

The Woman's Club of Clayton

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The Woman's Club of Clayton is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC), an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.

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Trish Perna

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Nancy Maynard

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Susan Johnson

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Club Chatter



Volume 2024, Number 1

September 2024

From Our President

Trish Perna



I hope this message finds you all refreshed and rejuvenated after a wonderful Summer. Whether you spent time traveling, enjoying family and friends, or simply relaxing at home, I trust that each of you had the opportunity to recharge and are now ready to embrace the exciting new club year ahead.

Over the Summer, our Executive Board and Community Service Programs (CSP's) have been diligently working behind the scenes to ensure that we have a dynamic and fulfilling year planned. Their dedication and hard work are truly commendable, and I am thrilled to share some of the exciting updates and initiatives they have in store for us. So be sure to attend the September general meeting to hear more.

Our Executive Board has been focusing on preserving and protecting our club's archives, ensuring that our rich history is safeguarded for future generations. Additionally, we have implemented financial software changes to streamline our operations and enhance our overall efficiency. These improvements will help us better serve our members and manage our resources more effec-

tively.

In addition to the board's efforts, our CSP's have been passionately planning a variety of projects and events that align with our club's mission and values. Whether it's supporting local schools, aiding community health initiatives, or championing environmental causes, there is a project for everyone to get involved in. These initiatives not only allow us to give back to our community but also provide opportunities for personal growth and camaraderie among members.

As your new president, I have also spent the summer getting acquainted with this important role. I have been immersing myself in understanding the club's operations, meeting with our dedicated board members, and familiarizing myself with all aspects of the position. It has been an enlightening experience, and I am more committed than ever to leading our club with passion and dedication.

One of the highlights of the upcoming year is our renewed focus on community engagement. We all understand the importance of connecting

with our local community and building strong relationships with other organizations and individuals who share our vision. Our outreach efforts will include collaborative projects, community events, and partnerships that will amplify our impact and visibility.

As we embark on this new club year, I encourage each of you to participate actively in our meetings, events, and projects. Your enthusiasm and involvement are what make our club vibrant and successful. Whether you are a long-time member or new to our club, there are countless ways for you to contribute and make a difference.

I am incredibly excited about the opportunities that lie ahead for The Woman's Club of Clayton. With your support and participation, I am confident that we will achieve great things together. Let's approach this year with renewed energy and a shared commitment to our community and each other.

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From Our President (continued)

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September 2
Labor Day

September 2
ESO at Brenda Gay's
Home 10:00am

September 6
"Kids in America"
Downtown Concert

September 10
House of Hope meal

September 11
Day of Remembrance
Or Patriots Day

September 11
TWCC meeting @ 12:00

September 13
Bingo at Senior Center

September 13
JoCo Southern Woman's
Show

September 16
Night n Gals 7:00

September 17
TWCC Ex Board Meeting

September 22
1st Day Autumn

September 28
Guy Penrod
The Clayton Center



New Officers: Trish Perna, Christie Latham, Nancy Maynard, Deborah Fuller, Susan Johnson, & Karen Keeslar (on the phone held by Sarah Brooks)



End of an Era

Thank you for your continued dedication and passion. I look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming meetings and events. Together, let's make this a remarkable year for our club and the community we serve.

In closing, I leave you with this wonderful quote:

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." -Margaret Mead

May Meeting Highlights

Monthly Meeting

Minutes – General Membership Meeting – May 8, 2024

Call to Order – **Betsy Grannis**

Blessing & Devotion – **Sandy Nesselrode**

Salute to Flags

Meal – Covered dish meal Hosted by the Executive Committee

President's Welcome

Ms. Grannis welcomed everyone and thanked the Executive Committee for setting up the clubhouse for the meal and silent auction. She also thanked **Margaret Lee, Nancy Maynard and Susan Johnson** for getting The Old Fashioned Ice Cream Truck.

May, June, July and August birthdays were recognized

Business

April minutes were approved by all

Betsy announced the following awards our club received at the annual GFWC-NC convention held in Raleigh April 26th & 27th:

Roll of Honor Club - ESO

Certificates and ESO largest

participation in the state

and ESO overall club participation

Susan Johnson, Brenda

Gay and Betsy Grannis received certificates for being nominated for individual clubwomen awards

District 8 received an award from the Legislative Action Center for the most increase in members for Legislative Alerts with two \$100 gift cards

The number of districts were approved to change from 9 to 5

Betsy will be the chair of the State Nominating Committee for Officers 2026-2028

Betsy was installed as District 8 President and **Timpla Stewart** from the Clayton Junior

Club as District 8

Vice President; and

the District 8 color

for the next 2 years

is aqua.



