



**New Faces Join Key Positions with Granville County!**

***Doug Logan Appointed Interim County Manager***



During their meeting on June 20, the Granville County Board of Commissioners appointed former Emergency Services Director Doug Logan to the position of Interim County Manager. Logan will begin employment the week of July 11 to overlap with outgoing County Manager Michael Felts' final weeks on the job. Logan will officially take over the powers and duties of County Manager on Friday, July 29 and he will remain in this position until a permanent Manager is appointed by the Board of Commissioners.

After Michael Felts announced his resignation on May 2, the Board of Commissioners engaged the services of Developmental Associates, Inc. to lead the recruitment process for the next County Manager. Recognizing that it would not be possible for this process to conclude before Felts' last day of employment, the Board identified Doug Logan as someone who could shepherd Granville County through this transition. Logan accepted the position of Interim County Manager after meeting with the Commissioners during a closed session on June 20.

Logan retired from Granville County in January 2020 after a distinguished career in public service. He held the title of Emergency Services Director and Fire Marshal for Granville County, and additionally worked as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) with Granville EMS and was a firefighter with Granville Rural Fire Department. Before entering emergency services, Logan began his career with the Granville County Public Schools System. Since his retirement in 2020, he has served as an Emergency Management Planner with On Target Preparedness, LLC. Logan is a Granville County native, a graduate of J.F. Webb High School and Vance-Granville Community College and still resides in the Oxford area with his wife Vickie.

"I'm honored that the Board of Commissioners placed their trust in me to serve as Interim County Manager," said Doug Logan. "This is my home, and I spent the entirety of my professional life serving the citizens of this county. I can't wait to get started and help ensure that our residents continue to enjoy the quality of service they have come to expect across all county departments."

Tony Cozart, Chairman of the Granville County Board of Commissioners, added that "Doug has proven throughout his career that he is a steady and accomplished leader. We are confident that he is the right person to guide our staff in the coming months and allow the Board the time and flexibility to finish our recruitment work with Developmental Associates as we seek our next permanent County Manager. We are thrilled that Doug was willing to accept this challenge and we know that he is prepared to step up and continue to serve his fellow Granville County citizens." **[new employees story continues on page 3]**



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

- July 2: Penelope Mason
- July 4: Javonte Wimbush
- July 5: Catherine Crowder  
Ken Reeves
- July 7: Robert White
- July 8: Stacey Carey  
Andrew Maloney
- July 9: Tiffani James  
Charissa Puryear
- July 10: Leshea Clayton  
Tracy Neal
- July 12: Kelly Lawson
- July 13: Clarence Peace
- July 15: Thomas Robinson
- July 17: Angela Miles
- July 18: Bennie Perry
- July 20: Jennifer Seeley
- July 23: Savannah Gilliland  
Lisa Matthews
- July 26: Dewey Floyd
- July 28: Eugenia Wimbush
- July 29: Tim McCall
- July 30: Lauren Matthews  
Michelle Ogle
- July 31: Kathy May

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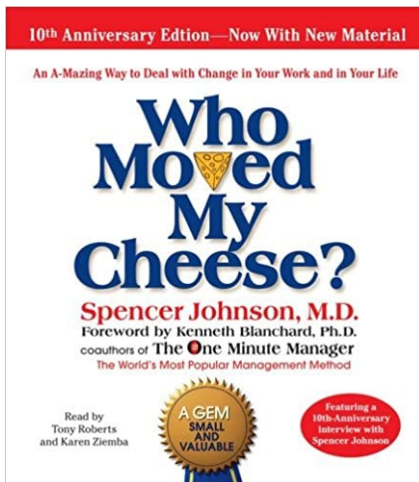
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The following employees have recently joined the Granville County Government team:

Brinea Wright, Animal Management  
Patrick Koshada, Detention Center  
Markeith Ragland, Detention Center  
Audrey Boone, Economic Development  
Delaney Erwin, Parks and Grounds  
Joshua Whaley, Sheriff's Office  
Rachel Smith, Sheriff's Office  
Ayanna Bullock, Social Services  
Anella Cooper, Social Services  
Julie Matthews, Social Services  
Kelley Lawson, Social Services  
Christopher Dethmers, Veterans Services

*Welcome to our staff!*



## Safety Corner - PPE



Many people do not fully understand what Personal Protective Equipment (also known as PPE) consists of. PPE is equipment designed to keep you safe and to minimize your risk of exposure. It can come in handy when performing your everyday job duties.

