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# Grace Saunders Kimrey: "Poet Laureate of Liberty Street"

by Gordon Brady

Grace Evelyn Saunders Kimrey (1910-2001) was the "Poet Laureate of Liberty Street." I called her "Miss Grace" in deference, and to flatter her, I once asked if she thought her books would become "best sellers" --- to which she replied "it would be nice, but poetry rarely sells!" Another reflection on Miss Grace's wit is a statement I attribute to her regarding her husband Sam, but cannot find in any of her books: "My husband is a millionaire, he told me so today, but if I ever leave him, he will be poor again!"

Certainly many old timers would remember "Miss Grace" Kimrey and her husband "Mr. Sam" (1909-2000). He was a flat surface roofer of the old school using hot pitch, gravel, and mops weighing up to 75 pounds when fully loaded with molten pitch. He retired from roofing in the 1970s and left their son Gary (1931-2019) to continue the trade. In retirement, Sam and Grace had a furniture store in the Vaughan Marley Store building on Liberty Street. It has been vacant for many years and remains to this day.

The Kimrey's were active in the business community and regular attendees of the Ramseur Baptist Church (now called First Baptist Church of Ramseur). The church was about 75 yards from the Kimrey's front door where they served in various leadership roles as Sunday school teachers and officers. Mr. Sam was a dapper chap with interesting hobbies including collecting rocks and arrowheads and participating in community activities such as the Lions Club and school and church-related projects -- even playing Santa Clause for the local schools.

But back to the poetry of Miss Grace. To my knowledge she wrote four short books and a regular column in local newspapers:

Songs of Sunny Valley. Banner Press, Emory University Georgia 1954.

The Star of Hope. Banner Press, Emory University Georgia 1954.

Glimpses of Beauty. Banner Press, Emory University Georgia 1955

"The Morning Star." Bicentennial Edition. (This is a history of Ramseur.) Published by Grace Saunders Kimrey. 1976.

Miss Grace (Class of 1938 Ramseur High School) had no formal academic training in writing poetry but was obviously well read and gifted. Archibald Rutledge, the Poet Laureate of South Carolina, discovered her and described her as "a poet known for her rare, loving, admirable spirit." She offered to sign copies for those who sent them to her. I have several of her carefully inscribed books in her neat cursive handwriting.

My sister Celeste Brady Byrnes and I grew up next door to the Kimrey's dining room. Our Mother Sally Brady's beauty shop shared lawn with the Kimrey's. In several of her poems Miss Grace mentioned the people who inspired her – telling them privately they were her subjects. She liked my Mom's roses and admired her work ethic. Miss Grace's book "Songs of Sunny Valley" was based on views from her home and the children around her. She described the title of her book as coming from trying to name the Kimrey home on Liberty Street.

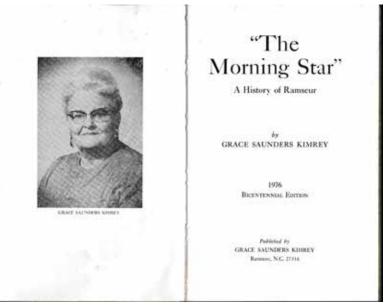
One of her poems which most people can relate to regardless of age:

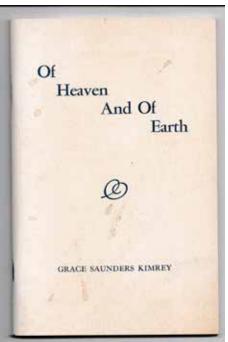
When Mother heard
Some young folks say,
"O, we feel so old today,"
She looked at them
With age-dimmed eyes
As if she wished
To chide or scold
And gently asked
To their surprise,
"How do you feel
When you feel old?"
Songs of Sunny Valley, (1954) p.45.

Naming her book and the Kimrey house merited a poem.

"A house with a soul"

We purchased an old, old house for our home Almost at the foot of a hill Where the sunshine is brighter And the bird's song is lighter And the valley lies peaceful and still. There's a road at the front and a stream at the ack Where in summer the small children play. Her the sky seems much bluer And the heart grows much truer And heaven seems nearer each day. I prayed for a name for our valley and house And soft as the zephyrs in trees, Its words ringing clearer And I heard what it said with all ease. "Sunny Valley, Sunny Valley, Sunny Valley," it sang And the melody over me stole. When the voice ceased its singing, These words were still ringing, "A house, a house with a soul!" Songs of Sunny Valley, (1954) p.12.





This short piece highlights some of her work with the hope that becoming acquainted with Miss Grace will stimulate the demand to learn more about her work. Her recognition as a poet continues with some of her books available on eBay and Amazon.

#### A Brief History of The Town of Staley

Taken from "Randolph County 1779-1979", Published by the Randolph County Historical Society and the Randolph Arts Guild

Although people had been living on farms in the area of Staley, they found no need for organizing a town until after the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad built a line through the edge of Randolph County in 1884. John W. Staley, a Confederate veteran, owned some 350 acres near the railroad which were surveyed and sold for city lots. A depot was built and "Staleyville" became the shipping point for the lumbering industry.

The Staley Cotton Mill was chartered in 1889 and opened but was moved to Siler City in 1895. Other industries were the C.P. Fox Saw Mill (1901-1940); W.M. Wright Saw Mill; Staley Hosiery Mill (1918-1955) which was destroyed by a tornado in 1954; a chair factory, a planing mill, a rolling mill and pyrophyllite mine. The Carolina Pyrophyllite Mining Company closed its operation in 1956 and sold out to Southern Stone Company, Inc.

At present the Brower Company (1957), makers of furniture; the Bruce McMasters Furniture Company (1974), den furniture; the Contract Steel Sales, Inc. (1965); A.C. Marley Chair Company (1930); Mid-State Farms (1965) are the major industries.

Staley received a charter in 1901 as Staley instead of Staleyville as it had once been known. It was named for Colonel John W. Staley. The first mayor was T.B. Barker and the Commissioners were John W. Staley, J.W. Cox, J.M. Foushee, C.G. Frazier and A.J. Cooper. M.R. Cox was Marshal and J.F. McArthur was treasurer. The post office had been established in 1884. In 1920 the population was 157.

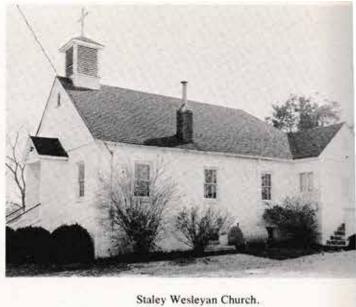
The Coleman Hunting Lodge built by Edward R. Coleman of Lebanon, Pennsylvania, in 1908 was later sold to Senator Harry Byrd of Virginia. It is now converted into a modern home.

