amelie) of Port Orange, FL, two grandchildren: Trace Maxwell; and Juliet Coleman, three brothers: J. C. Coleman of Hildebran; Ronnie Coleman of Hickory; Stanley Coleman of Hickory, and two sisters: Verna Coleman; and Melissa Johnson (Toby) of Hickory. Services are provided by Carter Funeral Home of Garland. www.carterfh.com.

FAYETTEVILLE



Milford Elmer Carter Jr., 99, of Fayetteville, passed away peacefully in his home on December 19, 2022. Born May 22nd, 1923, in Wilson, NC. Mr. Carter was the third of seven children born to Milford Elmer Sr. and Beulah Mae Aldridge Carter. He is preceded in death by his wife of 65 years Jessie Brewington Carter, two children, Carlo Bertis Carter and Jacqueline Carter Breeden, two brothers Dewey and Clarence Carter, and two sisters Helen Carter Greenfield and Dorothy Carter Blackmon. He is survived by his only granddaughter Carla Carter Jacobs; two great-grandsons Jacob Aaron and wife Blair Torres Jacobs, and Jared Alexander Jacobs; two siblings, sister Betty Carter Perkins (Maurice) of Texas and brother Robert Carter (Catharina) of Sweden; a daughter-in-law Mary Jacobs Carter and son-in-law Roger Breeden; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends. t the time of his death, Mr. Carter was the oldest living member of the Coharie Tribe. He served honorably in World War II with the 184th MP Company. After retiring from the St. Albans New York Post Office in Jamaica, NY as a letter carrier with more than 25 years of service, Milford and Jessie returned home to North Carolina where they were faithful members of New Bethel Baptist Church in Clinton, NC. He was a devoted husband, father, and the beloved patriarch of the family who was known for his dry sense of humor. He was an avid bowler, a lifelong fan of the New York Mets, and enjoyed watching all kinds of sports. He will be long remembered as a man of few words, with the patience of Job. Funeral service will be held at 1 PM, Thursday, December 22nd at New Bethel Baptist Church with Rev. Dr. Chris Webb, Rev. Dennis Newton and Rev. Hubbard Lowery officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour before the service at the church. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com.



ROSE HILL
Miss Evelyn G. Murphy, 73, of 40 Murphy Newkirk Lane, Rose Hill, NC passed away Sunday, December 11, 2022 at Mary Gran Nursing Center, Clinton, NC. The funeral service will be held at 12pm, Friday, December 16, 2022 at Mt. Zion A.M.E. Zion Church, Magnolia, NC. Burial in the church cemetery. Miss Murphy is survived by

BROTHER-William (Edna) Murphy of Rose Hill, NC. Viewing at the Church Friday, December 16, 2022 11am - 12pm.



CLINTON
Lovia Creech Eldridge, 88, passed away Monday, December 19, 2022 at her home. Visitation will be held from 6 PM – 7 PM, Tuesday, December 20th at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home. A private graveside service will be held Wednesday at the Forest Lawn Cemetery in Tabor City, NC. Lovia, was born November 13, 1934 in Johnston County and was the daughter of the late Edwin Creech and Rena Creech. She was preceded in death by her husband, Sam Jackson, Jr. and John Edwin Eldridge, Sr. and brothers, Russell Creech and Wyatt Creech. She was a graduate of Atlantic Christian College and an Algebra and Geometry Teacher at Hobbton High School for 33 years. She enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, golfing and traveling. Survivors include: children, Lucia Dillard (Ovid), Sam Jackson, III (Carla) and Lynn Raynor (Mark); grandchildren, Ovid Dillard, III, Hillmann Dillard, Rick Jackson, Sam Jackson, IV and Caroline Jackson; great-grandchildren, Hudson and Blake Dillard; and sister, Marjorie Hogge. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com.



