



## EARTH DAY LIVE 2020

Earth Day goes online in 2020.

# Earth Day is 50 years old!

By Carmen Boone  
Copy Editor

On April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans protested environmental ignorance and created the largest to date recognized civic event, Earth Day.

It was a response to environmental crises like oil spills, pollution and natural disasters, much like what we are facing now. But what has been done to recognize Earth Day in the past 50 years?

Since its launch in 1970, the Clean Air, Clean Water and Endangered Species Acts were signed into effect as a result of this new movement. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was also created.

Earth Day is recognized each year as a day to respond to climate change and, more recently, push for environmental protection legislation. Much of the world has come to realize over the past 50 years that every day should be Earth Day. The Youth Climate Movement has only grown and schools are starting to educate students more on why Earth Day matters.

“The legacy of the first Earth Day was a fundamental restructuring of the American economy. The legislation of the 1970s was possibly the biggest change in how American industry operates in the nation’s history,” Denis Hayes, coordinator of the first Earth Day in 1970, said. “Folks who had no concern whatsoever for pollution, for toxics disposal, for resource extraction, suddenly had to operate within ways that were benefiting public health and benefiting the environment.”

So what is being done this year, April 22, 2020 for Earth Day? Earthday.org is hosting a 24-hour global digital mobilization. Today, Earth Day turns 50, and there is a platform for diverse voices and demands for action.

“Over the 24 hours of Earth Day, the 50th anniversary of Earth Day will fill the digital landscape with global conversations, calls to action, performances, video teach-ins and more,” the directors of Earthday.org said.

“While Earth Day may be going digital, our goal remains the same: to mobilize the world to take the most meaningful actions to make a difference.”

## 99-year-old veteran raises money for hospitals

By Caroline Hoy  
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One might find it hard to believe a 99-year-old person is doing continuous physical activity, but that is exactly what one man did in order to help raise money for healthcare workers.

Tom Moore is a World War II veteran, and has raised 13 million pounds (the equivalent of 16 million USD) for Britain’s National Health Service.

The money is currently helping people with COVID-19. Moore’s goal was to complete 100 laps around his garden by his birthday on April 30 with a walker as his only help while doing it.

Moore stated that the health workers on the front lines “deserve everything we can give them.” He reached his goal of 100 laps last Thursday and had nine soldiers from the Yorkshire Regiment form an honor guard for his final lap.

Even Prime Minister Boris Johnson took notice stating that Moore “embodied the spirit of the country.” James Slack, Johnson’s spokesman, furthered the statement by saying, “Tom has captured the heart of the nation with his heroic efforts.”

Moore originally started the fundraiser for doctors and nurses as a thank you for when they helped him when he broke his hip. Setting an original goal of only 1,000 pounds, his fundraiser went viral when Moore appeared on television.

Moore used JustGive, an online social platform for giving, to fundraise and the company said that Moore’s campaign was the largest that the site has ever had.

Moore showed determination and strength. His story is truly a heart warming tale. This story just proves that when you put your mind to it you can do anything.

Moore’s daughter, Hannah, said her father had become “a beacon of hope for people” during challenging times. She described the donations as “beyond words.”

# Copy editor to graduate!

## *The Clarion's own will take her next steps*

By Margaret Correll  
Layout & Design

Carmen Boone is a senior at Brevard College. She is an English major with a concentration in creative writing. Boone will be a Spring 2020 graduate with honors in the fall due to the recent developments of COVID-19.

Boone is from Hudson, North Carolina where her family currently lives. Her dad is an engineer, her mom is a college counselor and her younger sister is finishing her freshman year of college. "Family is one of the most important things to me," Boone said. "They are a priority."

Boone has a major involvement in clubs and activities at Brevard College. While also being a member of the Brevard College women's

tennis team for four years, she has served as opy editor for The Clarion for three years, has served on the Chiaroscuro staff for two years, has been in the Institute for Women in Leadership (IWIL) for all four years, is the Poetry Editor for the online literary magazine Upscale Appalachia and has participated in the honors program. Her hobbies include writing poetry and reading, primarily poetry and fiction.

Boone first learned about Brevard College from her mom who attended when it was just a two-year school and was excited to find out how great of a place it was. "I toured it several times and decided I loved the music program, the area and the small class size," Boone said. Boone loves the area that Brevard College is located in. She loves downtown, the mountains, Pisgah and the endless adventures and opportunities that the town has.

"I also love the community aspect I get on and off campus and I couldn't have chosen a better place to go to school," Boone said. "The connections and relationships I've made will last a lifetime."

