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## Council to form Opioid Commission

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The Sanford City Council will be taking steps at tonight's meeting toward dealing with opioid abuse in the city and county.

**What:** The creation of a Commission on the Opioid Abuse Epidemic will be voted

on as part of a regular agenda item. The commission will be made up of three at-large commissioners, two city council members, and representatives from Lee County Sheriff's Office, Sanford Police Department, a substance treatment facility, and someone from the medical community.

**Why it matters:** In light of the opioid epidemic becoming an issue of concern locally and in communities across the country, the city council decided to form a commission to provide education strategies, recommend treatment options and help law enforcement to enforce related laws, and provide for the public safety of residents.

Under new business, following items are among a number the council will consider:

- 2009-2014 Tax Bill Write Off for registered motor vehicles.

Council will decide whether to deem "uncollectable,"

\$179,000 in delinquent vehicle registration fees, according to the county's tax administration office.

- awarding the neighborhood revitalization project on Linden Avenue to the Wooten Company.

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### HOW DO THEY DO IT?

## Keeping pets safe in hot weather

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With spring temperatures breaking records this year, many health officials have warned people about the dangers of excessive heat, especially now that summer is officially here. As temperatures climb near 100 degrees, the National Weather Service has advised people to stay hydrated, stay in the shade, limit outdoor activity and never leave children unattended in a car.

But what about pets? As much as hot weather can affect people, it can affect dogs and cats that stay outdoors even more.

Veterinarian Julie Davis, of the Carolina Veterinary Hospital in Sanford, recently spoke about what pet owners should look out for and how to keep your pets safe.

### What health risks should pet owners be aware of as the weather gets hotter?

One thing we see a lot of is, unfortunately, heat stress and heat stroke. I have actually lost three patients this year to excessive heat and none of them were in vehicles.

One was in the yard and had a pre-existing respiratory condition. I had one that just had a straight-up heat stroke, and even though the owner was providing water, providing shade, doing the best he could ... the dog ended up succumbing to the heat in that last little heatwave that we had.

And these are animals that are acclimated to the outside, that live out there, that's their daily life. Pretty much any animal can succumb to it.

### What should people do to help keep their animals cool?

The biggest thing is, especially when it's hot out, making sure the dogs have plenty of shade, plenty of water. I definitely recommend that if they're going to be outside for any extended period of time to make sure they have enough water to cover their whole body.

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Adity Cook, 9, peels a carrot Monday during Kids Cooking Camp at Southern Lee High School, while her fellow campers give their advice. Looking on are, from left, Samantha Drake, 7, Mandi Schlitz, 8, and Lily French, 7.

## Children create at cooking camp

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Elementary school students reached for the garlic, soy sauce and measuring spoons Monday, eager to start mixing ingredients on the first day of Kids Cooking Camp at Southern Lee High School.

The children, dressed in aprons, jockeyed for the best position around a table in the food and nutrition classroom, as teacher Gwen Williams reminded them to take turns. The kids were about to prepare the filling for their mid-morning

snack: wontons.

The youngsters started making the wontons while they waited for their breakfast recipe — cinnamon muffins — to cool.

"I'm just warming my hands over them," explained Samantha Drake, 7, as she held her fingers over the freshly baked treats. "I want these two muffins because they're very big."

The children, fascinated with their creations, were slow to drift over to

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Samantha Drake, 7, looks on in amazement as Southern Lee High School teacher Gwen Williams demonstrates how to tell if muffins are finished baking at Kids Cooking Camp on Monday.

## N.J. man accused in Sanford stabbing

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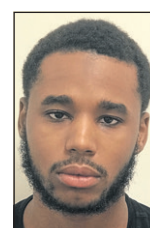
A New Jersey man is accused of breaking into the Sanford home of his former girlfriend and stabbing a man inside.

Kaseem Stewart-Hunt, 21, of 15 Franklin Court, Somerset, was arrested at 8 a.m. Sunday, several hours after he broke into the home in the Timberwood

Apartments on Timberwood Place, said Capt. Vinnie Frazer of the Sanford Police Department.

The break-in happened shortly after 3 a.m., Frazer said.

Once Stewart-Hunt was allegedly inside the house, he assaulted Daquan Brunson, 24, of 114 Kennedy St. in



Kaseem Stewart-Hunt

Clinton, Frazer said. Brunson was stabbed in the abdomen and taken to Central Carolina Hospital. He later was taken to UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill, Frazer said. His condition Monday was not known.

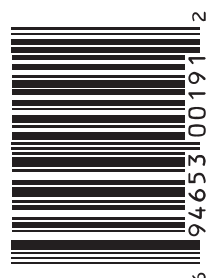
Frazer said he did not know whether Stewart-

Hunt was living in New Jersey or staying in the area. However, Stewart-Hunt was charged Sunday with being a fugitive from justice in New Jersey where he is wanted for failing to appear in court on a charge of unlawful possession of a firearm, Frazer said.

