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## Christmas in the City 2022



"The Clinton Main Street Program in partnership with the Sampson Arts Council, Lowe's, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, First Methodist Church of Clinton, The Historic Herring House, as well as other sponsors and event volunteers, are busy making plans for the upcoming "Christmas in the City" to be held Thursday, December 1st and 8th in Downtown Clinton," stated event coordinator Mary Rose. "Our event kicks off at 5:30 pm with the Clinton Community Christmas Tree Lighting at the Milling Around Art Piece. Santa will also be at his house in Downtown Clinton for this special evening as well!"

At the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, there will be a guest appearance from Miss North Carolina Karolyn Martin. Something new this year is the Lowe's Candy Land located at Vance Street Park- You don't want to miss this new feature to the event.

### EVENTS TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 1st

From 5-8pm, Jolly Ol' Saint Nick aka Santa Claus will be at his house on Main Street

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## Chamber Christmas Parade Applications Available



Excitement is in the air and preparations are underway for the 2022 Chamber Christmas Parade in downtown Clinton.

An annual tradition for locals and visitors alike, the Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, Dec. 10, with a kickoff at 10 a.m.

"I'm looking forward to the happiness of the holiday season, and the excitement that

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## The Modern Thanksgiving



By Sandy Sanderson



In America there are few holidays with as much American history attached to the celebration as Thanksgiving. It has its roots based in the feast shared by the Pilgrims and the Wampanoags at Plymouth Plantation in the fall of 1621. Like that celebration more than 400 years ago, a big meal is the centerpiece of the holiday and its tradition. But what most people now don't realize is that America has not celebrated Thanksgiving every year since that first feast. In fact, the nationwide celebration of that day came LONG after the fact. The origins of our current holiday can be traced to two people with very different motives: Abraham Lincoln and Sara Josepha Hale.

After the first Thanksgiving there were periodic days of Thanksgiving, but they were declared locally, weren't all in the fall and most did not really celebrate that original meal and its importance. After our country was formed, George Washington declared two national days of Thanksgiving and James Madison declared one. It's unclear whether any of these harkened back to the original Plymouth meal. They appeared to be days of Thanksgiving, but not necessarily related to what our ancestors had done. That would come much later.

The push for a national holiday to commemorate the 1621 feast came from Sarah Josepha Hale. Ms. Hale was a respected author and magazine editor in the 1800s. She is most famous today for having written Mary Had A Little Lamb. She was also very patriotic and once she read about the 1621 meal, she became obsessed with having a national day of Thanksgiving that celebrated that important event in our country's history. (www.washingtonpost.com)

For years Hale lobbied in a variety of ways for a national Thanksgiving. She wrote books with descriptions of how New Englanders celebrated Thanksgiving. She wrote editorials and articles about Thanksgiving. (www.history.com) Hales, also, wrote letters to Presidents

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## WEATHER

**Thurs** Partly Cloudy  
7%

Hi: 65° Lo: 51°

**Fri** Showers  
58%

Hi: 64° Lo: 49°

**Sat** Showers  
40%

Hi: 62° Lo: 47°

**Sun** Showers  
58%

Hi: 67° Lo: 44°

**Mon** Sunny  
15%

Hi: 63° Lo: 40°

**Tues** Mostly Sunny  
11%

Hi: 61° Lo: 42°

## WEEKLY VERSE

*"Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever."*

1 Chronicles  
16:34

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Shots Fired Incident on Nicholson Street/Park Avenue



On November 17, 2022, at 7:17 PM Clinton Police Officers were dispatched to a shots fired call in the area of Nicholson Street and Park Avenue.

When officers arrived in the area, they discovered a power pole had been struck on Park Avenue by a grey in color Dodge Charger and shell casings lying in the roadway on Nicholson Street.

Information gathered so far, indicates the victim, J'Daques Wallace 21 YO, was operating a grey Dodge Charger and traveling east on Nicholson Street. A second vehicle, described as a light in color Chevy Camaro, began chasing him and firing shots toward his vehicle while traveling on Nicholson Street toward Park Avenue. While making a left turn onto Park Avenue to get away from the suspect vehicle, the victim's vehicle left the roadway and struck the power pole where the vehicle came to rest.

While processing the scene Detectives discovered that the residence of 402 Park Avenue was struck by the gunfire, residence was unoccupied at the time of incident.

There were no injuries reported at the time of incident.

Detectives with the Steet Crimes Unit are following up on leads in the investigation. If anyone has information about this incident, they are encouraged to contact the Clinton Police Department at 910-592-3105. They may also provide anonymous information through our tip service by texting 847411, beginning their message with 'tipcpd.'

## Kiwanis Gives Back



The Clinton Kiwanis Club donated over 200 boxes of Instant Mashed Potatoes to The Christian Food Bank of Salemburg for Thanksgiving Meals as part of the Clinton Give 200 to celebrate Clinton's Bicentennial!

Pictured L-R: President Daniel Ruggles, Norman McPhail, Bruce Butler, Vice-President Martin Jackson, Terry Lee, Secretary Wendy Cabral

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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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eager to listen to kids of all ages about what they want for Christmas and whether they have been naughty or nice. The Christmas Scavenger Hunt will also be going on for both days of the event, December 1st and 8th, check out the clues and info at the Ultimate Gallery.

Hayrides will also be available this year for \$3 per person provided by Hubb's Farm and Kyle's Farm. Barrel Train Rides will be available for the kids at no charge. The large Train Rides will be \$2 per person. The Sampson Arts Council will be holding their annual Gingerbread Cookie Decorating contest at 107 Wall Street.

From 6:00-8:30pm there will be lots of entertainment and live music on Main Street with Story Time with Ali the Elf at 6:30pm and 7:30pm.

At 7:30 there will be Candlelight Tours at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 110 W. Main Street.

**EVENTS TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 8th**

From 5-8pm, Jolly Ol' Saint Nick aka Santa Claus will be at his house on Main Street eager to listen to kids of all ages about what they want for Christmas and whether they have been naughty or nice. The Christmas Scavenger Hunt will also be going on for both days of the event, December 1st and 8th, check out the clues and info at the Ultimate Gallery.

Also, during this time, The Historic Herring House Gingerbread House Display located at 216 Sampson Street and the live nativity "A Night in Bethlehem" First Methodist Church 208 Sampson Street.

From 6:00pm-8:30pm there will be lots of entertainment and live music on Main Street with Story Time with Ali the Elf at 6:30pm and 7:30pm.

Ornament Making for the kids will be held from 5:30pm-8:30pm with Grace Methodist Church Main Street. Ornament Painting with artist Megan Whichello will also be during this timeframe on Main Street (\$20 per person).

Alfredo's, Burney's, Hwy 55, Jimmy's Cookin Shack, Ezzell's, Simply Delicious, Taqueria Romero's, Flash BBQ and Yummy Hibachi will be offering up lots of food options to fill your hungry tummy. Downtown businesses will be open for your shopping convenience throughout Downtown Clinton.

Make sure you mark your calendars and get the family bundled up for a night of family fun entertainment at Christmas in the City 2022. For more information please call 910-299-4904.



# Christmas IN THE CITY

## December 1st & 8th

*Schedule of Events*

*December 1st*

- 5:30 pm** Clinton Christmas Tree Lighting at Milling Around Art Piece
- 5:00-8:00 pm** Santa at his house on Main St.
- 5:30-8:30 pm**
  - Christmas Scavenger Hunt – The Ultimate Gallery for Clues and Info
  - Lowe's Candy land - Vance St. Park
  - Hay Rides on Main (\$3 per person) Hubb's Farm & Kyle's Farm
  - Barrel Train Rides (free)
  - Large Train Rides (\$2 per person)
  - Sampson Arts Council - Gingerbread Cookie Decorating – 107 Wall St.
- 6:00-8:30pm** Entertainment on Main St.
- 6:30 pm** Story Time with Ali the Elf
- 7:30 pm** Story Time with Ali the Elf
- 7:30 pm** Candlelight Tours at St. Paul's Episcopal Church 110 W. Main St.
- 5:30-8:30 pm** Food Offerings (Alfredo's, Ezzell's, Flash BBQ, Hwy 55, Simply Delicious, Taqueria Romero's)

*December 8th*

- 5:30-8:30 pm** Carriage Rides - (\$15 per person/reservations required) For reservations, call Betty Holland at 910-299-4904
- 5:00-8:00 pm**
  - Santa at his house on Main St.
  - Christmas Scavenger Hunt – The Ultimate Gallery for Clues and Info
  - Lowe's Candy land - Vance St. Park
  - The Historic Herring House Gingerbread House Display – 216 Sampson Street
  - "A Night in Bethlehem" Nativity Display – First Methodist Church – 208 Sampson St.
- 6:00-8:30 pm** Entertainment on Main St.
- 6:30 pm** Story Time with Ali the Elf
- 7:30 pm** Story Time with Ali the Elf
- 5:30-8:30 pm**
  - Kids Ornament Making with Grace Methodist Church Main St.
  - Ornament Painting with artist, Megan Whichello on Main St. (\$20 per person)
- 5:30-8:30 pm** Food Offerings (Alfredo's, Hwy 55, Jimmy's Cookin Shack, Simply Delicious, Taqueria Romero's, Yummy Hibachi)

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pleading her case for the need for a national Thanksgiving holiday, but never received the desired response until 1863.

