

LIFE & STYLE

Enjoy Candlelight Tour Eggnog...

Sometimes holidays can be a little overwhelming. The decorating, get-togethers, gift buying, wrapping, cards and mailing, and the list goes on and on.

The stress of getting everything done on top of our already busy lives can sometimes make you a

little more naughty than nice.

If you find yourself turning a little Grinch green it may be time to take a moment to enjoy this wondrous season. To



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sit in quiet meditation or prayer in your church and really contemplate the true meaning of this season can be restorative.

Another place for a little holiday detox is Edenton Yoga. Patti Mordecai and the other wonderful instructors offer a variety of classes from beginner to advanced, for child to senior, men or women. Taking an hour to relax can rejuvenate you for a few days when your time and temper is running short.

After a little relaxation for your spirit an energy boost may be in order. A brisk workout or run can boost your energy and outlook.

The sights, sounds, aromas and tastes of Christmas can also be invigorating. A walk through our beautiful natural areas breathing in fresh air and pine, or a stroll through Edenton's quaint Downtown to savor the festive vignettes of the shops with a seasonal hot drink in hand from Edenton Coffee House is a little indulgence well worthwhile.

If that's not enough to raise your Christmas spirits, a stop in Edenton Bay Trading Company for Debbie's Sangria can surely warm your heart.

A favorite seasonal beverage is eggnog, and recently several guests visiting for the Candlelight Tour have requested the famous recipe served at the Penelope Barker House. Gallons of this frothy beverage were made locally for the Candlelight Tour to celebrate the holidays.

Susan Creighton was kind enough to share the famous Eggnog recipe a few years ago. I hope you try this classic holiday beverage. It's much easier to make than you might think and it's so much better than the stuff pre-made at the grocery store.

Enjoy!
If you have a cooking question contact me at cher.orr@gmail.com and I'd be happy to assist!

Cheryl Orr is the chef and owner of The Cotton Gin Inn in Edenton.

CANDLELIGHT TOUR EGGNOG



Makes 1 gallon

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups whole milk
- 4 cups heavy whipping cream
- ½ cup sugar
- 12 eggs, separated
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 cup brandy
- 1 cup rum
- 1 cup bourbon
- 2 tablespoons rum extract, if not using alcohol, and add ½ cup more sugar

PREPARATION

- Whisk sugar into yolks. Whisk in nutmeg and whipping cream. Whisk in milk, and liquor, or rum extract if not using the liquor. The eggnog can be set aside and chilled at this time until ready to serve.
 - When ready to serve beat egg whites until soft peaks form. Gently fold in egg whites. Serve immediately.
- Note: I like to add a dollop of homemade whipped cream and a sprinkle of nutmeg.

Wynn honored for leadership

RALEIGH - Curtis Wynn, president and CEO of Roanoke Electric Cooperative, has been selected to receive the 2021 Larry Wooten Rural Leadership Award, awarded by Governor Roy Cooper and Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler.

Wynn has served in leadership roles with Roanoke Electric for 24 years, improving the quality of life in diverse rural communities and becoming an influential leader in rural North Carolina. Wynn's efforts have helped bring high speed internet to rural North Carolina to connect families, farmers, and businesses with the resources they need to thrive in the global economy. Wynn is also a long-time advocate of sustainable land management, including a sustainable forestry program that works specifically with Black landowners, and developing North Carolina's clean energy workforce.

"Curtis Wynn has brought opportunity and innovation to rural North Carolina, making rural communities an even better place to live and work,"

Governor Cooper said. "Thanks to his work, more families, schools and businesses have access to high-speed internet, a critical tool to help rural communities thrive. We are working hard to build on the great work of our rural co-ops and other partners to get even more North Carolinians connected to broadband."

"We know that if our state is to grow and prosper, it must be a place for everyone to have opportunity. We can't leave rural North Carolina behind as our cities thrive," said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. "Curtis Wynn has built a transformative legacy of leadership, from efforts to bring broadband connectivity to rural communities and raising more than \$10 million to support economic development projects, to encouraging wealth creation through land ownership and sustainable land management. He is an important leader and ally for rural North Carolina."

Wynn is the immediate past president of the Board of Directors of the National Rural Electric Cooperative

Association and currently serves on the boards of North Carolina Electric Cooperative, MCNC, U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities, and MyFutureNC.

About the Award

The Rural Leadership Award is presented each year to an outstanding leader who has worked to advance North Carolina's rural communities. The first ever Rural Leadership Award was presented in 2019 to Larry Wooten, for whom the award is now named. The selection committee includes representatives from HomeTown Strong (Governor Cooper's initiative for Rural North Carolina), the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, and the N.C. Department of Agriculture. Award recipients must exemplify rural leadership in three areas: long-standing commitment to rural endeavors, a positive impact on rural life though significant and sustaining improvements for people living in rural communities, and an exemplary character that inspires North Carolinians.

Domtar aids Sustainable Forestry project

RICH SQUARE - The Sustainable Forestry and Land Retention Project (SFLRP) announced recently that it has received a \$3,000 donation from the Domtar paper company to help the program assist woodland owners in northeastern North Carolina.

Sponsored in part by Roanoke Electric Cooperative, the SFLRP helps families in seven counties served by the cooperative increase the income and asset value of family-owned forestland. It also encourages forest health, land retention and the opportunity for participating families to create intergenerational wealth.

