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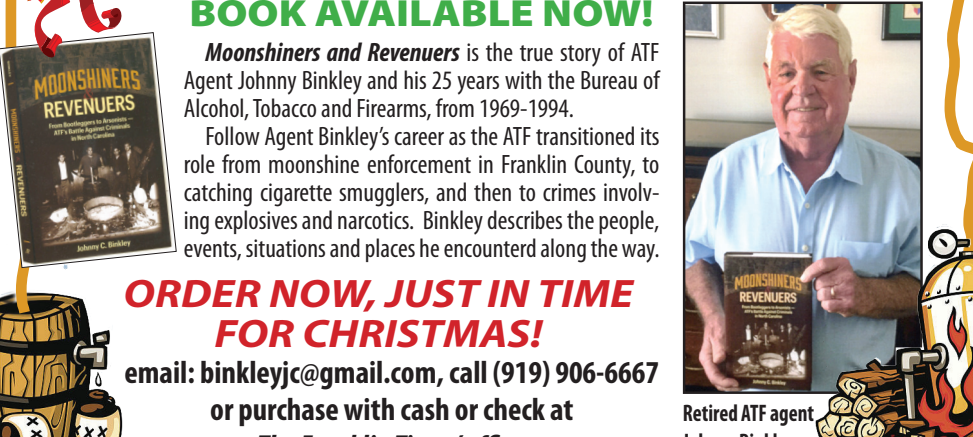


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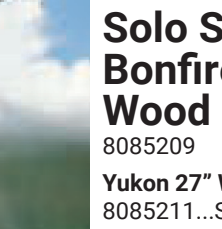
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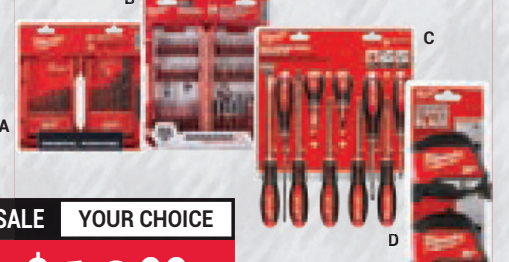
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Ages 6-8 Color “Gingerbread House”

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					9			
8			5			1		4
	1			6			4	
6			8		7			9
			2		4	6	1	
						9		
1	2							
		7					6	5

Level: Intermediate

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!

1	2	3	4			5	6	7	8	9	10			
11						12						13	14	15
16						17				18				
19				20	21			22	23				24	
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49				50					51	52				
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56		57					58				59			
60					61	62					63			
			64								65			

CLUES ACROSS

1. Popular wine __ Spumante

5. Greatly impressed

11. __ and that

12. Uttered with passion

16. Boats

17. Veteran actor Harris

18. Casserole with game

19. Reprehensible acts

24. They precede C

25. Says under one's breath

26. Taxis

27. It transfers genetic info

28. NFL great Randy

29. Where college students sleep

30. Major European river

31. Taco condiment

33. -frutti

34. Polish city
38. Astronomy unit

39. Khoikhoi peoples

40. Bears QB Williams

43. Scrambled, fried, boiled

44. Price indicators

45. One-time world power

49. When you hope to get somewhere

50. Farm building

51. Choose carefully

53. Magnum was one

54. One who combines

56. Nursemaids

58. Partner to Pa

59. Notable river

60. Officially honors

63. Colorless compound

64. A fancy chair

65. Email function

CLUES DOWN

1. The central area in a building

2. Religion of Japan

3. Leggings

4. Officially distributes

5. Arabian Sea seaport

6. Spanish doctors

7. It cools your house

8. Currency of Poland

9. Slowly moves into

10. Days (Spanish)

13. Unit of volume

14. Emit

15. With two replaceable hydrogens

20. Title for a man

21. Equally

22. Scarlett's home

23. One-time tech titan

27. Subway dwellers

29. One-tenth of a liter

30. Central European river

31. Distress signal

32. Expression of sympathy

33. The bill in a restaurant
34. Football equipment

35. Dance music

36. Russian river

37. Cosmetics giant Mary __

38. Gym class

40. Automobiles

41. Roman honorific

42. Losses in sports

44. Skin tone in summer

45. Distant planet

46. Critical humor

47. Illegally obtained

48. Go back over

50. Home appliance brand

51. Unit of radioactivity

52. Home of the Flyers

54. Short official note

55. Emit coherent radiation

57. Anno Domini (in the year of Our Lord)

61. Most common noble gas (abbr.)

62. Toward

Solutions on page 7A

Fun By The Numbers

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

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I am a music producer born in Louisiana on November 26, 1975. I began my career as a Florida radio DJ in the 1990s. In 2008, I won the DJ of the Year Award at the Ozone Awards. I collaborated with Lil Wayne on one of my songs.

patrick jansony

CIVITAN BLOOD DRIVE SLATED

Cypress Creek Civitan is partnering with The Blood Connection to sponsor a blood drive on Saturday, Dec. 13 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The Blood Connection bus will be in the Pineridge Realty parking lot, 2196 Sledge Road, across from Lake Royale.

