

# briefs & announcements

## DISPATCHES

### September opening set for new Pittsboro library

Within the next few days, Central Carolina Community College (CCCC) and the Chatham County Public Library expect to receive the "all clear" to begin moving into new facilities on the Pittsboro campus of CCCC. As a result, the Pittsboro Memorial Library closed from August 30 through September 12, with the new library opening on September 13.

The Chatham Community Library will serve as the new main library for the county, but will also be the library for CCCC as well. The Sustainable Technologies Building will house several educational programs at CCCC, including Sustainable Technology, Sustainable Agriculture, Natural Chef, Culinary Arts and Biofuels Production.

A ribbon cutting ceremony for both facilities is scheduled for Monday, September 20, from 5-7 p.m. The event will include activities, displays, refreshments, and tours. Related to the facility openings, the N.C. Department of Transportation has reopened NC 87 with a roundabout in front of the new buildings, according to David Hughes, public works director for the county. The new CCCC buildings have a driveway connecting to the roundabout on NC 87.

The branches in Siler City and Goldston will remain open and the bookmobile will continue its regular schedule during this period."

Patrons of the Pittsboro library who check out items with a due date during library's closure (August 30-September 12) will have an extended period to return books between September 13-20 without penalty.

The hearths of the fireplaces are tiled by Siglinda Scarpa, a Chatham County artist. The fence around the patio garden outside the children's

room is designed and being constructed by John Amero, another Chatham County artist. The garden patio was funded by a gift from the Schwartz family. The wrap-around mural in the children's room is done by Michael Brown and features children flying through space. A photo of the mural can be seen on the website of the Friends: [www.pittsborolibrary-friends.org](http://www.pittsborolibrary-friends.org). The Friends of the Library raised the monies to fund the fireplace hearths and the children's room mural.

Rotating art exhibits will be arranged by the art committee of the Friends, Leslie Palmer and Julia Kennedy, and mostly displayed in the meeting room whose walls are forgiving so that work can be hung and removed with no nail holes showing.

—Anne Granath

### Miracle journey for Katie the dog

Chatham Animal Rescue and Education (CARE) in Chatham County recently experienced something that has never happened in its over 20 year history, and many feel is a miracle.

Katie, a Chihuahua/Feist mix, was reunited with her family after disappearing almost seven months ago. The fiancé of the family's son was looking to adopt a dog and was conducting a search on Petfinder.com when she ran across a picture of Katie posted by CARE under the name of Sasha. She had her fiancé take a look at the picture and called his mom to share his suspicion that this could be long-lost Katie. Mom, Pam Ard, immediately contacted CARE.

Katie disappeared from the Ard family home on Christmas night 2009. The family searched the many acres of farm and forest around their home for Katie to no avail. Due to Katie's age, they thought maybe she has wandered off to die. But the family was haunted by thoughts of what could have happened to Katie.

In early January, volunteer CARE foster caregiver, Melissa Taylor, was called by Chatham County Animal Shelter's personnel. It was the last day

the Shelter could hold an older Chihuahua mix that had been turned into them as a stray. They knew Melissa had a soft spot for fostering older dogs. Melissa picked up Katie from the shelter and has fostered her in her home ever since.

Katie was examined by a vet and estimated to be about 9 years old. Additionally, she had an irregular heartbeat. Potential adopters were interested in Katie, but ultimately the people didn't want to take on the commitment of adopting a dog with health issues. Melissa and her family were prepared to keep Katie in the event she was never adopted.

After getting home from work and receiving Pam's message, Melissa arranged to meet with the Ard family first thing the next morning. It was the moment of truth. Was Sasha indeed Katie? Katie didn't offer a lot of emotion at the reunion, so there were a few minutes of comparing pictures the Ard's brought, and scars and bumps on Katie. The family also had their Katie's littermate, Missy, with them. It didn't take long to determine that Sasha was indeed Katie. And the biggest shocker, Katie is 20 years old! The reunion was emotional to say the least — everyone was in tears. Pam called her son to let him know Katie was found.

The family is thrilled to have Katie back and is extremely appreciative for all CARE and especially Melissa did for her. Pam says, "Melissa was truly Katie's Guardian Angel! I have no doubt that Divine Intervention brought Katie back home to us. Katie isn't our pet; she and Missy are our family. A lot of love and joy has been received from those two little four-legged blessings during their 20 years."

Once they were back home, Katie immediately visited each of her favorite places to lay and then she and Missy snuggled up in the dog bed together and sniffed and licked each other. They were a little slow to recognize each other when first reunited, but it was all coming back now.

CARE had Katie micro chipped, as is routine with fosters. The Ard family plans to have all of their pets micro

chipped and will no longer allow the dogs to go outside unattended.

The mission of CARE is to promote the health and safety of all cats and dogs in Chatham County. CARE strives to teach by example, to be a resource to the community and local government, and to provide foster care for animals until they can be adopted into permanent homes. Chatham Animal Rescue and Education was originally incorporated as Chatham Humane Society (CHS), in 1975. CARE is a 501(c)(3) organization, and thus qualified for deductible donations. Help us continue our mission by mailing your donation to CARE, PO Box 610, Pittsboro, NC 27312.

—Karen Siris

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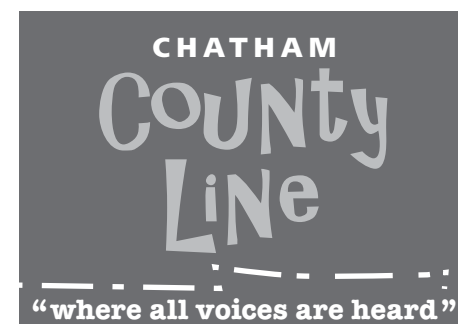
### Sit down and mangia bene at Our Neighborhood School

The ribbon cutting/grand re-opening celebration for Our Neighborhood School Pizzeria took place on August 20. The celebration was held to launch Bella Donna, the new Tuscan-themed dining area. Bella Donna is a quaint cozy space to visit, dine and relax. Bella Donna will be open Monday through Wednesday from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. and Thursday through Saturday from 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Beer and wine will be coming soon to enjoy with your meals. You can reach Our Neighborhood School at 919.545.0900.

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