CLINTON
Eldress Jannie Hobbs Harding, 66, of Clinton, NC passed away Monday, December 19, 2022 at Cape Fear Valley Health System, Fayetteville, NC. The funeral service will be held at 1pm, Friday, December 23, 2022 at Union Grove Church of Christ DOC, Clinton, NC with Elder Thomas Raynor officiating. Interment at Running Branch Disciples Church Cemetery, Clinton, NC. Eldress Harding is survived by HUSBAND-James Harding, Jr. of the home; DAUGHTER-Michele Harding (Andrew) Espeut of Atlanta, GA; SON-James Harding, III (Antoinette) of Clinton, NC; SISTERS-Belinda Rochelle of Durham, NC, Wilma Newman of Clinton, NC and Jean Crumpler of Newton Grove, NC; BROTHERS-William Hobbs, Jr. of Dunn, NC, Tony Hobbs and Henry Hobbs both of Clinton, NC; 7 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Walk-thru Visitation at Worley Funeral Home Thursday, December 22, 2022 1pm - 6pm / Family present 5pm - 6pm.



CLINTON
Joyce Anne Smith Pope, 88, of 199 Beaver Road, passed away Thursday, December 15, 2022 at her home. Funeral service will be held at 2 PM, Sunday, December 18th at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church with Rev. Jeremy Hairr officiating. Interment will follow in the Clinton City Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour before the funeral at the church. Joyce, born September 22, 1934 in Sampson County, was the daughter of the late Bernice Smith and Neta King Smith. She was a homemaker and a member of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Alton Edward Pope, and sons Alton “Buddy” Howard Pope and Charles Edward Pope. Survivors include: daughter, Sylvia Hales and husband Ray; daughter-in-law, Kay Pope; grandchildren, Kevin Pope, Kimberly Pope, Randy Hales, Allen Hales, Brian Hales, Connie Williams and Chris Pope; 16 great-grandchildren; siblings, Earl Smith (Christine), Dean Bland (Everrette) and Carolyn West. Memorials may be made to Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, 3790 Faison Hwy., Clinton, NC 28328. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com.

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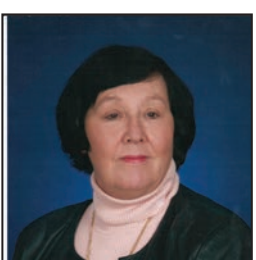
Judith “Judy” Puryear Hairr Stallings, 81, passed on to be with the Lord, December 16, 2022. She will be missed by family and friends. Funeral service will be held at 2 PM, Monday, December



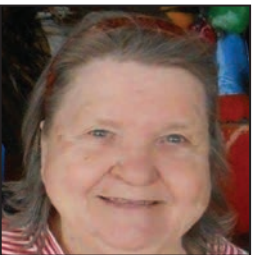
19th at Ingold Baptist Church with Rev. Byron Bass and Rev. Clay Carter officiating. Interment will follow in the Rowan Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM just before the service at Ingold Baptist Church and at other times at the home. Judy was active in the music program at Rowan Baptist Church for 39 years, serving as organist. She taught Sunday School for many years at Rowan Baptist Church and at Ingold Baptist Church. She served as a Deacon at Ingold Baptist Church and was member of WMU at both churches along with many other capacities. She graduated from Ingold-Taylor's Bridge High School, attended business college in Raleigh, NC and was a legal assistant to Miles B. Fowler, Attorney at Law for 43 years and at the law office Daughtry and Starling, Attorneys part-time for 17 years. Judy was a member of the Ol' Lighnin Roads Car Club and a member of Chapter 267 Order of the Eastern Star in Newton Grove. In addition to her parents, Robert Evans Puryear and Christine Rawls Puryear she was preceded in death by her first husband Deames Glenwood Hairr and second husband Sherwood David Stallings and sister Deborah Kay Puryear. She is survived by a step-daughter, Tina Stallings Rand (Daniel) and step-grandson Kevin Byrd; brothers, Don Wilson Puryear (Kathy) and Robert Neil Puryear (Mary Alice); nephews, Kenneth Neil Puryear, Allen Puryear, Eric Puryear, Patrick Puryear and Douglas Hairr; sisters-in-law, Sudie Hairr Cannady, Patricia Hairr Pope, Marilyn Stallings Kersey and Shirley Stallings; brothers-in-law, Terry Williams and Jimmy Kersey; nieces, Kecia Wilson, Jennifer Massey and Brooke Blackman. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com.