Examples of PPE can be steel-toed work boots, gloves, masks, goggles/protective eyewear, reflective vests, hardhats, or earplugs. What you may be required to wear every day, depends on the type of job you will be doing and the potential hazards you may be exposed to.

Be sure to know what is required and what items are recommended before attempting to complete a task. Each department might have their own personal protective equipment requirements that must be followed to keep all employees safe. Be sure to consult with your supervisor to find out what equipment is required for you and how to clean/maintain it. Be smart and stay safe!

## *Chris Dethmers Appointed Veterans Services Officer*



The Granville County Veterans Services Office will be led by new Veterans Services Officer (VSO), Christopher Dethmers. Dethmers' role as VSO is focused on providing a wide range of services, programs, and support to Veterans and their families including connecting local Veterans to services provided by US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Dethmers is a Veteran of the United States Marine Corps and the North Carolina Army National Guard. Dethmers enlisted in the Marine Corps shortly after the events of September 11, 2001, and served six years stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina as a member of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Division (2<sup>nd</sup> MARDIV) and was deployed to Fallujah, Iraq in 2004-2005. In 2008 he joined the NC Army National Guard Active Guard Reserve (AGR). During his time in the National Guard Dethmers served as Platoon SGT, 1<sup>st</sup> SG, Readiness NCO, and as a Recruiter. Dethmers was again deployed to Iraq in 2019-2020 with the 30<sup>th</sup> Brigade Combat Team and retired from the National Guard in 2022. He is also the co-founder of the Granville-Vance Warriors Anonymous PTSD group for Veterans and law enforcement.

Dethmers is a Henderson native, a graduate of Vance-Granville Community College, and still resides in Vance County with his wife of 21 years, Lindsay Dethmers. He and Lindsay have three children (Becca, Izzy, and Austin) and are the proud grandparents of Brynly Skye Boone. He attends Clearview Baptist Church in Henderson and Delrayno Baptist Church in Oxford.

"I'm honored that Granville County has entrusted me to serve as Veterans Services Officer," said Dethmers. "My career has been dedicated to serving my country in the US Marine Corps and the NC Army National Guard. I cannot think of a better way to continue my career by working with and for my fellow Veterans by providing support and resources to Granville County Veterans and their families. I'm excited to get started, and I look forward to connecting our Veterans to services and expanding programs that will enhance the great support they already receive from Granville County."

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## *Granville County Welcomes Summer Civic Leadership Interns*

Granville County Government recently welcomed five students participating in the 2022 Summer Civic Leadership Program all of whom are Granville County residents that are also rising seniors. The program gives students a wide-ranging view of county government operations, provides the opportunity to build collaborative work skills with a group cohort project, and helps foster the next generation of local government leaders. This year's participants include:

Kristopher Arias – Granville Early College

Jayla Gregory – Granville Early College

MacKayla McBride – Granville Early College

Keenyan Smith – J.F. Webb High School

Courtney Williams – Granville Early College



The Summer Civic Leadership Program began twenty-two years ago and allows high school students to gain exposure and on the job experience in all aspects of county government operations. Participants began the program on June 16 and their final will be a presentation to the County Board of Commissioners at their August 8 meeting. Participants will share what they have learned over the course of the program and show Commissioners the results of their group cohort project.

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## *Audrey Boone Named Economic Development Specialist*



The Granville County Economic Development Office recently welcomed Audrey Boone as the county's new Economic Development Specialist. Boone's primary focus will be recruitment of new industries to Granville County, particularly promoting the Triangle North Granville business park near Oxford.

Audrey Boone brings nearly a decade of experience in economic development, sales, and marketing to her position with Granville County. Boone most recently served as the Executive Director of the Gainesville, Texas Economic Development Corporation near the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area. During her tenure in Gainesville, Boone was responsible for recruitment of industries with a focus on promoting Gainesville's "shovel-ready" sites. Boone also worked with state and local government partners to develop attractive incentive/grant packages to prospective businesses. She led the efforts to develop Gainesville's largest industrial property into a rail-served industrial park with Strategic Rail Industrial Services, representing a \$274 million economic impact to the City of Gainesville.