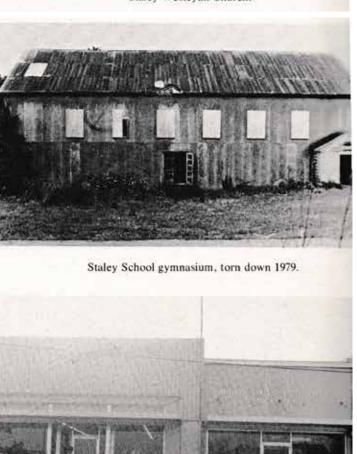
In 1911 a fire destroyed Joe Hicks' Store and A.W. Holladay's Store in which the post office was located. In 1927 another fire broke out in the chair factory and burned the saw mill, the chair factory, the rolling mill, the planing mill and the garage.

Staley's school was opened in 1892 to which a high school was added in 1923. The high school was closed in 1958 and the elementary school, in 1965. Although it was a small school, it was outstanding in scholarship and in sports.

The first churches were the Staley Baptist and Christian Churches organized in 1889. On April 30, 1939, the railroad discontinued passenger service on the "Shoofly." The Staley station is no longer used.

Staley is located on the Chatham County line and is in Columbia Township.





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Staley Store and Post Office.

The older we get, the more precious memories become. This is especially true if you were fortunate to have grown up in Ramseur. Our town is still a great place to live, but the old charm of a small town seems to have faded into memory. Ramseur used to be a thriving town, with numerous factories and industries. We had a theater, Diary that produced ice cream, several hardware stores, building supply store, furniture stores, clothing stores, numerous cafes, and of course a bunch of service stations. The old Ramseur High School was the center of activity and Ramseur even had their own marching band. Highway 64 came through the outskirts of town, but Main Street was still thriving and the "place" to own a business. The Cotton Mill was a major employer, and there was a grist mill in the center of town that ground corn and grain from local farmers into feed and flour. Some of these memories are expressed in a letter I received from an old Ramseur classmate. Jimmy Moody graduated ERHS in '72 and like most of the graduating class, he moved away from Ramseur, but the memories of growing up here remained with him. Jimmy's letter evokes memories of a much simpler time...

### Of Raw Eggs and Smashes

by Jimmy Moody

Several years ago out third rock witnessed a partial eclipse. I happened to be visiting the Ramseur Library at the time and thought I'd stroll down the street and take it all in. I was raised on Main Street and it was my playground until we moved two miles away when I was eleven. Two miles is a canyon at that age...

Downtown seemed even more quiet than usual, if that is possible. I took a seat in front of what (in the old days) was Ramseur's Mel's Diver. I was hoping for a bit of peace to enjoy the rare event. It soon became apparent to this native son that I wasn't alone. From behind me, I heard Melvin ask me how I wanted my burger. "Everything but slaw, Mr. Murry"! Thirty yards to my right Craven Shoemaker had stepped out from the feed mill to see how dark it was getting. He told me many times how my Dad snuck into the mill's bell tower and woke up the Town to celebrate VE day. Across the street was kindly Doc Whitehead, whose fountain made cherry smashes that were to "die" for. Pep Watkins was selling someone a refrigerator and Hester Gooch was making future business for our dentist, with his counter of candy. Garland Allen was negotiating a loan at the Bank of Coleridge and Madge Kivett and Page Craven were turning on the lights in their clothing store so no would trip. Alan Leonard was making out a money order at the Post Office and Grady Lawson stepped away from his carburetors to see the spectacle. Grant Kivett was in a booth at the Ramseur Diner with Harrison Cheek. Harrison was reminding the waitress not to forget to mix a raw egg in his milkshake, he said it was good for his hair. I always thought he had a remarkable resemblance to Glenn Campbell anyway. Kermit Pell was stacking burlap sacks of various seeds in front of his grocery. I can still smell them.

Anyone who grew up there in the mic '50s and '60s knows exactly what (and who) I am talking about. I've seen Pearl Harbor, the Golden Gate Bridge, the Alamo, Pikes Peak, and numerous other famous and not so famous sites, and everywhere I went I took a little bit of Ramseur with me. This Town leaves it's imprint with you, and as time goes by, you consider yourself blessed because of it. I've always taken solace in the truth that if you keep people in your heart and honor their memory, they are never really gone. So for one day, at least for this particular Ramsonian, Ramseur was there in my 10-year-old memory. Good Lord willing, I'll see all of you again.

#### Thy Will Be Done

by Debra Vernon

Change – it is something everyone must deal with, often daily. We start to do one thing, then pivot in another direction to manage another task that has captured our attention. Other times, change comes knocking at the door in the form of good news or bad, and again we must adapt to move forward. Change keeps us from getting complacent and comfortable with our surroundings. It shakes us up a bit.

Recently, the winds of change started blowing in my world. Events beyond my control had me fervent in prayer and searching the scriptures for solace and guidance. I was taught from an early age to pray, "if it be Thy will" when asking anything of my God. It reminds me that He is in control, nothing happens that does not pass through His hands, and He is working all things out for my good and His Glory. I confess it is easy to pray "His will" when I have reason to expect the outcome I desire. It is much harder to do when I truly have no indication of how the situation will play out.

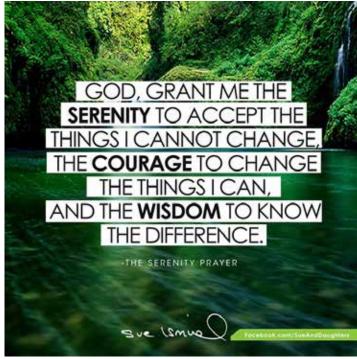
My heart was broken when what I had prayed so fervently for did not occur. I was distraught and foolish enough to start an argument with God. Yeah, you read that right – I argued with HIM. The eternally existing, promise-keeping God of the universe! I shouted out to the ceiling all the reasons I could think of as to why He should have answered my prayers and given me "my will." Thankfully, He is merciful and gracious, and let me rail against Him until I was physically spent from my anguish, my eyes red from my tears. And then, when all was quiet around me, He whispered, "greater things are coming Debra, just wait." The uncertainty left me with no choice but to trust Him and ask Him for wisdom to deal with His plan and again pray for His will to be done.

As the days and weeks progressed, I started to see His hand at work. The prayers of many people, including mine, were answered. Doors which were long closed were opened; things fell into place so perfectly and rapidly it can only be attributed to the goodness of God! A new perspective of the potential opportunities before me was revealed as well. None of this would have

happened if God had given me my will. He was so right about greater things coming! Imagine that.