Abraham Lincoln had been sworn in as President in 1861. Nothing about his presidency had been easy. After he was elected, but before he even took office several states seceded from the United States in large part due to fears of what actions Lincoln would take regarding slavery. What they didn't know and Stephen Oates' excellent book, With Malice Toward None sets out in great detail is that Lincoln's top priority as President was holding the country together. That was his top priority in the Civil War as well, win the war in such a way that the United States ultimately stayed together.

So, in 1863, when Hale wrote yet another letter to Lincoln extolling the merits of having a national Thanksgiving holiday celebrating that 1621 meal, she found a receptive ear. The Union had recently won several major battles and the war was going well for his side. Lincoln was looking for ways to bring the country together not only during the war, but also after it ended. This was not just a war between the States. There were people with loyalties on both sides within the States and even within families as well. A holiday that celebrated the country's common origins and featured a big meal to bring families together looked very appealing to Lincoln. So, Lincoln issued a Presidential Proclamation declaring the last Thursday in November in 1863 as a day of Thanksgiving. Lincoln was so pleased with the result that he did the same thing in 1864. We have had Thanksgiving on a Thursday in November ever since.

As for Hale, it is her writings that influence how we celebrate Thanksgiving even today. There was likely no Turkey on the menu at the first Thanksgiving but guess where roasted turkey was featured prominently. In the writings of Hale on how the holiday should be celebrated. So, if modern Thanksgiving can be said to have parents, they would definitely be Abraham Lincoln and Sarah Josepha Hale.

## Town of Roseboro Christmas Parade

**Join us on Friday, December 9th at 7:00pm**

Applications are at Town Hall or on our website. All entries must be turned in by Monday November 28th. Entry fee of \$25.00 or Group Rate of \$75.00. Limited exclusions. For inquiries, call 910-525-4121.

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## LOCAL

**CLINTON PARADE, cont from Pg 1**

surrounds the Chamber parade,” said Matt Stone, Executive Director of the Chamber. “Each year the floats continue to impress and we will also be offering new sponsorship opportunities; I encourage anyone interested to reach out.”

The parade has been a childhood and adult pleasure for many, with everything from the crowd favorite Dunn Clowns, marching bands, Sudan Roadsters, and more. Don't forget Santa on his sleigh!

“It's a great way to kick Christmas off for Clinton,” said Frankie Owens, a Parade Committee Member and owner of Owens Home Furnishings.

Lineup and attendees have continued to grow, exceeding previous years.

This year the parade will be dedicated to Bill Turlington for his long-devoted service to the community and his love of this annual event.

If you would like to participate, the parade application can be found on the Chamber's website [clintonsampsonchamber.org](http://clintonsampsonchamber.org) under the Events tab. The entire process can be completed online. The deadline for applications is Nov. 30.

This parade is a fundraiser for Sampson County based non-profit charitable organizations.

The Clinton-Sampson Chamber of Commerce is a 501c6 non-profit organization that serves Sampson County's businesses and communities.

## Pregnancy Care Management Program Offered At Sampson County Health Department

By Patricia Canady, RN



The Sampson County Health Department offers a Prenatal Program, Pregnancy Care Management Services –CMHRP. The Program has recently undergone a name transformation and is now referred to as Care Management for High-Risk Pregnancies –CMHRP. The Program was developed by the North Carolina Division of Public Health and the North Carolina Division of Medical Assistance and is designed to assist pregnant women with Medicaid eligible and non-Medicaid eligible who have priority risk factors to achieve a healthier pregnancy. Pregnancy Care Management serves Pregnant Women with Medicaid eligibility or non-Medicaid eligibility who have a priority Maternal Infant Impact Score (MIIS) associated with preterm birth, low birth weight or other risk factors.

Medicaid Transformation to Managed Care become effective as of July 1st, 2021. Key objectives for Medicaid Managed Care are to show improvement in health plan performance, health care quality, and outcomes. Members are identified for the CMHRP Program through referrals made by Health Plans for prenatal women that are deemed priority patients. Care Management for High-Risk Pregnancies is provided as a benefit for health care services covered by Health Plans. Members are encouraged to become familiar with the standard and value-added benefits made available through the Health Plan they are enrolled with. Medicaid Recipients were enrolled in either one of the six Health Plans:

- Healthy Blue
- Carolina Complete Health
- WellCare
- United Healthcare
- AmeriHealth Caritas
- NC Medicaid Direct

Tailored Plans, originally scheduled to launch December 1st, 2022, has been delayed until April 1st, 2023. Tailored Plans will provide the same services as Standard Plans in

NC Medicaid Managed Care and will also provide additional specialized services for individuals with significant behavioral health conditions, Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities, and traumatic brain injury.

The criteria for providing services to both Medicaid eligible and non-Medicaid eligible clients are the same; therefore, Pregnancy Care Management staff will ensure both populations receive the same high level of care management services and care.

Pregnancy Care Management services are provided by nurses and social workers with a focus on patient need and risk status. The type and frequency of patient contacts are determined by the patient's individual needs and plan of care in order of effectively meeting desired outcomes.

Prenatal care providers may refer patients for CMHRP services by completing the Pregnancy Risk Screening Form at the initial prenatal visit, in order for early identification of risk factors. If the pregnancy risk screening form is not utilized when making the referral, the Pregnancy Care Manager will contact the patient to assess for the presence of priority risk factors. Some priority risk factors include but are not limited to:

- Hypertension
- A history of spontaneous preterm labor
- A history of low birth weight
- Unsafe living environment (homelessness, inadequate housing, domestic violence, or abuse)
- Substance Use
- Tobacco Use
- Antenatal hospital utilization

Services are available to any woman with Medicaid who lives in Sampson County, regardless of where she goes for prenatal care. Pregnancy Care Management staff receives a referral and contacts the person for follow-up care. Any medical provider or agency that works with pregnant women can refer clients. Clients that have any of the above risk factors and are interested in the program can also contact the Pregnancy Care Management staff.

The Pregnancy Care Management staff provides the following services:

- Follow-ups on prenatal care issues and other clinical needs.
- Work with OB Providers and others who provide services to the pregnant woman to make sure everyone is aware of her concerns and needs.
- Provide education regarding: the need to keep all prenatal-related appointments; understanding and following the OB provider's instructions; and the importance of getting postpartum care.
- Arrange/assist with the transition from the OB Provider to a primary care medical home as needed for the woman after delivery if she remains or becomes eligible for Medicaid after the postpartum period.

The Pregnancy Care Management staff assist with 17P treatment program. 17P is a series of weekly injections offered to women who have had previous preterm labor and/or deliveries. The purpose of the injections is to help prevent preterm labor with the current pregnancy. Services provided are:

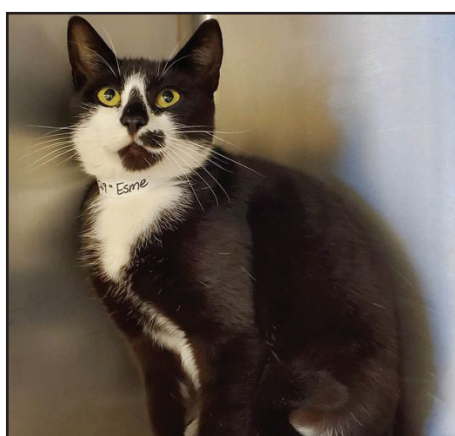
- Educating the client/family on 17P and its purpose
- Assisting the patient in arranging to receive 17P injections and follow up when an injection is missed

Effective and ongoing communication and collaboration between the Pregnancy Care Manager and the 17P patient's prenatal care provider is a key component of the program. The overall goal of the 17P program seeks to improve birth outcomes by reducing the rate of preterm birth, which is measured by rates of low birth weight and very low birth weight, in addition to other indicators.

If you are: a Medical Provider and would like to refer a client; a pregnant woman; know someone that may qualify for the program; or you would like more information on the Pregnancy Care Management Program, please call the Sampson County Health Department at 910-592-1131, Extensions 4230 or 4973.

