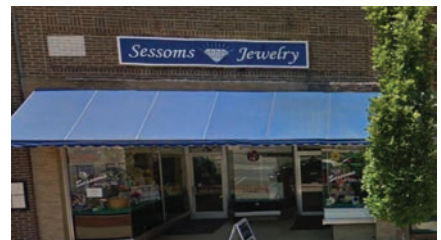


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Hi: 53° Lo: 33°

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Senator Brent Jackson Announces His Intentions to Run Again for the North Carolina State Senate

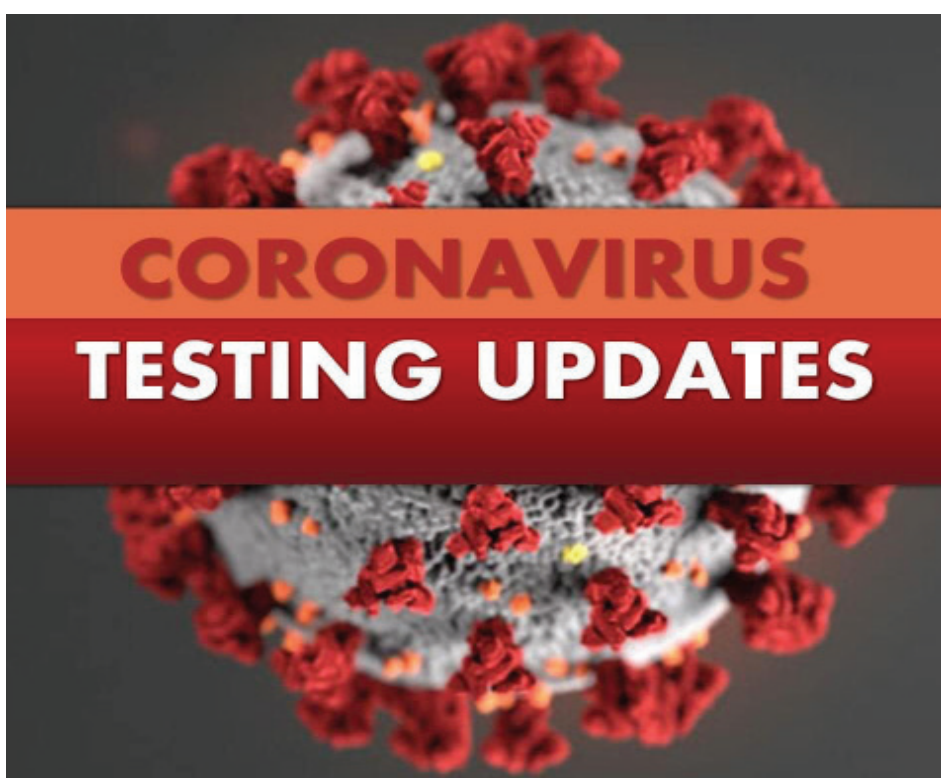


Sen. Jackson has been a member of the Senate for six consecutive terms and is a Co-Chairman of the Senate Base Budget Committee as well as Co-Chairman for the Ag, Energy, and Environment Committee

Sen. Brent Jackson (R-Sampson) said, "It is my humble pleasure to announce my intentions to run for a Senate seat once again. After many weeks of prayers and long conversations, I have elected not to seek the open Congressional seat that is now known as Congressional District 4. However, I am forever grateful to the many prayer warriors and good friends who have brought me to this decision.

After 11 years of service in the General Assembly and **JACKSON, see P. 4**

WEEKLY COVID-19 TESTING REPORT – WEEK ENDING November 19, 2021



Total Number of Tests Reported to Date: 32,534
 Positive Test Results: 11,797 (113 additional since 11/12)
 Negative Test Results: 20,737
 COVID Reported Deaths to Date: 142 (2 additional since 11/12)



The First Thanksgiving



By Sandy Sanderson

This year we celebrate the 400th anniversary of the first Thanksgiving. The first Thanksgiving took place at Plymouth Plantation in the fall of 1621. But, what do we really know about that first Thanksgiving? In this article, I will attempt to answer some of the questions that I had about it.

The first question seems simple but was surprisingly difficult to answer. When was the first Thanksgiving? We know for certain that it was in the fall of 1621. But, when? Unfortunately, beyond that we aren't certain. James Baker, a Plymouth Plantation researcher has pinpointed the date as between September 21, 1621 and November 11, 1621. Based upon clues in the little that was written about the event by the participants, as well as the growing season for the area since it was a celebration of the harvest of the crops, Baker states that the first Thanksgiving was most likely in late September.

Did they call it Thanksgiving at the time? Almost certainly not. The Pilgrims did have days that they designated as days of Thanksgiving, but these were solemn events that focused on prayer. These events also many times consisted of fasting, which is very different from the huge meal that we associate with Thanksgiving in which the meal is THE main event.

Who attended the first Thanksgiving? According to

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WEEKLY VERSE

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endured forever."

1 Chronicles 16:34

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LOCAL NEWS

From the Desk of Senator Brent Jackson



Dear Friend of Senate District 10,

I am enthusiastic we were able to deliver a budget to the North Carolina people before the holiday season. This spending act will bring funds to help with education, infrastructure, state employee raises and other benefits to District 10 while cutting taxes for working families, and helping North Carolina remain the best state in the nation to do business.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office for any assistance.

Legislative Recap

With the passage of S105, the State Budget Act of 2021, and Governor Roy Cooper's commitment to signing it, North Carolina will have a fully-enacted budget for the next two years. It includes hundreds of pages and thousands of items, so for the next few weeks we will be breaking down some highlights for each section. We will begin with education.

The Conference Budget for Education includes net appropriations of \$15.4 billion, which is \$1 billion more than the previous base, a 7% increase. The second year includes net appropriations of \$15.9 billion, which is \$1.5 billion, a 10% increase. In addition, the Conference Budget allocates \$392.5 million from the State Fiscal Recovery Fund and \$338.7 million from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund for Education.

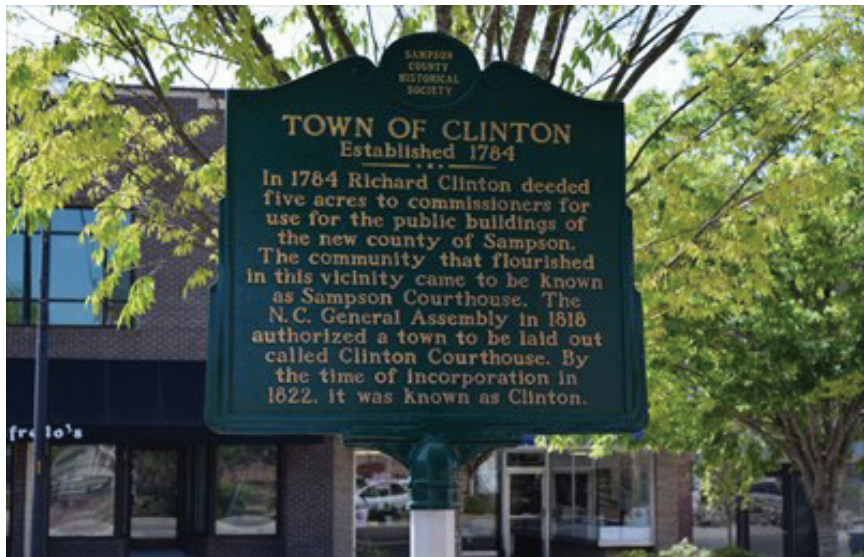
Some other highlights include budget stabilization for our community colleges, improved care for students with disabilities, school safety grants, funds to revitalize school infrastructure, and an expansion of the NC Promise Tuition Plan. These are just a few of the many dramatic improvements and funding initiatives made possible by the hard work of members and staff in the General Assembly. Next week will include highlights from the Health and Human Services area.

District Spotlight- Midway High Band goes to Raleigh for parade



In the fourth year in a row, the Midway High School Marching Band will travel to Raleigh for the annual Christmas parade. Band director Joshua Tew and new assistant band director Jesse Shelton, stated they were both very excited to represent Sampson County in Raleigh. Shelton, a recent University of Miami graduate, has been helpful in getting the band overcome the challenges of the COVID pandemic in which practice had been limited over the past year- the Raleigh parade had been virtually held. Director Tew is a graduate of Midway and is excited to return again leading his students this Saturday, Nov. 20. The parade will be broadcast on both WRAL and ABC11 TV stations.

Did You Know? - NC History and Fun Fact Clinton was the second town with the name in North Carolina?



If you have ever taken a look at old Revolutionary War maps from NC, you can find that Clinton was originally called Clinton Court House in Sampson County --- the community organized centrally to serve the community's economic, social, and judicial needs of the county. Clinton was not officially incorporated until 1822, after the Town of Clinton in Matthews County was disbanded. Matthews County is now part of Davie County, located between Winston Salem and Statesville. Clinton Court House was named after Richard Clinton, the stepson of John Sampson, who the County was named for.

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.

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY



Brunch & Bows

When: Saturday, November 27th, 2021
10:00am & 11:30am

Where: Alfredo's Downtown Clinton

With Special Guest - Bill Leslie, retired from WRAL



Participating Area Businesses:

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historyofmassachusetts.org, the guest list consisted of the 53 Pilgrims that had survived the first brutal year and 90 Wampanoags. This count is confirmed by numerous sources and is one of the few certainties of that first Thanksgiving. Where it gets a little more confusing is when the question is asked whether the Wampanoags were actually invited? In his book *This Land Is Their Land*, David Silverman researched the issue and came to this conclusion: The Pilgrims had not invited the Wampanoags initially or at the very least had only invited a few. As part of the celebration, the Pilgrims were shooting their guns in contests. The Wampanoags heard the gunfire and came ready for battle. The Pilgrims and Wampanoags had previously entered into a mutual defense treaty and the Wampanoags were coming to fulfill their part of the bargain.