Boone has made many memories throughout her four years at Brevard College. From deciding to become an English major, to performing in the BC choir. Music is also an important part of her life. "My choir concerts are also some of my most memorable moments because making music has always been important to me," Boone said.

Brevard College tennis was also a fun experience to add to her four years. Men's and women's tennis former head coach Evan Schreiner was a big factor in her time as a student-athlete. "Evan really sealed the deal for me to choose Brevard," Boone said.

Her time with the team created a lot of memories that will last a lifetime. "The memories of traveling, winning and even just practicing together will forever be some of my greatest moments to look back on. You can't beat being part of a college sports team," said Boone. "I am so grateful for the chance to play my game while building some amazing memories and relationships that I will carry with me for years to come."

While her time on the campus was cut short, Boone's relationships that she has made during her four years will be something she misses the most. "I'm going to miss the college experience, the beautiful area and the beautiful souls that

have touched me," Boone said.

She wants everyone to know about the faculty that has helped her succeed on her journey at Brevard College. "Those that stand out the most are Dr. John Padgett, Dr. Kristina Holland, Dr. Alyse Bensel, Emeritus professor Dr. Ken Chamlee, head tennis coach Brad Jones and former head tennis coach Evan Schreiner," Boone said. "I couldn't have made it to where I am without the guidance, encouragement, push and support that I've had from these people, along with some others."

After graduation, she plans on getting a job related to journalism or editing and aspires to be a writer. She dreams of having a collection of poems published. "Coming back in the fall to have a graduation ceremony is at the top of my list though," Boone said, "but no matter what I do, I want to be happy and hold onto friends I've made that make my life a little brighter."



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# BC campus snapshots

*Since so many of you cannot be on the Brevard College campus at this time because of the COVID-19 pandemic, The Clarion staff thought you might enjoy seeing a little bit of what the campus looks like these days, especially now that spring has really begun in earnest and many flowers and trees are in bloom.*

*We would love to see your photos as well. You can use our online feedback form to send photos as well as story ideas, questions, or personal updates. Visit the form at*

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Photo by Zach Dickerson

Construction happening on campus near the turf field and tennis courts.



Photos by John Padgett

Signs located in front of Brevard College's campus entrance and a few other places express the love and appreciation BC has for their students and the community's front line workers.



Photo by Aia Andonovska

A tulip blooms alongside King's Creek at Brevard College.



Photo by John Padgett

A Brevard white squirrel maneuvers around McLarty-Goodson on BC's campus.

## Netflix Review

## 'Tiger King' captivates

By Aia Andonovska  
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By now, you've probably heard of the series on Netflix called "Tiger King." Memes have exploded on the internet featuring Joe Exotic and his fellow tiger enthusiasts. If you haven't seen it, you most definitely have heard about it!

This show follows the crime ridden lives of Americans who have become addicted to power by owning and breeding big cats. These people run this front successfully by advertising their breeding operations as zoos or safe havens for big cats.

"Tiger King" exposes an underground crime ring happening in our country at this very moment that most people previously did not know much about. It educates on animal rights while captivating viewers because of the ludicrous things that occur all captured on tape.

This is the thrilling crime documentary that

people need during quarantine. The chaos that ensues throughout the short series has boggled the minds of many. The arson, a disappearance and an alleged murder plot that the viewer witnesses is really what makes the story draw one in. As one watches, the story unfolds and gets wilder by the minute.

Joe Exotic is, as described in his own words, "A gay, gun-carrying redneck with a mullet," and is also the proud owner of the G.W. Zoo in Oklahoma, where he breeds and owns 1,200 tigers for his zoos or for other owners, to the horror of animal rights activists.

Exotic has a showman-like personality and is fixated on his fame, so much that he creates his own reality show about running the zoo. He even tried to run for president and for governor of Oklahoma. A lot of the incredible footage that gives "Tiger King" its big laughs and scope comes from Exotic's constant documentation of everything and a lot of these videos have been on YouTube for years.

The beginning of this show only starts with Joe Exotic. The documentary branches out to

his employees, his two husbands and fellow tiger owner Bhagavan "Doc" Antle, who lives out his guru dreams at his own complex in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Each person represented here has a long history of loving wild animals, an enigmatic presence in front of a camera and a closet full of dark secrets. Perhaps no one has more secrets than Carole Baskin, whose popular Big Cat Rescue tiger haven down in Florida is aligned strictly with PETA against Joe and tiger breeders.