But still, I had no peace, as it was apparent that I was going to have to get out of my comfort zone to partake in and be blessed by these new opportunities He was laying before me! I was going to have to make tough decisions about things I loved and cherished! I was going to have to CHANGE. And I was fearful. And that is when I looked at Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV) "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Things are still in motion as I write this. Some decisions have been made; others await. But I have peace now. I am not concerned about what is ahead, as my God has confirmed yet again that I can trust Him with all things, both great and small. His love for me is so immense, and he rains blessings down on me again and again and gently chastens me when I get too big for my britches. And I will continue to pray "Thy will be done" because I know He only wants the best for me. My God is an awesome God!



#### How the Apostles Died

by Amos Osei Kofi

- 1. Matthew. Suffered martyrdom in Ethiopia, Killed by a sword wound.
- 2. Mark. Died in Alexandria, Egypt, after being dragged by Horses through the streets until he was dead.
- 3. Luke. Was hanged in Greece as a result of his tremendous Preaching to the lost.
- 4. John. Faced martyrdom when he was boiled in huge Basin of boiling oil during a wave of persecution In Rome. However, he was miraculously delivered From death.

John was then sentenced to the mines on the prison Island of Patmos. He wrote his prophetic Book of Revelation on Patmos. The apostle John was later freed and returned to serve As Bishop of Edessa in modern Turkey. He died as an old man, the only apostle to die peacefully

- 5. Peter. He was crucified upside down on an x shaped cross. According to church tradition it was because he told his tormentors that he felt unworthy to die In the same way that Jesus Christ had died.
- 6. James. The leader of the church in Jerusalem, was thrown over a hundred feet down from the southeast pinnacle of the Temple when he refused to deny his faith in Christ. When they discovered that he survived the fall, his enemies beat James to death with a fuller's club.

This was the same pinnacle where Satan had taken Jesus during the Temptation.

7. James the Son of Zebedee was a fisherman by trade when Jesus Called him to a lifetime of ministry.

As a strong leader of the church, James was beheaded at Jerusalem. The Roman officer who guarded James watched amazed as James defended his faith at his trial. Later, the officer Walked beside James to the place of execution. Overcome by conviction, he declared his new faith to the judge and Knelt beside James to accept beheading as a Christian.

- 8. Bartholomew. Also known as Nathaniel. He Was a missionary to Asia. He witnessed for our Lord in present day Turkey. Bartholomew was martyred for his preaching in Armenia where he was flayed to death by a whip.
- 9. Andrew. He Was crucified on an x-shaped cross in Patras, Greece. After being whipped severely by seven soldiers they tied his body to the cross with cords to prolong his agony. His followers reported that, when he was led toward the cross, Andrew saluted it in these words, "I have long desired and expected this happy hour. The cross has been consecrated by the body of Christ hanging on it". He continued to preach to his tormentors For two days until he expired.
- 10. Thomas. He Was stabbed with a spear in India during one of his missionary trips to establish the church in the Subcontinent.
- 11. Jude. He Was killed with arrows when he refused to deny his faith in Christ.
- 12. Matthias. The apostle chosen to replace the traitor Judas Iscariot. He was stoned and then beheaded.
- 13. Paul. He Was tortured and then beheaded by the evil Emperor Nero at Rome in A.D. 67. Paul endured a lengthy imprisonment, which allowed him to write his many epistles to the churches he had formed throughout the Roman Empire. These letters, which taught many of the foundational Doctrines of Christianity, form a large portion of the New Testament.

Perhaps this is a reminder to us that our sufferings here are indeed minor to compare to the intense persecution and cold cruelty faced by the apostles and disciples during their times For the sake of the Faith.

And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: But he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

Pass on to encourage other Christians. Why Do we feel sleepy in Prayer, but stay awake through a 3 hour movie?

Why are we so bored when we look at the HOLY BOOK. But find it easy to read other books?

Why is it so easy to ignore a message about God,

Yet we forward the nasty ones?

Why are Prayers getting smaller, but bars and clubs are expanding.

Why is it so easy to worship a celebrity, but very difficult to engage with God?

Make this message your contribution to the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Masks by Vickie Cook

Masks can be many objects, or no objects at all. I think when one initially thinks of a mask, they think about Halloween. When I think of a mask, I think of the ones I wear almost all the time. Only they too, can be as scary as a Halloween disguise. I have a mask for nearly every thing I do. My favorite time of the day is when I first get up. I may or may not comb through my hair. I usually brush my teeth and go downstairs to get a cup of coffee. I like to greet my dogs, and put them outside while I prepare their breakfast and tidy the kitchen. I stay in my pajamas and absolutely love the day like this. I would stay like this all day if I could. I feel real. But - and I dread this - the time comes to climb in the shower, clean up, and put on a smile and face the world. Sometimes I don't ever want to face the world. I'd rather stay in my little pink house where all is supposedly, and from an outward appearance, perfect. What a facade - my house even wears a mask!

I have a mask to answer the phone. I have a mask to make a call on the phone. I have so many masks, if visible, my entire bedroom would be full of my masks. Just lying, waiting for their turn to perform and bask in the glory. I have a sweet mask, a work in the yard mask, a spiritual mask, a bitch mask. Then there's the sultry mask, the pouty mask, the sick mask, and the sick-of-it-all mask. I have no boundaries for any of my masks. I was never taught such a thing. My life and living has always been - whatever it takes to make it work so I go the mile - or two, or three. I even have ·a part of me with a mask that does not want men to see me attractive. That's why I'm sitting here now eating a whole bag of Hershey kisses. If I'm heavy, I'm safe. Then it would be easy. So many mask could be left off.

I get so sick of nurses or doctors or patients saying "You're too pretty to be sick!" Is it only ugly people who have a right to be sick? There are times I leave my home, looking like hell, and men still try to pick me up. I feel like I must have a huge neon light over my head that screams "see me for pussy".

I don't know how to function without a mask - any one of them. They've been with me throughout my entire life. They have aged, as have I. They have, in their own ways, perfected me to who/what I am. The real me, without my mask (of any kind) is kind, gentle, loving, relaxed and even at times shy or coy.

The other me - the one most people see is a matter-of-fact, fairly intelligent, attractive woman who appears self assured and one that very little would rattle her cage. They would also see an abrupt, to the point dictator/leader. Things had to be perfect or heads would roll on my bad days.

Masks can hide everything one doesn't want exposed.