Each blood donation can save up to three lives! Holiday season is normally a critical time for blood donation.

To signup and reserve a spot, go to: https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/222097.

Walk-ins also welcome!

If you have any questions, contact Ken Smithwick at 252-303-1127 or (252)903-5334, or kensmithwick1940@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER SLATED

A Thanksgiving Community Dinner is being planned for Thursday, Nov. 27, from noon to 3 p.m. at the Louisburg College dining hall.

For more information call 919-426-2656 or contact Raileighjustserve@gmail.com.

COATS FOR CHRISTMAS DRIVE UNDERWAY

The annual Coats for Christmas drive is currently underway. You may drop off your new or good used clean coats, gloves and scarves at the local Farm Bureau office, 496 Redwood Lane, Louisburg.

All sizes are needed especially for kids. Donated items will be taken to Safe Space, the Senior Center and other places in Franklin County as needed. The coat drive has been going on for over 30 years.

For more information, call Wayne Champion at Farm Bureau, 919-496-2051.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA, FRANKLINTON

The Franklinton Woman's Club and The American Legion Post 52 are inviting the public to Franklinton Veterans Memorial Park on Main Street on Saturday, Dec. 13 at 12:30 p.m. for a wreath-laying ceremony. At the conclusion of the ceremony, wreaths will be placed on Veterans' graves at Fairview and Evergreen town cemeteries. This is a free event where children and adults of all ages are welcome.

ADAPTING FORESTRY PLANS TO THE MARKET

The Franklin County Cooperative Extension is planning a forestry presentation by an NCSU Forestry specialist on Tuesday, Dec. 9.

"Forest Management Strategies to Adjust Your Forestry Plan to Market Changes" will begin at 10 a.m., at Franklin County Cooperative Extension Center Annex; 103 South Bickett Blvd., Louisburg. Registration is required. Register online at go.ncsu.edu/adaptingforestryplansforchangingmarkets

For more information, contact the Franklin County Cooperative Extension office 919-496-3344, Extension Agent Matthew Place.

CREDIT COURSE FOR LANDSCAPERS

The Landscape Professionals December credit class will be held Tuesday, Dec. 9, beginning at 5:30 p.m., at Franklin County Agriculture Center Annex; 103 S. Bickett Blvd., Louisburg. Speakers will be Dr. Steve Frank, Professor of Entomology and Extension Specialist, Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology at NC State and Dr. Navdeep Godara, assistant professor, Turfgrass Weed Science.

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The cost is \$10. Register online at go.ncsu.edu/2025landscapeprofessionalsdeccreditclass. For more information, contact Franklin County Cooperative Extension office, 919-496-3344 or visit, <https://franklin.ces.ncsu.edu>.

COUNTY'S HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

All Franklin County government offices will be closed for Thanksgiving Day and most will be closed the Friday after.

All libraries will also be closed Friday, Nov. 28 and Saturday, Nov. 29.

The solid waste transfer station and the convenience centers will be open both Friday and Saturday of that week. The county airport will be open Wednesday, Nov. 26, from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. and will be open on Friday.

GET THE BREAKDOWN ON COMPOST

A composting class will be conducted Monday, Dec. 8, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Franklin County Cooperative Extension Annex, 103 S. Bickett Blvd., Louisburg. Learn about what composting is, why it's important, how to start and maintain a compost pile and how to use the finished product.

It will be free to attend with an option to make a take home bin for \$15. Register online at go.ncsu.edu/decembercompostclass.

For more information, call the Franklin County Cooperative Extension office, 919-496-3344, Ag Agent Alejandra Martinez, acmartinez1@ncat.edu.

SMALL GRAIN GROWERS ASSESSMENT VOTE

The North Carolina Small Grain Growers 2025 Assessment Referendum will be conducted Thursday, Dec. 4, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., at County Extension Centers or Extension meetings held that same day.