As you can imagine, Joe hates her as much as he loves his cats, and his big ego knows no censorship when it comes to sabotaging her, her image, threatening to kill her or trying to convince the world that it was Carole who made her third husband Don disappear.

This feud is between two polar opposites who will stop at nothing to hurt each other. I give this series 4.5 stars out of 5 and highly recommend it to anyone who needs something to watch to pass the time in quarantine.



Photo from Netflix

Joe Exotic and one of his tigers from the Netflix show "Tiger King."

# Weekly Horoscopes

By Mickayla Smith  
Staff Writer

**Aries:** Prioritize your income and finances this week. Find a way to bring a greater sense of security and confidence to your future endeavors. Try not to focus on material possessions and focus on what you need.

**Taurus:** You may have been contemplating taking a risk other people advise you not to do. This is not like you. This new behavior could be from boredom or craving change so badly that you overlook warning signs. Take some time to think before you act.

**Gemini:** A long friendship could turn into something bigger and better this week. You could learn something new about each other that intrigues you both. This could lead to a deeper friendship or a romantic relationship.

**Cancer:** Don't waste time feeling down and lost about your capabilities. Your talents shine and people notice. You may not feel this way, but others see you as an expert.

**Leo:** This week, you may be thinking about a direction you want to go where you will shine the brightest. What's next for you? This is what you should be thinking about this week.

**Virgo:** You may be feeling super unmotivated this week. There could be underlying circumstances that block you from getting important things done. You need to reorganize your organization, or what you think is organized. Shake things up to establish some inspiration.

**Libra:** You may be asking for advice from family or from reliable friends this week about a question only you can answer. You are the only one that will live with the outcome, not your friends or family. Seeking advice is fine, but consider all possibilities before sticking to a plan.

**Scorpio:** A complicated financial situation may be weighing on your mind this week. This is very confusing to you and you may not know how to handle this in the best way. Find resources that you can talk to so you can gain a better understanding of this situation.

**Sagittarius:** This week holds a blessing for you. A certain situation may unfold at a graceful, natural pace. This may be connected to your purpose in this life. Whether it's towards your career, family, friends, romantic partner, etc., this week will help you bloom.

**Capricorn:** Your popularity has seemed to peak in a certain social group. You're normally a very shy person but your personality has begun to shine and others are starting to see you in your best lighting. There may be more invitations to social events in the future.

**Aquarius:** You have embarked on a new quest. This new quest will open your mind up to many possibilities concerning your interactions with loved ones and the love of yourself. You may see yourself differently by the end of this week, and that's a good thing.

**Pisces:** Before you draw a boundary between you and someone else, think about it first. You may never be able to take this back. Is it worth losing this person? Maybe it's because you have been more judgmental lately than flexible. Think before you act.



# Feedback response

*'After the pandemic orders are lifted can you continue to post only digital copies to reduce paper waste?'*

By Zach Dickerson  
Editor in Chief

This was a question that The Clarion received in our COVID-19 pandemic survey that is open to all students, faculty and staff. I want to start by saying that I think this is a great question and I can see valid reasons to argue on both sides. The short answer, that we as a staff came to together, is that we will still continue to print our issues of the newspaper as usual.

On the side of stopping printing issues of the newspaper, as stated in the question, it does reduce paper waste to do only digital copies. The average American consumes more than 700 pounds of paper each year, and paper accounts for 25 percent of waste in landfills and 33 percent of municipal waste. That's why when all of our staff goes around campus to put out the latest issues of the newspapers and replace the old issues, we always put the old issues into recycling so that they avoid the landfills. They go through the recycling process and can be reused.

Yes, we are also very much aware that extremely large amounts of trees are cut down every year to be used by paper industries at the expense of the environment and that stopping the printing of our newspapers will also help the college itself save on time, money and resources. However, we as a newspaper staff will continue to print as a service to ourselves, the whole college, the community, alumni, prospective students and many others.

We choose to continue to print our issues of the newspaper because it is a practice, and maybe it can even be called a tradition, that many large newspaper organizations/companies still do themselves to this day. It's just a typical practice of the industry.

The biggest and most important reason for us continuing to print it is so that we may advertise and show the work we do to all and to get information out to those who are unable to access it online.

When prospective students come to campus for tours or admissions events, the biggest and maybe only way that they will see and know of the work that we do for the campus, with the paper, is by having printed copies out for their viewing. Plus, it is also a great way to get possible new staff members when they see the printed copies.