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**ARREST REPORTS**

11-04 Jason Dequan Townsend, 23, Raleigh. Possession of Weapon in Prison. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 11-18-22  
 11-04 Jacob Matthew Hawks, 23, Clinton. Carrying Concealed Gun. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 12-07-22  
 11-04 Gabrielle Shanice Graham, 35, Garland. Intoxicated and Disruptive. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 12-22-22  
 11-04 Latavious Lamont Durham, 31, Clinton. DWLR Not Impaired Revoked, Failure to Yield, Fail to Comply. Bond \$318. Trial Date 12-15-22  
 11-05 Valdemar Vera-Rodriguez, 18, Garland. Warrant Service for FTA. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 12-29-22  
 11-05 Aveyon Amartinez Soisoongnern, 20, Kernersville. Possess Marijuana, Possess Drug Paraphernalia. Trial Date 12-08-22  
 11-06 Jose Meraz, 31, Clinton. Driving Under the Influence. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 12-07-22  
 11-07 Brandon Murphy, 24, Rose Hill. DWI, Carrying Concealed Weapon (Knife), Carry Conceal (Knife), RDO, Fail to Burn Headlamps/Rear Lamps, Failure to Stop- Steady Red Light. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 12-19-22  
 11-09 Jose Manuel Aguilar, 36, Clinton. Order for Arrest. Bond \$4000. Trial Date 11-15-22  
 11-09 Cammie Elizabeth Wright, 31, Clinton. Order for Arrest/FTA. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 12-14-22  
 11-09 Michael Devon Peterson, 22, Teachey. FTA Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 11-22-22  
 11-09 Tabatha Marie Self, 26, Wade. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 12-09-22  
 11-10 Jeremiah McNeil Bradsher, 42, Clinton. Possession of Stolen Goods/Property. Trial Date 11-18-22  
 11-10 Jason Lamont Matthews, 47, Clinton. Possession of Firearm by Felon. Trial Date 11-18-22  
 11-10 James Jeffery Garner, 39, Clinton. Order for Arrest FTA. Bond \$500. Trial Date 12-06-22  
 11-10 Amealiyon Karlisiya Reade, 19, Fayetteville. Trespass, Resisting Public Officer, Simple Assault. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 12-08-22  
 11-10 Sherrell Rayshawn Butler, 26, Salemburg. Order for Arrest FTA. Bond \$50000. Trial Date 12-05-22  
 11-10 Otis Carroll Jernigan, 59, Benson. FTA Order for Arrest. Bond \$250. Trial Date 11-28-22  
 11-11 Jorge Navarrette Delarosa, 35, Faison. Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Injury to personal Property, Communicating Threats, Simple Assault. Bond \$1000. Trial Date 12-13-22  
 11-11 Richard Dale Strahley, 47, Fayetteville. Larceny. Bond \$500. Trial Date 11-21-22  
 11-11 Quentin Duane McCoy, 24, Fayetteville. Felony Stalking. Trial Date 11-14-22  
 11-11 Arlett Alejandra Hernandez-Arellano, 33, Clinton. Order for Arrest. Bond \$500. Trial Date 11-29-22  
 11-11 Nicholas Francisco, 24, Warsaw. Breaking and Entering (WFA), Larceny. Bond \$7000. Trial Date 12-09-22  
 11-11 Nicholas Francisco, 24, Warsaw. Possess Cocaine, Larceny, Breaking and Entering, Larceny. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 12-09-22  
 11-12 Dylan Neal Caldwell, 33, Raleigh. Larceny, Order for Arrest. Bond \$191000. Trial Date 11-14-22  
 11-22 Brittany Tiquisha Kenon, 32, Salemburg. Warrant Service for Other Agency. Bond \$10000. Trial Date 02-23-23  
 11-12 Justina Skye Phillips, 30, Clinton. Order for Arrest. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 12-01-22  
 11-12 Hector M Perez Miguel, 35, Newton Grove. DWI, Fictitious Registration Plate, No Operators License, No Liability Insurance. Bond \$750. Trial Date 12-14-22  
 11-12 Danny Robert Aycock, 39, Clinton. Assault on a Female, Assault with a Deadly Weapon Serious Injury, Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Window Tint Violation/DWLR Not Impaired Rev. Bond \$2000. Trial Date 11-18-22  
 11-12 Belinda Secka, 40, Clinton. Simple Assault, DWLR Not Impaired, Expired Registration Tag, Fail

to Wear. Bond \$1100. Trial Date 11-21-22  
 11-13 Victory Andrew Fields, 29, Auryville. Bond \$2000.  
 11-13 Jaheim Williams, 21, Fayetteville. Possession of Marijuana Paraphernalia. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 12-19-22  
 11-13 Justin Jarrell Grant, 36, Garland. Communicating Threats. Bond \$1500. Trial Date 12-19-22  
 11-16 Donella Chance, 20, Clinton. Warrant Service for Offenses Committed in Another Jurisdiction. Bond \$500. Trial Date 12-12-22  
 11-16 Brandon Rashawn Maddox, 37, Fayetteville. WFA Break or Enter a Motor Vehicle, WFA Possess Marijuana up to 1/2oz, WFA Resisting Public Officer. Bond \$50000. Trial Date 12-09-22  
 11-17 Quentin Dashawn Murphy, 26, Clinton. OFA/Felony Probation Violation, Assault on a Female, Resisting Public Officer, Simple Possession Sch, DWLR Aft Impaired Rev, Driving While Impaired, Operate Vehicle No Insurance, Drive/Allow MV No Registration, Fail to Secure Passenger Under 16. Bond \$39500. Trial Date 01-04-23

**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 De-

struction, 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 Counter-

feiting/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.  
 11-16 Sonoco Gas Station reported Counterfeit Money- \$20 bill.  
 11-17 J'Daques reported Damage to Property- residence \$100.

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

**ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX LISTING NOTICE  
 2023 SAMPSON COUNTY 2023**

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 2023 from Tuesday, January 3, 2023 through Tuesday, January 31, 2023.

If you filed a listing form in 2022 with the county, you will automatically be mailed a new form at the owner's address on record as of January 1, 2023. Please review the information, make necessary additions/corrections, sign & return listing forms postmarked by USPS no later than January 31, 2023 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, 2023.

**PLEASE CALL 910-592-8146 FOR LISTING ASSISTANCE.**

<b>REAL ESTATE</b>	<b>BUSINESS, FARM/AGRI-BUSINESS &amp; OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAMS</b>
<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 &amp; permanently tagged motor vehicles; untagged trailers; aircraft; motorcycles; campers; RVs &amp; truck bodies; mobile homes; all boats &amp; 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"> <li>1) Is at least 65 years of age or totally and permanently disabled.</li> <li>2) Has an income for the preceding calendar year of not more than Thirty three thousand eight hundred (\$33800).</li> <li>3) Is a North Carolina resident.</li> </ol> <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 \$50,700. 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, 2023 to June 1, 2023.</p>

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- Business Personal Property Listings may be filed electronically at eListings@southdata.com. If filing electronically an "extension to file" request until April 15, 2023 must be submitted online by January 31, 2023.
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# AGRICULTURE

## From the Vine – Thanksgiving



*By Brad Hardison  
Sampson County Extension Director  
Agriculture Agent - Horticulture  
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NC Cooperative Extension - Sampson County Center*

It's hard to believe that it is already fall and the holiday season is upon us. The holiday season is my most favorite time of the year – a time to gather with family and catch up or reflect on the previous year. According to the Statista Research Department, Thanksgiving and Christmas are the most popular holidays in the United States. According to a survey conducted in 2021, Thanksgiving had a popularity rating of 81 percent, followed by Christmas with 77 percent. The poll indicated that the spirit of Thanksgiving is one of family, friends, love, being grateful and, last but not least, fabulous food. The holiday is a favorite for so many people because it isn't focused on presents or extravagant decorations – it's about sitting down for a delicious meal surrounded by friends and family. The holiday gives us time to reflect on our lives, appreciate what we have, who we are, and where we are right now. Lastly, it gives us the time and opportunity to be thankful.

Thanksgiving became an official holiday on October 3, 1863, first declared by President Abraham Lincoln. The holiday is modeled on a 1621 harvest feast shared by the English colonist and Wampanoag people. That feast featured poultry, venison, fish, vegetables, and fruits. Our Thanksgiving feast today features some of these same foods. You will typically find turkey, chicken, ham, dressing, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, and pecan pie on our Thanksgiving tables. In the early Thanksgiving celebrations, people either hunted or gathered their own food. Today, a quick trip to the local grocery store supplies all our needs and more. But where does all this food come from?