Upon the arrival of the Wampanoags under these circumstances, the Pilgrims could not very well send them away and invited them to stay for the party. However, since the guest list had suddenly nearly tripled at that point there was not enough food. The great Wampanoag Sachem, Massasoit sent some of his braves on a hunt and they returned with 5 deer and some fowl to contribute to the feast. Silverman's version of how the Wampanoags came to attend the feast is not the only version of the events, but it is well researched and makes sense given his very detailed explanation in the book.

The addition of the deer and the fowl raises another question. What was on the menu at the first Thanksgiving? Before getting to that, historyofmassachusetts.org points out a few things that are now Thanksgiving staples that definitely were NOT on the menu. There were no mashed potatoes or potatoes of any kind since they had not been introduced to the area. The same applies to sweet potatoes. There were also no pies or cakes of any kind since the Pilgrims didn't have flour or butter. There also wasn't sugar, so even though they did have cranberries, cranberry sauce as we know it wouldn't have been possible either.

So, what did they have? They had to have turkey, right? Well, maybe. William Bradford did write about an abundance of turkeys in the area at the time, but when he wrote about the menu of the first Thanksgiving, he simply mentioned they had fowl. This could have included turkey, of course, but most historians think he was more than likely referring to ducks, geese, swans and carrier pigeons. In addition to the deer that the Wampanoag supplied, most historians agree that there was plenty of seafood at the meal. They agree that fish, lobster, mussels and even eels were likely served.

None of the writing that survived mentioned the vegetables that were served. Is that surprising given that it was men doing the writing? However, historians agree that corn was certainly served. There was also likely squash and beans as well since it was well documented that the Wampanoags showed the Pilgrims how to grow all three in the same field together.

How long did the first Thanksgiving last? This is one area that is very similar to today. It was an extended holiday and not just one meal. It was a three day celebration! Since this is the 400th anniversary, is this the 400th Thanksgiving? No. From the first Thanksgiving in 1621 until 1863, the holiday was only celebrated sporadically and mostly regionally. Abraham Lincoln proclaimed it as a national holiday in 1863 and it has been celebrated as a national holiday every year since.

Here's hoping that you and your family have very happy Thanksgiving on the 400th anniversary of the holiday!

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Christmas

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Schedule of Events

Dec. 2nd

5:30 pm - Clinton Christmas Tree Lighting at Milling Around Art Piece - Will there be snow?

5:30 pm - Caroling around the Christmas Tree with the Princesses
Christmas Party from Sampson Community Theater

5:30-7:30 pm - Santa at his house on Main St.

5:30 pm - Christmas Scavenger Hunt - Simply NC for Clues and Information

5:30 pm - 8:00 pm Sampson Arts Council Kids Art Activity on Main St.

5:30 pm - 8:30 pm Barrel Train Rides (free) and Large Train Rides (\$2 per person) on Main St.

5:30 pm - Bow Making at The Ultimate Gallery on Main Street (\$20 per bow)

6:30 pm - Story Time with Ali the Elf on Main St. on the courthouse porch

5:30-8:00 pm - Food Trucks

Dec. 9th

5:30-8:30 pm - Hayrides by Hubb's Farm & Kyle's Farm (\$3 per person) on Main St.

5:30-7:30 pm - Santa at his house on Main St.

5:30-8:30 pm - Live Nativity (Milling Around Art Piece)

5:30 pm - Christmas Scavenger Hunt - Simply NC for Clues and Information

5:30 pm - Wreath Making by the Atrium Florist (\$30 per person) on Main St.

6:30 pm - Story Time with Ali the Elf (Main St. on the courthouse porch)

5:30-7:15 pm - Candlelight Tours with Lessons and Carols at 7:30 pm (St. Paul's Episcopal Church - 110 W. Main Street)

5:30-8:00 pm - Food Trucks

Dec. 16th

5:30-8:30 pm - Carriage Rides (\$15 per person/reservations required)
For reservations, call Betty Holland at (910) 299-4904

5:30-7:30 pm - Santa at his house on Main St.

6:30 pm - Story Time with Ali the Elf (Main St. on the courthouse porch)

5:30 pm - Kids ornament making with Grace Methodist Church on Main St.

5:30 pm - Ornament Painting with artist, Megan Whichello on Main St. (\$20 per person)

5:30-8:00 pm - Food Trucks

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LOCAL

JACKSON, cont from Pg 1 being part of such a transformative period of time for our state, I truly believe that I can be a much more impactful advocate for North Carolina as a member of the legislature. Milestones like record-high funding to our savings reserve, unprecedented investments in our rural communities, and becoming the number one state in the nation to do business make this job worthwhile every day of the week.

My love for the state of North Carolina informs every moment of my time spent working here. This is my home and has been for my entire life. So, despite any rumors of a potential run for Federal office, I have concluded that I am still needed here to maintain our path forward and, with the continuing assistance of my fellow members of the General Assembly, bring North Carolina to new heights.”

Sen. Jackson’s current term will continue through 2022 and his dedication to the constituents of Sampson, Johnston and Duplin counties remains unwavering. The Senator’s Sampson County residence places him in the state’s newly drawn 9th Senatorial District, which will include Pender, Jones, Bladen, Duplin, and most of Sampson Counties.



SAMPSON COUNTY CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU ANNOUNCES OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR THE CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM

Capital Grant Program developed to grow tourism assets in Sampson County

The SCCVB Capital Grant Program (CGP) was developed to stimulate economic growth by supporting non-profit visitor attractions in Sampson County, NC. The program allows the SCCVB to award capital grant funding to organizations whose projects are designed or developed to attract visitors to Sampson County. The program allows eligible organizations to receive funding for the development of new visitor attractions or to organizations that are working to enhance or restore existing structures and other projects whose primary mission is to serve visitors to Sampson County.

Capital Grant Funds may be granted for projects such as new brick and mortar construction, maintenance and preservation of historic attractions, cultural and histor-

ical acquisitions, conservation of artifacts, or other infrastructure that improves the CVB’s ability to promote tourism and that assists in attracting visitors to Sampson County. “Primary consideration will be given to those projects that have the greatest potential for positive economic impact for tourism within the County. Highest priority will be given to those projects which are more likely to promote and generate travel from outside Sampson County and that lead to overnight stays among our local lodging establishments” stated Sheila Barefoot, Executive Director of the Sampson County Tourism.

“We welcome applications from all eligible non-profit organizations or chartered municipalities representing a visitor attraction, which includes tourism promotion among its major activities. Applicants must show they own the property or provide a copy of a properly executed permanent easement for the site, including ingress and egress. Highest priority will be given to those projects which are more likely to promote and generate travel from outside Sampson County and lead to overnight stays among local lodging establishments” states Mr. Roland Hall, Chair of the Sampson County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Organizations that may apply for CGP funding include any legally chartered 501-(c)3 non-profit Sampson County organization or chartered municipality representing a visitor attraction, which includes tourism promotion among its major activities. Documentation of legal status, tax exemption, federal identification number, budget, and organizational purpose are required with all applications.

The organization applying for funds must show that they own the property, and it is not leased by the organization. However, if an organization making a request does not own the land or the structure to be preserved or built on a particular site, the organization may provide properly executed documents that state the organization has a permanent easement for the site, including ingress and egress.

The Sampson County Convention & Visitors Bureau CGP will use a matching grant formula whereby organizations may be awarded one grant dollar for each dollar spent by the organization, up to \$50,000 per project. Due to the potential number of grant applications that may be received annually, the full amount of an organization’s grant request may not be awarded. It is anticipated that typical grant awards may average between \$5,000 and \$10,000. The SCCVB Capital Grant Program has a cap of \$50,000 per organization. Once this amount has been distributed to an organization, the organization must sit out of the grant application process for a period of three (3) years from date of final funding from the CVB. In addition, multiple non-profits may not apply to receive funding for the same project.

SCCVB Executive Director, Sheila Barefoot stated, “I encourage every business eligible to apply. It is very exciting to see how the CVB can help in tourism related projects by funding these projects throughout the county”. There are two application cycles. The first cycle may be submitted from July 1st until July 30th and must be postmarked later than July 30th for consideration during the August cycle. Applications for the second cycle may be submitted from November 30th to December 31st and must be postmarked no later than December 31st for consideration during the January cycle. Capital Grant applicants must contain the written approval or a formal resolution of the organizations governing board, and include relevant municipal government endorsement, and a list providing other individual or organizations that have made contributions to the proposed project.

Funding for the SCCVB Capital Grant Program is provided through room occupancy taxes (ROT) that are collected by Sampson County’s lodging establishments which are generated because of overnight lodging by visitors to Sampson County. Sheila Barefoot, Executive Director of the CVB stated: “We have funded three projects since the unveiling of the Capital Grant program in 2017, which are The Sampson County History Museum, The Sampson Arts Council for the Victor R Small House and The Sampson Community College.

The Sampson County CVB was approved and enacted to be a public authority established through legislation by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina and adopted, approved, and enacted by the Sampson County Board of Commissioners with the purpose of promoting the development of travel and tourism related activities in Sampson County, through state, regional and national advertising, marketing and promotional activities and campaigns.

For more information or details about the SCCVB Capital Grant Program or to receive grant guidelines and applications, contact Sheila Barefoot, Executive Director at 910-592-2557 or via email at sbarefoot@visitsampsonnc.com. The Sampson County CVB’s offices are inside the Sampson County Exposition Center located at 414 Warsaw Road, Clinton, NC.

ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX LISTING NOTICE 2022 SAMPSON COUNTY 2022

All persons who own or control business, farm/agri-business and/or any personal property subject to taxation in Sampson County, OR made improvements to real property, must list all such property and/or improvements to real property for year 2022 from Monday, January 3, 2022 through Monday, January 31, 2022.

