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**CHATHAM PARKS**  
Lifelong residents Rick and Jessica Parks - with Campbell, 8, and Ruby, 6, in front of their Hillsboro Street home - are embracing our area's changes while preserving the best of the past.

# five events

you won't want to miss



Pack your lawn chairs for Briar Chapel's Music in the Meadow concert series this summer.

## BARBOURSVILLE WINERY DINNER

June 22, 6 p.m.

[fearrington.com](http://fearrington.com)

Join Fearrington Restaurant's Executive Chef Colin Bedford and Beverage and Service Director Paula de Pano as they host Barbourville Vineyards' Luca Paschina for nine mouthwatering, wine-paired courses. Tickets: \$175.

## MUSIC IN THE MEADOW

June 24, July 22, August 26, 6-9 p.m.

[briarchapelinc.com](http://briarchapelinc.com)

Grab a craft beer and kick back with the family at Briar Chapel's concert series featuring a mix of great music from the region's top bands. Food trucks will also be on hand. Free.

## SUMMERFEST

July 2, 2-8 p.m.

[shoppittsboro.com](http://shoppittsboro.com)

Celebrate summer in downtown Pittsboro with delicious food, games, contests (be sure to practice your watermelon seed spitting and pie throwing) and live music. Don't forget to deck out your bike, scooter or wagon for the bicycle parade. Free.

## WHEN SHE HAD WINGS

August 5, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.:

August 6, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

[pittsboroyouththeater.com](http://pittsboroyouththeater.com)

Support community middle and high schoolers as they perform with Pittsboro Youth Theater in this uplifting play about nine-year-old B, a girl who is convinced a mysterious stranger is Amelia Earhart herself. Tickets: \$8

## NC STARS IN THE ROUND

August 26, 7 p.m.

[shakorihills.org](http://shakorihills.org)

Spend your evening with North Carolina singers and songwriters like Dr. Bacon, Rebekah Todd, Charly Lowry and Ashley Heath at Shakori Hills. Grab dinner, brews and ice cream onsite from food trucks and local breweries. Tickets: \$12 in advance and \$17 at the gate. Kids 12 and under are free. **CM**

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# noted

what we've heard around the county

## On The Move

Randi Greffeulle of Belle Fleur Design and Photography has joined Mobipaid as visual design and communications manager.



Alyssa Byrd is the new director of communication and strategic projects for the Chatham Economic Development Corporation (Chatham EDC). Alyssa most recently served NAI Carolantic Realty as the marketing assistant and was a communications specialist for the Chatham EDC before that.



Chateaux Realty, now in its second year serving the Chapel Hill and Chatham markets, has added Nora Sienna to the team.

## What an Honor

Northwood High School student Sarah Helen Shepherd has committed to Davidson College for swimming.

Jordan-Matthews High School's Jasmine Brower competed as a finalist at the Triangle Rising Stars, held in May at the Durham Performing Arts Center, for her performance as Teyve in her school's production of "Fiddler on the Roof."



20 members of Northwood High School's Pitch Please ensemble group traveled to New York City with teacher Matt Hanson to perform at Carnegie Hall in "Total Vocal" with Deke Sharon. Singers from across the U.S., Germany, Mexico and China also participated in the event.



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Jack

AGE  
55

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Ferrington House Restaurant's Paula de Pano, beverage and service director, was chosen as one of five winners across the country of the Court of Master Sommeliers Ruinart Challenge, where she competed with more than 100 U.S. sommeliers.



PHOTO BY RENATA EAST

Chatham County Schools received the School District Cup for medium-sized districts at the North Carolina Association for Scholastic Activities (NCASA) 2017 meeting, and Dr. Kelly Batten was named the 2017 NCASA Administrator of the Year.

**Business Briefs**



Cackalacky, the maker of the famous North Carolina spice mix, sauces and beer, moved its wholesale office and warehouse to the Alpha Center in Pittsboro.

Chimneys Plus Inc., owned by Charlie and Wendy Quail, is entering its 30th year in business and celebrating "The Next 30 Years" with a new logo and special events.

Yoga Garden PBO opened on East Street in June. The studio is owned by Lexie Wolf in collaboration with Dharma Richards of Yoga Garden of Apex. The center will offer a variety of yoga classes for all levels, as well as yoga teacher training, workshops and special events.

Joy Hewett has published a novel "Blue Water White Sand" with Silk Hope Press.

The SECU Jim & Betsy Bryan Hospice Home of UNC Health Care has been offering local patients end-of-life care at its 11,000-square-foot facility on Roundtree Way in Pittsboro since April.