Sampson County is ranked the number 1 county in crop production and the number 2 county in livestock production in North Carolina. We are the 20th ranked county in the United States in total agriculture production. 53% of our workforce is employed in some type of agriculture endeavor, and 93% of our farms are family-owned farms. Much of the food that you will see on your table originates in our home county.

Sampson County farmers grew 7.2 million turkeys and 40 million chickens in 2021. Poultry production is predominantly a vertically integrated system in Sampson County. Production companies (integrators) contract with growers to produce birds or eggs. In general, the integrator supplies the birds, feed, medications, and other necessities of growth. The grower builds and maintains the houses, installs and maintains equipment, handles daily flock management and welfare, and disposes of dead birds and waste. It typically takes 6-7 weeks to grow out chickens and 20-24 weeks to grow out turkeys.

Sampson County farmers grew 1.9 million hogs last year, which may show up at your Thanksgiving feast in the form of ham. Hogs are also grown using vertical integration similar to the poultry model with your local farmer providing housing, maintaining equipment, handling herd health, and disposing of waste. It typically takes 22-26 weeks to grow out hogs.



Sampson County is the number 1 county in the nation for sweet potato production. In 2021 Sampson County farmers harvested nearly 300 million pounds of sweet potatoes from our fields. The main sweet potato variety, 'Covington' was developed by the NC State sweet potato breeding program at the Horticulture Crops Research Station in Clinton in 2008. 'Covington' is a farm favorite due to its yield and grade, storage ability, taste, and nutritional analysis.

Dressing, or stuffing is typically made with some type of bread or bread crumbs. Bread's main ingredient is wheat, and Sampson County grows a lot of it. We rank 5th in NC in wheat production, and harvested over 675,000 bushels in 2021.

The sweet corn on your table may have also originated from Sampson County. Sampson County farmers planted and harvested 228 acres of sweet corn in 2021, making us the #2 ranked county for sweet corn production. There are many different varieties and colors grown in Sampson County by local farmers.

Where did the pecan pie come from? Well, maybe they originated from Sampson County as well. Sampson County was ranked #1 in tree fruit production in 2017. Since that time, many small pecan orchards have begun to produce pecans across the county.

It's amazing when you think of everything our local farmers grow in Sampson County. Almost the entire holiday feast can be traced back to Sampson County, and maybe one of your neighbors' farms. Make sure when you are giving thanks or reflecting on all your blessings this holiday season, that you remember the hands that helped to provide them. James Lamb, one of my favorite local farmers from Sampson County may have said it best when he said, "In America, unlike some other parts of the world, we don't wake up every morning wondering how we are going to eat. Instead, it's a matter of what we want to eat. That's because our farmers work hard and are dedicated to providing people with healthy, safe, and abundant food."

If you'd like to learn more about your local farmer, or where you can find local foods, download the Visit NC Farms app from the google play store or the apple app store.



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# THANKSGIVING THOUGHTS



The Fall Season has finally arrived! This particular year with the Pandemic, it is of utmost importance that we as Christians pause and consider the many blessings that God continues to bestow on us. Brenda Harris, a faithful contributor to "Mature Living", wrote this article some years ago. She says that she is thankful for the honor of writing these "Praying the Word" reflections each month. My prayer is that we will be blessed by this most appropriate article:

If we are honest, our undeserved blessings far outweigh our inconveniences and momentary afflictions. How can we focus our attention on thankfulness? How can we set our hearts to reflect on the bounty we enjoy and pray for those who actually survive on less? Use this month as a catalyst for thanksgiving, humility, and intercession. Follow David's advice and **"Remember the wondrous works He has done...Ascribe to the Lord the glory of His name. (1 Chron. 16: 12a, 29)**

Here are five suggestions to get you started:

1. Thank God for your family, friends, and church. Reflect on the ways God uses those around you to encourage, love, and even challenge you. Pray for those in your family and community who are lost without Christ, for those who don't know the love of a God-honoring family, for those who don't have the luxury of a church family or the physical ability to enjoy

gathering for worship. Let go of negative thoughts and complaints. Thank God for the privilege to worship Him freely. Pray for those who don't have this freedom.

2. Thank God for a hot shower and how it invigorates you for the day. Pray for those around the world who can't enjoy the pleasure of hot water or the luxury of soap and shampoo. Pray for people who are digging wells today, for those who don't have clean water to drink.

3. Thank God for the convenience of medical attention...for doctors, nurses, clinics, and even over-the-counter headache medicine. Pray for mission teams who are on the field right now, offering free dental and medical assistance to people in desperate need of basic healthcare.

4. Thank God for your washer and dryer. Pray for people who continue to do their laundry in primitive circumstances. Thank God for the clothes in your closet. Pray for those who do not even have a clean change of clothing.

5. Thank God for your financial resources. Ask God to help you use these blessings wisely. Pray for missionaries who serve around the globe, for the offerings we give to sustain and support them, and for the people they touch with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

**"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His faithful love endures forever...Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting. Then all the people said, 'Amen' and 'Praise the Lord.' " 1 Chron. 16: 34-36**

Brenda's closing prayer: **"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. Please accept my gratitude and forgive my grumblings. Amen."**

And to that I add my own resounding, "Amen"! I urge you to consider this:

**Thanks Giving.....becomes.....Thanks Living.....  
Thanks Living.....becomes.....Thanks Giving.....  
.....and the cycle is never-ending!**

At this time in my life with daily challenges and unforeseen circumstances, I often find myself honestly saying, "Lord, forgive me when I whine; I'm blessed indeed, and Your love is mine!" It's then I softly sing this beloved Gaither Gospel Song:

**"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, take that we have to bring,  
Take it all, everything, Lord we love You so much.  
Lord, we love You so much."**



By Martha Pierce

# Love Lifted Me



**Matthew 14:29-31, "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" 31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"**

One unique feature of Christianity is that the Creator of the universe wants to have a personal relationship with those that He has redeemed from a sinful life. We are called to be Christ's disciples and follow His teachings. To understand what the Lord wants from us we must spend time with Him. We should desire to read His Holy Word, talk with Him in prayer and be around like-minded followers of the Master.

It is scandalous to me that a Christian would want to spend all eternity with Christ, yet have zero desire to publicly worship Him even once a week. When we spend time with the Lord it will strengthen our zeal of the Lord's great commission. We are commanded in the Bible to go into all the world to make disciples for the Lord. We follow this command because of our love for the Lord and knowing how much more He loves us. **Acts 1:8**, "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Every believer in Christ has the same power of the Holy Spirit that filled the original disciples over two thousand years ago.

This past year we seemed to have been distracted by our true calling of discipleship. Covid, politics and the economy fill our Facebook feed and conversations at the dinner table. I think that Satan has had a field day knowing that far too often we have taken our eyes off of Christ. Dr. John MacArthur, pastor of Grace Community Church, declared, "The more you focus on yourself, the more distracted you will be from the proper path. The more you know Him and commune with Him, the more the Spirit will make you like Him. The more you are like Him, the better you will understand His utter sufficiency for all of life's difficulties. And that is the only way to know real satisfaction." Spending time with the Lord will change how we view the problems that are ever increasing around us.

**Colossians 3:1-2**, "Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things." When preachers spend more time with God during the week it will be seen in their Sunday morning sermon. Instead of trying to bring wit to the pulpit to entertain those sitting on the pews, preachers should be grounded in the Word of God, so those that hear the message will also want to spend more time with God. When someone is passionate about something it often becomes contagious. Regardless if that passion is for eastern North Carolina BBQ, college football or watching the Andy Griffith Show when you love something you want more of it and you desire for others to know about it. The greatest passion that a Christian should have is for the Lord.

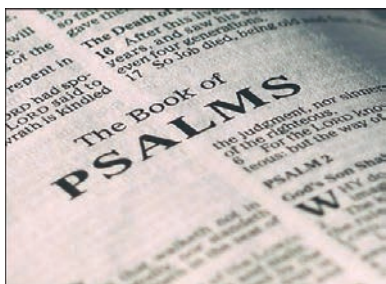
Biblical accounts tell of those who were mightily used by God, those who were mere mortals who sought to spend time with God and were willing to let God use them. If you doubt this, examine the Old Testament accounts of Daniel, Rahab, Ruth, Moses and David. In the New Testament, Jesus called those to follow him not based on their physical strength, money in their pouch or their education. Perhaps Jesus chose His followers because he sensed their admiration for Him and knew that they enjoyed being with Him, that they enjoyed Jesus' company and wanted more of what only He could offer them. I encourage you this week to carve out more time in your schedule for the Lord. If you are more passionate about anything other than God, could it be said that is your true God. Seek God and His Kingdom and you will never be disappointed by the time you have spent with the Lord.