They are very useful tools. They hide pain, they hide disappointment, they hide even joy at times. With these tools of the trade of life, one can only go so far. It only depends on what direction one wants to go.

-Vickie Cook ... class of '72, ERSH

#### History of Ramseur Post Office and Museum from 1989 Eagle Scout Project **Boy Scouts of America**

The Ramseur Historical Post Office was located behind the Ramseur Library. Contents have been moved to the Historical Museum located on the corner of Main and Liberty Street, but the building is still there. It served as the "official" museum before the current museum opened in 1989. Ms Madge Kivett was instrumental in saving the old post office building and creating our first museum.



In the time before a United States Post Office served the Ramseur area the inhabitants did receive mail. The area received its mail through neighboring towns of Franklinville and Staley. Someone walked, each day, to these towns to pick up mail and bring it back. One of the men who performed this service was W. H. King.

On September 22,7849 the first U.S. Post Office to serve this area was opened. It was located on the Foust farm east of present day Ramseur and was called the Reed Creek Post Office. The Post Office was named after the creek that ran through the farm. The Reed Creek Post Office served this area for thirty years, from September 1849 to March 1879. This Post Office was served by four different Postmasters during that time. (Listed on page 3.)

The site of that first Post Office is located in a wooded area just east of Ramseur on Highway 64. It is within sight of the towns current city limit about a quarter of a mile away from the Reed Creek Racquet and Swim Club. Pictured below is part of the foundation and all that remains of the Reed Creek Post Office.

On the 4th day of March, 1879 the post office was moved to better serve the little village growing up around the Columbia Factory in what is now Ramseur. It's name was changed to the Columbia Factory Post Office and stayed so named for ten years. Three postmasters served the Post Office during that time. (Listed on page 3.)

On February 20, 1889, the town and thus the Post Office gained its present name of Ramseur. The town was named by William H. Watkins, the owner of Columbia Factory. Watkins named the town Ramseur in honor of General Stephen Dodson Ramseur, a hero and friend of Mr. Watkins from the Civil War.

The Ramseur Post Office has had several different locations thirteen different Postmasters. (Listed on page 3.) It is still in operation today, with over one hundred years service to its credit.

#### NAMES OF POSTMASTERS TO SERVE THE RAMSEUR AREA **Reed Creek Post Office**

Isaac H. Foust Isaiah S. Robbins Joseph D. Reece Mary J. Foust **Columbia Factory Post Office** 

William R. Burgess Artilla Lane Sarah C. Ferree (336) 824-4488



Picture of First Ramseur Post Office.

#### **Ramseur Post Office**

Sarah C. Ferree

Thomas H. Lutterloh

William C. Stout

Edwin B. Leonard

George M. Kimery

Charles C. Foushee

George H. Hodgin

John R. Steele

Millard A. Teague

Charles B. Craven

Kermit R. Frazier

Elvin C. Cox

W. Harvey Burgess



Please note that not all of these postmasters served in the Historical Post Office. The Ramseur Post Office alone has been in operation for 100 years and during this time has been housed in several different buildings.

#### The Museum's Beginning

The original Ramseur Post Office building was attached to a house located on Main Street in Ramseur beside Jordan Memorial Methodist Church. For a time, it was used as a storage building by one of its former postmasters. When the house was to be destroyed, Mrs. Madge Kivett took it upon herself to see that the post office building was preserved. She enlisted enough support to save the building and had moved to its present location behind the Ramseur Library on Main Street in Ramseur. In 1976, Mrs. Kivett supervised restoration of the building and the establishment of it as a museum.





Mrs. Madge Kivett standing in front of Historical Post Office

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#### TEA TALK Make Tea, Not War by Mary Murkin

Tea is here to stay! It has been an important part of our history; no less so in times of conflict. There was that little bit of business back in 1773 in the Boston Harbor that seemed to put our treatment of tea in a bad light. This was a key event in the American Revolution against the mother country—the British Empire. There was some nastiness about "taxation without representation" going on and that did not set well with the Sons of Liberty group here in America. The destruction of tea on that given night was a message of retaliation that stood for many injustices that Parliament wished to impose on the colonists. It was not a reflection of our feelings about tea itself.

Historically, tea was fiercely important to the British during World Wars I and II. During WW I, tea prices began to rise because of so many tea cargo ships being sunk by German submarines. The government took over the importation of tea and controlled the prices of it.

Tea was an essential morale-booster for soldiers and greater measures were taken to try to protect it. Two days after WW II broke out, the British government took control of all the tea stocks and ordered that they be safely stored in warehouses outside of the capital in case of bombing.

Due to blockades in the water, tea ships could not get through to deliver tea. The Ministry of Food began to ration tea in 1940. They introduced a ration of two ounces of tea per person per week for those citizens over the age of five. There was extra tea allowed for those in the armed forces, and for firemen and steel workers. Tea was also sent to British prisoners of war abroad. Tea rationing did not end when the war ended in 1945. Tea remained rationed until October of 1952.

At this point in time, we are now lucky enough to get all the tea we want, when we want it and in so many varieties. Let's hope we will never again have to come to such measures as people had to bear in the recent past. We are lucky enough to enjoy our tea without a threat of it being taken away from us. For that, we should celebrate! Raise your teacups or glasses to a toast and then "Bottoms up!"

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#### MILLIONAIRE PIE

Ingredients:

(1/4-oz.) packet of gelatin 1/4 cup milk

1 (14-oz.) can sweetened condensed milk 1 (15-oz.) can crushed pineapple, well drained 1 cup sweetened shredded coconut, plus more to garnish

1 cup maraschino cherries, chopped, plus more to garnish

1/2 cup chopped pecans, plus more to garnish 1 tablespoon maraschino cherry juice 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice

1 1/4 cup whipped topping, plus more to garnish 1 (9-inch) graham cracker crust

#### Directions:

• In a small glass or metal bowl, mix together gelatin and milk. Set aside.

• In a large mixing bowl, stir together condensed milk, crushed pineapple, sweetened coconut, maraschino cherries, pecans, maraschino cherry juice, and lemon juice. Once well combined, fold in whipped topping until completely incorporated.

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   Place the bowl of gelatin in a larger bowl filled with hot water. Stir gelatin mixture, making sure that none of the water gets into the gelatin. Once the gelatin has melted and the mixture is smooth, pour it into the mixture in the large mixing bowl and stir until well combined. Pour the contents of the bowl into the prepared graham cracker crust. Refrigerate for 1 hour.
- Remove from the refrigerator and garnish with additional whipped topping, coconut, cherries, and pecans.