Since its creation in 2013, more than 250 families have enrolled in the program. Participants have ac-

cessed approximately \$560,000 in financial assistance for forestry and legal services; nearly 150 woodland owners have established forest management plans, and sustainable forestry practices have been implemented on about 3,000 acres of land.

"Domtar is extremely pleased to support the mission of the Sustainable Forestry and Land Retention Project with this donation," said Charles Daniels, procurement forester at Domtar's Plymouth, N.C., pulp and paper manufacturing facility. "We take pride in producing useful products that people rely on every day, and healthy, sustainable forests are integral to our business. The Sustainable Forestry and Land Retention Project is helping wood-

land owners maintain healthier forests and wildlife habitats, but most importantly it is having a positive, durable impact on the lives of the families it assists."

SFLRP Director Alton Perry said the project greatly appreciates Domtar's support.

"The majority of communities where we provide services are small, rural and economically distressed," Perry said. "Landowners need someone to meet them where they are, increase their knowledge of services and programs available, and help them convert property they often view as a burden into the significant assets they can become. Domtar's donation helps fill that void."

GRADUATE



Mathew and Daphne Bond of Windsor announce the graduation of Mattelyn H. Bond from Regent University. Mattelyn received her Master's Degree in Journalism. She currently resides in Charlotte.

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BERTIE COUNTY TAX OFFICE

2022

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON TAX LISTING NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN

ALL PERSONS WHO, ON THE DATE AS OF WHICH PROPERTY IS TO BE LISTED, OWN PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION MUST LIST SUCH PROPERTY WITHIN THE PERIOD SET FORTH IN THIS NOTICE AND ANY PERSONS WHO FAILS TO DO SO WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE PENALTIES PRESCRIBED BY LAW.

Bertie County has a permanent, real estate listing system. The Tax Office will automatically list real estate for the owner. (Important note: Taxpayers are required to list buildings and other improvements to real property having a value in excess of one hundred dollars that have been acquired, begun, erected, damaged or destroyed since the time of the last listing on January 1, 2021. If a building permit was obtained for new construction please verify with the Tax Office that the record has been updated to reflect the addition.)

The Tax Office no longer mails individual abstracts (listing forms), for real property. For 2022, you will receive a listing form only if you listed personal property in 2021, or if it is a new account for real property.

Taxpayers are required by law to annually list all taxable personal property including but not limited to mobile homes, boats, motors, unlicensed vehicles, motorcycles, 4 wheelers, golf carts, airplanes, business equipment, business furniture and fixtures, tools, farm equipment and multi-year permanent tagged trailers. This does not include registered motor vehicles that have a current license tag.

NOTE: IF YOU HAVE MADE NO CHANGES TO YOUR REAL PROPERTY SINCE JANUARY 1, 2021 YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO FILE A LISTING FORM.

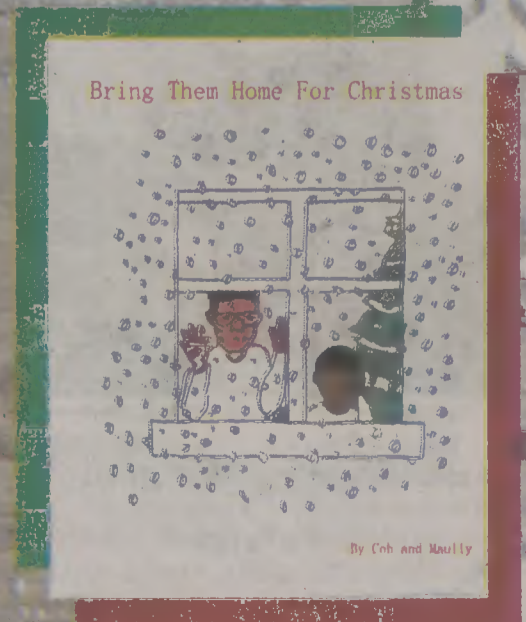
LISTING OF 2022 TAXES WILL BEGIN ON JANUARY 3, 2022 AND CONTINUE THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2022. LISTING HOURS WILL BE 8:30 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY IN THE TAX/MAPPING OFFICE IN THE COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING AT 106 DUNDEE STREET, WINDSOR.

LISTING FORMS MAYBE MAILED TO BERTIE COUNTY TAX OFFICE AT P.O. BOX 527 WINDSOR, NC 27983. BY PLACING THEM IN OUR DROPBOX LOCATED IN THE PARKING LOT BEHIND THE COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING OR VISITING THE OFFICE AT 106 DUNDEE ST. WINDSOR. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE, YOU CONTACT THE TAX OFFICE AT 252-794-5310.

IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTION REGARDING THIS INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE BERTIE COUNTY TAX OFFICE, TELEPHONE: (252)794-5310 FASCIMILE: (252)794-5357 P.O. BOX 527 WINDSOR, N.C. 27983

This year celebrate the Christmas season with a new book by Cob and Maully.

"Bring Them Home For Christmas" is a sing along book written and illustrated by Cob and Maully. Two kid brothers who love the holidays and family, tell their heart warming story of wishing their siblings were home for Christmas. Cob and Maully are residents of Merry Hill, NC. Please support your local talent! A portion of the proceeds will be donated locally.



Available on Amazon.com, the album "Dreamin About Christmas" is available at Amazon Music, Apple Music, and most music streaming platforms.