If you filed a listing form in 2021 with the county, you will automatically be mailed a new form at the owner’s address on record as of January 1, 2022. Please review the information, make necessary additions/corrections, sign & return listing forms postmarked by USPS no later than January 31, 2022 to avoid 10% late listing penalty to: Tax Administration, PO Box 1082, Clinton, NC 28329 (Or bring to 126 W. Elizabeth St.) Unsigned forms will be considered late if received after January 31, 2022.

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<p>Sampson County has a permanent listing system for real estate; property owners are responsible to annually list any improvements to real property only.</p> <p>Failure to list those improvements to real property is subject to the penalties imposed by NCGS 105-308 and NCGS 105-312.</p> <p>Taxpayers owning only real property will not receive a listing form. If you need to list improvements to real property, please SEE BELOW FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS.</p>	<p><u>ALL BUSINESSES</u> and/or persons owning or possessing personal property used or connected with a business or other income-producing purpose, must list such property with the tax administrator every year, <u>including but not limited to:</u> copiers, computer equipment, signs, supplies, leasehold improvements, furniture, fixtures, machinery, spare parts, etc. IRP (International Registration Plan) plated vehicles must be listed annually during the regular listing period. <u>ALL FARM/AGRI-BUSINESSES</u> must list annually all income-producing personal property, <u>including but not limited to:</u> tractors, combines, combine headers and platforms; motors; bailers; harvesters; tobacco equipment; plows; planters; sprayers, irrigation equipment; supplies; compressors; etc. <u>ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY</u> must be listed, <u>including but not limited to:</u> all unlicensed & permanently tagged motor vehicles; untagged trailers; aircraft; motorcycles; campers; RVs & truck bodies; mobile homes; all boats & all boat motors; jet skis; all household rental personal property; etc. <u>ALL LICENSED</u> vehicles will be billed automatically by the NCDMV. SEE BELOW FOR FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS.</p>	<p>Elderly or Totally and Permanently Disabled Exclusion: North Carolina excludes from property taxes the greater of twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) or fifty percent (50%) of the appraised value of a permanent residence owned and occupied by a qualifying owner. A qualifying owner is an owner who meets all of the following requirements as of January 1 preceding the taxable year for which the benefit is claimed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Is at least 65 years of age or totally and permanently disabled. 2) Has an income for the preceding calendar year of not more than Thirty one thousand nine hundred (\$31900). 3) Is a North Carolina resident. <p>Income is defined as all moneys received from every source other than gifts or inheritances received from a spouse, lineal ancestor, or lineal descendant. For married applicants residing with their spouses, the income of both spouses must be included, whether or not the property is in both names.</p> <p>Disabled Veteran Exclusion: This program excludes the first forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) of the appraised value of a permanent residence owned and occupied by a North Carolina Resident, who is an Honorably Discharged Disabled Veteran, or the unmarried surviving spouse of an Honorably Discharged Disabled Veteran. A disabled veteran is defined as a veteran whose character of service at separation was honorable or under honorable conditions and who has a total and permanent service-connected disability or who received benefits for specially adapted housing under 38 U.S.C. 2101. Contact the Sampson County Tax Office for specific details and applications.</p> <p>Circuit Breaker Property Tax Deferment: This program allows taxes billed each year to be limited to a percentage of the qualifying owner’s income. However, taxes in excess of the limitation are deferred and remain a lien on the property. The three most current years of deferred taxes prior to a disqualifying event will become due and payable, with interest, on the date of the disqualifying event. Age 65 or older, with an income not exceeding \$47,850. You must file a new application for this program each year. Contact the Sampson County Tax Office for specific details and application. Application time period for property tax relief programs is January 3, 2022 to June 1, 2022.</p>

- ▶ ALL BUSINESSES requesting an “Extension to file” until April 15, 2022 must be on company letterhead, & must be received or postmarked by U.S.P.S. by January 31, 2022 per G.S. 105-311(b), 360(d). The N.C. Statutes do not recognize private postage meter dates; & mail early to avoid the 10% late list penalty on listings received/postmarked after January 31, 2022.
- ▶ Business Personal Property Listings may be filed electronically at eListings@southdata.com. If filing electronically an “extension to file” request until April 15, 2022 must be submitted online by January 31, 2022.
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- ▶ FOR LISTING FORMS & INSTRUCTIONS: Contact the Sampson County Tax Office at 126 W. Elizabeth St., Clinton, NC MONDAY-FRIDAY 8am-5pm. Phone 910-592-8146.
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 11-09 Robert Lee Stokes, 32, Roseboro. Felony Probation Violation, Interfere Elect Monitor Device, Resisting Public Officer. Bond \$50000. Trial Date 01-05-22
 11-09 Beverly Marie Burton, Wilmington. Order for Arrest. Bond \$1700. Trial Date 12-14-21
 11-09 James Dalton Bain, 29, Dunn. Order for Arrest Civil Contempt.
 11-09 Nickolas Allen Cash, 34, Roseboro. Trespass, Communicating Threats, Larceny. Bond \$3500. Trial Date 12-06-21
 11-09 James Sanford, 32, Huntsville. Order for Arrest. Bond \$3000. Trial Date 12-13-21
 11-09 Javon Ari Xlayton, 22, Fayetteville. PWISD Marijuana, Possess Marijuana Paraphernalia, Order for Arrest, CCW. Bond \$15500. Trial Date 11-22-21
 11-09 Joe Efrain Medina, 33, Clinton. Order for Arrest. Bond \$528. Trial Date 11-16-21
 11-09 Marcio Noe Garcia, 26, Clinton. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 12-02-21
 11-09 Courtney Nicole Bishop, 39, Clinton. Possess Meth, Drug Paraphernalia, Felony Probation Violation. Bond \$85000. Trial Date 11-12-21
 11-10 Philip Michael Thomas Mozee, 32, Roseboro. DVPO Violation. Trial Date 12-02-21
 11-10 Angel Rafael Savedrai Ambrosio, 51, Godwin. Assault on a Female. Trial Date 12-14-21
 11-10 Susan Elizabeth Stone, 24, Newton Grove. Order for Arrest- Fail to Comply. Bond \$323. Trial Date 11-22-21
 11-10 Lena Melissa Peterson, 38, Stedman. Failure to Appear- Criminal Summons. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 11-22-21
 11-10 Daviasi Givante McCain, 20, Roseboro. Larceny of Motor Vehicle, Possess Stolen Vehicle. Bond \$25000. Trial Date 12-15-21
 11-11 Adan Robles-Narciso, 32, Clinton. Discharge Weapon Occupied Property, Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Order for Arrest, Larceny of Motor Vehicle. Bond \$111000. Trial Date 12-03-21
 11-11 Brandon Ray Parson, 34, Dunn. Failure to Pay Child Support. Bond \$280. Trial Date 12-28-21
 11-11 Larry Donell Herring, 53, Clinton. Failure to Appear- Citation, Child Support. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 12-22-21
 11-11 Rachel Lorena Englehart, 52, Roseboro. Simple Assault. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 12-06-21
 11-11 Christopher Scott Ellis, 27, Goldsboro. Larceny of Motor Vehicle, Possess Stolen Vehicle. Bond \$25000. Trial Date 12-03-21
 11-11 Noel Dangelique Blackmon, 44, Salemburg. Second Degree Trespass. Trial Date 12-07-21
 11-11 Amber Lorene Gibert, 28, Dunn. FTA Order for Arrest. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 11-15-21
 11-11 Decorius Raamah Daughtry, 29, Clinton. OFA Driving While Impaired FTA, OFA Fail to Maintain Lane Control- FTA. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 12-10-21
 11-11 Joshua Lentrel Pigford, 28, Willard. Driving Under the Influence, Driving While License Revoked Impaired, Open Container Passenger Area. Trial Date 12-09-21
 11-12 Devonte Benjamin Boykin, 26, Clinton. Communicating Threats. Bond \$500. Trial Date 12-01-21
 11-12 Pedro Hernandez, 22, Roseboro. Order for Arrest.
 11-12 James Brandon Bradshaw, 47, Faison. Damage/Vandalism of Property, Stalking, Harassing Phone Calls. Bond \$750. Trial Date 12-16-21
 11-12 Antonio Miguel Hobbs, 21, Fayetteville. Felony Possess Schedule VI, Maintaining Vehicle for Controlled Substance, Possession of Marijuana.

