



## Michael Felts Announces Resignation; Last Day of Employment will be July 31



County Manager Michael Felts announced his resignation at the May 2, 2022, meeting of the Granville County Board of Commissioners. Felts submitted a ninety-day notice with his last day of employment set for July 31, 2022. Felts has accepted a position with the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Risk Management Pools.

In the coming days, the Board of Commissioners will determine the appropriate process to search for the next County Manager. Details of this transition will be announced to the public as they become available.

Felts was appointed County Manager in July 2013 following eleven years of service as Granville County's Finance Director. Among other accomplishments during his tenure as Manager, Felts spearheaded the County's first long-range strategic plan and established a capital improvement program for county facilities to deal with current and expected growth to maintain a high level of service to county residents.

"Michael Felts has done so much for Granville County as a leader and dedicated public servant," said Tony Cozart, Chair of the Board of County Commissioners. "He has guided our county staff with a steady hand and worked tirelessly to implement policies from this Board in a diligent and professional manner. We are confident that Granville County has the staff in place to continue the success we have experienced during Felts' tenure. On behalf of my fellow Commissioners, I would like to wish him the best as he continues his career with the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners. I have witnessed Mr. Felts perform his duties as Finance Director and most recently as County Manager. His ability to identify solutions, develop a strong team, and maintain a visionary focus are truly exemplary. I personally and professionally regret that he is resigning as county manager. This is a tremendous loss for our county!"

"I would like to thank the Board of Commissioners, County staff, and the citizens of Granville County for giving me the privilege of serving them as County Manager and Finance Director," said Michael Felts. "It has been an honor to serve this community and I am confident that Granville County is well-positioned for the years ahead thanks to the hard work and dedication of our staff and the steady and thoughtful leadership of our Board of Commissioners. I am proud of all the things we achieved as a team during my tenure. I know the next County Manager will love collaborating with our fantastic staff, Commissioners, and residents just as much as I did."



### "Happy Birthday" to the following employees:

- May 1: Matthew Hatchel
- May 2: Kathy Taylor
- May 4: Chad Higgs
- May 5: Randy Parrott
- May 6: Becky Avery
- May 8: Tyeisha Hewett
- May 11: Nikki Dickerson
- May 12: Barry Baker
- May 13: Phyllis Blackwell
- May 14: Stephanie Hanford  
Heather Pendergrass
- May 15: Edward Cash  
Heather Hayes  
Caitlyn Woody
- May 16: Gloria Hargrove  
Eddie Winesett
- May 18: Travis Knight
- May 19: Amy McCluskey
- May 22: Jeff Canada
- May 24: Gabrielle Boyd
- May 25: Alliyah Mitchell
- May 28: Jency Gibbs
- May 31: Tanya Alston  
Sandra Limerick  
Richard Smith

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The following employees have recently joined the Granville County Government team:

- Jessica Jefferson, Social Services
- Tammy Ferrell, Social Services
- Aaishia Smith, Detention Center
- Rodney Cook, Detention Center
- Heather Pendergrass, E-911

Welcome to our staff!

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## Benefits Enrollment



Mandatory Benefits  
Open Enrollment  
May 23 - May 27

All employees must attend an open enrollment session to update their information with our new insurance broker. Information on how to schedule your session will be sent to all employees soon.



## Walking Challenge Winners



Team Gappers and Team Gliders enjoy their free lunch at House of Ribeyes as winners of the challenge!

### Group A - Team Gappers (over 1.7M steps)

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| Raymond Allen     | Austin Riley |
| Chris (CJ) Norris | Kaleb Fisher |

### Group B - Team Gliders (walked over 1.1M steps)

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| Tyeisha Hewett  | Emma Bostic-Young |
| Adonica Hampton | Lottie Terry      |

### Individual Raffle Winners:

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| Kaleb Fisher | Stephanie Hanford |
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37 participants on 11 teams walked over 9.2M steps! That's approximately 4,850 miles, which is the equivalent of walking the length of Granville County (north to south) 138 times or the width of North Carolina (east to west) 9 times!

The winning teams both received a free lunch at House of Ribeyes in Oxford. Congratulations to Team Gappers and Team Gliders and to all 37 participants in the Tour of Granville Walking Challenge!



## County Employees Complete Leadership Granville



*Melanie Baldwin (Library), Tyeisha Hewett (Social Services), and Tiana Jones (Cooperative Extension) receive their Leadership Granville Graduate Certificates at Main St. Oasis in Oxford along with the other members of their cohort.*

Congratulations to county employees Melanie Baldwin, Tyeisha Hewett, and Tiana Jones for their completion of Leadership Granville 2021 - 2022! These three employees were joined by individuals from across our county to get an overview of industries, educational opportunities, and civic services offered to our residents. Leadership Granville is organized by the Granville County Chamber of Commerce and each year Granville County Government encourages employees to participate. This program is a great opportunity to network and gain a better understanding of our community.