Stewart-Hunt is charged

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TO INFORM, CHALLENGE AND CELEBRATE



### GOOD MORNING

The Sanford Herald appreciates all of its readers and customers. Today, we would like to thank **Douglas Roscoe** of Sanford for subscribing.

### WEATHER

#### TODAY

High: 91  
Low: 71



#### TOMORROW

High: 88  
Low: 74



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# OBITUARIES

## NORA LEE COOK

SILER CITY — Nora Lee Cook, 82, died Saturday (6/15/19) at UNC Hospitals, Chapel Hill. Mrs. Cook was born May 23, 1937, the daughter of the late Jasper Lee and Nora Bell Hall Cook. Nora was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, James L. Tillman, Sam T. Cook, Jasper Ray Cook, Calvin C. Cook, Ulys Cook, Caleb Cook, Elbert Cook and William "Bill" Cook.

may be made at [www.pughfuneralhome.com](http://www.pughfuneralhome.com).

## SHIRLEY JOAN MCCASKILL



SANFORD — Shirley Joan McCaskill, 80, of Sanford, formerly of Vass, passed away Wednesday (6/12/19) at UNC Hospice House in Pittsboro, surrounded by her loving family.

A visitation was held Sunday at Cox Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

A Celebration of Life was held at 11 a.m. Monday at Cox Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in Vass with Pastor John Brown officiating. Burial followed at Lakeview Cemetery in Lakeview.

Joan was born June 21, 1938, to Weldon

and Margaret Stewart. She was a homemaker and spent her life caring for her family. She was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend, and will be deeply missed.

She is survived by her children, Connie McCaskill Alligood (Daryl) of Virginia, Carolyn McCaskill Underwood (Russell) of Sanford, Charles Michael McCaskill (Teresa) of Aberdeen, Dr. Cynthia McCaskill Walker (Jim) of Holly Springs; sister, Glenda Stewart Miller of Texas; grandchildren, Leslie, Chris, Craig, Will, Daniel, Michelle, Christy, Irene and Rachel; great-grandchildren, Wesley and Mia.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Richard McCaskill; daughter, Cathy Jo McCaskill Davis; brother, Randy Stewart.

Condolences may be sent to [www.coxmemorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.coxmemorialfuneralhome.com).

The family entrusted services to Cox Memorial Funeral Home & Crematory in Vass.

## JOSEPH LOUIS BAUERBAND III

SANFORD — Joseph Louis Bauerband III, of Sanford, passed away Friday (6/14/19) while surrounded by family.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy Green Mims; infant granddaughter, Sara Grace Bauerband; and uncle, Walter Bauerband.

Joe is survived by his partner of 26 years, Patricia Porter; dad, Donald Mims; son, Joseph Louis Bauerband IV and wife, Becky; daughter, Virginia Lynn Bauerband; brother, Greg Mims; aunt, Mae Bauerband; many nephews and nieces and life-long friend, Marjorie Marie.

He grew up in Durham, and graduated from Durham High School. He attended East Carolina University where he earned a BS degree in Business. He spent the majority of his career in the wholesale gift accessories industry. He began as a manufacturer's representative and went on to open and operate

showrooms in the Charlotte, and in Atlanta, Georgia Gift Marts. Later in his career he started an import company offering licensed merchandise. Joe was a dedicated member of the Sanford Elks Lodge. He enjoyed traveling and spending time at his antique store in Cameron, but, above all, his greatest passion was music, especially 1960s and 70s R&B. He was an accomplished guitarist and led his own band during his early college years.

The family would like to extend a very special thank you to the many Elk members that assisted Joe during his illness.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Rogers-Pickard Funeral Home.

Joe had a love and compassion for animals. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Carolina Animal Rescue & Adoption, P.O. Box 2642, Sanford, N.C. 27331-2642.

Online condolences may be made at [www.rogerspickard.com](http://www.rogerspickard.com).

Arrangements are by

Rogers-Pickard Funeral Home.

## MARY CHRISTY

CARY — Mary Christy, 92, of Cary, died Wednesday (6/12/19) at UNC Hospice Home in Pittsboro.

She was born April 21, 1927, to the late William Albert and Cora Harvell Crayton, and was a resident of Cary for over 25 years. In addition to her parents, Mary was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Melvin Christy.

She is survived by her sons, Mark D. Christy, Grant M. Christy and Todd N. Christy; and four grandchildren.

A time of visitation will be held from 11 a.m.-noon Wednesday at Brown-Wynne Funeral Home, 200 SE Maynard Road, Cary. A funeral service will be held immediately following visitation. Burial will occur after the service at Wake Memorial Park.

Flowers are welcomed, or in lieu, a memorial donation may be made to UNC Hospice Care.