#### TACO JOE DIP/SOUP

Ingredients:

1 can (16 oz.) kidney beans, rinsed and drained

1 can (15-1/4 oz.) whole kernel corn, drained

1 can (15 oz.) black beans, rinsed and drained

1 can (14-1/2 oz.) stewed tomatoes, undrained

1 can (8 oz.) tomato sauce
1 can (4 oz.) chopped green chiles, drained
1 envelope taco seasoning
1/2 cup chopped onion

Thinly sliced green onions, optional Tortilla chips and fresh mini bell peppers

#### Directions:

• In a 5-qt. slow cooker, combine the first 8 ingredients. Cover and cook on low for 5-6 hours. If desired, sprinkle with green onions. Serve the dip with tortilla chips and mini peppers.

**Note:** To make Taco Joe Soup, add a 29-ounce can of tomato sauce to the slow cooker. It will serve 6-8.

# HOT CHOCOLATE ICEBOX PIE

#### Ingredients:

2½ cups whole milk
5 tablespoons cocoa powder
3 tablespoons powdered milk
1 teaspoon instant coffee granules
3/4 cup granulated sugar
1/4 cup cornstarch
1/2 teaspoon salt
4 large egg yolks
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
1 premade graham cracker piecrust
1 (7-oz.) jar marshmallow creme
Garnish: Crushed peppermint candies

#### Directions:

- Combine milk, cocoa, powdered milk, and instant coffee in a medium-sized saucepan.
- Over medium heat, bring the mixture to a simmer, stirring occasionally. Reduce the temperature to low to keep the mixture warm.
- In a heatproof bowl, whisk together the sugar, cornstarch, salt. Add the egg yolks and beat until the mixture is smooth and pale yellow.
- Measure out 1 cup of the warm milk mixture and slowly stream it into the egg mixture while whisking. Bring the heat under the saucepan back to medium, and while whisking constantly, slowly stream in the egg mixture. Continue whisking constantly over medium heat until the mixture thickens to the consistency of a thick pudding, 5 to 6 minutes. Remove from heat and whisk in butter and vanilla extract. Allow to cool for 5 minutes, then pour the mixture into the piecrust. Cover and chill for 12 hours.
- Dollop the surface with marshmallow creme and smooth across the pie surface. Garnish with crushed peppermint candies, if desired.

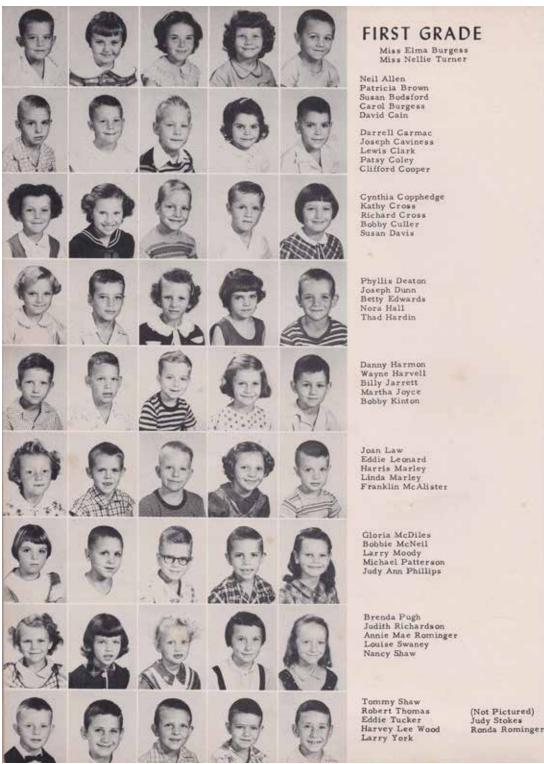
#### HOMEMADE GUACAMOLE

#### Ingredients:

3 medium ripe avocados, peeled and cubed
1 garlic clove, minced
1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon salt
1 small onion, finely chopped
1 to 2 tablespoons lime juice
1 tablespoon minced fresh cilantro
2 medium tomatoes, seeded and chopped,
optional
1/4 cup mayonnaise, optional

#### **Directions:**

 Mash avocados with garlic and salt. Stir in remaining ingredients, adding tomatoes and mayonnaise if desired.



How many of these do you recognize? First Grade Class from Ramseur School, 1956

Do you own any classbooks? How about old photos? We're always looking to share blasts from the past! Scan and email them to info@ randolphbulletin.com with a description and we'll be happy to share. Or bring them to Zack White Leather and we'll be happy to scan them for you.

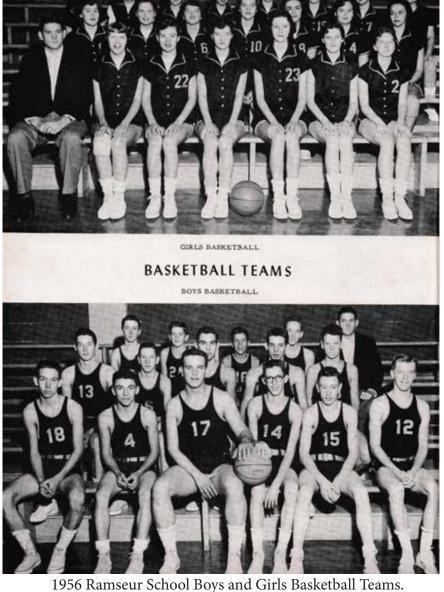
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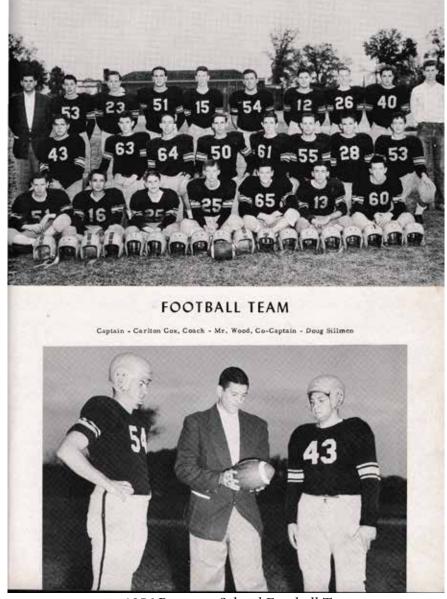
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Members of the 1956 Ramseur High School Future Farmers of America scored well in the "Land Judging" competition held at Farmer School. Members of the team were (front row, left to right) Jack Welborn, Pat Leonard and Mike York. Back row, teacher E.C. Tatum, Marvin Brown, J.C. York and Doug Sillmon.

-From the 1956 "Finer Carolina" scrapbook courtesy of the Ramseur Community Museum and The Ramseur Page.