CLINTON
Marcus Wynn Faulkner, age 81, of Clinton, North Carolina passed away peacefully surrounded by the love of his life, Asencion “Concha” Faulkner, and his girls, on Monday, December 19th, 2022. A Funeral Service to honor his life will be held on Thursday, December 22, 2022 at 2:00 pm at the Royal-Hall Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Matthew Creech and Rev. John Adderly officiating. Interment with Military Honors will follow at Grandview Memorial Park. Visitation with family and friends will be held prior to the service, beginning at 1:00, at the funeral home. Marcus, one of seven siblings, was born in Duplin County on July 11, 1941, to Guy and Rachel Faulkner. As a child, Marcus loved imitating his favorite western heroes Gene Autry and Roy Rogers while playing ‘cowboys and Indians with his siblings and cousins. He also loved chocolate cake and biscuits. As Marcus grew, so did his love of country. At age 17, he enlisted in the US Army and his high school graduation commenced on a ship in the pacific ocean en route to Korea. Upon returning to the states Marcus was stationed at Ft. Bliss, TX and one night was ‘out in the west Texas town of El Paso, he fell in love with a Mexican girl’. Marcus and Asencion “Concha” would wed and be married for 60 years. Those years were filled with laughter, travel and lots of tacos. In 1963 they welcomed daughter Maria (Susie) before returning to North Carolina where they would remain. That was the proudest day of his life. After returning home, Marcus worked and eventually would retire from the US Postal Service. In 1991, he welcomed his first granddaughter, Rachel and earned his favorite title and one he would be most known for, “Welo”. Marcus would have two more granddaughters, Raven and Regan, and always told everyone who would listen all about ‘his girls’. Whether it was being front row at beauty pageants, waiting patiently on a mall bench while the girls shopped, washing their cars, or making daily breakfast runs, Welo lived a life of service to “his girls” and he wouldn’t have had it any other way. Marcus “Welo” Faulkner, a true American hero and servant of God, walked like Christ with joy and acceptance for every human with love and a wish for the prosperity of all. His special brand of joy made everyone feel warm and welcome, not just in his home but in his heart as well. His family- his greatest love as evidenced by his sacrifice and immeasurable amount of devotion. He knew beyond any doubt that he was loved. Marcus leaves behind to cherish his memory, his wife, Concha; daughter, Maria (Susie) Faulkner; three granddaughters: Rachel Lane and husband, Justin, Raven Chavez and Regan Chavez; seven great-grandchildren; two brothers: Lawson Faulkner and John Lindsey Faulkner; special nieces: Cathy Gonzalez and Selena Franco. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters: Elizabeth Bradshaw and Belinda Ward and two brothers: Guy Ray Faulkner, II and William Faulkner. Royal-Hall Funeral Home is honored to serve the Faulkner family.



CLINTON
Margaret Ann Hobbs, 84, of 4750 Hobhton Hwy., passed away Saturday, December 17, 2022 at Ridgewood Rehab and Living Center. Funeral service will be held at 3 PM, Friday, December 23rd at Keener Methodist Church with Rev. Leanne Calhoun officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6 PM – 7:30 PM, Thursday December 22nd at Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home and at other times at the home. Ann was born August 29, 1938 in Clifton Forge, VA. She was the daughter of the late Frank Hunter Anderson, Sr. and Annie Margaret Carr Anderson. She retired from Hobbton High as a Science Educator with 31 years of service. She was a member of Keener Methodist Church. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Hoyt Hobbs. Survivors include; daughter, Maria Ann Hobbs and husband John Coram; grandsons, Alexander Paschall and Nicholas Paschall; son, Michael Hobbs and wife Nancy; grandchildren, Hannah Hobbs, Sarah Thurman and husband Tanner, Rebekah Hobbs and Ethan Hobbs; brother, Frank Hunter Anderson, Jr.; nephews, Frank Hunter Anderson III and Todd Anderson and wife Julie; sister-in-law, Carolyn Hatcher Ruth; decades long neighbors, Ricky and Becky Haslip; caretakers, Kay Thornton, Norma Wright, Judy Casey, and Lisa Cannady (deceased); numerous Hobbs extended family. Memorials may be made to Keener Methodist Church, c/o June Thigpen, 3480 King Road, Clinton, NC 28328.