Executive Board Report

Proposed Bylaws revisions were approved by the membership.

Budget 2024-2025 was presented and ap-

proved by the membership.

Nancy Maynard announced the Blood Drive will be May 11th at The Walk and also the Sculpture Walk will be May 21 at 11:00 with a light lunch at the clubhouse afterwards.

Officer's Reports

1st Vice President – **Trish Perna** reported

Lights of Love netted \$1,089.95

2nd Vice President – no report

Treasurer – no further report

Recording Secretary – no report

Corresponding Secretary – **Patty Jo Johnson**

read several notes of thanks from Heifer International, Cooper Academy for the puppet show performance and a note from **Rachel Masi-**

more's daughter, **Melissa**. **Patty Jo** reported **Joann Cassone** passed away earlier today but did not have any other information at this time;

Carrole Dayton will have sinus surgery May 9th, **Melea Basom** foot surgery in 2 weeks and

Loretta Mascia surgery on May 21. Please keep all in our thoughts and prayers. Birthday cards were sent to **Mary Woodard** and **Peggy Earp**

in April.

in April.

CSP and Special Projects

President's Special Project – **Sarah Brooks**

said 34 members were participating in this project and encouraged all to save their plastics;

we are at 780+ pounds

Arts and Culture – no report

report

Civic Engagement – **Susan Johnson**

reported

members can take their

worn flag donations to

American Legion for a

retirement ceremony



Education and Libraries – **Brenda Gay** reported

76 book bags will be delivered; **Trish Perna**

read **Sandy Nesselrode's** poem at the State

ESO meeting

Environment – no report

Health and Wellness – no report

Silent Auction brought \$972.00, and **Betsy**

thanked everyone who brought, set up and bought items.

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September	
9/3	Zip Barnard
9/3	Carla Rajca
9/8	Pam Ballard

Springbrook
NURSING & REHABILITATION CENTER



Sometimes the most important thing in a whole day is the rest we take between two deep breaths, or the turning inwards in prayer for five short minutes.

www.prayables.com Etty Hillson

May Meeting Highlights (con't)

Installation Ceremony - Betsy Grannis was the installation officer, using a garden theme. She installed:

- President – **Trish Perna**
- 1st Vice President – **Christie Latham**
- 2nd Vice President – **Nancy Maynard**
- Treasurer – **Karen Kessler**
- Recording Secretary – **Deborah Fuller**
- Corresponding Secretary - **Susan Johnson**

After the installation, **Trish** presented **Betsy** with an appreciation gift for her time as President these past 2 years. **Betsy** expressed her gratitude to her Executive Board and all of the members of the club.

Announcements

- Night 'N Gals virtual meeting Thursday, May 9th at 7 PM with **Trish Perna**
- Blood Drive – May 11th
- Executive Board meeting – May 14th 10:00
- Sculpture Walk – May 21st 11:00
- TWCC Bunco – Clubhouse – May 24th 1:00
- GFWC-NC Summer Meeting – July 27th Hickory or August 3rd Wilmington
- Member Social – Clubhouse – August 8th 6-7:30pm

The meeting closed with the collect and adjourned at 1:55 with **Betsy Grannis** passing the president's gavel and pin to **Trish Perna**.

Health & Wellness CSP

Co Chairs: Tina Zimmerman and Marianne Sapsara



Welcome Back Ladies!!! So happy to be back together and looking forward to cooler weather!

The Health and Wellness committee is off to a healthy start!! The committee met on June 19th with two new awesome co-chairs. **Tina Zimmerman and Marianne Sapsara** are kicking it out of the park! Thank you ladies!!



This year we will be focusing our efforts in several areas. We will again be providing monthly meals for the girls and staff at House of Hope, Bingo at the Clayton Center for Active Aging, My Kids Club in Selma, Springbrook Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Mild Activity Challenges, and the Johnston County Senior Games.

Debi Beal has graciously agreed to be the contact person for House of Hope and **Judy Ryan** will be your point person for the Clayton Center for Active Aging and the Johnston County Senior Games. **Marianne Sapsara** is your 'go-to' person for the annual blood drive with The Blood Connection and **Tina Zimmerman** will champion yoga at Springbrook Rehabilitation and Nursing Center. We will again be asking TWCC members to assist with meals at the House of Hope so please see the sign-up sheets in the back at each meeting. We will also be recognizing our Breast Cancer Survivors at the October meeting. Please be thinking about that pink outfit for the October meeting.

