

FROM THE PUBLISHER...



I've met with the new publisher of the *Chatham News and Record*, Bill Horner, a couple of times over the past few weeks to discuss how local media can work together in Chatham County to serve our community. I'm pleased to announce that we will be rolling out the following programs:

- A joint advertising initiative that will allow businesses and non-profits to place monthly quarter-page and eighth-page ads in both publications at one sizzling summer rate.

- Cooperation on stories that will allow a joint byline and the sharing of resources in order to dig deeper on stories that matter to our community.

Locally-owned businesses and local media are a backbone in any community and we intend to show that if you invest your time and resources with us, we will invest in you.

If you want to know more about our advertising rates or have a story idea, contact me at chathamcountyline@gmail.com.

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of how cows react when comfortable did not match up with how cows responded in the slaughterhouse.

Since Dr. Grandin is a big fan of the space program, NASA invited her to the Kennedy Space Center to watch a launch of a satellite into space. The morning of the launch, she noticed a raccoon coming out of the launch building and warned NASA officials to cancel the launch. Turns out, the raccoon had been eating on critical wiring that would have exploded the rocket on its pad even though engineers had given the green light for a launch. The picture of the raccoon walking out of the launch building did not match the picture in her mind

of NASA engineers dressed in white lab coats and sterile conditions.

There is a lot we now know about autism. For example, one out of every 59 children born today is thought to have some form of autism. Aspergers syndrome, a form of autism, has been recognized in such well-known people as Albert Einstein, Steve Jobs, Mozart and many others that were perhaps thought of as unusual in their day, but who we now label as genius. They are the ones who saw things differently. Because of them and people like them, the world changed whether the rest of humanity wanted it or not. Their genius is now our new normal.

I encourage you to go online and

watch a TED talk presented by a 16-year-old Swedish schoolgirl by the name of Greta Thunberg. In her presentation, she explains that because of her Aspergers syndrome it is difficult for her to talk, but talk she must. Ms. Thunberg started a trend throughout the world where students strike on Fridays to protest that we are not doing enough and in time to combat climate change. She explains that she sees things in black and white. Why should she go to school to get an education when clearly our politicians and leaders do not listen to the educated scientists who have been telling us for the past 30 years that the earth's atmosphere is warming because of the build-up of carbon dioxide emissions from the burning of fossil fuels. Because Greta Thunberg sees and understands in a different way, she is asking us to all get on the same page and treat climate change as the crisis it is and take action. It gives me hope that we will listen. I admire her courage to speak out.

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What's it worth?

by Chris DiGiovanna

If you were born before the era of the cell phone, than most likely, you've owned at least one wristwatch in your life. Not only were they the preferred device for telling time for most of the 20th century, but they also provided their wearers a chance to express a bit of personality with the mere flash of the wrist.

Wristwatches started to become popular towards end of the 19th century, when fashionable ladies wore them as jewelry. In 1904, a pioneering aviator named Alberto Santos-Dumont lamented to his good friend Louis Cartier about the difficulty of viewing his pocket watch while flying. He asked Cartier to develop a watch that would allow him to keep both hands on the controls while flying. "The Santos", as it became known, became a signature achievement for Cartier and helped to make wristwatches popular among men because of their practicality.

Common versions sell between \$500-\$1500, with rare pieces selling upwards of \$10,000 or more.

Early wristwatches were made with manual movements, which required the wearer to periodically wind the watch in order to keep time. Beginning in the early 1930s, Rolex helped to usher in the era of automatic wristwatches that used the wearer's movement to keep the watch



running. Nicknamed "Bubblebacks", these early automatic Rolexes regularly sell for \$3,000 to \$8,000, with the most desirable versions worth greater than \$20,000.

Not all vintage watches need to be wildly expensive to be collectible. One such example is from the iconic Hamilton Watch Company, which introduced the first electric watch in 1957. One of Hamilton's most famous customers was Elvis Presley, who liked their electric Ventura watches so much that he often gave them away as gifts. Years later, the Ventura gained a new following after being reproduced for the "Men in Black" movie series. Vintage editions can be purchased for as little as \$300-\$500, with near mint editions valued up to \$2,000.

Currently, eBay is one of the best venues to buy and sell collectible watches for great prices. If you want to buy a watch, find a reputable seller with a policy that allows for returns if the watch is defective. If you have an expensive watch (or collection of watches) to sell, provide as much detail about the item(s) as possible and be sure to take clear, high quality pictures for prospective buyers. Who know, maybe that old watch in the drawer is now worth enough to pay for your next vacation!

CONTACT US

Have a treasure or family heirloom that you're curious about and would like to have researched? Submit your inquiry with 2-3 high resolution photos via e-mail to chris@traderchris.biz.

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