Yes, they can just go to the website for The Clarion, but they won't even know that a website, let alone a student newspaper, exists

at the college unless they see it printed out in front of them. Then, there is also the possibility that if they do know of the newspaper and the website, there is no guarantee that they will remember to go to the site later or even go to it in the first place.

There are also community members who come onto the campus, walk around and/or use the facilities such as the dining hall and coffee shop who myself and many others see reading and enjoying the printed versions of the newspaper.

We also will continue to print in order to help us spread the information that we put in the paper.

There have been multiple attempts, many during my time on the staff, made by Admissions, Administration and the Athletic Department to remove issues of The Clarion

that we have put out due to articles written in them so that the information is less visible to anyone who might see it.

Not everyone has access to, or knowledge of the online edition, so printed copies are really the easiest, and maybe only way that our work and the information in the issue that we want out for the public to see can be seen by all parties that want to, and should, see it. It's the best way to spread the word and messages that are inside that the issues are being thrown away for. It's an important part of what the First Amendment is for.

*If anyone has any questions or story ideas that you want us to answer or write about, please send us your feedback by filling out the survey that can be found using the link address: <http://bit.ly/clarion-feedback-2020>.*

## LETTER to the EDITOR

### 'Vote blue no matter who,' you say? Not us

Among the increasing calls for Bernie Sanders supporters and other leftists to join together with the Democratic Party to vote for Joe Biden in November, we have decided that we are not going to "vote Blue no matter who."

We supported Sanders in both primaries, and he was the one who was responsible for igniting our passion for participating in politics. That being said, we will continue to advocate for progressive policies such as Medicare for All, the Green New Deal and other policies that Sanders championed. We believe that the Democratic Party and their nominee, Joe Biden, are against these policies, and as the Party (and Biden) have continued to take money from Wall Street, Big Pharma and other ridiculously wealthy donors, they have preserved a platform which has protected the interests of the rich and powerful while undermining the needs of the working class.

We also believe that both the Democratic and Republican Parties, including Joe Biden and Donald Trump, are fundamentally the same. Both party platforms, including the policies that Joe Biden and Donald Trump have supported, are incredibly capitalist, globalist

and imperialist at their cores. Both parties, including Biden and Trump, are responsible for the unending wars in the Middle East, the children in I.C.E. camps at the United States-Mexico Border, the acceleration of human caused climate change and the disproportionate amount of extreme poverty and socioeconomic inequality in the United States.

Because of what we believe to be an illusion of choice between two uber-capitalist candidates, we have decided to vote for whomever the Green Party nominee is. The Green Party has given us an alternative in light of Bernie Sanders's announcement that he was dropping out of the race, promoting an eco-friendly social democracy that goes above and beyond Sanders' original platform.

In reality, we know that few people will vote Green, but we strongly feel that voting for Biden just to prevent four more years of Trump in exchange for the status quo is not enough to sway us. If Joe Biden wants our votes, then he and the Democratic Party will have to undergo a radical policy shift towards the left, and we don't see that happening anytime soon.

**Grace Kelley and  
Madison Ramsey**

# Spreading like a virus

*Protestors put themselves at risk in the name of 'liberation'*

By Margaret Correll  
Layout & Design

All across the country there have been numerous rallies protesting the stay-at-home order and social distancing rules implemented by state governments. States like Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, North Carolina, Ohio, Texas, Utah and Virginia have seen gatherings packed with hundreds of protestors.

In Lansing, Michigan, a protest named "Operation Gridlock" brought conservatives to do a "drive-by" through the city's downtown. This produced an overwhelming amount of traffic in the city's center causing police and hospital security to struggle to get ambulances through to their destination.

NBC news wrote the anger from the Michigan capitol was directed to their governor Gretchen Whitmer. Many protestors got out of their vehicles, equipped with signs and proceeded to chant, "Open up Michigan" and "Lock her up!"

According to an article written by The Guardian, conspiracy theorist Alex Jones and Owen Shroyer of the website InfoWars attended a rally on April 18, 2020 in Austin, Texas. "If I want to go out to the gym or the club, or a restaurant, I'm not going to wear

a mask," Shroyer said to a crowd.

This mentality that conspiracy theorists and these right-wing supporters have towards this virus is dangerous and deranged. These rallies are full of people who are both selfish and ignorant of the damage they could be causing. They are not only putting themselves at risk by not taking the shut-down and severity of the virus seriously, but they could be affecting those around them as well.

Donald Trump has not helped in this situation either, tweeting on Friday, April 17, "LIBERATE MINNESOTA," "LIBERATE MICHIGAN," "LIBERATE VIRGINIA" and "Save your great 2nd Amendment. It is under siege!" He is fueling the distrust in local and state governments and how they have handled the virus so far and trying to garner more support for his campaign.