Bond \$2500. Trial Date 12-17-21
 11-12 Adam Lee Strickland, 36, Clinton. Warrant Service for Other Agency.
 11-12 Jessica Lynne Warren, 32, Clinton. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 12-09-21
 11-12 Adolfo Benjamin Rodriguez, 22, Clinton. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 12-06-21
 11-12 Rhonda Campbell, 33, Autryville. DWI. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 12-16-21
 11-12 Carmen Morales, 37, Newton Grove. Possession of Cocaine. Bond \$7500. Trial Date 12-17-21
 11-12 Antwan Romeo Rich, 28, Salemburg. Trespass. Bond \$500. Trial Date 01-07-22
 11-12 Darrell Wayne Royal, 33, Salemburg. OFA FTA Second Degree Trespass. Bond \$8000. Trial Date 11-22-21
 11-13 Curtis J Sherman, 36, Roseboro. Order for Arrest. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 12-06-21
 11-13 Nicky Robert Martin, 53, Stedman. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 12-07-21
 11-13 Julie Anne Giattino, 41, Clinton. Order for Arrest. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 11-29-21
 11-13 Billy Gene Worthington, 60, Salemburg. Trespass of Real Property. Trial Date 12-09-21
 11-13 Suzanne Worthington, 61, Salemburg. Trespass of Real Property. Trial Date 12-09-21
 11-13 Antonio Wilfredo Gonzalez, 32, Autryville. Assault on a Female, Communicating Threats. Trial Date 12-07-21
 11-13 Raul Lester Queiroz Saul, 23, Jacksonville. DWI, Exceeding the Posted Speed. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 12-13-21
 11-13 Demetrius Antoin Eason, 22, Roseboro. Assault Inflict Serious Injury. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 12-14-21
 11-13 David Keith Skaggs, 39, Faison. Fict/Alt Title/Reg Card/Tag, Operate Veh No Insurance, Drive/Allow MV No Registration. Bond \$500. Trial Date 11-24-21
 11-13 Demetrius Antoin Eason, 22, Roseboro. Communicate Threat-WFA, Threatening Phone Calls. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 12-15-21
 11-13 Patrick Jerrel Tim, 34, Fayetteville. Driving While Impaired. Bond \$4000. Trial Date 12-14-21
 11-14 Phillip Dewayne Parker, 44, Clinton. Assault by Pointing a Gun, Communicating Threats. Bond \$2500. Trial Date 12-07-21
 11-14 Danielle Clark Maldonado, 29, Garland. OFA FTA Misdemeanor Larceny. Bond \$12000. Trial Date 12-07-21
 11-14 Helor Joan Zapata Moncada, 19, Clinton. Driving While Impaired, Driving After Consuming <21. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 12-06-21
 11-14 Zedric Dereco Burns, 28, Clinton. Possess Stolen Firearm.
 11-14 William Kenneth Sampson, 35, Clinton. Assault on a Female. Trial Date 11-23-21
 11-14 Julisa Renee Williams, 31, Roseboro. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 12-07-21
 11-14 Amanda Spell, 30, Clinton. Violation of Court Order. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 11-23-21
 11-15 Adriana Shanikqa Ratliff, 22, Clinton. Warrant Service for Other Agency. Trial Date 12-13-21
 11-15 David Kit Knowles, 43, Garland. Fail to Comply with Monies. Bond \$293. Trial Date 12-07-21
 11-15 Wilbur Scott Vickery, 27, Roseboro. Failure to Appear- Criminal Summons. Bond \$500. Trial Date 12-13-21
 11-15 Gilberto Chavira, 29, Turkey. OFA DWLR Not Impaired Rev, OFA Fail to Burn Headlamps. Bond \$500. Trial Date 11-18-21
 11-15 Brandon Clayton Wells, 29, Dunn. FTA Order for Arrest. Bond \$20000. Trial Date 01-05-21
 11-15 Demetrius Eason, 22, Roseboro. Assault Phy Inj Detention Officer.
 11-16 Kimberly Ann Byrd, 43, Roseboro. Communicating Threats, Simple Assault. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 12-15-21
 11-16 William Vance Watson, 51, Knightdale. Bond \$1215. Trial Date 12-15-21
 11-16 Michael Clyde Penick, 28, Clinton. FTA Order for Arrest. Bond \$3000.

Trial Date 01-07-22
 11-16 Annie Melvin, 71, Clinton. FTA Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 12-13-21
 11-17 Laquisha Ann McNair, 27m Fayetteville. Order for Arrest FTA. Bond \$500. Trial Date 12-15-21
 11-17 Kristen Leigh Brewington, 36, Faison. Cyberstalking, Threatening Phone Call, Harassing Phone Call.
 11-17 Jordan Alexander Pannell, 26, Newton Grove. Order for Arrest- FTS Child Support. Bond \$250. Trial Date 11-30-21
 11-17 Latisha Toinette Carr, 29, Clinton. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 12-14-21
 11-17 Victoria Eve Brown, 21, Roseboro. Order for Arrest. Bond \$5000. Trial Date 01-03-22
 11-17 Bradford Tyrone Boone, 46, Garland. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 12-13-21
 11-17 Matthew Daniel Smith, 32, Bladenboro. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 12-08-21
 11-18 Teresa Renee Willetts, 54, Godwin. Order for Arrest, Fail to Return Rental Property. Bond \$763. Trial Date 01-07-22
 11-18 Laura Marie Emanuel, 43, Clinton. Trespass. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 12-15-21
 11-18 Elgie Gray Lucas, 67, Roseboro. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 12-15-21
 11-18 William Parker Baggett, 43, Roseboro. Order for Arrest- FTA Child Support. Bond \$190. Trial Date 11-30-21
 11-18 Teresia Newkirk Cobb, 48, Roseboro. Misdemeanor Larceny, Injury to Personal Property.
 11-18 Laura Marie Emanuel, 43, Clinton. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 12-15-21
 11-18 Harlem Lee Faison, 20, Clinton. Trespass of Real Property, Simple Assault. Trial Date 12-14-21
 11-18 Tristen Neshoba Gibbs, 28, Sampson. Second Degree Trespass. Bond \$500. Trial Date 01-07-22
 11-18 Abigail Layne Partridge, 24, Garland. Order for Arrest. Bond \$100000. Trial Date 12-10-21
 11-18 Patrick Wayne Moore, 47, Garland. Order for Arrest- Fail to Comply. Bond \$513. Trial Date 12-14-21
 11-19 Whitney Lynn Lambert, 31, Godwin. Fail to Appear. Bond \$4000.
 11-19 James Lessie Becton, 70, Clinton. Order for Arrest. Bond \$9000. Trial Date 01-07-22
 11-19 Sabrina Evans, 42, Salemburg. Bad Checks. Trial Date 12-07-21
 11-19 Tasha Nicole Williams, 32, Clinton. FTC Child Support
 11-19 James Brett Faircloth, 49, Roseboro. Order for Arrest FTA. Bond \$500. Trial Date 12-08-21
 11-19 Gladys Maite Deleon Narvaez, 29, Clinton. Attempt Break/Enter Motor Vehicle, Domestic Criminal Trespass. Trial Date 01-19-22
 11-19 Lennon Donte Owens, 35, Clinton. Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 01-05-22
 11-19 Marqus Darrell Underwood, 46, Clinton. Order for Arrest- Child Support. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 11-30-21
 11-19 Arnold Acosta Lopez, 19, Clinton. Reckless Driving to Endanger, No Operators License, Possess Marijuana up to 1/2oz. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 01-11-22
 11-20 Katrina Marie Edwards, 56, Roseboro. Communicating Threats. Trial Date 12-15-21
 11-20 Michael Wayne Johnson, 53, Roseboro. Communicating Threats- WFA, Assault on a Female Criminal Summons. Bond \$500. Trial Date 12-06-21
 11-21 Khaled Saleh, 29, Warsaw. Possession of Khat. Bond \$7500. Trial Date 12-10-21
 11-21 Javant Malik Redmond, 26, Wilmington. RDO, Warrant Service for Other Agency. Bond \$101500. Trial Date 01-13-22
 11-21 Jarell Lavene Tyson, 37, Rose Hill. Failure to Appear- Release Order. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 12-01-21
 11-21 Jennifer Barts Peterson, 46, Roseboro. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 12-08-21
 11-21 Toby Lee Rhodes, 43, Roseboro. Fail to Comply. Bond \$293. Trial Date 12-07-21

11-21 Juan Jacinto, 45, Clinton. All Other Larceny. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 12-15-21
 11-21 Angel Dawn Kirkland, 30, Clinton. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 12-08-21
 11-21 Howard Lee Carroll, 41, Garland. Habitual Larceny. Bond \$20000. Trial Date 12-10-21
 11-21 Howard Lee Carroll, 41, Garland. Order for Arrest. Bond \$100000. Trial Date 12-10-21
 11-21 Kaylin Edwards, 27, Roseboro. Harassing Phone Call. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 12-15-21
 11-21 Brandon Ray Parson, 34, Dunn. Misdemeanor Larceny. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 12-08-21
 11-21 Robert Wayne Williams, 32, Dunn. Fel Probation Violation Out of County. Bond \$20000. Trial Date 01-05-22
 11-21 Marlon Jermaine Butler, 46, Roseboro. Order for Arrest/FTC. Bond \$318. Trial Date 12-01-21

INCIDENT REPORTS

11-09 Richard Cash reported Larceny.
 11-09 James Asermely reported Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories, All Other Larceny.
 11-09 Fonezy Westbrook reported Larceny Motor Vehicle.
 11-09 Danny Jordan reported Larceny of Firearm.
 11-10 Roxanne Baucom reported Theft from Motor Vehicle.
 11-10 State of North Carolina reported Larceny of Motor Vehicle.
 11-11 Paula Best reported Larceny of Motor Vehicle.
 11-11 Emmanuel Garcia reported Motor Vehicle Theft.
 11-11 Lisa Bradshaw reported Damage to Property.
 11-12 Samantha Scoggins reported Larceny from Motor Vehicle, Damage to Property.
 11-12 Buck Sumner reported Motor Vehicle Theft.
 11-12 Matthew Moore reported Larceny of Trailer.
 11-11 Lynn Carr reported All Other Larceny.
 11-12 Lisa Bradshaw reported Damage/Vandalism of Property.
 11-12 Douglas Levack reported All Other Larceny.
 11-13 Lenin Lopez reported Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property.
 11-13 Francis Tew reported Theft from Motor Vehicle.
 11-13 Jennifer Bell reported Breaking & Entering of Storage Unit.
 11-12 Homer Faircloth reported Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories- catalytic converter \$350.
 11-13 Samuel Dixon and Keisha Lorraine reported Damage to Property- automobile \$500, Automobile \$250, automobile \$250.
 11-14 Walter Carnley reported Damage to Property- automobile \$300.
 11-15 MB Insurance & Tax Services reported Damage to Property- window \$200.
 11-15 Lynn Campbell reported a Burglary/Breaking & Entering- rifle \$1000, shotgun \$200, pistol.
 11-15 Harvestco LLC reported a Motor Vehicle Theft- yellow bus \$5000.
 11-15 Tammy Baggett reported Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts, Damage to Personal Property
 11-16 David Parker reported a Larceny.
 11-16 C& J Auto Repair reported Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories.
 11-16 Terry Avery reported Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories.
 11-17 Jim Myers reported All Other Larceny.
 11-17 Connie Strouth reported Motor Vehicle Theft.
 11-17 Julius Steed reported Larceny of Firearm.