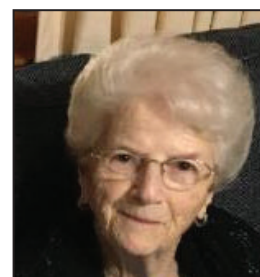


ROCKINGHAM
Mrs. Mavis Hogan McLamb joined her Jesus in Heaven on December 19, 2022, at her home in Rockingham. Mavis was born May 06, 1935, in Rockingham to the late Charles and Pauline Hogan. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband: David McLamb. She was the baby of 10 and was preceded by her brother: Eugene Hogan, and seven sisters: Edna Hogan; Lena Mae Eady; Elgie Croake; Elizabeth Carter; Ruby Stein; Frances Clark; and Inez Goodman. Mavis married the love of her life, David McLamb, in May 1959 in Virginia. After the birth of 2 daughters, Sandra and Barbara, they returned to Ingold, NC, where she was introduced to farm life. Mavis became a registered nurse immediately after high school and between Virginia, Sampson Memorial Hospital, and Bladen County Hospital, she “clocked in” 60 years as an “Angel of Mercy”. Mavis was fun-loving and adored her grandbabies. She was nicknamed “Bucky” by her first grandchild, Kenny. She loved gospel music, mountain trips to see her favorite gospel groups, church, family, and friends who all loved her quick wit and her generous nature. Mavis leaves behind two daughters: Sandra Taylor and husband Tim of Ingold; Barbara Singletary and husband Ronnie of Rockingham, three grandsons: Kenny McMillan of Wilmington; Kevin McMillan and wife Aimee of Ingold; and Zachary McMillan of Ingold, three great-grandchildren: Lauren McMillan of Ingold; Cole McMillan of Ingold; and Declan McMillan of Wilmington, and one brother: Bill Hogan and wife Vivian. A viewing

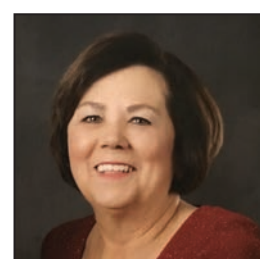
will be Thursday, December 22, 2022, at 1:00 PM, at Carter Funeral Home in Garland with services immediately following at 2:00 PM, by the Rev. Alfred Evans. Burial will be at McLamb Cemetery in Ingold. Services are provided by Carter Funeral Home of Garland. www.carterfh.com.



ROSEBORO
Betty Lou Parks McCoy, 70, of 810 W. Clinton St., passed away Saturday, December 10, 2022 at Sampson Regional Medical Center Betty Lou, born July 19, 1952 was born in Marietta, Ohio to the late James A. Parks and Lois Jean Fulton Parks. She was a homemaker. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Ralph V. McCoy and siblings Deborah Mazzuchi and Joanne Casari Survivors include; children, Nikki Davis (Chris) and Angel Marie Bailey (Derek); grandchildren, Lorin Saenz (Rizi) and Jason McCoy; great-grandchildren, Maya Saenz; and siblings, Linda Hui, Patsy Watts and Kenneth Parks. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com.



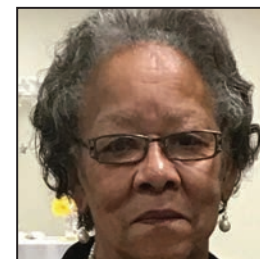
SALEMBURG
Mrs. Nancy (Williams) Barefoot died peacefully at her home on Saturday, December 17, 2022 surrounded by her family. A funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM on Monday, December 19, 2022 at Union Grove Baptist Church with the Reverend Shawn Berryhill officiating. The burial will follow at Union Grove Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 1:00 to 1:50 PM on Monday, December 19, 2022 at the church prior to the service. She ran her own beauty shop at her home for 58 years prior to her health declining. She was a faithful member of Union Grove Baptist Church with a perfect attendance record of 45 years. She served many positions during her lifetime and sang in the choir for over 40 years. She was preceded in death by her parents, Cleveland and Stella Hairr Williams; brothers, Richard and Jack Williams; sister-in-law, Faye Williams; and niece, Kathy Boone. She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Donnie Barefoot; son, Torrey Barefoot (Julie) of Raleigh; two grandsons, Corbin and Vince Barefoot of Raleigh; sister-in-law, Eva Barefoot of Roseboro; niece, Beverly Tysinger (Kenny) of Clinton; nephew, Steve Williams (Jean) of Raleigh; special friends, Catherine Gilmore, June Beal and Judy Honeycutt all of Salemburg. The family would like to thank all the staff of 3HC hospice for their care over the past year. Special thanks to Christy Jackson, Gwen Pope and Yvette Williams for their loving and devoted care. She felt like they were part of the family. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Union Grove Baptist Church, 395 Vander Road Salemburg, NC 28385. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC 28382.