The girls and staff at House of Hope didn't go hungry over the Summer months. Our wonderful members still provided a fabulous dinner each month. Many thanks to **Susan Press** (May), **Sarah Brooks** (June), **Page Redmon** (July), and Jayne Hafer (August) for dishing it up over the dog days of Summer.

Over the Summer, Bingo players at the Senior Center took no time off. **Judy Ryan** spent time with them in June, July, and August calling Bingo, awarded prizes, and had fun visiting with the group. Bingo is the 2nd Friday of the month at 10:00am.



Environment

Co-Chairs: Carrole Dayton, Rhonda Nielson, Cecelia Soporwaska



The Environment CSP kickoff meeting was held July 9th. CSP members made plans for several exciting projects. One of the projects was the **collection of musical instruments to be recycled**. The Environment CSP and Arts and Culture CSP will work collaboratively on this project. The Environment CSP will collect the instruments and the Arts and Culture CSP will get the instruments to Archer Lodge Middle School where they have adopted the Middle School Band Class. We are asking members to reach out to neighbors, friends and family to ascertain if they have any musical instruments that are no longer being used and they would like to donate. Instruments can be brought to the monthly meetings or notify Sarah Brooks (919-601-7959) and she will pick them up.



For our **Club President's Special Project**, the goal of collecting 1000 pounds of plastic was met in June. Way to go ladies! Below, Betsy Grannis gets ready to deliver 28 bags of plastic!! This year, the Environment CSP will continue to ask members to **collect plastic** with the goal of collecting 1000 pounds between October 2024 - September 2025. We will once again submit a

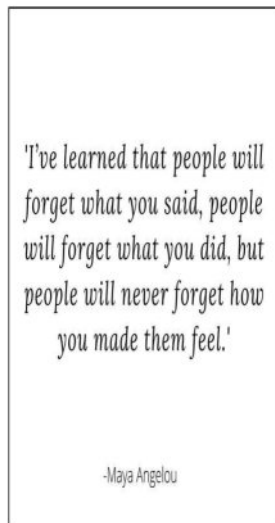
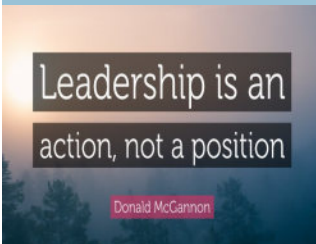


request to Trex for a bench to be placed on the TWCC clubhouse grounds.

The Environment CSP will continue to collect **corks** for recycling by RECORK and **athletic shoes** for the Nike Grind Recycling program. Please bring donations to the monthly meetings. Thanks to club members who donated mascara brushes for Wands for Wildlife. However, according to their website, they have an ample supply at this time, so they have discontinued the brush collection.



Look who volunteers at The Clayton Center as a 'Scene Stealer' you can too!!





Please keep honorary member **Peggy Earp** in your thoughts and prayers as she recovers from breast cancer surgery.

Jayne Hafer had back surgery over the summer. Please make these ladies part of your daily prayers.

Arts & Culture CSP

Co-Chairs: Angela Williams, Faye Brooks, Dianne Carroll



WOW!!!! You ladies are awesome. We put out a call for help with donations for the concessions at the production of "The Little Mermaid" and you stepped up to help. Thank you to those who donated and to those who attended the production.

DOUBLE WOW!!!! We adopted the new music teacher at Archer's Lodge Middle School and again asked for your support. And boy did you really step up to help. As of now you have donated over \$600 worth of supplies. Thank you so much for all of your help. We love each and every one of you.

We will again be sponsoring the special needs teacher at River Dell Elementary School.

We are working on making more coloring bags for the local hospital.

Have you ever considered that God has fallen in love with you?