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

AGRICULTURE

Backyard Flock Egg Production

So, you just got your own flock of chickens! Or maybe you're just thinking about starting your own flock, but you need to know more about egg production and what they need from you, to be good laying hens. Here is some information on how to ensure you are giving your laying hens a good environment to do their job!

When should they start laying eggs and how can I keep them laying? If you got them as chicks, they should start laying around 16-24 weeks of age. This is also dependent upon environmental conditions and breed. Chickens need around 14-16 hours of light per day to produce eggs, which is an issue during the fall and winter months. You have the option to give your hens a break in those months, as laying will decrease or even cease, or you can supplement with a light source to ensure they continue to lay eggs. Also, when the days are getting shorter in the fall and early winter months, your chickens may start losing their feathers. This is called molting and it's a naturally occurring process where they replace their feathers.

Where should they lay their eggs and what type of bedding do they need? You can provide your hen a comfortable place to lay by providing them nesting boxes. This is a small space that has soft bedding such as hay, straw, wood chips, or AstroTurf. This gives them an environment to lay their eggs in a safe place and also helps keep the eggs clean, as well as helps you find the eggs! Encourage your chickens not to roost in their laying boxes, by putting a roosting bar in their coop. This helps keep nesting boxes cleaner, meaning your eggs are cleaner.

What do I look for in a good laying hen? You want to look for soft, large, red wattles and combs, and bright eyes. Various breeds can have different colors of these features as well. As good layers mature, the yellow pigmentation of the ankles, beak, ear lobe, vent, and eye ring will fade to almost white. However, the yellow color can come back if the hen does not lay for any period of time.

How long do they lay eggs? Peak production of egg laying is around 32-34 weeks of age. For example: you should get around 9-10 eggs each day from 12 chickens for several months, then

By: Margaret Ross, Eastern Area Poultry Agent

Article adapted from *Keeping Garden Chickens in NC*, an NC State Extension publication



you hit peak production, they may slow down to around six eggs each day, by a year after their laying begins. Typically, eggs are laid in the morning hours. Eggs should be collected as soon as possible after they are laid, as well as eggs should be collected twice per day if possible. They should also be refrigerated right away.

How do I clean my eggs? First of all, try to keep your nesting boxes as clean as possible to reduce the time it takes you to clean your eggs. Also, if there is organic matter (feces) on the egg shell and it sits for a while, it may stain your eggs which is unappealing to customers. If your eggs are already fairly clean, they may only require a dry cloth to finish cleaning them. If your eggs are dirty, you may use a warm, damp cloth to clean them. Allow your eggs to properly dry. You can lay them on your counter-top on a clean, dry paper towel with a fan blowing over them to help them dry quickly, so you can get them into the refrigerator. It is also important to mention that it's hard to sell eggs from your backyard flock and recoup the costs associated with raising your birds / make a profit. You will need to find a niche market and good customers.

There are lots of ways to ensure your hens are laying eggs in a safe, comfortable, and consistent manner. For more information on backyard flock egg production, please contact your local Cooperative Extension Office.

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Thank You Lord for Your Blessings



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

I am so blessed to have:

FAITH in God and privilege of worshipping Him

FAMILY with loving and caring relationships

FRIENDS close supporters who "love me anyway"

FREEDOM privilege of living in a free democracy

FUTURE assurance of spending eternity in heaven

It has been a blessing indeed to have:
 Seen so many golden sunsets - God's finger painting
 Awakened to indescribable beauty of glorious sunrises
 Been caressed by warm gentle breezes, cool rain drops
 Worshiped God at the top of a mountain
 Gazed in awe at rainbows - sometimes double rainbows
 Eaten homemade Ice Cream on a hot summer day
 Watched diligently for return of beautiful spring flowers

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

**ALL MY LIFE I HAVE QUENCHED MY THIRST AT WELLS I DID NOT DIG...
 AND I AM SO VERY GRATEFUL!**

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

If we are honest, our undeserved Blessings far outweigh our inconveniences and momentary afflictions.

*"We are so blessed, by the gifts from Your hand,
 We just don't understand why You loved us so much.
 We are so blessed, we just can't find a way
 Or the words that can say, "Thank You, Lord for Your touch."*

*When we're thirsty You fill us, 'til we overflow,
 When we're hungry You feed us, and cause us to know,
 We are so blessed, take what we have to bring,
 Take it all, everything, Lord, we love You so much."*

TaRanda Green

*"God, you have given me so much,
 I only ask for one thing more,
 give me a Grateful Heart."*

Lord, Thank You.

When I take the time to consider Your abundant blessings on my life, I am overwhelmed with gratitude! Just the fact that You love me and sent Your Son to die for me...is reason enough to thank You and honor You with my life.



Martha Pierce

Remembering Annandale School

Proverbs 27:9, "Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice."

Recently, I had the pleasure to listen to a group of citizens that had one thing in common; their love for a school they once attended. Years had passed, the school no longer had its original name and many of the former students are no longer living. The theme of the former students was clear, "Because of Annandale." Because of Annandale they had made life-long friendships that could be described as a sweet aroma of joy to their hearts.

Now you might be wondering the history of the Annandale School. At a cost of 100,000.00 dollars, the school was erected in 1955. The 1954 United States Supreme Court ruling of Brown v. Board of Education birthed the movement of this new school. These types of schools were being built all over the southern United States, and were called Equalization School for the Black students. Annandale was the first school in the coastal Pender County area, which was funded by Pender County that allowed black students to attend.

Before Annandale, the black students in the area attended school in a one room wooden building with very little school supplies, no heat, bathroom or even running water. These schools were called Rosenwald Schools. Rosenwald Schools were built in the early 1900s, by funds from Julius Rosenwald and donations from many black families. The schools were located in black communities, with only one teacher per school. The schools in the coastal area of Pender County were located in the communities of Sloop Point, Vista, Topsail, Browntown and Harrison Creek.

The year, 1956 will be remembered by events such as the home of Martin Luther King Jr. being bombed, Alabama Bus segregation laws declared illegal by US Supreme Court and two Florida A&M University students were arrested for sitting at the front of a Tallahassee bus. They were charged with "inciting a riot," though the white woman they sat next to made no objection. The next night a cross was burned outside their rooming house. During that same year on August 22nd, two hundred and twenty-five black students and their families' lives would be forever changed for the better.

For the first time ever, these students had brand new books, bathrooms with running water, a library and their first taste of cold water from a water fountain. One student told me, "When I first got on that big yellow school bus, I knew I was going places in life. It was like a limousine picking me up." It was truly a different time period and many children today could never imagine what these students felt. Proverbs 17:17, "A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity." Because of their Annandale School experience, many of the former students would pursue to further their education and became doctors, lawyers, college professors, principals, ambassadors, high ranking military service members and other professions that have made a difference in our world.

Charles Spurgeon once proclaimed, "Satan always hates Christian fellowship; it is his policy to keep Christians apart. Anything which can divide saints from one another he delights in. He attaches far more importance to godly intercourse than we do. Since union is strength, he does his best to promote separation." Sadly, today many allow the color of one's skin to bring division, disharmony and discord to their Christian testimony. What brought the students of Annandale together was a common bond of fellowship. What brings Christians of all ages, colors and social standings is we serve the same Lord. The Apostle Paul write in Galatians 3:28, "There is

neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

Today I encourage you to remember that we are all one in the bond of Christ's love. Corrie Ten Boom wrote, "Be united with other Christians. A wall with loose bricks is not good. The bricks must be cemented together." True Christianity will desire to build others up and want the very best for those around them. Because of Annandale School friendships were made for a lifetime, but because of Christ we have an eternity to enjoy fellowship with other believers and our Lord.



Rev. Ken Smith
 Atkinson Baptist Church

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(PSALM 95:2)





Rum and Cola Holiday Ham

Special Centerpieces for Holiday Celebrations

FAMILY FEATURES

Few things bring family and friends together quite like the holidays, and serving up an elegant, seasonal meal centered around a mouthwatering main dish is a recipe for creating lasting memories with the ones you love.

Forging a fabulous holiday experience for the special people in your life starts with choosing a flavorful, tender cut of meat to serve as the centerpiece of the meal. Hand-cut by expert butchers, options like Spiral-Sliced Ham, Boneless Heart of Prime Rib Roast and Butcher's Cut Filet Mignons from Omaha Steaks can serve as the focal point of a memorable holiday dinner. Flash frozen to capture freshness and flavor, you can select a standout cut of meat from the comfort of your home and have it delivered directly to your door in time to put together a tender, juicy main course.

Find more holiday recipe inspiration at OmahaSteaks.com/blog/recipes.

Rum and Cola Holiday Ham

Recipe courtesy of Omaha Steaks Executive Chef David Rose

Prep time: 30 minutes

Cook time: 80 minutes

Servings: 10-12

Ham:
1 Omaha Steaks Spiral-Sliced Ham (8 pounds)

Glaze:
1 cup cherry fruit spread
3/4 cup dark spiced rum
3/4 cup cola
2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
1/4 teaspoon kosher salt

To make ham: Thaw frozen ham in refrigerator 24-48 hours.

Remove from refrigerator and let ham come to room temperature, about 30-45 minutes.

Preheat oven to 325 F. Remove ham from foil and film. Return ham to foil wrapping and place in oven-safe roasting pan. Roll foil down leaving 2 inches of foil around bottom of ham.

Place roasting pan with ham in oven on lower rack and heat uncovered 60-75 minutes, until ham starts to brown. While ham cooks, make glaze.

To make glaze: In medium saucepot, whisk fruit spread, rum, cola, Worcestershire sauce, Dijon mustard and salt until well incorporated. Bring to boil then reduce heat to medium. Simmer over medium heat 10 minutes then remove from heat. Cool to room temperature.

During last 15 minutes of cooking, glaze ham every 5 minutes.