The economy has also taken a hit during this shut-down along with businesses that are not deemed "essential." Many people are out of work and struggling to find jobs to support their families. There are some negative aspects of social-distancing but this does not mean it is an opportune time to open the country and go back to normal.

People, old and young, have died from the effects of COVID-19, 30,915 people as of April 17, and it is not something to take lightly.

The state governments are not making these orders for nothing, they are doing this to try and save as many lives as possible.

Those who are protesting feel as if their freedoms are being taken away due to social-distancing. According to NPR, Kate Dalley, a Utah conservative talk radio host had some critiques for the orders issued by her state. "'Why ruin our lives to keep us safe?' Dalley said. "Give me a three-day virus, I'm totally cool with that, just don't ruin my life to do it."

This again is another example of people taking the orders personally, like it is just affecting them. It is nationwide and it is for everyone's own good.

Protestors are putting their lives and others at risk and they do not care. Honestly, if they want to go out so bad, let them. But don't come crying to a hospital when the inevitable happens to try and get treatment when you originally deemed it a "hoax."

I do not doubt there are people and families financially struggling because of the virus, but now is not the time to gather in protest and act imprudent. The things that are being done are to protect everyone and keep the virus from spreading.

Stay at home, stay safe and wash your hands. We, as a country, can get through this, we just have to be patient.



The ReOpen NC protest in downtown Raleigh, N.C. on Tuesday, April 21, 2020.

Photo from Raleigh News & Observer

# Lifting protocols

By Lande Simpson  
Staff Writer

Earlier this week, Donald Trump decided to leave the lifting of self-quarantine and social distancing protocols up to each governor of all 50 states. To many (including myself) this was extremely unsettling. It came across that Trump does not care about the well-being of the country and he's done helping (which isn't surprising).

If states lift these protocols too quickly, they risk the spread of the virus still more. COVID-19 won't just magically disappear once states start opening back up. If anything, it could increase the spread, skyrocketing the number of cases and deaths.

Once malls, boutiques and restaurants get the "go ahead" to open back up and an employee or customer comes in feeling under the weather they risk the possibility of spreading the virus to others around them and worsening the pandemic. If this happens, it could make everything fall back to square one, and bring us back exactly to where we are now.

I do understand that small and local businesses and restaurants need a source of income just like the rest of us, but it just seems too risky, especially right now, to start taking steps to return to our new normal.

It seems as if Trump only cares about the economy and not the general well-being of the public. I simply do not understand how he thinks it is alright to just step back and leave it all up to the governors. Especially when the number of cases are still increasing in many states.

Yes, the economy is taking a hard hit from this pandemic, but there are far more things to be worrying about than getting the economy back up and running. Think about the nursing homes being hit hard from this virus, people with autoimmune deficiencies, the elderly not in nursing homes or the first responders exposed to this virus each and every day.

Consider the well-being of others, especially if protocols are lifted sooner rather than later.

# Notre Dame rebuild on back-burner

By Eli Goodhew  
Staff Writer

Since the pandemic of COVID-19 has flooded our lives, it has affected a lot more than we realize. Notre Dame's rebuilding is now on hold due to this.

This 850-year-old beautiful church that is also a historical landmark unfortunately burned to the ground. It is currently not able to be worked on to further the process. The start of the fire is still unknown for sure, but there are plenty of theories as to what happened.

Disasters like these that have happened have been put on hold until further notice—causing a lot of upheaval within a lot of different environments. The Notre Dame is a historical landmark that is loved and cherished by many, and now patrons have to wait even longer to look at their beautiful church again.

I myself have visited this incredible place,

and to see that it has been destroyed and will not be rebuilt for a long time is heartbreaking.

Many architects have been slaving over the rebuild. Now they must wait even longer to re-enter what some call home. "To spend time over the past year inside Notre Dame was both awe-inspiring and deeply moving," stated director Joby Lubman.

A lot of funding has been put into the rebuild, making this stressful for many patrons. Design competitions even went into play. This was a big deal for a lot of people and still is to this day.

The religious and historical aspects of this are what caused everything to be in limbo, especially considering the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our hopes are that once everything settles down, which could be a while, they will get rebuilding back up and running and continue to try and restore what was once the most breathtaking sight. During these tough and trying times, things like this happen, but keep your head up and stay strong.



Photo from The Wall Street Journal

The reconstruction of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris has been halted due to COVID-19.