He sends you flowers every spring. He sends you sunshine every morning. Whenever you want to talk, He listens to you. He can live anywhere in the universe, but He chooses your heart. Amen



Donation to American Legion

Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP

Co-Chairs: Susan Johnson and Karen Keeslar

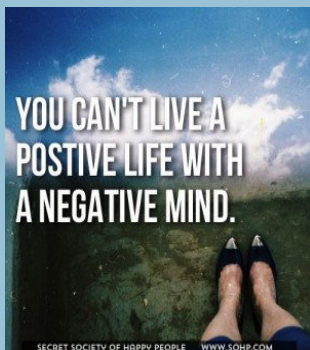


TWCC was the July 2024 winner of the Leith Toyota Charity Contest. This contest is on the Leith Toyota Facebook page. Three nonprofit organizations are nominated each month and votes are cast by Facebook users. TWCC was nominated for the July contest along with The Towne Players of Garner and Girl Scouts-North Carolina Coastal Pines. We received the highest number of votes and won \$500 from Leith Toyota!!



Education & Libraries CSP

Co-Chairs: Margaret Lee, Robin Sachsenheimer, Donna Steele



Who do I Contact?

Member Illness
Susan Johnson

Clubhouse Rental
Loretta Mascia

Newsletter Content
Judy Ryan

Clubhouse Repairs
**Angela Williams,
Betsy Grannis, or
Dianne Carroll**

Membership
Nancy Maynard

Bylaws
Sarah Brooks

Webmasters
**Sarah Brooks
& Val Taylor**

Silent Partner
Brenda Gay



Display at Social

Our CSP will be hosting the September 11, 2024, meeting. Our theme is Back to School, and we ask **all members to bring school supplies** to be donated to the Cooper Academy students. We have spoken to the school principal, and he specified what was needed most: WHITE BOARD MARKERS, No#2 PENCILS, CRAYONS. These items are readily available at most stores that sell school supplies and are always available on Amazon.

The September meeting is usually a busy meeting so there will be no speaker on September 11th to allow time for business to be conducted for our new year.

We are very excited to be your new Education & Libraries CSP Chairs! We hope for more of our club members to participate in our many projects in order to serve our community better.

Our CSP had our kickoff meetings on July 16 and the August 14th to get to know each other better and discuss the projects for the year.

Members present at the July 16th Brunch and August 14 were **Margaret Lee, Susan Mancuso, Robin Rose, Sandy Nesselrode, Brenda Gay, Chauncy Douglas, Ginny Kennerly, Ann Kritzing, Robin Sachsenheimer, and Donna Steele**. Our President **Trish Perna** and Vice-President **Christie Latham** were present to inform us of new state initiatives. Absent: **Loretta Mascia and Page Redmon and Deborah Woodard**.

Our objective this year is to encourage more club members to participate as we work toward expanding our reading programs. The puppets have been in hibernation all summer, so they are excited to be getting some air and stage time in the coming months at Clayton area schools.

Read for the Record at Cooper Academy and other str schools will be held in October.

Scholarships and Hoby Project: Sally Southall Cotten (NC University) and Cybil Champion (Community College), Hoby (High School Sophomore Leadership workshop) are slated for September when we will begin introductions to the high school counselors.

Puppet Show: Cooper Academy and other schools: All year

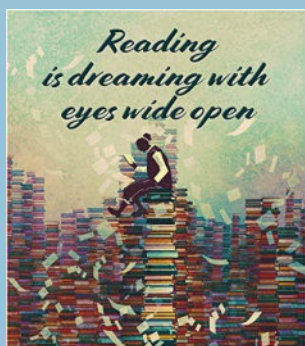
National Read Across America at Cooper Academy and other schools: March 2025

Book Bag Project for Cooper Academy and other schools: Supply books and stuffed toys to first graders: May 2025

New This year:

NC Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom for up to eighty(80) 4th graders at Cooper and other schools: We will also supply products during the school year for students to increase their knowledge as they study about strawberries and sweet potatoes.

If interested in any of these projects, sign-up sheets will be available at our Sept. meeting.



September 6 is National Read a Book Day!!!



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Simply provide your name, mailing address, email, and club name to gfwc@gfwc.org

Menu

*Sandwich Wrap
Coleslaw w nuts/
raisins & dressing
Chips
Brownies*

*The Education &
Libraries CSP will
host*



As I sit down to write the ESO article, I can hardly believe Summer is coming to an end and Fall is in the air. I have detailed the requirements and descriptions concerning ESO in many newsletter articles but I still hear some members asking what it is. This makes me think that the newsletter is not being utilized to it's fullest, which is sad because there is wonderful information in the newsletter about what each CSP (Community Service Program) is all about and does.