Rev. Ken Smith  
Atkinson Baptist Church

## Bible Speaks to us in Psalms

By Linda Herring



The Bible speaks to us but the Psalms speak for us. Think about your most recent prayers to the Lord. Did you spend the same time praising Him as you did making re-

quests. Praise both magnifies and pleases the Lord but we actually benefit from the practice as well. Praise is a reminder of God's greatness and our dependence upon Him. Praise strengthens our sense of assurance, increasing our faith. Then we are able to look beyond ourselves and our circumstances to see life from God's perspective. Think about the Lord's attributes and His work in our lives. Psalm 150:1 says, "Praise the Lord." Do not let the stresses of the day steal your Psalm. Contact me at herring.theword@gmail.com.

## FOOD

## A Full, Festive Menu for Holiday Celebrations

## FAMILY FEATURES

From the hors d'oeuvres to the main course and all the way through dessert, creating a full holiday menu doesn't have to be hard.

The key to a successful feast is focusing on dishes that can please loved ones of all ages and palates, such as a festive salad before the turkey or ham main dish, which can be accompanied by complementary sides like au gratin potatoes. Finally, top off the celebration with a divine dessert featuring classic cranberry flavor.

To find more holiday recipe inspiration, visit Culinary.net.



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## Start Holiday Celebrations with a Salad

With a bed of tender, leafy green spinach and pops of red cranberries, a salad lends itself perfectly to the colors and flavors of the holiday season. Plus, as a lighter bite ahead of the big meal, it makes for a delicious introduction to festive dinner parties, family gatherings and get-togethers.

This Spinach Christmas Tree Salad offers a fresh, festive option that adds a seasonal presentation to the table while inviting guests to take a bite. Harvested at the peak of flavor, tender Fresh Express Baby Spinach has a mild and delicate taste that makes it an ideal addition to recipes throughout the holidays.

Find more ways to freshen up your holiday menu at FreshExpress.com.

## Spinach Christmas Tree Salad

Servings: 6

- 2 packages (5 ounces each) Fresh Express Baby Spinach
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries, divided
- 1/3 cup pistachios, divided
- 1/2 cup feta cheese, divided
- 1 red pepper, cored, cut into thin strips
- 1 large apple, thinly sliced, cut into star shapes

## Dressing:

- 1 cup whole berry cranberry sauce
- 3 tablespoons cranberry juice
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 tablespoon light brown sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt



In large bowl, toss baby spinach with 1/4 cup dried cranberries, 1/6 cup pistachios and 1/4 cup feta cheese. Transfer to Christmas tree cake mold. Neatly arrange spinach leaves to create smooth surface.

Arrange red pepper strips, trimming as needed, to create garland. Arrange remaining dried cranberries, remaining pistachios and remaining feta cheese as "ornaments" on top of spinach. Create tree topper with one apple star; place remaining apple stars around "tree."

To make dressing: In blender, process cranberry sauce, cranberry juice, balsamic vinegar, honey, olive oil, brown sugar and salt until smooth.

## A Hearty Holiday Side Dish

From appetizers and snacks to the main course, sides and sweets, almost everyone has a favorite holiday dish. However, it's the pairings and complementary dishes that make festive get-togethers special.

This Creamy Au Gratin Potatoes with Kale and Gruyere is an ideal example of a savory side that goes well with a variety of holiday meals, making it a perfect option for families seeking a versatile recipe to serve with dinner. Rosy-skinned and white-fleshed, Wisconsin Round Red potatoes have a firm, smooth and moist texture, making them well-suited for roasting in this hearty dish.

Visit [eatwisconsinpotatoes.com](http://eatwisconsinpotatoes.com) to discover more recipes fit for serving your loved ones.

## Creamy Au Gratin Potatoes with Kale and Gruyere

Recipe courtesy of Wisconsin Potatoes

- 1 1/2 cups heavy cream
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 cloves garlic, smashed
- 3 sprigs fresh thyme
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 3 cloves shallots, diced
- 4 large kale leaves, finely chopped (discard stems)
- 2 pounds red potatoes, sliced 1/8 inch
- 2 ounces gruyere cheese, grated
- 1 ounce Parmesan cheese, grated

Heat oven to 325 F.

In small saucepan over medium heat, combine cream, salt, black pepper, garlic and thyme; stir constantly, until cream starts to bubble, 4-6 minutes. When bubbling, remove from heat and stir until slightly cooled. Let cream sit.

Heat large (12-inch) oven-safe skillet over medium-high heat. Add butter. When butter melts, add shallots and kale leaves. Sauté until kale is tender and bright green, about 4 minutes. Turn off burner.

Add sliced potatoes to skillet, fanning over top of kale.

Use slotted spoon to remove garlic and thyme from heavy cream. Pour heavy cream over potatoes.

Cover skillet tightly with foil and bake until potatoes are tender, 75-85 minutes.

Remove skillet from oven and turn on broiler. Discard foil. Sprinkle gruyere and Parmesan cheeses over potatoes, tucking some cheese between potato slices.

Return skillet to oven and broil until top is golden brown, 5-6 minutes.



## Dish Up a Divine Holiday Dessert

Give your holiday gatherings a new twist this year with a creamy cranberry delight that's a cause for celebration all on its own. Smooth, divine taste at the dessert table can be the memorable moment your family craves year after year.

This rich, festive Cranberry Cheesecake combines classic flavor with a homemade cranberry compote-infused layer above a crust sweetly made using C&H Light Brown Sugar and graham crackers. Top it all off with fresh and sugared cranberries, rosemary sprigs and whipped cream for a tempting treat that tastes as good as it looks.

To find more sweet eats to celebrate the holidays, visit [chsugar.com](http://chsugar.com).

## Cranberry Cheesecake

Prep time: 45 minutes  
Cook time: 1 hour, 15 minutes

## Cranberry Compote:

- 2 cups fresh cranberries
- 1 cup C&H Light Brown Sugar
- 1/4 cup freshly squeezed orange juice
- 1 teaspoon freshly grated orange zest

## Crust:

- 2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 3 tablespoons C&H Light Brown Sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

## Cheesecake:

- 3 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, at room temperature
- 2 cups C&H Organic Raw Cane Sugar
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 4 large eggs, at room temperature
- 1/2 cup sour cream, at room temperature
- 1/2 cup cranberry compote

- fresh cranberries
- sugared cranberries
- rosemary sprigs
- whipped cream

To make cranberry compote: In medium saucepan, bring cranberries, brown sugar, orange juice and orange zest to boil. Lower heat and simmer 10-15 minutes, or until most cranberries burst. Remove from heat. Cool completely at room temperature then transfer to bowl; refrigerate.

To make crust: Preheat oven to 350 F. Butter 8-inch springform pan and line bottom with parchment paper. Set aside.

In medium bowl, mix cracker crumbs, butter, brown sugar and salt. Press crumb mixture into bottom of prepared pan. Bake 15 minutes. Remove from oven and set aside. Reduce oven temperature to 325 F.

To make cheesecake: In bowl of electric mixer fitted with paddle attachment, beat cream cheese at medium speed until smooth. Add cane sugar and beat 2-3 minutes. Scrape sides of bowl as needed. Add flour, vanilla and salt. Beat 1 minute until incorporated.

Add one egg at a time, mixing until incorporated. Add sour cream and mix 1 minute. Scrape sides of bowl as needed. In medium bowl, mix half of cheesecake batter with 1/2 cup cranberry compote.

Wrap springform pan with aluminum foil and place in large roasting pan. Pour cream cheese and cranberry mixture into prepared pan. Top with remaining cream cheese batter. Place roasting pan in oven and add hot water to 1-inch of springform pan. Bake 1 hour, 15 minutes, or until cake looks set in center. Remove from oven and rest 1 hour. Refrigerate in pan overnight.

Decorate cake with fresh and sugared cranberries, rosemary sprigs and whipped cream.





# HAPPY Thanksgiving

Wishing you a harvest  
of good times...

Happy Thanksgiving!