**Down Home Destination**

With over 50 local and international bands and artists, the Shakori Hills GrassRoots Festival of Music & Dance held

its 15th annual spring 2017 festival earlier in May. Presented by the Shakori Hills Community Arts Center, the four-day festival showcased the beauty of grassroots music.



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NOTED

The Triangle's Carolina Women's Show, a two-day networking event, is coming to the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center the weekend of November 10-11.

**Giving Back**

Chatham Reads has been awarded a grant from the Women of Ferrington, Inc. to fund a summer bookmobile program to help Virginia Cross and Siler City elementary school students keep up their reading skills.

Another initiative led by Chatham Reads in partnership with Chatham County Schools and



the Chatham Education Foundation is the county's "Little Libraries," which have been installed at Northeast, Northwest and Southwest district parks, Governors Village Shopping Center, Town Lake Park, Bennett Elementary School, Sprott Youth Center and Chatham Literacy's Siler City office.



50 women from local organizations like UPLIFT Chatham and Walter Guceovich's State Farm office among others, volunteered in May at Chatham Habitat for Humanity's current construction site in Siler City. **CM**

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## WHY WE'RE HERE

**NAME** Penny Thompson

**COMMUNITY** Fearington Village

**ORIGINALLY FROM** Davidson

**CAREER** Retired from a career in nursing and public health

**WHY I'M HERE** In 2009, I moved to Fearington Village to be near my granddaughter, Kara, who was at UNC. My husband died in 2006, and I was looking for a new lifestyle. Did I ever find it in this quaint little village with its Galloway cows, Tennessee fainting goats and beautiful pastures. I loved the pretty white fences, sidewalks, streetlights and the small flower beds in the village. McIntyre's Books, the Village Beauty Salon and places to eat outside are



all within walking distance. [It] quickly became a marvelous way of life for me, as well as the Duke Center for Living for personal training and exercise.

Pittsboro is a favorite to visit with the soda shop, bakery, orchid greenhouses and shopping. The library is one of my favorite places with its incredible selection of books, programs and helpful staff. Their website is so user friendly that even I could download an e-book. Jordan Lake is nearby for picnics and boat rides. The best compliment for Chatham County is that my family and friends love to visit me here. **CM**

# the globalists

The making of Wendy and Jacques Dufour's eclectic home goods store, French Connections

BY JO MAEDER

"I *finally* decided which rooster to buy," says Sheryl Forbis from Carrboro, holding a large, colorful one made of metal. Another piece of outdoor whimsy from the hundreds on display outside French Connections in Pittsboro has found a new home. "It's my second one from here," she says.

"Roosters and flying pigs are our best sellers," owner Wendy Dufour states. "Never thought there would be so many people wanting flying pigs."

Shiny metal frogs on bicycles, 12-foot giraffes and flamingoes, flowers, catfish and more merely set the stage. Inside the house, built circa 1900, are more eye-popping treasures.

French Connections is one of the area's top destination shopping experiences, combining Mexican metal sculptures with French and African fabrics, baskets and art in a sensory overload of colors, textures and scents.



Filmmaker Bill Hayes has driven 20 miles to find large baskets. He visits a couple times a year. "It's not just a shop. It's culture."

Wendy and Jacques Dufour's marriage has always been an international union. They met in South Africa in 1985. Salisbury-native Wendy then completed her master's in education from UNC and French-born Jacques earned his business degree. They married, moved to France and then to Dakar, Senegal, where Jacques managed a textile mill. After ten years—and the births of four children—they bought 50 acres of Pittsboro land over the Internet as the first step in realizing Jacques'

dream of owning his own business.

"We lived in a double-wide while we put in a pond and built the house," remembers Jacques. "There were 12 antique stores in Pittsboro. We were going to be 13." ▶

Restaurants, delis and bistros  
in Chatham County  
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# taste

## CHAPEL HILL

### Southern Village

**La Vita Dolce Café** Pastries, sorbet, gelato. 610 Market St.; 919-968-1635; [lavitaldolcecafe.com](http://lavitaldolcecafe.com)

**Pazzo!** Italian cuisine, takeout pizza. 700 Market St.; 919-929-9984; [pazzo-restaurant.com](http://pazzo-restaurant.com)

**Rasa Malaysia** Authentic Malaysian dishes. 410 Market St.; 984-234-0256; [rasamalaysia.com](http://rasamalaysia.com)

**The Town Hall Grill** Sandwiches, steak, seafood. 410 Market St.; 919-960-8696; [thetownhallgrill.com](http://thetownhallgrill.com)