Dijon-Herb Prime Rib Roast with Garlic Butter Mushrooms

Dijon-Herb Prime Rib Roast with Garlic Butter Mushrooms

Recipe courtesy of Omaha Steaks

Executive Chef David Rose

Prep time: 15 minutes

Cook time: 3 hours

Servings: 4-6

Dijon-Herb Rub:
1/4 cup minced fresh Italian parsley
1/4 cup minced fresh oregano
1/4 cup minced fresh thyme leaves
1/4 cup minced fresh rosemary leaves

3 fresh garlic cloves, minced
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
1/2 cup canola oil
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
1/4 teaspoon smoked paprika

Prime Rib Roast:

1 Omaha Steaks Boneless Heart of Prime Rib Roast (4 pounds), thawed
kosher salt, to taste
ground black pepper, to taste
1/4 cup canola oil

Garlic Butter Mushrooms:

6 tablespoons olive oil
1/2 cup small diced yellow onion
4 fresh garlic cloves, minced
1 pound button mushrooms, cleaned and quartered
1 pinch kosher salt, plus additional, to taste, divided
1 pinch ground black pepper, plus additional, to taste, divided

1/2 cup chicken stock
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
1/4 cup finely chopped Italian parsley

To make rub: In medium bowl, whisk parsley, oregano, thyme, rosemary, garlic, Dijon mustard, oil, salt, black pepper and paprika until well incorporated.

To make prime rib roast: Pat prime rib roast dry on all sides with paper towels. Season generously with salt and pepper, to taste. Allow roast to come to room temperature about 30 minutes.

Rub Dijon herb rub all over prime rib roast and allow to stand 10 minutes.

Preheat oven to 250 F.

In large cast-iron pan, warm oil over medium-high heat.

Sear roast on all sides until golden brown, 2-3 minutes per side.

Place seared prime rib on wire rack-lined sheet pan and place in oven.

Cook until internal temperature is 10 F below desired cooking doneness.

Rest 15-20 minutes before slicing.

To make mushrooms: In large pan, warm olive oil over medium-high heat. Add diced onions and saute about 1 minute.

Add minced garlic and lightly saute until fragrant, about 20 seconds.

Add mushrooms and pinch of salt and ground pepper to pan. Saute 3-4 minutes, or until mushrooms are tender.

Add chicken stock and reduce to one-third in volume, 3-4 minutes.

Add butter and parsley to pan and saute until butter is melted and incorporated.

Immediately remove from heat and season, to taste, with salt and pepper.

Serve mushrooms with prime rib roast.

Suya-Dusted Filet Mignon with "Red Rice" Risotto

Recipe courtesy of Omaha Steaks

Executive Chef David Rose

Prep time: 15 minutes

Cook time: 1 hour

Servings: 4

Suya Dust:
2 cups roasted cashews
1 tablespoon chicken bouillon
1 tablespoon, plus 1 teaspoon, smoked paprika
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1 teaspoon ground black pepper
2 teaspoons ground ginger
2 teaspoons garlic powder
2 teaspoons onion powder

"Red Rice" Risotto:

3 tablespoons canola oil
1/2 cup diced yellow onion
3 fresh garlic cloves, smashed
1/2 cup diced red bell pepper
1 tablespoon tomato paste
1 large beefsteak tomato (about 1/2 pound), chopped
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1/4 teaspoon smoked paprika
1 teaspoon kosher salt, plus additional, to taste, divided (optional)

1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper, plus additional, to taste, divided (optional)
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 1/2 cups Arborio rice
4 cups warmed chicken stock, divided
1/2 cup finely chopped Italian parsley
1 cup freshly shredded Parmesan cheese

Filet Mignon:

4 Omaha Steaks Butcher's Cut Filet Mignons (6 ounces each)
kosher salt
ground black pepper
4 tablespoons canola oil
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 clove garlic
1 thyme sprig

To make suya dust: In food processor, blend cashews, chicken bouillon, paprika, cayenne pepper, bell pepper, black pepper, ginger, garlic powder and onion powder into fine powder.

To make "red rice" risotto: In medium saucepan, warm canola oil over medium-high heat. Add onions, garlic and red bell pepper, sauteing until lightly caramelized, about 1 minute.

Add tomato paste to pan and saute until fragrant, about 1 minute. Add chopped tomato, Worcestershire sauce, paprika,

1 teaspoon kosher salt and 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper; continue sauteing until tomato starts to break down and soften, 3-4 minutes. Reduce heat to simmer and cook 3-4 minutes.

Remove from heat and finely blend in food processor. Set aside.

In separate medium saucepan, warm olive oil and butter over medium-high heat.

Add Arborio rice and stir until slightly nutty and translucent, about 1 minute.

Add pureed tomato-pepper mixture and 1 cup chicken stock; bring to boil then reduce heat to medium.

Add 1 cup stock each time Arborio rice absorbs almost all broth. Continuously stir risotto each time stock is added to rice.

Keep adding stock until risotto is al dente and still viscous then stir in parsley and Parmesan cheese. Season, to taste, with salt and pepper, if desired.

To make filet mignon: Pat steaks dry with paper towels and liberally season with salt and ground black pepper on both sides.

In large cast-iron skillet, warm canola oil over medium-high heat.

Place filets in skillet and sear 3 minutes.

Flip steaks and add butter, garlic clove and thyme. Baste steaks with butter and allow filets to finish cooking, 3-4 minutes for medium-rare doneness.

Rest filets 7-8 minutes. Serve over "red rice" risotto and sprinkle suya dust over filets.



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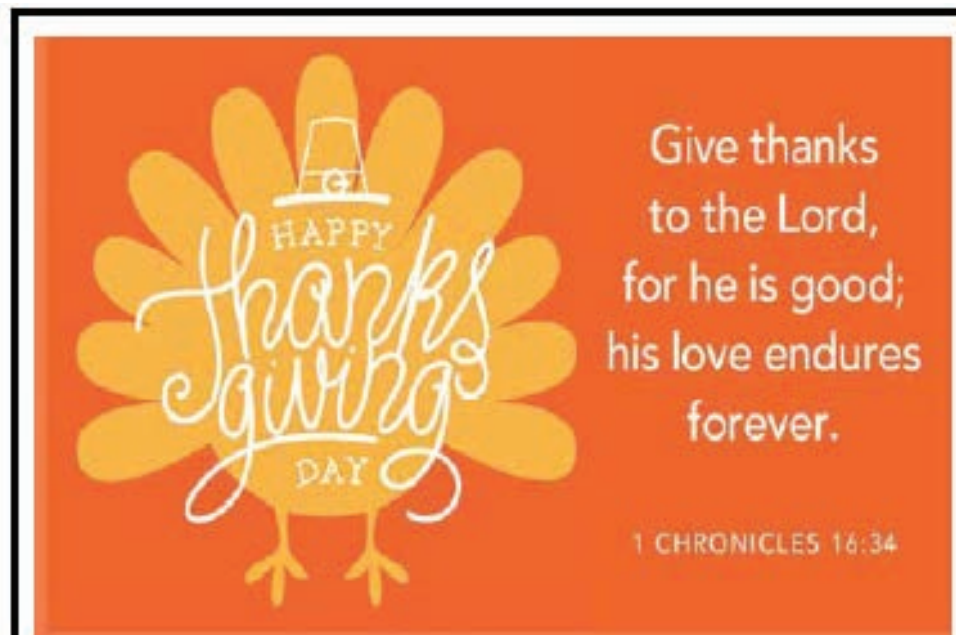
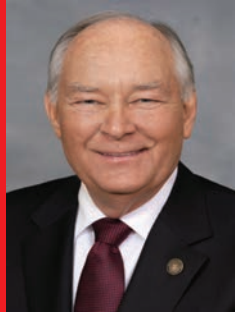


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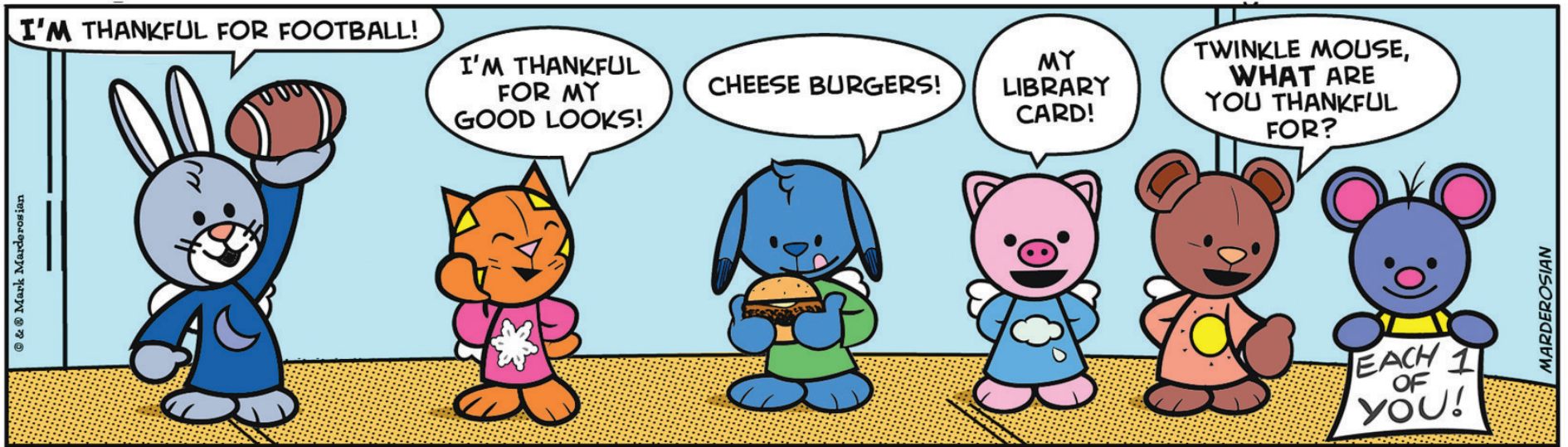
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ACROSS