Employees interested in participating should consult with their supervisors/department heads to coordinate the necessary time commitment and ensure funds are allocated in the fiscal year budget. County Administration fully supports employee participation, and will work with department heads to make sure that funding is available in departmental budgets to sponsor employee participation. To get an idea of the enriching experience participants had this year, check out this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aSjRe5x9z34>

After speaking with your department head, you can apply to be a member of the 2022 - 2023 Leadership Granville cohort by filling out the application found on the Chamber of Commerce website by July 1: <https://granville-chamber.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Leadership-Granville-Application-updated-4.26.22.pdf>.



### What is Leadership Granville?

Leadership Granville is an educational program designed to offer leadership training and a broader knowledge of the county to its citizens. Through this program, participants have the opportunity to acquire knowledge of the community and become personally and professionally acquainted with the county's structure and life, while developing leadership skills.

### Objectives of the program include:

- Select highly-qualified emerging leaders who are most likely to "give back" to their community;
- Provide skills in problem-solving, group dynamics and future planning;
- Study community issues, perspectives and functions;
- Create direct lines of communication between participants and current community leaders.
- Communicate the benefits of Leadership Granville to the community.

## Betsy Stovall Recognized as Barton College Social Work Alumni of the Month

Congratulations to Betsy Stovall with the Granville County Department of Social Services on her recent recognition by Barton College School of Social Work as their Alumni of the Month! From the April Barton alumni newsletter:



*“Betsy received her BSW from Barton College in 1999. Betsy worked as a CPS investigator from 1999-2001 with Granville County DSS. June 2001-March 2003, she worked for Masonic Home for Children as the Director of Human Resources. In 2003 Betsy returned to Granville County DSS and continued her career as a CPS investigator. Betsy has been with Granville County DSS for a total of 22 years. As an investigator, Betsy initiates CPS reports for abuse, neglect and dependency, front loads services to families, and transfers cases to In-Home and foster care. Betsy enjoys working with and teaching students in their field placements; she is currently working with a Barton College senior. Betsy is very involved with Community outreach programs in Granville County. Betsy has a daughter who is a junior in high school and she has been married to her husband for 20 years.”*

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## Employees Participate in Litter Sweep to Keep Granville Beautiful

On Friday, April 22, Granville County employees participated in the spring litter sweep sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Transportation. County employees picked up 56 bags of roadside litter from Oxford Loop Road in Oxford and Joe Peed Road in Creedmoor!

Employees who participated received 20 wellness rewards points toward the 60 needed to lower employee contributions to county provided health insurance.

Thank you to all employees who participated on April 22 and be on the lookout for the fall litter sweep in October!



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## Governor Cooper Recognizes Internal Audit Awareness Month

May is Internal Audit Awareness Month in North Carolina, announced Governor Roy Cooper. Governor Cooper’s proclamation states that “internal auditing is a vital part of strengthening organizations and protecting stakeholders in both public and private sectors.” This is a great time to recognize the work and service of our own Internal Auditor, Monique Heggie!

Granville County’s Internal Auditor position was established by the Board of Commissioners to preserve the public trust by ensuring employees are behaving ethically and responsibly in carrying out their duties and managing public resources. The Internal Auditing Department is tasked with ensuring that all Granville County departments are protecting themselves from fraud, waste, and abuse by making available the confidential “AlertLine” to report incidents. The Internal Auditor also sends regular communications to employees as reminders of organizational rules and procedures outlined in the Personnel Policy and other policy actions instituted by County Administration or the County Commissioners. For more information about the Internal Auditing Department, visit our website: <https://www.granvillecounty.org/government/internal-auditor/>.

## Safety Corner—Mental Health

May 1st is the start of mental health month. Ensuring that your workplace remains a positive stress-free environment is crucial to maintaining a good mental health status. When you feel your best, you can concentrate more, and it makes work enjoyable and fun. To help keep good mental health; ensure that you have a good communication system with the employees in your department, feel confident that you are doing a great job, be receptive to critical feedback about the job that you are doing, and don't let problems at work leave the workplace.