Thank you for allowing me to serve  
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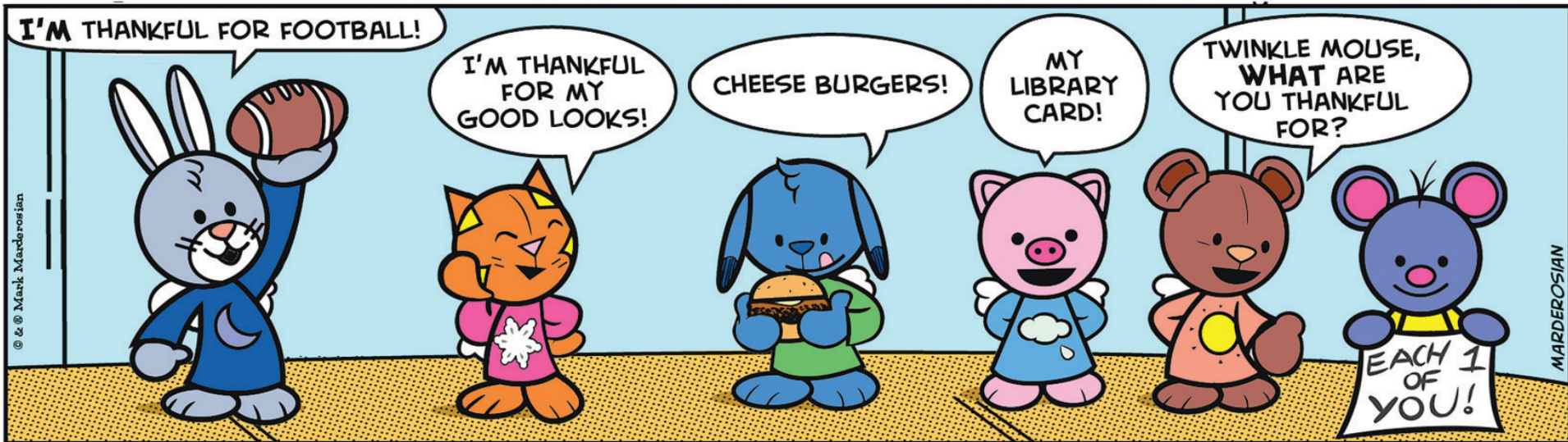
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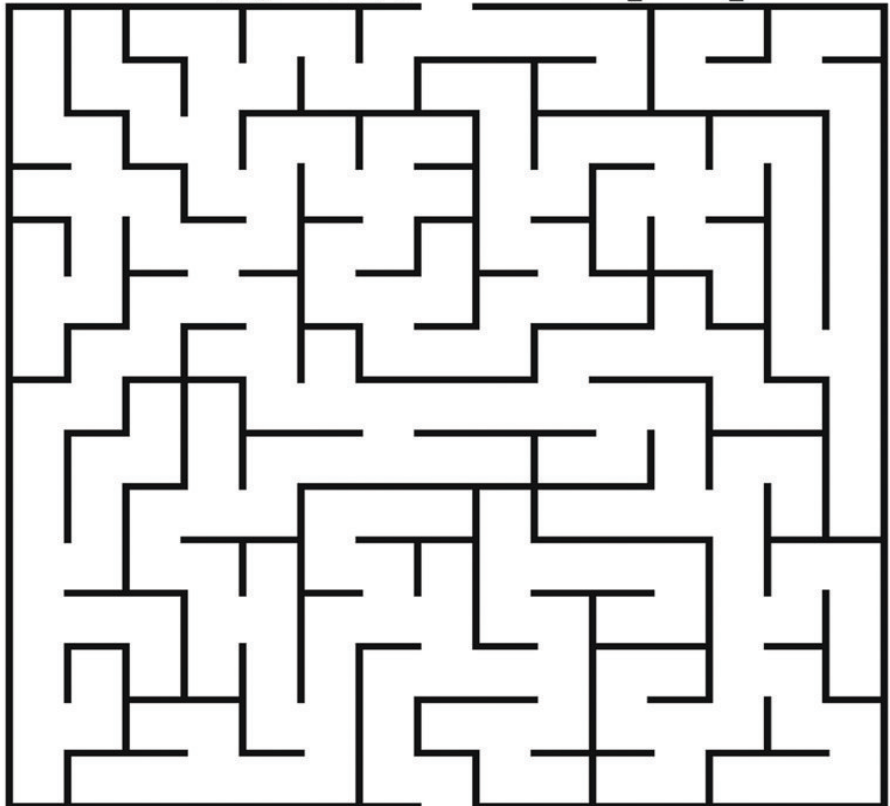
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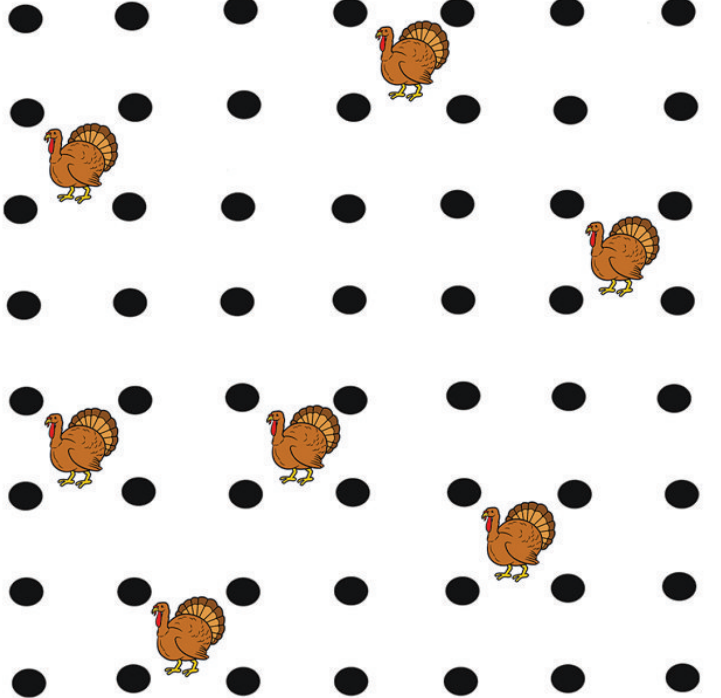
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**Twinkle Mouse Thanksgiving Game!**



Take turns drawing a straight line between two dots which will soon create a square. When you complete a square, put your initials inside the square you finished.

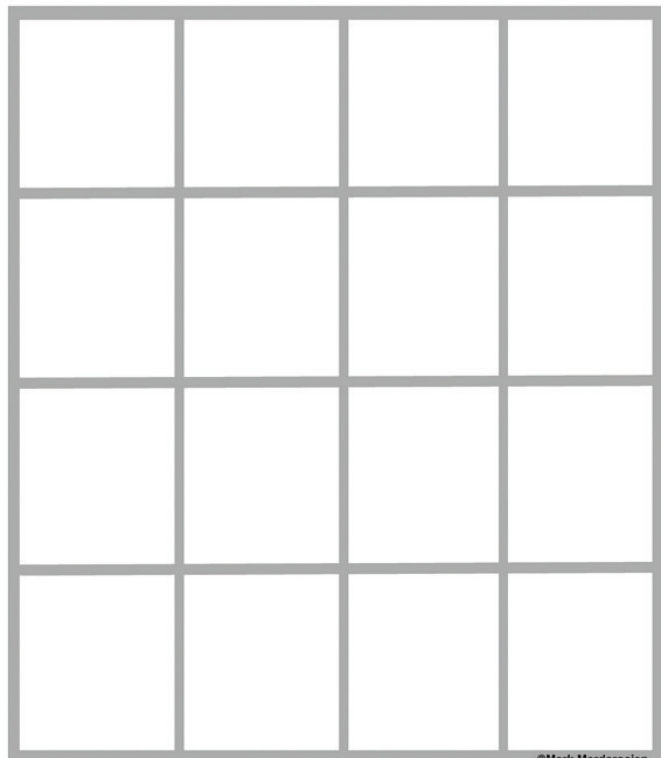
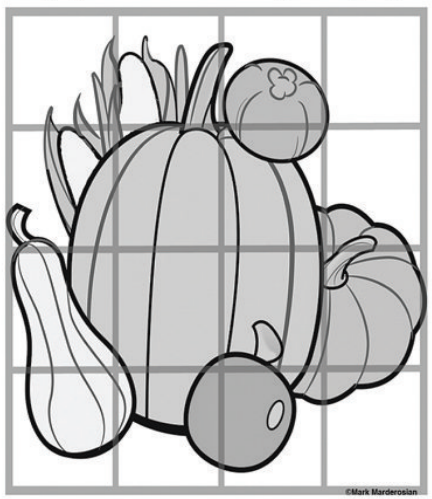
2 points for a square with a Turkey inside it. 1 point for each empty square with your initial inside it.



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**LET'S PRACTICE DRAWING!**  
Get a pencil and use the grid below to draw the food as shown on the right. The grids will help you to line everything up!

Keep practicing and having fun...

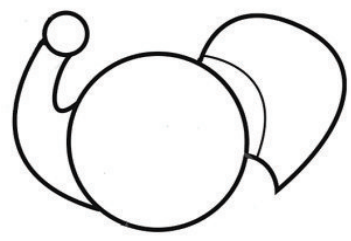
You can put a new piece of blank paper over the grid & start again!