1956 Ramseur School Football Team

### What Things Cost in 1956:

Car: \$2,100

Gasoline: 30 cents/gal Milk: 97 cents/gal House: \$17,800 Bread: 18 cents/loaf Postage Stamp: 3 cents

Stock Market: 499

Average Annual Salary: \$5,300 Minimum Wage: \$1.00 per hour





#### Ramseur Public Library

The Ramseur Public Library is open daily from 9AM – 5PM and on Saturdays from 9AM- 1 PM.

Weekly story times are held on Thursdays at 10:30 AM at the library with Mrs. Tammy Crotts the Assistant Librarian. Story times are also recorded and can be viewed on RamseurLib on Facebook for those people unable to attend. A take home craft is available to pick up while supplies last. Past story times and summer reading sessions can also be found on our libguide page and on our you tube page.

While we were totally closed because of Covid, we now welcome patrons- wearing mask at your discretion.

We offer library services, curbside service, computers, wifi, faxing, scanning and copier services and a lovely place to visit while you are in down town Ramseur.

The Ramseur Public Library is a department of the Town of Ramseur and is one of the branches of the Randolph Public Library. We are here to assist you.

Here is the Story Time schedule for the month of November for the Ramseur Public Library:

Nov 4 – Veterans Day Nov 11 – Closed for Veterans Day Nov 18 – Turkeys Nov 25, 26, 27 – Closed for Thanksqiving

Story Time is @ 10:30 on Thursdays. The library is located at

Sandy Jarrell-Manager
Tammy Crotts- Assistant Librarian

1512 Main Street, Ramseur.

# Nov. 6th - 5th Annual Millstone Creek Apple Cider 5K/10K Run

506 Parks Crossroad Church Road, Ramseur NC 27316

#### Jordan's Closet

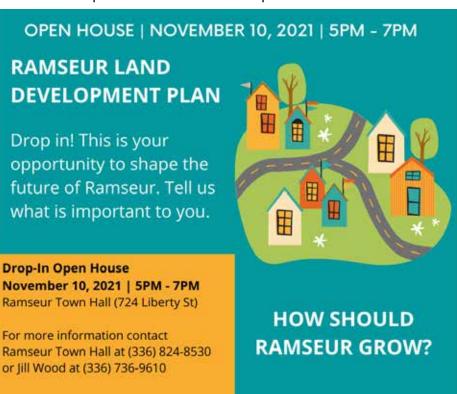
Jordan's closet is open on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 5-7pm of each month.

#### Ramseur Food Pantry

Here to Serve the Citizen of Ramseur and surrounding area. We are located on the back side of the Ramseur Town Hall 724 Liberty Street. Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11 AM till 1 PM And on Tuesday evening from 5 PM till 7 PM.

Phone: 336-824-8045

**Dec. 4, 2021 - Christmas on Main Street Event, Ramseur** The annual "Christmas on Main Street" will be December the 4th, from 11am - 7pm with the Parade at 5pm.



#### **Franklinville**

Dec 4th - Christmas Parade on Main St in Franklinville. The parade wll start at 10:30am.

#### **Staley**

Staley Christmas Parade Saturday, December 11, 2021

2:00 pm

\*No Charge For Entries\*

\*All parade traffic will line up on Weeden Street between Brooksdale Rd and Olivers Chapel Rd beginning at 1:00 pm\*

By participating in this event, you automatically agree to the following:

The Staley Town Council and/or any individual acting on its behalf may not be held accountable for any loss of funds, damage to property, or injury as a result of participation in this event.

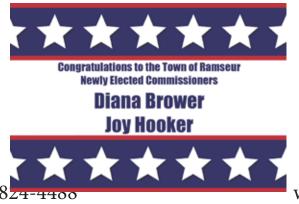
Due to the confusion for children, there are to be NO other Santa Claus' represented except for the one sponsored by The Staley Town Council.

There will be zero tolerance for any form of horseplay associated with any parade entries. Unnecessary use of offroad vehicles of any kind on public streets is strictly prohibited. All entries are expected to line up promptly and turn engines off until time for the parade to begin.

NO HORSES will be allowed in the parade.

There will also be a contest for best float (a decorated entry that is pulled behind another vehicle). First place - \$50.00, Second place - \$25.00, Third place - \$25.00 If you are interested in entering the contest, you must get a judging number from a member of the Town Council during parade line-up.

The Staley Town Council strives to make this a fun and safe event and would like to thank you for your participation.



#### **November Gallery**

SAM & WES RANKIN EXHIBIT

Join us for an evening with Sam and Wes Rankin on Tuesday, November 2nd at 5:30 pm in the Sara Smith Self Gallery for

"Out on a Limb: Misadventures in Father-Son Furniture Builds"



Meet the artists:

Sam Rankin, is a native of Randolph County who grew up in Ramseur and married Missy Moser of Asheboro. They have three married children and five grandchildren, all living in North Carolina. After graduating from college and spending two years at Fort Sill, Oklahoma as an Army Officer/Artillery, Sam returned to Ramseur to work in his family's textile business.

Since childhood Sam has enjoyed taking things apart and putting them back together, hoping there are not any parts missing.

He took up welding after completing a course at Randolph Community College. He uses new and found objects to artfully create useful items for home and garden. He likes to say that his trade name is 'BUILDS GATES'.

Wes Rankin, an Asheboro native, who in his 'early years' took several art classes offered by the Randolph Arts Guild. He now resides in Greensboro with his wife Pri and two energetic sons, Oliver (5) and Andrew (2).

Now Wes enjoys spare time in his wood shop, weekends in the NC mountains, and projects with his father, Sam. He likes to incorporate reclaimed hardware and materials, much of it salvaged from Greensboro-area homes through his volunteer work with Architectural Salvage of Greensboro. A majority of the wood he uses is recycled from storm-damaged trees felled at or near his home or his parent's home outside Asheboro.

Wes credits his father's curiosity and work ethic and his maternal grandfather, Wescott Moser's 'do-it-yourself' spirit, for sparking his interest in woodworking.

Calling All Artists for Artist Hang Up for December 2021

RAG is excited to announce that the Artist Hang Up will be presented in Sara Smith Self Gallery on Tuesday, December 7th at 5:30 pm

All interested artists are encouraged to submit an application to participate.

Criteria participating in the for the exhibit include:

- Having created the artwork within the last two years
- Artwork must not have been entered in a previous RAG exhibit
- Artwork must be ready for display and priced to sell
- There will be \$10.00 application fee

Applications are available by going to the RAG website at www.randolphartsguild.com

The Randolph Art Guild is located at 123 Sunset Avenue in Asheboro, NC.