Before leading the Gainesville Economic Development Corporation, Boone served as the Manager of Marketing and Engagement with the Brazos Valley Economic Development Corporation, which serves the Bryan/College Station region, home to Texas A&M University. She also led marketing and business development efforts for the Abilene Industrial Foundation in Abilene, Texas. Boone has extensive leadership experience with professional organizations serving as a board member of the Texas Economic Development Council and as a member of its Executive Committee, serving as Treasurer of the Workforce Solutions Texoma Board, and holds memberships in good standing with the Southern Economic Development Council and the International Economic Development Council. Boone is a graduate of Piedmont University in Demorest, Georgia where she received bachelor's and master's degrees in Business Administration with a concentration in Strategic Management, Finance, and Marketing. She is currently pursuing her Certified Economic Developer (CEcD) designation from the International Economic Development Council. Beyond her professional accomplishments, Boone is an avid community volunteer, dedicating her free time to the Big Brother Big Sister program, Kiwanis, United Way, and other nonprofit organizations.

"Granville County is an excellent area primed for growth and I am excited to continue my professional journey here," said Audrey Boone. "There are incredible assets across the county and I'm eager to start sharing Granville's story with industries domestically and internationally that could one day Grow with Granville."

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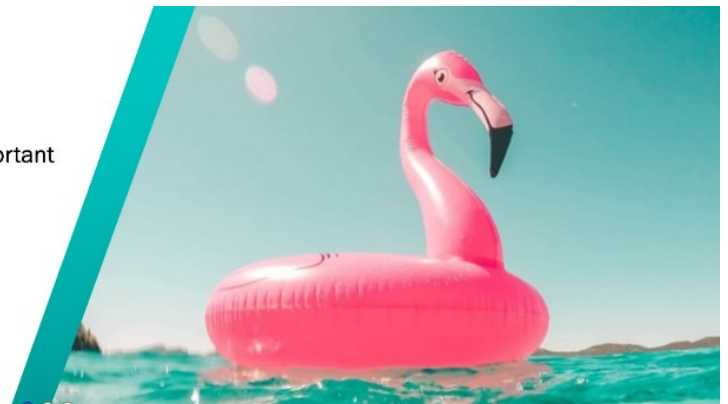
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### **UV SAFETY MONTH**

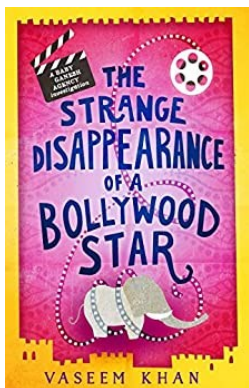
Summer is here! As we all spend more time outdoors, it is important to know the 5 ways to protect your skin and eyes from the sun:

1. Find Shade
2. Be Mindful of Your Clothing
3. Wear a Hat
4. Wear Sunglasses
5. Sunscreen is Key

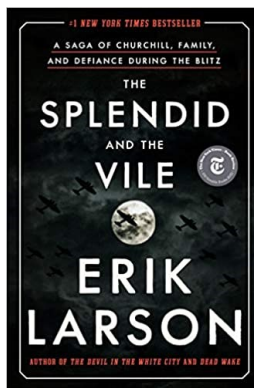
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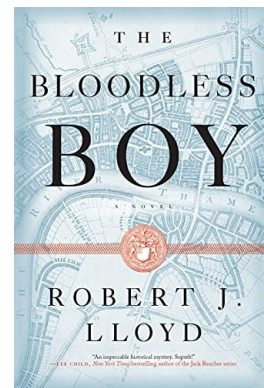
## What are you Reading this Summer?



Recommended by Diane Wickles  
Library System



Recommended by Terry Hobgood  
Administration



Recommended by Will Robinson  
Library System

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!

Send submissions to Terry Hobgood at [terry.hobgood@granvillecounty.org](mailto:terry.hobgood@granvillecounty.org)

## Recipe of the Month!

### Fruit Crisp

(Courtesy of Jennifer Brown, NC Cooperative Extension)

4 cups of berries  
1/2 cup of oats  
1/2 tsp cinnamon  
1/4 cup butter

1/3 cup + 1 tbsp of flour  
1/3 cup brown sugar  
1/4 tsp salt  
1/4 cup chopped nuts



Preheat oven to 375 °F. Thaw berries, if frozen. Do not drain. Mix berries with the 1 tablespoon flour. Grease or spray with nonstick cooking spray the bottom of an 8" round or square pan. Spread berries over bottom of pan. Stir together the flour, oats, brown sugar, cinnamon, and salt. Incorporate the butter or margarine into the flour mixture. Use a fork or your hands to break the butter down into pea-size pieces while pressing it into the flour mixture. It will be easier to spread on the fruit with smaller chunks. Add nuts, if desired. Sprinkle flour mixture evenly over fruit. Bake uncovered for about 25 minutes or until topping is golden and fruit is bubbly.