**Weaver Street Market** Hot bar and salad bar for breakfast, lunch and dinner. 716 Market St.; 919-929-2009; [weaverstreetmarket.coop](http://weaverstreetmarket.coop)

### Briar Chapel



**501 PHARMACY**  
Scoops of Maple View Farm ice cream, plus malts and shakes. 98 Chapelton Court., Ste. 300; 984-999-0501; [501rx.com](http://501rx.com)



**ALBERELLO CAFE & MARKET**  
Florentine sandwiches, housemade pastas, from scratch desserts and more. 72 Chapelton Ct.; 984-234-3017; [alberellonc.com](http://alberellonc.com)

**Breakaway Cafe** A casual "cycling-inspired" cafe serving breakfast, lunch, dinner and small plates, along with Counter Culture coffee, beer, wine and Maple View ice cream. 58 Chapelton Ct., Ste. 100; 984-234-3010; [breakawaync.com](http://breakawaync.com)

**Capp's Pizzeria** Artisan pizzas that are hand-crafted and wood-fired, utilizing local ingredients. 79 Falling Springs Dr., Ste. 140; 919-240-4104; [cappspizzeria.com](http://cappspizzeria.com)

**Town Hall Burger & Beer** Gourmet burgers, plus shared plates, tacos, wings and salads. 58 Chapelton Ct.; Ste. 140; 984-234-3504; [townhallburgerandbeer.com](http://townhallburgerandbeer.com)

### Governors Village

**Bean & Barrel** Coffee shop, plus dinner, lunch and brunch menus. 50100 Governors Dr.; 919-967-9990; [beanandbarrel.com](http://beanandbarrel.com)

**China Chef** Chinese food to eat in or take out. 50120 Governors Dr.; 919-967-5553

**Tarantini** Italian cuisine. 50160 Governors Dr.; 919-942-4240; [tarantinirestaurant.com](http://tarantinirestaurant.com)

### North Chatham Village/ Cole Park Plaza

**Captain John's Dockside Fish & Crab House** American seafood dishes. 11550 U.S. 15-501 N.; 919-968-7955; [captainjohnsdockside.com](http://captainjohnsdockside.com)

**Moon Asian Bistro** Asian fusion restaurant offering sushi, Chinese dishes like sweet-and-sour chicken, Thai curry dishes, rice and noodles. 111 Knox Way, Ste. 100; 919-869-7894

**Panda Garden** Chinese dishes like chow mein and egg foo young, dine in or take out; 11312 U.S. Highway 15-501 S., Ste. 303; 919-960-8000; [pandagardenchapelhill.com](http://pandagardenchapelhill.com)

**Guanajuato Mexican Restaurant** Mexican dishes with vegetarian options; 11552 US 15-501 N, Ste. 205; 919-929-8012; [guanajuatomexicanrestaurant.net](http://guanajuatomexicanrestaurant.net)

**Village Pizza and Pasta** A neighborhood pizza place serving up subs, calzones, pastas and salads, too. 11312 U.S. Hwy. 15-501, Ste. 300; 919-960-3232; [villagepizzapasta.com](http://villagepizzapasta.com)

## PITTSBORO

### U.S. 15-501/ Fearington Village

**Allen & Son Barbecue** N.C. barbecue. 5650 U.S. 15-501; 919-542-2294; [stubbssandsonbbq.com](http://stubbssandsonbbq.com)

**Carolina Brewery & Grill** Pub-style fare made with local ingredients from places like Boxxcar Handmade Cheese and Lilly Den Farms. 120 Lowes Dr., Ste. 100; 919-545-2330; [carolinabrewery.com/pittsboro](http://carolinabrewery.com/pittsboro)



**THE FEARRINGTON GRANARY**  
Small plates, burgers and grill options. Fearington Village Center; 919-542-2121; [fearington.com/granary](http://fearington.com/granary)



**THE FEARRINGTON HOUSE RESTAURANT**  
Fine-dining French cuisine offering a chef's tasting menu. Fearington Village Center; 919-542-2121; [fearington.com](http://fearington.com)



**THE GOAT**  
Paninis, cheeses and pastries. Fearington Village Center; 919-545-5717; [fearington.com/the-goat](http://fearington.com/the-goat)

**New Japan** Hibachi-style Japanese cooking, dine-in or carry-out. 90 Lowes Dr.; 919-542-4380



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