1 Little terror
 5 Wet bar?
 9 Knife wound
 13 ___ of thumb
 14 Church V.I.P.
 16 Bounce back
 17 Soon, to a bard
 18 Throw for a loop
 19 Garbage hauler
 20 Complex unit
 22 Deadly mushroom
 24 Schongauer work
 26 Toni Morrison's "___ Baby"
 27 Tabloid twosome
 28 Noble position
 32 Retro phone feature
 35 Established
 37 Indigenous
 38 Not quite right
 39 Full of bounce
 41 Fishing equipment
 42 Like cows and sows
 44 Campaign pro
 45 Shrek, for one
 46 Bomb
 48 Certain tide
 50 Computer capacity
 51 Emphatic
 56 New Year's Eve staple
 59 X, in math
 60 Tim Conway film, "The Billion Dollar ___"
 61 Factory

DOWN

1 Hold steady
 2 Talk at length
 3 Follow follower
 4 Plant stem extension
 5 Mermaid's milieu
 6 Veteran
 7 Annex

8 Animal fur
 9 Type of psychology
 10 Word in a 1978 John Irving book title
 11 "Get lost!"
 12 Kennel cry
 15 Primary color
 21 Cereal grass
 23 Dogcatcher's catch
 25 Evening bell
 29 "Brokeback Mountain" director
 30 CBer's term
 31 Dole (out)
 32 Tip, as a hat

33 Brainchild
 34 Deserving of respect
 36 Word of advice
 39 Dry spell
 40 Mumbo-jumbo
 43 Pie preference
 45 Type of illusion
 47 Young raptor
 49 It may be framed
 52 Capture
 53 Likeness
 54 Locale
 55 Aromatic compound
 56 Chew the fat
 57 Rush follower
 58 Envelope abbr.
 62 Half a score

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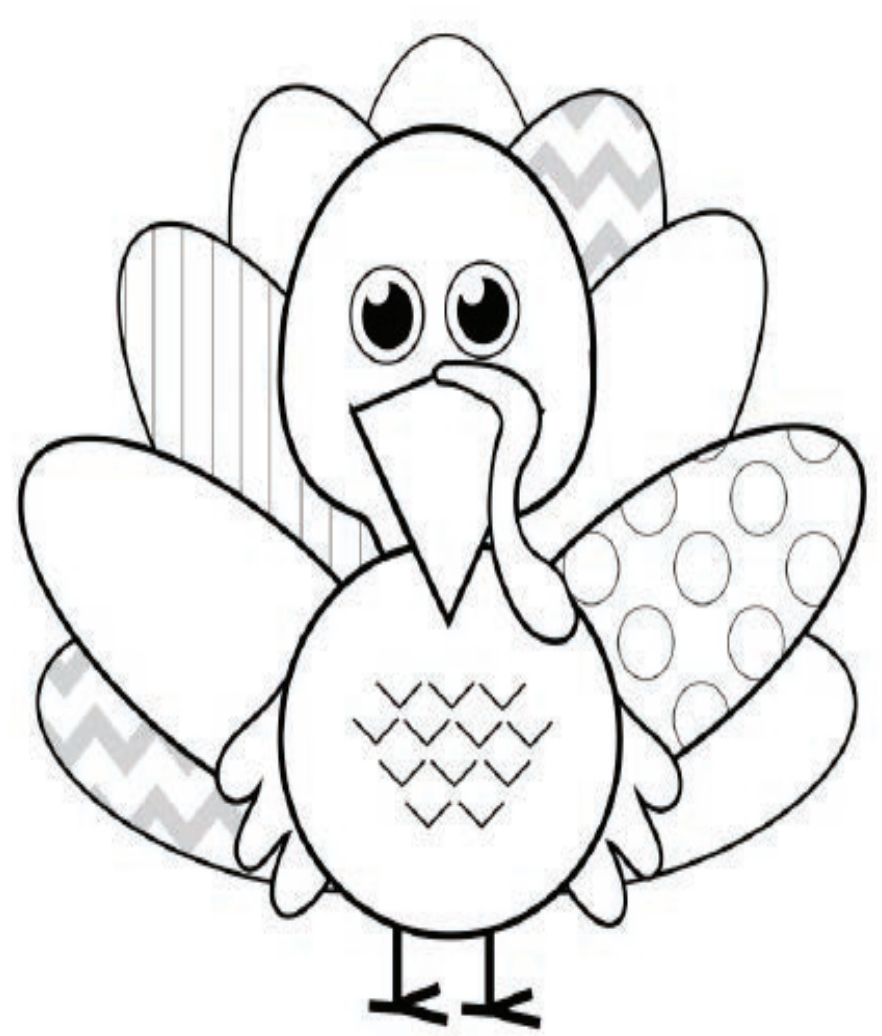
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CLINTON

Mrs. Myron Jeanett Lee, 75 of Clinton went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Wednesday, November 17 at UNC Rex Hospital. The funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM Sunday, November 21 at Corinth Baptist Church with Rev. Bill Hume and Rev. Tommy Honeycutt officiating. The burial will take place on Monday, November 22 at 11:00 AM at Lafayette Memorial Park, West. Mrs. Lee was born in Marion County, Georgia to Lester C. and Ruby Jewell Waters Grimsley. She was preceded in death by her parents; 1st husband, James C. Hemingway; two sisters, Earlene McAlister and Betty Lee. She was a retired security officer at Sampson Regional Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Archie R. Lee of the home; her children, Linda Buie and husband, Danny of Hope Mills, Doug Hemingway and wife, Christi of Efland, Angie Hemingway of the home, Tracy Clark and husband, Tracy of Stedman and Shannon Lee and wife, Katherine of Vermont; sisters and brothers, Clyde Grimsley and wife, Myra of Americus, Georgia, Mary Gilden of Fayetteville, Mary Anne Nose of Indiana and Dale Christopher and husband, Joe of Phoenix City, Alabama; eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren. The family will receive friends from 6-8 PM Saturday, November 20 at Butler Funeral Home in Roseboro and at other times at the home. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.

DUNN

Mr. Wilbert Linwood Lewis, 76, of Dunn died Friday evening at the Brian Center in Wallace. He was born in Sampson County on August 7, 1945, to the late Wilbert and Agnes Warren Lewis. He was preceded in death by his wife, Sylvia Lewis. Mr. Lewis worked in pest control for over 35 years until his retirement. He was a member of Mt. Carmel Church. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, November 21, 2021, at Devotional Gardens in Dunn, with Rev. Johnny Peterson officiating. Mr. Lewis is survived by his brother Jerry Lewis and wife Vickie; sister, Shelby Murray, and husband Harold; and several nieces and nephews. Arrangements are by Skinner and Smith Funeral Home in Dunn.

CLINTON

Rev. Lee Taft Matthews, 86 of 3430 Faircloth Freeway, Clinton, NC passed away on Saturday, November 13, 2021 at the Kitty Askins Hospice Center, Goldsboro, NC. The funeral service will be held at 1pm, Monday, November 22, 2021 at Union Grove Church of Christ Disciple of Christ with Rev. Jimmy Melvin officiating. The burial will be held at 10am, Monday, November 29, 2021 at the Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery, Spring Lake, NC with Military Honors. Mr. Matthews is survived by his wife, Christine Matthews of the home, daughters, Jacqueline Robinson of Lillington, NC, Lisa Grant of Garner, NC and Dawn Holmes of Fayetteville, NC, sister, Barbara Thomas of Detroit, MI; 7 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Viewing will be held on Monday, November 22, 2021 from 12pm - 1pm at Union Grove COC DOC. Online condolences may be sent to worleyfuneralhomeinc.com.

AUTRYVILLE

Mr. Joseph Thomas Mayner, 72 went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at Warsaw Health and Rehabilitation Center. A memorial service will be held 2:00 PM on Monday, November 15, 2021 at Butler Funeral Home in Roseboro with Pastor Gary Strickland and Pastor Bailey Weeks officiating. A private burial will be held at a later date at Butler Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 1:00-1:50 PM at the funeral home prior to the service. Mr. Mayner was a native of Sampson County, the son of Joseph Andrew and Olivia Cleone Weeks Mayner. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Henrietta Kathryn Mayner Harrifield. He was a retired employee of Goodyear Tire Company where he had 30 years of dedicated service. Mr. Mayner was also a veteran of the United States Navy and was stationed

at Naval Air Station Oceana in Virginia Beach, VA. where he met his wife of 33 years Terry LaGrotta Mayner. He graduated from Roseboro-Salemburg High School in 1969. He leaves to cherish his memory his son, Kenneth Mayner of Autryville; his son's mother, Terry Mayner of Lumberton; his brother-in-laws Wayne Harrifield, Randy LaGrotta, Larry LaGrotta; his sister-in-laws Linda Garrenton and Cheryl Anderson; and numerous other cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. Butler Funeral Home of Roseboro is serving the family.

ROSEBORO

Mr. Clayton Bryan McDonald, 61 went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at Sampson Regional Medical Center. A funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM on Monday, November 22 at Butler Funeral Home in Roseboro with the Reverend Bobby Herring. Burial will follow at Holland-McDonald Cemetery, on Huntley School Road. The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 PM on Sunday, November 21 at Butler Funeral Home in Roseboro. Mr. McDonald was a native of Cumberland County, the son of Eugene and Frances Black McDonald. He was preceded in death by his parents. He was a retired owner and operator of 301 Environmental. Clay was very involved in the towing industry and enjoyed helping stranded people just like his grandfather and father before him. He was involved as a member and volunteer in the Towing & recovery professionals of NC, and wreck master, a training organization. He helped create and maintain the first permanent training site for towing operators in America. He was recognized as Wreck master of the year and made their top ten operator list several times. Clay networked with towing operators from across North America and developed lifelong friendships. Clay was an inspiration to a generation of towing operators for being professional, organized and proficient. He leaves to cherish is memory his wife, Becky Page McDonald of the home; daughter, Meredith McDonald of Roseboro; brother, Wade McDonald of Fayetteville; several nieces and nephews; and his beloved special dog, Coal. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 401 W. Roseboro Street, Roseboro, NC.

