

# briefs & announcements

## dispatches

### Farmers' market mourns Donna Carle

Donna Carle, October 2008 Woman of Chatham [www.chatham-countyline.org/pdfs/CCL.oct08.web11.pdf] died on Friday, June 5. She had been manager of the Pittsboro Farmers' Market for some years and resigned at the end of the 2008 season. Most of that time she, the President, her husband, Jeffrey Hassler, and the other board members were volunteers. Donna and Jeffrey helped to stabilize and promote the market. For Donna the farmer vendors and the customers alike were family. She also volunteered for many years at the Shakori Hills Music Festival.



DONNA CARLE

The Pittsboro Farmers' Market is encouraging donations to Jeffrey to help defray the cost of Donna's last illness. A memorial service is planned but not yet scheduled. Donna was enthusiastic and generous with farmers and customers alike. One elderly "Mama" whom Donna took under her wing came every week to buy one green pepper from Donna. Donna would always find her a chair. We didn't see Donna at the market this spring, and this elderly customer was not the only one who asked me, "Where is Donna?" At peace, I like to think, wherever dogs and cats go when they die, no doubt making them all feel at home.

The Pittsboro Farmers' Market is held Thursdays, 3:30-6:30 p.m., at the Chatham Fairgrounds behind the Food Lion on 64 East. Interested

people can contribute during the market. For more information, call Jeffrey Hassler, 542.6465, or Market Manager Angela Crisp-Sears, 545.0636.

— Judy Hogan

### Sprott Center seeks volunteers

The Sprott Christian Youth Center, affectionately known locally as the Big Red Barn, and located at 685 Old U.S. #1 in Moncure, is slowly being renovated under the leadership of its Board of Directors and with community support, both financial and volunteer. The Duke Endowment has committed to match 40 percent of the funds that are raised by the community to renovate the center, up to \$93,660, which is 40 percent of the renovation estimate of \$235,156. Volunteer hours and contributed building materials, appliances, etc., will also match the Endowment grant.

So far the bathroom and kitchen areas are in process of being rebuilt. The large gym has been painted and fireproofed. A mural is being painted on the walls. Roof shingles have been replaced. Geoffrey Ellis, a local Eagle Scout, built a handicap access ramp and new entrances.

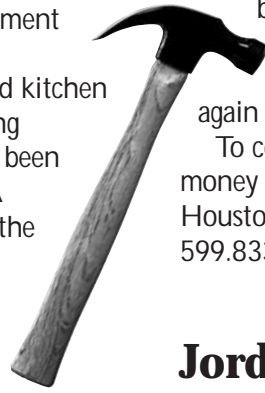
Once renovations are complete, all the young people and families in Southeast Chatham may again have a place to gather for sports, social, educational, and other community activities. Many local groups support the Sprott Center project, including Chatham Community for Alcohol and Drug Free Youth, Chatham County Together, Chatham County Public Health Department, Parks and Recreation, Sheriff's Department,

Moncure Lions Club, Moncure Cub Scout Pack 105, Moncure Elementary School PTA, Moncure-Haywood Ministerial Alliance, and Southeast Chatham Citizens' Advisory Council.

The Center was built in 1936 as the gym for Moncure High School. It was purchased and deeded to the Moncure Methodist Church in 1975 by the D.J. Sprott family to be a center to "promote the spiritual development and understanding of youth and others, including but not limited to instruction in Christian education, athletics, and fellowship activities." The Center was heavily used in the 1970s, '80s, and '90s. The need for repairs closed the center. Beginning in 2005, a new board was set up to open the Center again. Many fund-raising events, including plate sales, have been held over the last four years. The local Ministerial Alliance, Moncure's churches, and many community members have continued to support it, but the high cost of renovations means that more help is needed to open its doors once again to the public.

To contribute time, materials, or money and volunteers contact Pastor Houston Blair, Jr., Board Chair, 599.8336.

— Judy Hogan



### Jordan Lake cleanup bill passes

On June 22 the N.C House voted 108-9 to pass new regulations to control runoff from existing developments into Jordan Lake. The rules bill cleared the state Senate the week before; it now goes to Gov. Beverly Perdue for her signature.

The rules set timetables for cleanup efforts and bar state regulators from insisting on a few measures officials from Durham felt would be

too costly.

Republicans who represent the Winston-Salem and Greensboro areas voted against the bill.

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### Kinetic sculptures to parade in Pittsboro

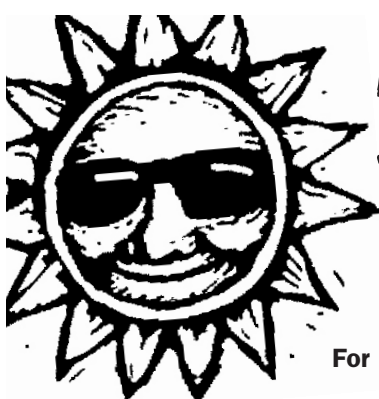
Kinetic sculpture parades and races are composed of vehicles that are pushed, pulled, or peddled. The first kinetic sculpture parade in Pittsboro — in fact, it may be the first kinetic sculpture parade ever — is planned to be held in the afternoon of Oct. 31.

The involvement of children and young adults is encouraged, and help is offered to special needs and financially disadvantaged children at Our Neighborhood School and Pizzeria every weekday 3 - 6 p.m. There is no age limit, bottom or top, for entry. Younger children can enlist the help of their parents or adult friends for help in building their mobile dreams, and adults can work with their children and others.

Our Neighborhood School and Pizzeria is the headquarters for the parade and a source for information and ideas. Donations of bikes, bike parts, and any wheels with axles, and many other parts and tools would be most welcome.

This project has a "big brother"

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