# **OBITUARIES**

Courtesy of Loflin Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Ramseur.

We at the Randolph Bulletin send out our thoughts and prayers to the families who recently lost loved ones.

#### John Staley

John Worth Staley, 77, of Liberty, died Sunday, October 24, 2021 at Alpine Health & Rehabilitation Center in Asheboro.

#### Joseph "Joe" Kinney

Joseph Allred "Joe" Kinney, 83, of Ramseur, died Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at Universal Health Care in Ramseur.

#### Debra Frazier

Debra Parrish Frazier, 60, of Franklinville, died Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill.

#### **Bradley Chriscoe**

Bradley Dwayne Chriscoe, 47, of Greensboro, died Monday, October 11, 2021 at his residence.

#### Martha Cox

Martha Green Cox, 91, of Ramseur, died Monday, October 11, 2021 at Elmcroft of Asheboro in Asheboro.

#### **Margaret Moffitt**

Margaret Holt Moffitt, 72, of Ramseur, died Sunday, October 10, 2021 at Randolph Health in Asheboro.

#### Nancy Lee Combs

Nancy Lee Combs, 78, of Liberty, died Saturday, October 9, 2021 in Franklinville.

#### Reggie Garner

Reggie Darrell Garner, 64, of Asheboro, passed peacefully surrounded by his family Thursday, October 7, 2021 at Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital in Greensboro.

#### Betty Jane Boniface

Betty Jane Boniface, 94, of Ramseur, went home to be with her Savior on Tuesday, October 5, 2021.

#### Jackie Landon

Jackie Terry Landon, 85, of Asheboro, died Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at High Point Regional Hospital in High Point.

#### **Abriel Nitz**

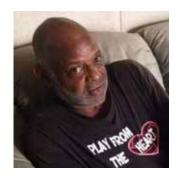
Abriel Dawn Nitz, 23, of Ramseur, passed away Sunday, October 3, 2021 at Forsyth Medical Center in Winston-Salem.

#### **Thomas Leon Brady**

Thomas Leon Brady, 91, of Bennett, died Saturday, October 2, 2021 at Randolph Hospice House in Asheboro.

If you would like more information about our obituaries, please email us at info@randolphbulletin.com or call at 336-824-4488.

Options are available if you would like to have a picture and/or longer obituaries for your loved one.



Allen Quentin Cheek, 65, passed away Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at Woodland Hills in Asheboro. Born in Randolph County on July 16, 1956, he was the son of the late Henry Clayton Cheek, and Annie Jane Caviness.

Allen attended High School at Ramseur High School in Ramseur. He worked for many years at Siler City Stockyard and Oliver Rubber. He enjoyed horses; fishing; playing cards; and spending time with his family and grandkids.

Allen was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Melitha Lee and brother, Gary Cheek. He is survived by children, Merita Hall of Randleman, and Quentin Green of California; 8 grandkids; siblings, Larry Cheek of Liberty, Clyde Cheek of Ramseur, Cherylene Cheek of Ramseur, Beverly Cassidy of Seagrove, Phyllis Ridley of Asheboro, Debra Thorne of Greensboro, and his best friend whom he loved like a brother, Joe Green; aunt, Classie Cheek; as well as a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.



Mr. Hicks was a Veteran of the United States Air Force, serving in Vietnam. He was a former IT manager for Steward Steel and Federal Mogul, and he was a resident of Bernie, Missouri.

He was first united in marriage to Diane Hicks, she preceded him in death on June 7, 1976. He was then united in marriage to Katie Stone on June 5, 1988, in Bernie, Missouri. Mrs. Hicks survives of their home in Bernie.

In addition to his wife Katie, he is survived by four sons, Stan Hicks and wife Jenny of Asheboro, North Carolina, Mike Hicks and wife Sherry of Liberty, North Carolina, Westley Simmons and wife Amy of Dexter, Missouri and Jonathan Simmons and wife Lara of Dexter, Missouri; by his daughter Micah King and husband Bob of Puxico, Missouri; by eleven grandchildren, Dalton King and wife Maddy, Liz King, Cassi Hicks, Kyle Hicks, Cory Hicks, Sean Hicks, Bryce Simmons and wife Delaney, Brock Simmons and wife Maddie, Meg Simmons, Molly Simmons, and Jack Simmons; by his greatgrandchild, Kenley Hicks and one on the way, Kamden King.

Memorials may be made to Footsteps Medical Missions, 10945 Northview Drive, Dexter, MO 63841; www. footstepsmedicalmissions.org/donate

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#### **BIRTHDAYS**

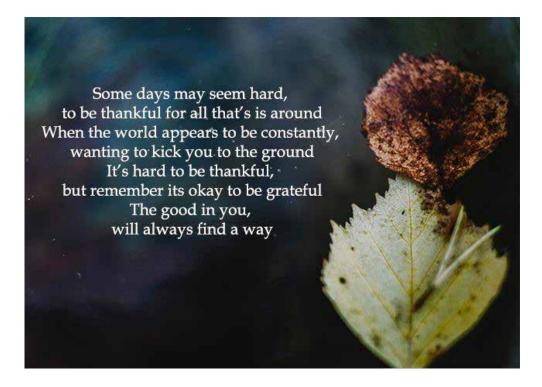


Wishing a Happy Birthday to my Dad in Heaven. Daddy passed into heaven on October 31, 2016. He left behind a lifetime of wonderful memories. He would have been 96 years old this November 25th.

William C. Cox: 11/25/25 - 10/31/2016

#### **AUTOMOBILES**

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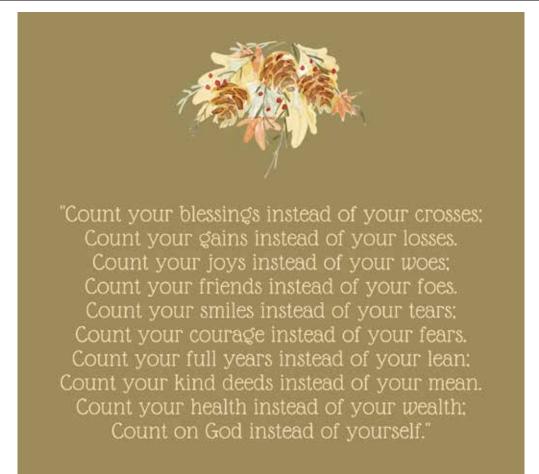
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We want to see your kids' arts and crafts! Submit them to info@randolphbulletin.com, and they may be shown in future Randolph Bulletin issues.







Joke of the Day: What is a golfer's favorite bird?