RICHLANDS

Delia Ann Daughtry Peterson, 86, of 104 Elizabeth St., passed away Thursday, November 11, 2021 at her home. Funeral service will be at 2 PM, Monday, November 15th at Richlands Baptist Church with Rev. Michael Johnston officiating. The family will receive friends immediately after the service. Graveside service will be held at 11 AM, Tuesday, November 16th at Rowan Baptist Church Cemetery. Delia was born in Sampson County on July 7, 1935 to the late Lewis Daughtry and Ludie Lee Daughtry. She went to Halls High School finishing in 1952, Peace College for 1 year and graduated from Asbury College in 1956. She was a teacher for over 32 years, teaching in Wilmington, Maysville and finishing her teaching career in Richlands. She was a member of Richlands First Baptist Church, a long-time bridge player and a member of the Eastern Star. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Charles David Peterson, son Paul Lewis Peterson and siblings Gordon Daughtry, Lacy Daughtry, Joyce Porter, Jean Daughtry, Jaxie Smith and Clarence Daughtry. Survivors include; daughter, Delia K. Peterson Hunter; son, David Peterson, Jr.; grandchildren, Lauren South Whiteside (Jamarius) of Gainesville, GA, Charline Peterson Whitebread (Chris) of Fallon, Nevada, Ronald Tyler Hunter of Greer, SC; great-grandchildren, Avery Claire Whiteside, Cameron Lewis Whitebread; and Chelsea Rae Whitebread. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.crumpler-honeycutt.com

CLINTON

Clark Price, 87, passed away Thursday, October 28, 2021. He was born August 17, 1934 in Clinton, NC. Son of the late Moody Scott Price and Irene Price. Brother of the late Dwight, John Moody and Sanford Price. He is survived by his son Stephen Clark Price and grandchildren, Sophia and Daniel Price. He entered the Army in Oct. 1955 during the Korean and Vietnam conflict, went to electronic school and taught the firing control system of the Ajax and Nike missile. After six and a half years in the military went to the computer school with Burroughs Corp and

retired after 30 years. He remodeled the home place, then bought a place at North Myrtle Beach and enjoyed boating, fishing and dancing. A memorial service will be performed by Crumpler Honeycutt Funeral Home at Springvale Cemetery in Clinton, NC on Sunday, November 21 at 2:00PM. In lieu of flowers, please donate to SECU Hospice House of Brunswick, 955 Mercy Lane SE, Bolivia NC 28422.

ELIZABETHTOWN

Mr. Vincent Edward Seals, 59, of 208 Mercer Rd., Elizabethtown, passed away on Saturday, November 20, 2021, at Elizabethtown Nursing Center in Elizabethtown, NC. Vincent was born August 26, 1962, in Mecklenburg County to the late Robert and Annie Ruth Seals. Vincent worked many years as a Logger in the Timber Industry. He is preceded in death by one sister: Linda S. Smith; and one brother: Buddy Seals. A Memorial Gathering will be held at 3:00 PM Sunday, November 28, 2021, at Carter Funeral Home in Garland. Mr. Seals leaves to cherish his memory one daughter: Victoria Seals of Elizabethtown; one son: Vincent Seals Jr. of Elizabethtown; one sister: Vanessa S. Cain and husband Earl of Wilmington; one brother: Dwight Seals of Elizabethtown; and two nieces: Christy Cain and April Hatcher both of Elizabethtown.

DUNN

Mrs. Linda Walker Skenandore, 63, of Dunn, passed away Thursday, November 18, 2021, at her home. She was born on September 22, 1958, in Harnett County to the late Kenly Walker and Betty Chance Walker. Mrs. Skenandore was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence Lloyd Skenandore. Mrs. Skenandore was a graduate of Page High School in Greensboro. She worked for many years as a homemaker, caregiver, and Notary Public. Mrs. Skenandore was a member of the Coharie Indian Tribe of Sampson County. She enjoyed playing computer games, and planting flowers and vegetables in her garden. She enjoyed listening to gospel music and singing with her daughters. Mrs. Skenandore loved her family. She most enjoyed cooking for them and getting together with them at any opportunity. A funeral service will be held Monday, November 22, 2021, at 11 a.m. at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery with a dove release to follow. Mrs. Skenandore survived by her mother, Betty Chance Walker; son, Kenneth A. Walker, and wife Blesilda; daughters, Angela Skenandore Brewington and husband Nicholas, Regina Skenandore, and husband Curtis Godwin; stepdaughters, Stephanie Skenandore, Nicole Skenandore; brothers, Kenly, Gene, and James Walker; sister, Shirley Gail Hicks; grandchildren, Riverhawk, Phoenix, Othello, Chase, Savannah, Zelda, Shiloh; step grandchildren, Luke, AJ, and Alanah, and several nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held at 10 a.m., Monday, November 22, 2021, at Skinner & Smith Funeral Home in Dunn. Arrangements are by Skinner & Smith Funeral Home in Dunn.

ROSEBORO

Ronald Kirby Thompson, 69 went to be with the Lord on Saturday, November 20, 2021 at his home surrounded by his family. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 1:00 PM Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at Butler Funeral Home Chapel, officiating will be Rev. Andy Wood. Burial will follow at Allen Cemetery (on Bethel Church Road, Dublin). The family will receive friends from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Monday, November 22, 2021 at the funeral home. Kirby was raised in Dublin by his grandparents, the late Benjamin Kirby Thompson and Matilda Jane Brisson Thompson. He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife of 41 years, Sarah Starling Thompson of the home; daughters, April Faye Seabrooks & husband, James of Fayetteville, Teresa Kay Wilk & husband, Joseph of Scott Air Force Base, IL, and Shannon Mathilda Thompson of Raeford; grandchildren, Alyssa Danielle Price, Emily Kate Wilk, Jacob Aiden Wilk, Mason James Wilk, and Sarah Elizabeth Wright. The family would like to give a special thank you to the hospice nurses, Carol and Pam for the loving care they showed to Kirby and all of the family during his illness. They would also like to say thank you to all of the family, friends and visitors that have shown them so much love during this time. Services entrusted to Butler Funeral Home, 6535 Clinton Road, Stedman, NC 28391.



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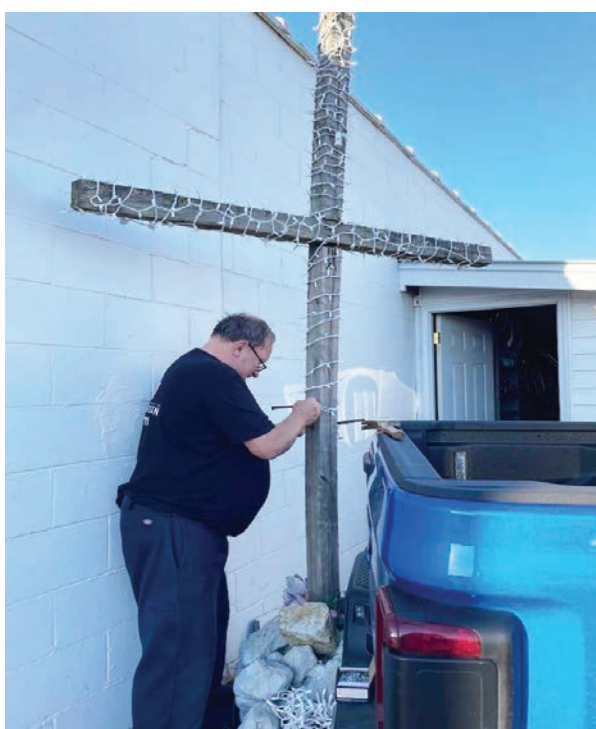
Thankful for The Boyette family who support Tim's Gift through Jesus (God, Lord, King) dollar donations, volunteering, and helping launch a foreign mission ministry by sending medical supplies and equipment to Honduras!



The joy of praying with people!



Coming together to deliver Thanksgiving to people in our communities! Thank you to Olive Grove Church, NC Turkey Federation, Jordan and Jordan, Tim's Gift, loyal volunteers, and prayer warriors who pulled together to Serve Our City and glorify God!



Thankful for loyal volunteers like Mike. He is always ready to help in any way, even putting new lights on the beautiful cross.



Thankful for God's anointed, who lift us up by teaching, preaching and praising the Lord.



Thankful for young people who volunteer at Tim's Gift who are willing to give help and hope to those in need.

...by God's Grace

By God's Grace...we, the people whom God loves, looks after, and longs to be closely connected to - in a precious, personal relationship, joyfully embrace a season of beauty and blessings as we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving. With turkeys in tow and plans for family gatherings where...over the river and through the woods to grandmother's house many will go...what are we truly thankful for?

Being thankful for LOVE tops my list. Jesus taught the importance of loving one another with thankful hearts and helping hands. When we give of ourselves on behalf of someone else, our love for Maker and mankind shines from here to Heaven!

Paul continued Jesus' 'love one another' teachings that help us live and love by their examples. In Romans 15:7, he said we should be thankful for and accept one another. In Galatians, Paul taught being subject to one another; in Ephesians 5:21 his lesson was to live in peace with one another.

How blessed we are to 'love where we live' and to 'love one another', which was so important to Jesus for He knew it was a tough command to obey. Yet, when we love Him first, love one another, trust and obey...it will truly be a good day in our neighborhood!

With tables filled with food when families gather together to ask the Lord's blessings, let us pray together, praise Him, and put a lot of love in our hearts.

Before we rush into Christmas decorating and shopping, let us take time to talk with the Lord and tell Him what we're thankful for. Then, sing this little song and share love all day and night long.

By God's grace... "Count your blessings, name them one by one! Count your blessings, see what God has done! Count your blessings, praise Him, and help someone! Give thanks for Love from the Lord and loved ones, praise Him and them for all they've done.

In His love, Becky