CLINTON
Patsy Gay Rouse, age 69, of Clinton, North Carolina went peacefully into the arms of Jesus on December 18, 2022 after a courageous battle with cancer. Patsy was born on April 4, 1953 to Eleanor and Billy Gay of Middlesex, North Carolina. While attending Hardbarger Business College in Raleigh, Patsy worked at an optometry office where she met and later married the love of her life, Gary Luke Rouse. They have three loving daughters. In 1987, their family moved to Clinton, and Patsy became an active member of her beloved community and church. She worked for 23 years at L.C. Kerr Elementary School. To all the knew her, Patsy was a gracious and humble lady whose life revolved around serving others. Patsy is preceded in death by her father, mother and brother, Mr. Billy Wayne Gay, of Middlesex. She is survived by her loving husband of 46 years, and their daughters Jennifer Rouse Hill (Joshua) of Clinton, Jessica Rouse Martin (Luke) of Clinton and Jillian Rouse Richter (Robby) of Birmingham, Alabama. Patsy’s most joyous role was being Grandma to her 12 “grandbabies” - Garrison, Clara Glynn and Gibson Hill of Clinton, Sam, Livie, Betsy, Max and Charlotte Martin of Clinton, and Leah, Noah, Eli and Caleb Richter of Birmingham. She is also survived by a sister, Phyllis Hardison. Patsy was known for her gentle and kind spirit, her love for her family and friends and her good home-cooked meals. She battled cancer with strength and dignity for 6 ½ years, and won her fight by achieving eternal rest in heaven with her Savior. A funeral will be held to celebrate the life of Patsy on December 21, 2022 at 2 pm at Grove Park Baptist Church. Burial will follow at the Clinton Cemetery. Visitation with family and friends will be held prior to the service, from 12:30 pm until 1:45 pm, in the sanctuary of the church; and other times at their home. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Patsy’s memory to the FWB Children’s Home in Middlesex. Royal-Hall Funeral Home is honored to serve the Rouse Family.



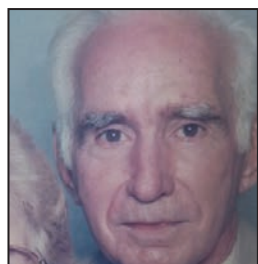
CLINTON
Mr. Shelton Woodall, Jr., went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at Sampson Regional Medical Center. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, December 17, 2022 at Butler Funeral Home in Stedman, officiating will be Pastor Robert Oliver. The family will receive friends from 1:00 to 1:50 PM on Saturday, December 17, 2022 at the funeral home prior to the service. Shelton was born on September 13, 1957 to his parents, Shelton Eugene Woodall, Sr. and Ann Harrington Woodall. In addition to his father, he is also preceded in death by his son, Eric Woodall; and two granddaughters, Sophie and Ruby Day. Shelton was an active member of Clinton Church of Christ. Shelton also had a passion for bowling and was a prominent fixture at Lafayette Lanes in Fayetteville. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Brenda D. Woodall of the home; children, Brian Woodall, Sr. & wife, Kristin, Tara Barbour, Brittany Day & husband, Joe all of Fayetteville, and Selena Cruse of Moorehead City, NC; mother, Ann Harrington Woodall; 10 grandchildren; 1 great grandchild; brother, Johnny Woodall & wife, LaRhonda of Dunn; and a sister, Pam Powers & husband, Raymond of Erwin. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 6535 Clinton Road, Stedman, NC 28391.