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**drawing with mark**

**LET'S DRAW A TURKEY!**  
Get some paper, pencils or crayons and let's practice Drawing with Mark!


Start with "foundation" shapes for outline.



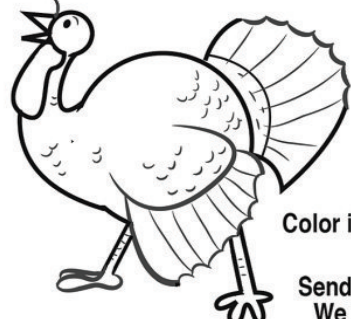
Add more shapes for wings and feet:



Add more detail:



Erase some of the "foundation" lines:



Color it in too if you wish!

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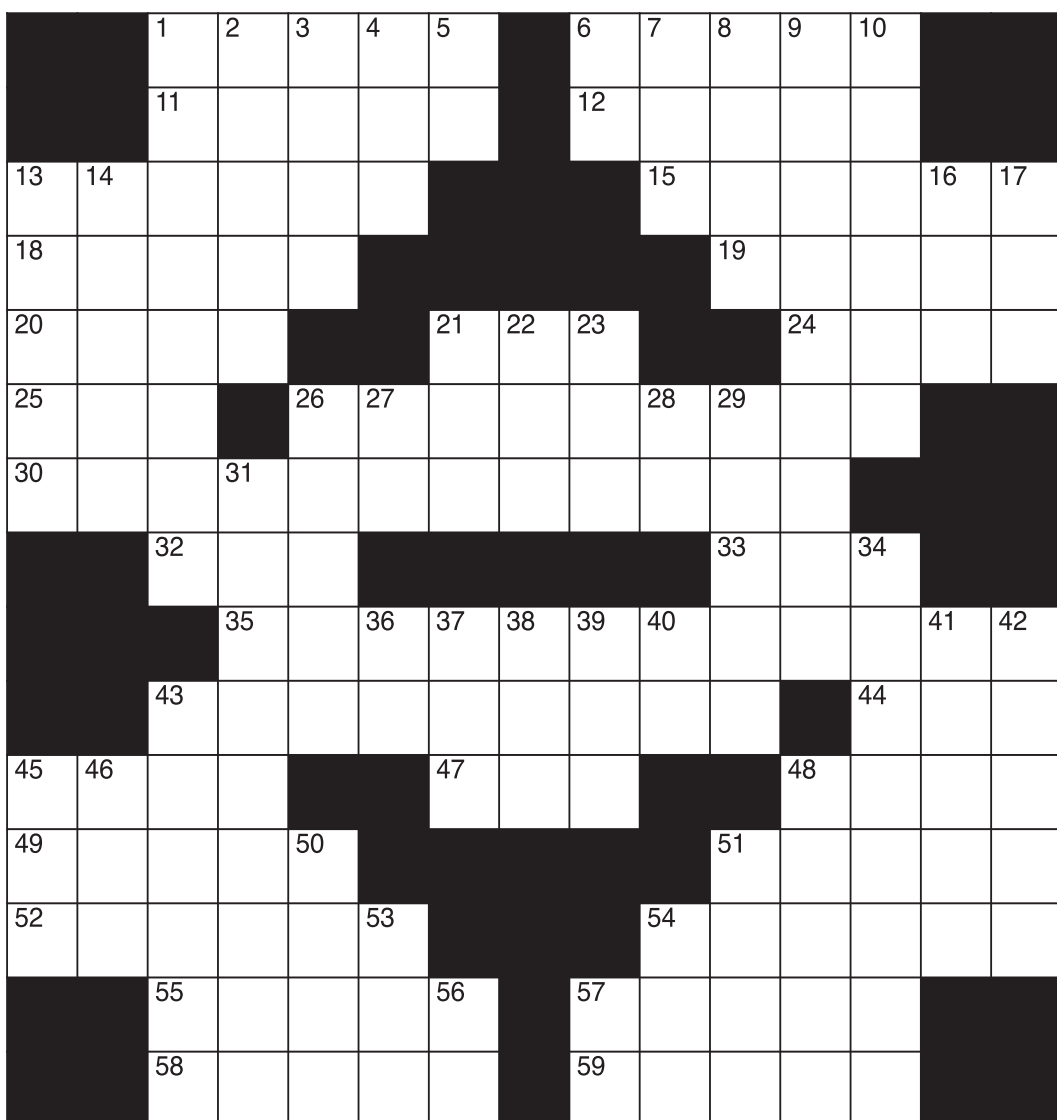
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PUZZLES

# Crossword Puzzle



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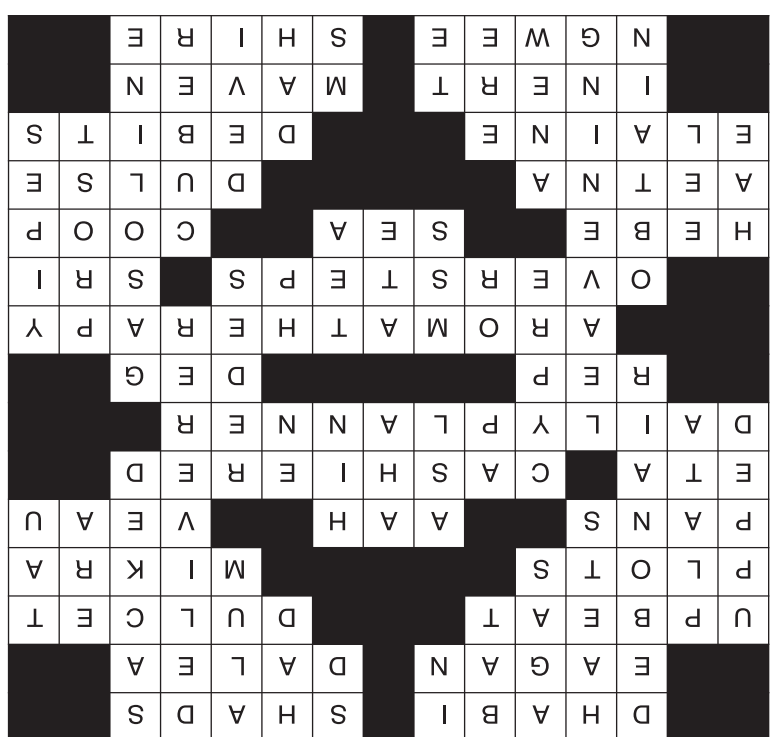
- 1. Abu \_\_, U.A.E. capital
- 6. Herring-like fishes
- 11. 55120 MN
- 12. Indigo bush
- 13. Pollyanna-ish
- 15. Pleasing to the ear
- 18. Parcels of land
- 19. Microns (alt. sp.)
- 20. Cooking containers
- 21. Express pleasure
- 24. Meat from a calf (alt.)
- 25. 7th Greek letter
- 26. Operated the sales register
- 30. Blueprint for the day
- 32. Congressperson (abbr.)
- 33. Angle (abbr.)
- 35. Fragrant health promotion
- 43. Trespasses
- 44. \_\_ Lanka
- 45. Wife of Hercules
- 47. A large body of water
- 48. Chicken house
- 49. Sicilian volcano
- 51. Coarse edible red seaweed
- 52. \_\_ May, actress
- 54. Opposites of credits
- 55. Unable to move
- 57. Someone who is highly skilled
- 58. 100 = 1 kwacha
- 59. "Rocky" star Talia

games

- 5. Not out
- 6. South Dakota
- 7. Possessed
- 8. Grad
- 9. UPS driver
- 10. Fired
- 13. In a way, augmented
- 14. River in SE S. Am.
- 16. Division of geological time
- 17. Follows sigma
- 21. Sign language
- 22. Expression of surprise
- 23. Hull Identification Number
- 26. Salmwood
- 27. Associated Press
- 28. Half of an em
- 29. Networks in Spanish
- 31. Dough fermenting agent
- 34. Auto fuel
- 36. An alternative
- 37. Manuscripts (abbr.)
- 38. Digested
- 39. Darjeeling or green
- 40. Horsepower
- 42. Expression of alarm
- 43. Gain possession
- 45. Own (Scottish)
- 46. Snake-like fish
- 48. Dicer
- 50. Afresh
- 51. Hindu mother goddess
- 53. Before
- 54. Code for dash
- 56. Atomic #52
- 57. Millisecond

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Having a sophisticated charm
- 2. Minute amounts (Scot.)
- 3. Turkish leader's title
- 4. Used for hitting the ball in various