Small grain farmers will vote on continuation of the self-assessment program for six years. Any North Carolina farmer who is a grower of small grain (wheat, oats, rye, barley, grain sorghum and canola/rapeseed) over the age of 18 on Dec. 4, is eligible to vote.

North Carolina growers of small grain (wheat, rye, oats, barley, rape seed, canola and grain sorghum) continue to assess themselves an assessment of half of 1 percent on the gross dollar amount sales on all small grain produced on their farms for a six-year period with collection of these funds to be collected by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and paid to the North Carolina Small Grain Growers Association for grower education, research, marketing, administration and enhancing small grain profitable for North Carolina Farmers.

If you have questions about the referendum, call the office of the North Carolina Small Grain Growers Association, 919-809-8657.

TAXES, RECORDS FOR CAROLINA PRODUCERS

On Thursday, Dec. 11, "The Ag Money Gameplan: Taxes & Records for Carolina Producers" workshop will be conducted at the Franklin County Cooperative Extension Center in Louisburg. Two informative sessions will be taught by NCSU Ag Economics Tax Specialist Nicholas Brown and Laurel Clabaugh of CashKeep Bookkeeping. Resource recordkeeping materials will also be distributed to the participants (one per family).

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the annex meeting room. Program starts at 9 a.m. Lunch will be served before the program concludes around 1:30 p.m. Cost to participate is \$20 per participant. Deadline to pre-register is Dec. 10. Register at go.ncsu.edu/ag-money-game-plan-taxes-records-for-producers.

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1. Is the book of Todah (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. Who wrote in Ephesians 5:20, “Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ”? Matthew, Peter, Paul, Jude

3. From Psalms 107:1 and 118:1, why should we give thanks to the Lord, because He is ...? Evermore, Good, Watching, Hopeful

4. Which book of the Bible mentions the word “thanksgiving” the most times at eight? Genesis, Nehemiah, Psalms, Isaiah

5. In 2 Timothy 3:1-2, what human qualities does Paul list as being signs of the last days? Adulterers, Sun worshipers, Renegades, Unthankful people

6. In Leviticus 22, a sacrifice of thanksgiving is most meaningful when it is ...? Sincere, Often, At your own will, Extravagant

ANSWERS:

(1) Neither (Hebrew for thank you), (2) Paul, (3) Good, (4) Psalms, (5) Unthankful people, (6) At your own will

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For first-time holiday hosts, it's all about planning

The holiday season is a busy time of year. From holiday shopping to readying the home for guests, there's no shortage of things to accomplish in a relatively brief amount of time. Seasoned holiday enthusiasts may be ready to put their game faces on and tackle tasks with ease. But for first-time holiday hosts, the prospect of crossing items off to-do lists may require a little extra assistance.

According to Dr. Vanessa Kennedy, a clinical psychologist at Driftwood Recovery, holiday hosting can "lead to

the pressure to curate picture-perfect moments, creating stress and anxiety." The following are pointers those new to holiday hosting can employ to simplify the process and enjoy the holidays a little more.

- Do as much prep work in advance as possible. Giving yourself extra time to get things done can help immensely. Grocery shop one day, prepare food the next, clean the house one day, and set the table or arrange decor on another. Minor task can be left for the morning of the day guests arrive.
- Cook and freeze items. Utilize recipes that enable you to cook in bulk and then store foods until you need them. Casseroles, baked pasta dishes, freezable soups, and ready-to-bake cookie doughs made in advance will save a lot of time closer to the holidays.
- Stock the pantry. If holiday hosting involves overnight guests, be sure to keep easy items on hand so guests can help themselves. Dry

goods or pre-packaged muffins for breakfast, chips or pretzels for late-night snacks, granola bars, or store made croissants can fit the bill. Put everything in a dedicated basket so guests can grab items as needed. Stock the refrigerator with water, seltzer, iced teas, and sodas, and make a full pot of coffee in the morning so guests can pour their own.

- Avoid complicated cocktails. You don't want to be stuck mixing drinks all evening. Instead, make it simple for guests to help themselves. Wine, beer, pre-made punches, or even one specialty drink are ideal.
- Consider hiring a caterer. If the idea of a homecooked meal feels like climbing Mount Everest, swap out some items for store-bought alternatives, or work with a favorite restaurant or caterer to secure foods that only need to be reheated and served.
- Free up closet and room space. Guests will be coming with a lot of stuff, particularly if you live in a cold climate. Make room in the entry closet for guests' coats and boots. Be sure you can accommodate suitcases or overnight bags. Set aside an area where guests can deposit their wrapped gifts.