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## Former Commissioners Honored at GAP Ceremony

The Granville County Board of Commissioners gathered on April 29 to honor the memories of former County Commissioners with the dedication of a new grove of trees to honor their service. We invite you to visit the new memorial grove at the GAP and reflect on the lives of public service by these individuals. The memorial grove is located near the main entrance of the GAP adjacent to the large soccer fields and the butterfly garden near Belltown Road. View the full ceremony on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=44H5YAy8gNg>)

L.C. Adcock (1990 - 1998)

J. David Brooks (1984 - 1989)

Dave Currin (1996 - 2016)

F.M. Daniel (1992 - 1993)

L.S. Daniel (1984 - 1988)

Floyd Elliott (1973 - 1984)

Hubert Gooch (1980, 1998, 2000 - 2012)

Joe Hamme (1968 - 1976)

R. Wayne Newton (1982 - 1990)

Owen Roberts (2016 - 2020)

Edgar Smoak (2010 - 2020)

Robert Ed Strother (1989 - 1997)

Bobby Young (1993 - 1996)

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## Library System Wins Grant for Self-Checkout Stations



*Thornton Library staff members Jacqueline Sneed, Penny Mason, Shirley McCaden, Mel Baldwin, and Will Robinson.*

Congratulations to Library System staff on winning a grant from the State Library of North Carolina to install two self-checkout stations at the Thornton and South branches!

GCLS recently installed two Bibliotheca selfcheck 500 kiosks for use by visitors after receiving a \$17,775 grant from the State Library of North Carolina via funding from the Library Services Technology Act (LSTA), which fully funded the purchase and installation of the self-service kiosks.

Patrons wishing to avoid a line at the circulation desk or hoping to maintain privacy regarding the materials they are checking out at the library may use the self-checkout kiosks by simply scanning their library card, or manually entering their account number on the touch screen. Library staff will be available to assist at the circulation desk or if patrons need help navigating the self-checkout process.

Thanks to Library staff for pursuing funding to supplement the annual budget approved by the Board of Commissioners!



## Spring Clean HHW & Shred Event

**Where:** Granville Co Expo  
4185 US Hwy 15, Oxford, NC

**Time:** 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Info:** Teresa Baker  
(919) 725-1417  
bakertd@gcs.k12.nc.us

**Saturday  
May 14, 2022**

- **Veolia:** Paints, household chemicals, light tubes, drain cleaners **\*\*Limit 15 cans of Paint per vehicle\*\***
- **NC Dpt. of Ag Pesticides Div.:** pesticides, fungicides, herbicides, etc.
- **Shred Ace: Onsite** Secure Document Shredding
- **GFL:** Scrap metal, junk lawnmowers, broken appliances, broken bicycles
- **Metech Electronic Recycling:** Laptops, computers, printers, fax, televisions, monitors
- **Granville Co Sheriff's Department:** Prescriptions/Medications, sharps, flares, ammunition
- **Interstate Batteries:** all types of batteries
- **Book Recycling & Polystyrene/Styrofoam**
- **Humane Society of Granville County:** Dog & Cat food, crates, dog houses, leashes, collars, towels, flea & tick prevention

## Recipe of the Month!

### Easy Veggie Burrito

(Courtesy of Jennifer Brown, NC Cooperative Extension)

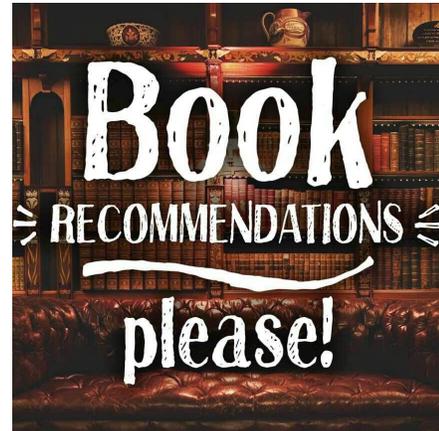
1/2 cup shredded carrots  
1/2 cup chopped cauliflower  
4 oz. lowfat shredded cheddar cheese  
1/2 tsp chili powder  
1 cup lettuce

1/2 cup chopped broccoli  
2 green onions, thinly sliced  
1/4 cup nonfat ranch dressing  
4 7-inch flour tortillas



- Combine carrots, broccoli, cauliflower, onion, shredded cheese, ranch dressing, and chili powder.
- Spoon 1/2 cup mixture in center of each tortilla.
- Add 1/4 cup lettuce, and wrap, folding bottom of tortilla up first, then each side.

## What are you Reading this Summer?



Have you read a good book recently that you can't wait to tell everyone about? We want to feature your recommendations in upcoming editions of the Growing with Granville Newsletter! Whether it's a fun beach read, historical fiction, or a great biography, we want to hear about it! Send in your recommendations along with 1 or 2 sentences about why you loved it so much and get the rest of us started on our summer reading lists!

Don't know where to start? Try visiting a branch of the Granville County Library System. County residents and County employees can receive a free library card.

Send submissions to Terry Hobgood:  
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