GARLAND
Mrs. Sudie Anders, 76, 7035 Old Mintz Hwy., Garland, passed away on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at Kenansville Health & Rehab Center in Kenansville. Sudie was born October 30, 1946, in Sampson County, to the late Livest James Boykin and wife Sadie Blanche Boykin. In addition to her parents, Sudie is preceded in death by her husband: Nathaniel Anders, siblings: Lula Mae Boykin; Mamie Lee Johnson; Eunice Shaw; Ethelene Hayes; Cleo Chrensaw; Chevis Boykin; Authur Lee Boykin; Grady Boykin; and Johnny Lee Boykin, and grandson: Jirah Israel Cooper. Sudie enjoyed a career as a Spinner in the Textile Industry for many years. She earned a degree in Early Childhood from Sampson Community College. Sudie was a graduate of Clear Run High School. A funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM, Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at Smith Chapel Church, 7485 Old Mintz Hwy, Garland. Interment to follow in the Boykin Cemetery, Garland. Pastor Monde Parker will be officiating the service. Face Mask are required. Sudie leaves to cherish her memory her children: Charles Ray Anders (Sheila) of Garland; Sonja Benita Anders of the home; Quentin Vaughn Anders (Krista); Regina An-

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ders Cooper of Turkey; Victor Maurice Moore (Andrea) of Ft. Mitchell, AL; and Yolanda Rayner (André) of Clayton. Three sisters, Mary Parker (W.C.) of Fayetteville, Lillian Johnson (James) of Garland, Dorothy Johnson (Thaddeus) of Elizabethtown, two brothers, Philmore Boykin of Garland, William Boykin (Jeanette) of Mebane, 15 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren. A viewing will be held on Monday, December 19, 2022, from 1:00-6:00 PM, with the family present from 5:00-6:00 PM, at Carter Funeral Home in Garland. Face Masks are required. The family will be receiving friends at the home of Vaughn & Krista Anders, 191 Huckleberry Lane, Clinton, NC 28328. Services are provided by Carter Funeral Home of Garland. www.carterfh.com.

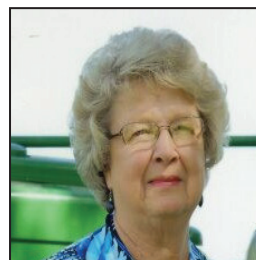


GARLAND
Mr. Thomas Eldridge McPhail, 97, formerly of Garland, passed away on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at Dayspring of Wallace. Thomas was born March 11, 1925, in Sampson County to the late Norma Pope McPhail and William Lester McPhail. Mr. McPhail was preceded in death by his wife: Dorothy McLelland McPhail, and two brothers: W. L. "Bill" McPhail, Jr., and Kenneth M. McPhail. Thomas was a Navy Veteran, having served in WWII. Thomas graduated from NC State in 1950 with a BS degree in Agriculture Engineering. He was the Town Manager of Red Springs, Smithfield, and Aulander for many years. He was the past Superintendent of Public

Works for the town of Clinton. He was a former Commissioner of the town of Garland and a member of the Garland ABC Board for many years. A graveside service will be held at 11:00 AM, on Saturday, December 17, 2022, at the Garland Cemetery with Military Honors. The Rev. Ed Rouse will be officiating the service. Mr. McPhail is survived by one daughter: Anna Jean Driggers of Durham, one son: Thomas E. McPhail Jr. and wife Kim of Nashville, TN, four grandchildren: Allen Driggers and wife Laura Smith of Sparta, TN; Trey McPhail and wife Rachael of Nashville, TN; Connor McPhail and Kayla Eiben of Cincinnati, OH; and Meghan McPhail of Nashville, TN, one great-granddaughter: Millie Driggers, and one brother: James "Jim" McPhail and wife Drew of Tarboro. A viewing will be held on Saturday, December 17, 2022, from 10:00-10:45 AM, at Carter Funeral Home in Garland, prior to the graveside service. Services are provided by Carter Funeral Home of Garland. www.carterfh.com.

SALEMBURG

Mrs. Virginia (Smith) Fann, 80 went to be with the Lord on Monday, December 12, 2022 at UNC Rex Hospital. A funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at Freedom Baptist Church with the Reverend Bryan Strickland and Reverend John Cuthill officiating. The burial will follow at Freedom Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 1:00 to 1:50 PM on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at the