Holiday hosting can be a whirlwind of activity, but novice hosts can quickly get into the swing of things.



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Ginger Cookies

Holiday baking sessions are a beloved tradition in many households. A family baking day during the holiday season is a great activity that appeals to loved ones of all ages, making a day spent in the kitchen an ideal way to bring multiple generations together under one roof.

There's no shortage of options when baking together as a family, but no treat embodies this season of baking more than cookies. Whether you're baking cookies for Santa Claus, bringing them along to a holiday party or simply whipping them up for some extra energy when decorating the tree, these "Ginger Cookies" from Lines+Angles are sure to please this December.



Ginger Cookies
Makes 48 cookies

1 cup packed brown sugar
3/4 cup shortening
1/4 cup molasses
1 large egg
2 1/4 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon ginger
2 teaspoons baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
Granulated sugar, for rolling

1. Preheat oven to 375 F. Lightly grease baking sheet with non-stick cooking spray.
 2. In a large bowl, using an electric mixer on medium speed, beat brown sugar, shortening, molasses, and egg together until light and fluffy. Stir in all remaining ingredients, except granulated sugar.
 3. Shape dough by rounded teaspoonfuls into balls. Dip tops into granulated sugar and place balls, sugar side up, on prepared baking sheet, about 3 inches apart.
 4. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until just set. Remove from cookie sheet immediately to wire rack to cool. Serve.
- Tip: Before measuring molasses, spray the measuring cup with cooking spray; the molasses won't stick to the sides of the cup.

Simple stuffed shells

Holiday hosting is a fun way to welcome loved ones. Opportunities to host abound between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, and savvy hosts know how useful an expansive culinary repertoire can be during a time of year when it's common to enjoy home cooked meals with loved ones.

Simple but flavorful meals are a holiday host's best friend. Such meals, which include the following recipe for "Stuffed Shells With Spinach and Ricotta" from Lines+Angles, give hosts more time to mingle but still ensure a delicious dish makes its way to the table come dinnertime.

Stuffed Shells with Spinach and Ricotta
Makes 6 to 8 servings

Salt, to taste
32 jumbo pasta shells
10 cups frozen chopped spinach, thawed
2 cups ricotta, softened
1 cup Parmesan cheese, grated (divided), plus extra to serve
3 cloves of garlic, peeled and minced
2 eggs, lightly beaten
Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
3 3/4 cups marinara or spaghetti sauce



1. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add the pasta and cook per package directions until al dente. Rinse pasta in cold water to stop cooking process and drain well.
2. Squeeze spinach dry. Transfer spinach to large bowl. Add ricotta, 1/2 cup Parmesan, garlic, and beaten eggs to bowl. Season mixture with salt and pepper, and mix to blend.
3. Preheat oven to 350 F.
4. Spoon 1/2 cup marinara sauce evenly over bottom of 9- x 13- x 2-inch baking dish. Fill each pasta shell with spinach mixture. Place shells, filling side up, in prepared baking dish. Sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup Parmesan. Cover loosely with foil and bake until heated through and bubbly, about 30 minutes. Spoon remaining sauce over shells. Garnish with Parmesan cheese, if desired, and serve.

Sweet potato mash

Despite their name, side dishes have a tendency to take center stage come the holiday season. That's particularly true when hosting a potluck-style dinner for family and friends. Such an arrangement, which typically sees hosts prepare the main course and guests bring side dishes and desserts, can remove a lot of responsibility from hosts' shoulders and afford them more time to mingle with their loved ones.

Those tasked with crafting a delicious side this holiday season can build their offering around a popular and seasonal main ingredient like sweet potatoes. This recipe for "Sweet Potato Mash" from Lines+Angles fits that bill and is sure to please everyone around the holiday dinner table this year.



Sweet Potato Mash
Serves 4

4 large sweet potatoes, peeled
Salt
4 tablespoons butter
1 sprig coriander, or parsley
Freshly ground pepper and salt

1. Cut the potatoes into large chunks and cook in boiling salted water until tender, about 14 to 18 minutes.
2. Drain thoroughly, then set the pan over a low heat and shake the pan to drive off any excess moisture.
3. Mash thoroughly with the butter until smooth, then season generously with salt and pepper and serve with a garnish of coriander.

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