# Vanderbilt, heiress, jeans queen and artist dies at 95

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NEW YORK — Gloria Vanderbilt, the intrepid heiress, artist and romantic who began her extraordinary life as the "poor little rich girl" of the Great Depression, survived family tragedy and multiple marriages and reigned during the 1970s and '80s as a designer jeans pioneer, died Monday at the age of 95.

Vanderbilt was the great-great-granddaughter of financier Cornelius Vanderbilt and the mother of CNN newsman Anderson Cooper, who announced her death via a first-person obituary that aired on the network Monday morning.

Cooper said Vanderbilt died at home with friends and family at her side. She had been suffering from advanced stomach cancer, he noted.

"Gloria Vanderbilt was an extraordinary woman, who loved life, and lived it on her own terms," Cooper said in a statement. "She was a painter, a writer, and designer but also a remarkable mother, wife, and friend. She was 95 years old, but ask anyone close to her, and they'd tell you, she was the youngest person they knew, the coolest, and most modern."

Her life was chronicled in sensational headlines from her childhood through four marriages and three divorces. She married for the first time at 17, causing her aunt to disinherit her. Her husbands included Leopold Stokowski, the celebrated conductor, and Sidney Lumet, the award-winning movie and television

director. In 1988, she witnessed the suicide of one of her four sons.

Tributes online came from celebrities and fans of her clothes alike. Alyssa Milano called her "an incredible woman," Dana Delany said she treasures one of Vanderbilt's paintings and model Carol Alt hailed her as a "fashion icon and innovator." And one Twitter user mourned by remembering the canary Vanderbilt jeans she wore in junior high school.

Vanderbilt was a talented painter and collagist who also acted on the stage ("The Time of Your Life" on Broadway in 1955) and television ("Playhouse 90," "Studio One," "Kraft Theater," "U.S. Steel Hour"). She was a fabric designer who became an early enthusiast for designer denim. The dark-haired, tall and ultra-thin Vanderbilt partnered with Mohan Murjani, who introduced a \$1 million advertising campaign in 1978 that turned the Gloria Vanderbilt brand with its signature white swan label into a sensation.

At its peak in 1980, it was generating over \$200 million in sales. And decades later, famous-name designer jeans — dressed up or down — remain a woman's wardrobe staple.

Vanderbilt wrote several books, including the 2004 chronicle of her love life: "It Seemed Important at the Time: A Romance Memoir," which drops such names as Errol Flynn, whom she dated as a teenager; Frank Sinatra, for whom she left Stokowski; Marlon Brando and Howard Hughes.

## CAMP

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Williams as she started explaining what ingredients would go into the wontons: mainly ground beef and carrots.

"So out of our five food groups, what are we getting out of the wonton?" Williams asked.

"Protein," Samantha replied excitedly.

"Vegetables," another child added.

Williams tries to incorporate lessons about nutrition into all the camp's recipes, she said.

"I want them to know how important it is," she said, "and to be able to try new things. Things outside of chicken nuggets and french fries."

At the direction of Williams, the children scattered on a mini-scavenger hunt to find the utensils they needed to make the dish. When they reconvened around the table to start shredding carrots, Addy Cook, 9, wondered which side of the cheese grater they should use.

"Which one are we using, the tiniest one?" she asked.

"No, the tiniest one is for zesting," Williams replied.

A few squabbles broke out over who should start the shredding, but the children quickly decided they should share the task and threw themselves into it energetically.

"This feels like snow," said Lily French, 7, as she pinched a bit of carrot with her fingers.

Lily wasn't the only

one to get her hands dirty. When the time came to mix the ground beef with everything else, the kids dove in, squishing the ingredients together in a steel mixing bowl.

Delighted cries of "Ew" and "It's so gross" sounded around the room, as Williams reminded the tiny chefs to keep their hands away from their faces. The best way to mix raw meat is with the hands, Williams said, but everyone has to be careful to wash them immediately afterward.

Finally, the filling was complete. While the children waited for it to cook on the stovetop, they feasted on their muffins and chatted with each other.

Bits of carrot and drops of soy sauce were still strewn around the kitchen — remnants of the kids' hard work. Despite the challenges of clean up, Williams said, she loves working with the younger children.

"All of them are just so excited about everything we do," she said. "Most of these children

that come to me, they're just really interested in cooking to begin with. Their parents have worked with them at home or grandma's or somebody in the family has worked with them."

That was true for Addy, who said she often makes spaghetti at home with her parents.

"There's a certain way of making it my house," she said. "It's not just the noodles and the meat and the sauce, it's like the different seasonings to put on the meat and the amount of sauce you exactly need for it."

Addy's favorite part of cooking is the end result, she said.

"It's like you're proud of how your family or something likes them, if they really like it," she said.

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with malicious assault in a secret manner, assault with a deadly weapon inflicting seri-

ous injury, assault on a female, first-degree burglary, possession of burglary tools, breaking and entering to terrorize or injure, communicating threats and injury to person property.

Bail was set at \$250,000 secured. There is also a \$25,000 bail on the fugitive charge.

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