church prior to the service. Mrs. Fann was a native of Cumberland County, the daughter of Otis Smith and Alice Baxley Smith Sessoms. She was preceded in death by her parents; her step-father, Julian Sessoms; her brother, Hubert Sessoms; and three sisters, Clara Capps, Reba Bullard and Brenda Spell. Virginia was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. As an active church member, she taught Sunday school, was WMU director and sang in the choir. With a strong passion for missions she participated in a variety of church activities. She loved the Lord with her whole heart and was a good and faithful servant. She will be greatly missed by her family, her church family and her community. She leaves to cherish her memory her husband, Kenneth Avery Fann of the home; two sons, Kent Fann and wife, Terry of Salemburg; and Howard Bennett Fann and wife, Valerie of Salemburg; three grandchildren, Robert Fann and wife, Brittany; Karen Collier and husband, Jason; and Jessica Fann; seven great grandchildren, Kurt Collier, Cole Collier, Konnor Fann, Emmett Collier, Lucas Collier, Will Fann and Julie Collier; two sisters, Trudy Miller of Salemburg; and Julia Faye Sessoms of Fayetteville; and several nieces and nephews. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC 28382.

ROSEBORO

Terence Owens 46, of 510 S. West St. passed away on Friday, December 16, 2022 at his home. A Home Going Service will be held 3:00 pm on Thursday, December 22, 2022 at Clinton High School, 340 Indian Town Rd, Clinton, NC 28328. Visitation will be from 2:00-5:00 pm on Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at Hope Valley Hawkins Funeral Chapel, 1246 Hobbton Hwy. Clinton, NC 28328.

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And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS:
for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done,
that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet,
saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son,
and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which
being interpreted is, God with us.

MATTHEW 1:21-23

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...by God's Grace

By God's Grace...once again we are gathering, giving, going, and celebrating the season of Christmas with glory and honor given to God our Father, to Jesus Christ our Savior, and to the Holy Spirit our inner GPS!

We thank God for choosing Mary (the favored one) who heard from the angel (do not be afraid) and responded humbly to glorify God and do what was to be done unto the Lord. (Luke 1: 26-30)! God uses people who are available, believe, and have faith...as did Mary and Joseph to get His work done!

"How can we get it all done and save time to enjoy Christmas and have fun?" ... we ask as the season seems to flee with a message for you and me..."Celebrate Jesus as you take time to treasure Christmas and stop to smell the manger"!

Let us seek the Lord and show our love for Him through our worshipping, preparing, partying, decorating, baking, buying, wrapping...but most of all let us share joy and love as we celebrate the real reason for the Christmas season...JESUS! We may not get 'it all done' on our lists, but what matters most is taking time to smell Christmas and seek Jesus in all that we do!

Let us learn from Mary and Joseph's faithful witness as they pondered the plot of their love story with Mary pregnant by the Holy Spirit, angels speaking to them in dreams, community calling for her to be stoned, both being obedient to God without seeing the outcome, facing a long journey to Bethlehem where Jesus would be born, seeking shelter and safety for the birth of our Savior, watching the star shine as angels proclaimed the baby in the manger - Jesus Christ- was born, lowly shepherds not prominate people were honored to be first to visit, Wise Men came bearing gifts, Heaven and earth received the King, and Jesus' 33 year journey was

about to begin! Oh, how we love and worship Him!

Mary and Joseph also wondered how they would get it all done...pack, prepare to leave home, bid farewell to disgruntled family and friends, travel on foot and donkey to Bethlehem, seek safety from soldiers along the route, find a place for Jesus' birth, cling to God and one another through the birth of His Son! They shared the moment together that changed the world forever...Jesus' birth! They took time to do what God called them to do and experienced the miraculous birth in the manger along with the awful smells, glorious sights, and angelic songs praising the new born King! Shepherds and Wise Men came with humble adoration and gifts for God's Son as joyful praise in Heaven had already begun!

By God's Grace...we will get it all done before Christmas comes when we stop to smell the manger and allow the Lord to order our steps as we delete plans from our agendas that cause us to lose sight of Jesus in our gatherings, giving, going, and celebrating Christmas.

Let us be available to God, pure in heart, believe when God speaks to our hearts, place the glory of God above our reputations - as Mary did -, and be willing to be used by God. (Luke 1)

I am grateful for each of you who take time to read 'By God's Grace' and share the joy of Jesus emulated on this monthly page provided by a local Good Samaritan. We are humbled to embrace this gift (a page in The Sampson Weekly) to share good news happening here at home throughout the year, especially the holiday season when we honor Christ our King and hear the bells on Christmas Day ring.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each of you

~ In His love, Becky