ESO (Epsilon Sigma Omicron) is a book club. It was incorporated as a national society in 1930. Over 40 states have established chapters and enjoy the reading program as we know it today. The motto of ESO is "Enlighten Your Own Pathway". Its purpose is to provide club women with a structured reading program to promote education pursuits and stimulate a desire for self-improvement. The GFWC-NC State Chair of ESO is Lynn Wiss.

If you'd like to become a member, your first step is to complete a pledge application that must accompany a \$2.00 fee. Then you read 16 books in 4 different categories for 'Member Level'. This will get you started and on your way to membership in our local ESO book club. Brenda Gay is the ESO Chair for The Woman's Club of Clayton. If any member is interested, please contact me at bmgay82gmail.com or call my cell #919-763-7117.

The ESO book club meets the first Monday of each month at 10:00. At our May meeting, a vote outcome confirmed to meet again on Labor Day, September 2nd. Brenda Gay will host this meeting at her home, 105 Avenel Lane, (The Glen Lauren Subdivision) at 10:00. We have 20 members and sixteen members have indicated they will be present for this meeting. A lite Brunch will be served. By the way, our GFWC-NC State ESO Chair, Lynn Wiss will be our guest at the meeting.

Looking forward to getting back together after our summer break and hearing what books have been read over the summer pertaining to the reading project you received for the summer.

Stay cool, Brenda Gay



Silent Partner: This program was established years ago as a partnership between The Woman's Club of Clayton and local schools to help meet special needs for students. We thank Belle Allen and Mavorine McLean (who are looking down at us from Heaven now) for starting this program.

We are starting a new two-year administration; therefore, a new sign-up sheet will be on the "dining room" table for those who will volunteer to give \$25 when called upon. You are only asked one time during the two-year term. Brenda Gay is in charge of this program. If a school counselor contacts her for help, she will call a name/names on the sign-up sheet. Members, thank you in advance.

Note from The Treasurer

Karen Keeclar

Dues:

TWCC membership dues are due by November 30th. Regular member dues are **\$85.00**, which includes the monthly meeting lunch and Night-n-Gals dues are **\$55.00**

Annual dues can now be paid [online](#). Dues paid online include a processing fee of \$2.90 for a total payment of \$87.90. To pay online, go to <https://twccnc.org/product-category/membership-dues/>.

Renewing members can also pay dues by mailing a check for \$85 to:

The Woman's Club of Clayton
P.O. Box 26
Clayton, NC 27528.

If you have any questions about the payment process or if you need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out.



- Meals for House of Hope (2nd Tuesday)
- Bingo at Senior Ctr (2nd Friday)
- Silent Partners
- Hospitality
- Walking Challenge
- Recipe Makeovers

A&E Trophy has offered to give a discount for gold plated name tags if we order 10 or more. The price is \$11.69. No members are obliged to purchase one. It is simply an option. The club will not reimburse you. We will still have the paper name tags at the meetings. Please contact Nancy Maynard if you have any questions. 815-274-4446



Night 'N' Gals



The **Night 'N' Gals** will meet via Zoom on MONDAY, September 16 at 7:00pm. This is open to any member who wishes to attend. The Zoom address will be emailed to members on prior to the meeting.





Things to bring to the September meeting:

- School Supplies
- Old sneakers
- Wine corks
- Old eyeglasses
- Bingo prizes for seniors
- Check for Dues



In the event of illness or bereavement, members are encouraged to contact Susan Johnson if assistance is needed with meals, errands, etc. Call/Text 919-522-7746 or email gr8100rn@aol.com



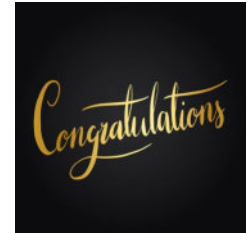
GFWC-NC Conference in Wilmington



Library Window



GFWC-NC Installation of Officers. Congratulations President Betsy Grannis



SOUTHERN WOMEN'S SHOW JOCO

Explore, Shop, & Get Inspired!

SEPTEMBER 13, 2024 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM

About Us

The Southern Women's Show JoCo is a premier event celebrating women, empowerment, & community.

What to Expect

- 25 Vendors
- 50/50 Raffle
- Cash bar
- Raffle Prizes
- Food & Beverage Specials at the 918 Bar & Grill

FREE TO ATTEND!

Please bring gently used jewelry or accessories including purses for donation to Harbor House of Johnston County.