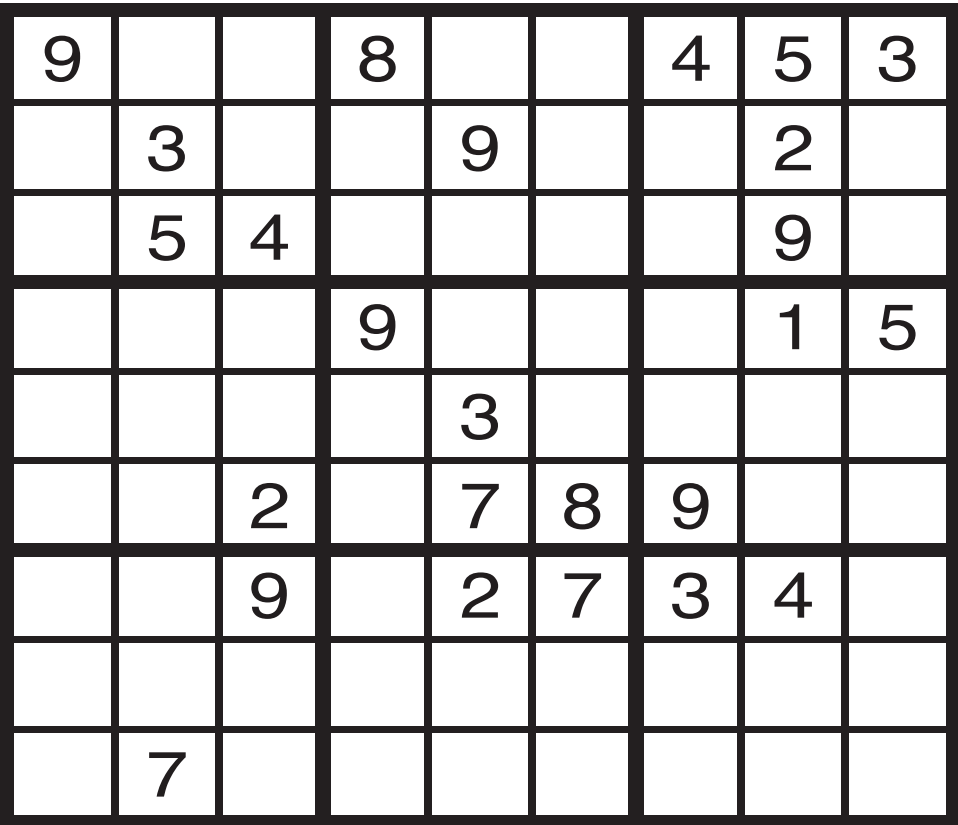


PUZZLE SOLUTION

# SUDOKU

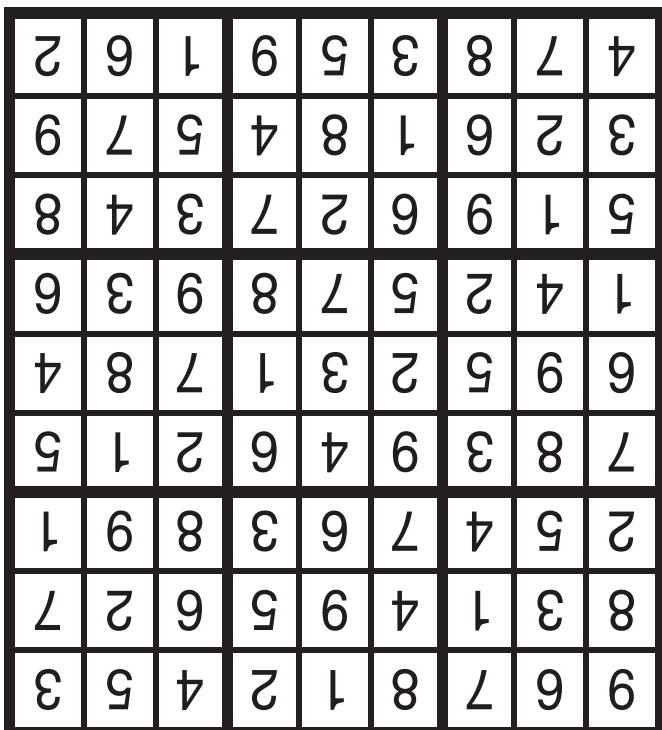
## Fun By The Numbers

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



Here's How It Works:

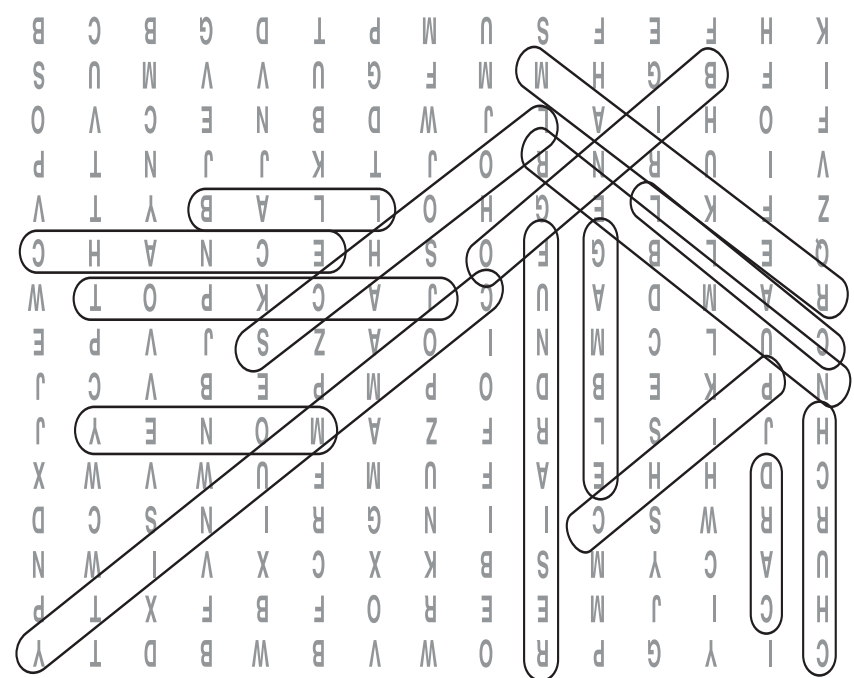
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric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



## Word Search



- ball
- bingo
- call
- card
- chance
- chip
- church
- community
- fundraiser
- gamble
- jackpot
- marker
- money
- number
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### First Flight Winners



**First Place Team Flight 1**  
*The Simpson Cup Team*  
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**Second Place Team Flight 1**  
*STAR Communications Team*  
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### Second Flight Winners



**First Place Team Flight 2**  
*The Wannabes Team*  
Anthony Jackson, Brian Brinson, Jason Sholar and Greg Wells



**Second Place Team Flight 2**  
*The Hog Slat Team*  
Andrew Mitchell, D.J. Jackson, James Alderman, and Tyler Marion



## ...by God's Grace

By God's Grace, we are here in 2022 to live out loud in love for the Lord in all we do! We all have moments when grief, sadness, sorrow, and discouragement seep into our lives. Sometimes these emotional heartaches seem like slow moving landslides that threaten to steal our joy. Seasons of turmoil send arrows from the enemy that can get stuck deep inside hurting hearts. However, God does not intend for us to live in a state of continuous sadness. He longs for His children to stay closely connected to Him (The Vine) where He can prune away weariness and woes, heal our broken hearts, and tend to us - His precious sheep - with tender loving care. God warns us of dark danger lurking in places where Satan waits to trap and torment every child of God who will take the bait, live miserably here, miss the joy of writing happily ever after stories, and most of all...miss Heaven!

Now, is the time for all of God's children to turn our eyes upon Jesus, repent of our sins, live closely connected to the Lord and our loved ones, and keep joy alive in our hearts "for such a time as this" when sadness, sorrow, and sinful living spreads like a blanket of grief all over God's creation.

May these verses from Proverbs seep into our hearts and help us be merry.  
-"A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance. Proverbs 15:13

-"A merry heart has a continual feast" Proverbs 15:15

-"A merry heart does good, like medicine." Proverbs 17:22

How can we be merry and joyful when hatred for our Creator, country, and Christians grows greater day by day. We can turn our eyes upon Jesus with repentant hearts, love God first - love one another, stay grounded in God's Word, be merry believers spreading joy along our way, and be prepared for Jesus to come and take us Home...any day!

May the pictures on this page (provided by a local Good Samaritan) of happy happenings at Tim's Gift Inc. make your heart merry today!

Let us find our cheerfulness in Jesus - and not wait to start... The Lord wants to give you, me, and all His children ...a merry heart!

~ In His love, Becky