They aren't picky, any birdie will do.

Joke of the Day: When my three-year-old son opened the birthday gift from his grandmother, he discovered a water pistol. He squealed with delight and headed for the nearest sink.

I was not so pleased. I turned to Mom and said, "I'm surprised at you. Don't you remember how we used to drive you crazy with water guns?"

Mom smiled and then replied, "Oh I remember!"

Joke of the Day:

I ordered a chicken and an egg on Amazon.

I'll let you know.

Joke of the Day: The teacher told her class to copy the math problems she had written on the board and to draw a line between each problem. When she was grading the papers she noticed that little Susie had drawn flowers between the problems.

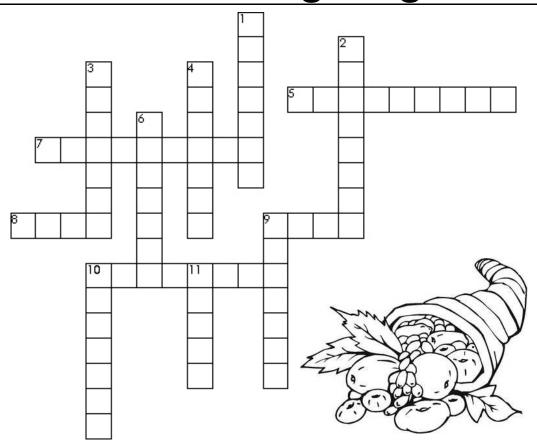
Teacher to Susie: "These are very pretty flowers, but why did you draw them on your math assignment?"

Susie: "I had to draw flowers because I don't know how to draw lions."



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# The First Thanksgiving



#### **Across**

- 5. On Sept. 6, 1620, the Pilgrims set sail for the New World on a ship called the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7. This Indian chief, his wife, and many of his warriors joined the Pilgrims in the first Thanksgiving feast.
- 8. The first Thanksgiving feast included at least five of these four-legged animals.
- 9. The Pilgrims had a bountiful corn harvest after using this to fertilize the seed.
- Neither mashed nor sweet versions of this starchy root vegetable would have been on the table at the first feast.

#### Down

1. One of two Native Americans who helped the Pilgrims plant crops after their first winter in America.

- 2. The feast now referred to as "The First Thanksgiving" was held at this Massachusetts colony.
- 3. The first menu also included this crustacean, but no garlic butter for dipping.
- 4. The first Thanksgiving celebration was probably held during this month.
- 6. The 1621 feast commonly referred to as "The First Thanksgiving" was actually a \_\_\_\_\_ celebration.
- 9. In the minds of the Pilgrims, "Thanksgiving" was a religious observance of prayer and \_\_\_\_\_ (the opposite of feasting).
- 10. This vegetable might have been on the table, but probably wasn't served in the form of pie.
- 11. The now-famous first feast lasted a total of days.

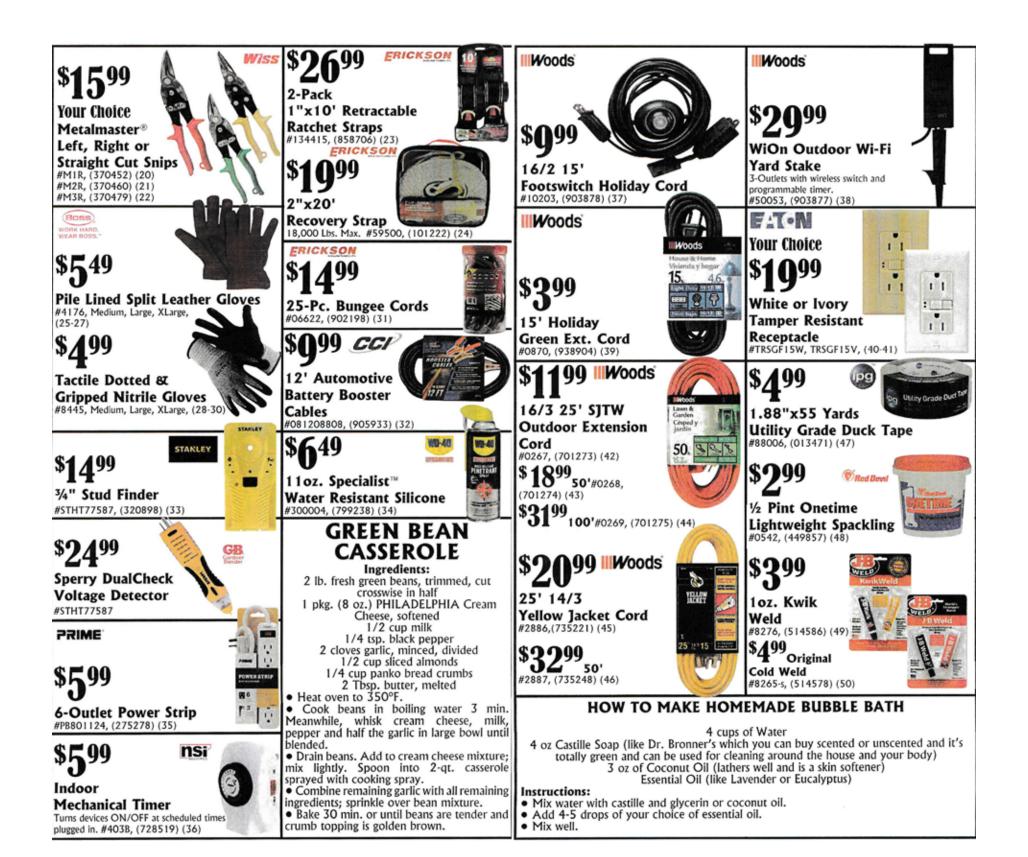
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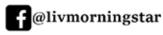
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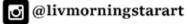
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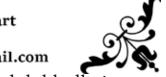


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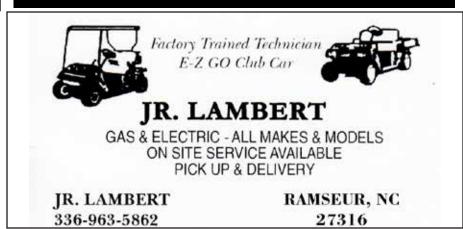


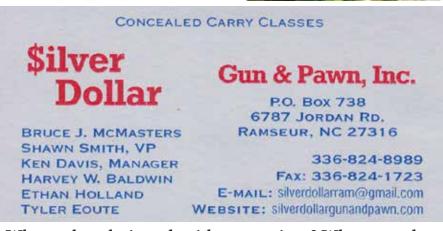




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