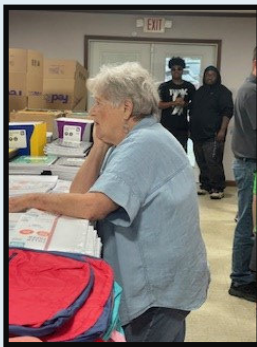
We are proud to support Harbor of Johnston County Safe Haven for Families, a vital non-profit organization dedicated to assisting victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Since 1984, Harbor has been a beacon of hope, providing essential services and programs to empower survivors and help them rebuild their lives.

Contact Amy Kradel amyk@neusegolf.com

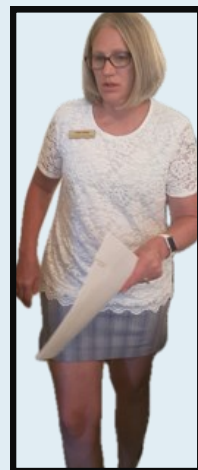


Location The Birdie Ballroom 921 Birkdale Drive, Clayton

SCHOOL BACKPACK EXPLOSION



TWCC ANNUAL SOCIAL





*Recipes Provided
by
Judy Ryan*



Do you have club member news, personal announcements, family news, personal achievements or recipes to share with club members?

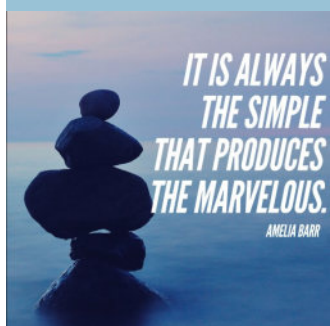
Please submit items by the **25th** of the month to the “Club Chatter” Editor, Judy Ryan
jaryan612@gmail.com



Each month will feature recipes by category

October—Spooky Bites

Send your favorite recipes to
jaryan612@gmail.com



Oven Roasted Parmesan Potatoes

INGREDIENTS

2 tsp vegetable oil, or as needed
2 Tbsp freshly grated Parmesan cheese
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp garlic powder
1/2 tsp paprika
1/4 tsp black pepper
2 pounds red potatoes, halved
1/4 cup sour cream (optional)
Cooking spray



DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Spray a 9x13-inch baking pan or cast iron skillet with cooking spray; pour in about 1 teaspoon vegetable oil to coat bottom. Mix Parmesan, salt, garlic powder, paprika, and pepper together in a bowl. Blot dry the cut-side of potatoes with a paper towel to remove any moisture. Place potatoes in a bowl and drizzle with 1 tablespoon vegetable oil; toss until potatoes are lightly coated. Sprinkle potatoes with Parmesan mixture; toss to coat. Bake for 15-20 minutes. Flip potatoes and continue baking until golden and crispy, 15-20 more minutes. Serve with sour cream. Serve hot and enjoy!

PUMPKIN DESSERT

INGREDIENTS

Crust:

1 (15.25oz) pkg yellow cake mix, divided
1/3 cup unsalted butter, melted
1 lg egg

Filling:

1 (29oz) can pumpkin puree
3 lg eggs
2/3 cup milk
1/2 cup brown sugar
2 Tbsp pumpkin pie spice

Topping:

1/2 cup white sugar
1/4 cup unsalted butter, cubed
3/4 cup chopped walnuts



DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease a 9x13 baking dish

Make crust: Transfer 1 cup cake mix to a small bowl; set aside for topping. Place remaining cake mix in a medium bowl with melted butter and egg; mix until blended. Spread mixture into the bottom of the prepared baking dish.

Make filling: Combine pumpkin puree, eggs, milk, brown sugar, and pumpkin pie spice in a large bowl; mix well and pour over crust.

Make topping: Add white sugar and cubed butter to reserved cake mix; use a pastry blender to mix until mixture resembles coarse crumbs.

Sprinkle over pumpkin filling, then scatter chopped walnuts of the top

Bake in the oven until the top is golden brown, 45-50 minutes.

September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2  Labor Day HAPPY LABOR DAY	3  Zip Barnard Carla Rajca	4	5	6 Downtown Concert	7
8  Pam Ballard	9 International Read a Book Day	10  House of Hope meal	11  Meeting Patriot's Day	12	13  Southern Woman's Show	14
15	16  Night N Gals	17 Ex Board Meeting National Voter Registration Day	18	19	20	21
22 1st Day Autumn 	23	24	25	26	27	28 Guy Penrod Clayton Center Nat'l Family Health & Fitness Day
29	30					