

**OBITUARIES**

**Jane Brothers Swindell**

GREENSBORO - Jane Brothers Swindell, 57, went home to be with Jesus and her Mama and Daddy on Saturday June 29, 2019. She was in Beacon Place Hospice in Greensboro surrounded by her family.

The daughter of the late Betty Thigpen Swindell and the late Marion Smith Swindell, she was born in Elizabeth City.

She is survived by her brother, Larry Swindell (Suzy) of Greensboro, her sisters: Sharon Barnard (Ronnie) of Chesapeake, Va., and Beth Williams (David) of Midlothian, Va., 7 nieces and nephews, 6 great-nieces and nephews, and many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

She followed God's commandments of love. She truly loved "her" Jesus and she shared her love with everyone she met. Often as saying goodbye, it was followed by "I love you" and she really meant it. Occasionally in challenging moments, if one asked "Jane what am I going to do with you?" she would reply "Love me forever." -And she will be.

She was a past participant in the Special Olympics North Carolina Games and was often a medal winner including several golds.

Jane loved popcorn - no she REALLY loved popcorn . . . and dollar bills.

The funeral will be 2:00pm Friday at Edenton United Methodist Church. Burial will follow at Cedarwood Cemetery in Hertford, NC. The family will receive friends from 12:30pm-1:30pm at the church.

Memorial donations are requested to the Special Olympics North Carolina, 2200 Gateway Centre Blvd. Suite 201 Morrisville, NC 27560; or to Beacon Place Hospice of Greensboro, 2500 Summit Ave. Greensboro, NC 27405.

Jane's family would like to thank Jane's team of RHA at G3 group Home in Summerfield and the staff of Beacon Place Hospice in Greensboro for their kindness, care and support of Jane.

George Brothers Funeral Service, in Greensboro, NC, is assisting the Swindell family.

**J.D. Peele, Sr.**

EDENTON - J.D. Peele, Sr., of 1807 Rocky Hock Landing Road, died Monday, June 24, 2019 in Chowan River Nursing and Rehabilitation, Edenton.

Mr. Peele was born in Chowan County on January 5, 1928, and was the son of the late Raleigh and Myrtle Layton Peele. A retired farmer and fisherman, he was a founding member of Peele Brothers. A member of Rocky Hock Baptist Church, he was a former member of the Loyal Order of the Moose in Elizabeth City, had served as a board member of BB&T and two terms as a Chowan County Commissioner.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Jennie Ruth Nixon Peele; a sister, Edith Bunch; and by three brothers, Lloyd, Henderson Ray, and Wallace Peele.

Surviving are his two sons, J.D. Peele, Jr. and wife, Margaret, of Fleming Island, FL and Al Peele and wife, Debbie, of Gatesville; two grandchildren, Jay Peele and Niki Higginbotham (Jeremy); three step-grandchildren, Melissa Baines, Natalie Layden (Brian), and Joseph Stallings; a step-great-granddaughter, Mya Lynn Bagley; and many nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

Funeral services were held Friday at 11:00 a.m. in Rocky Hock Baptist Church, and were conducted by his pastor, the Rev. Bob Young. A private burial followed in Beaver Hill Cemetery. Friends joined the family Thursday from 7 to 8 p.m. in Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, 735 Virginia Road, Edenton, and other times at the residence.

Memorial contributions may be made either to Rocky Hock Baptist Church, 113 Rocky Hock Church Road, or Chowan County EMS, 208 W. Hicks St., both in Edenton, NC 27932, or to Center Hill-Crossroads VFD, P.O. Box 185, Tyner, NC 27980.

Online condolences may be made by visiting [www.millerfhc.com](http://www.millerfhc.com).



SUBMITTED PHOTO

For 80 years, Girls State has molded young women into the leaders. (Left to right) Aces' Mikayla Grace Caroon, Miss NC and Abi Barbu of Charlotte.

**Caroon attends 80th Girls State**

BY MILES LAYTON  
Staff writer

Aces' Mikayla Grace Caroon said she did not run for office, but preferred to play a support role during the 80th annual Girls State.

A workshop for high school students that teaches budding politicians about state government, Girls State was hosted between June 9 and June 15 at Catawba College in Salisbury.

"We knew right away that everyone was there because they were smart and capable, so we had to find what made each girl different and unique," Caroon said. "This process made us bond and form new friendships. Unfortunately, many people forget how important it is to appreciate individuality. When women support, encourage and build one another up instead of being threatened by others abilities, we can do almost anything."

Organized by the American Legion, Caroon served as an escort for the closing ceremony and an emotional support person/counsel to the mayor. She was a member of the House of Representatives for Orange City.

Caroon participated in a flag burning ceremony/retirement service for faded, stretched, worn and torn flags in memory of her great grandfather, Earle Norman, who was in World War II. Caroon also had the pleasure of meeting Miss North Carolina, Laura Little, who she described as a Godly role model for young women.

"I had a great time. I will always be grateful to the American Legion Edenton chapter for sponsoring and giving me this valuable opportunity," she said.

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**Books on their way**

**CHECK IT OUT!**

As you can see we have really no new materials right now. Thankfully our new fiscal year began July 1 and the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library will start getting new books again. So if you have been waiting patiently for a James Patterson or Brad Thor book — thank you — the books will be here soon.

The DigitalNC.org digitized version of the Chowan Herald (1934-1956) has been a hit behind the circulation desk at the library. All of us have been digging through our past with great glee. Markita discovered the "The World's Fattest Man" was in Edenton on Aug. 6 and 7, 1956. He weighed 763 pounds and his waist size was 104 inches. He was "in his specially built trailer.. and no tickets would be sold but a silver donation is suggested from each person for the sponsor." The sponsor of the event was the Edenton Police Department. This event is very interesting in a historical context. The first American Guinness Book of World Records was published in 1956. Was this the man who was listed in the first edition of this continuously popular series? Someday I will find an early edition and find the answer. The Guinness Book of World Records continues to be a book that our young readers love to go through every year.

**Upcoming library events:**

- \* July 9 at 10:30 a.m. - Robot Dude William Turner and the 4 Foot Tall Robot
- \* July 10 at 11 a.m. - StoryTime and Pop-Up/STEAM program
- \* July 11 at 1 and 4:30 p.m. - Beat the Heat Movies - a musical classic starring Julie Andrews, Dick Van Dyke and a flying umbrella
- \* July 13 at 10:30 a.m. -



JENNIFER FINLAY

The Jetsons \*  
July 16 at 10:30 a.m. - Stars in the Sky & Stars on Earth

with NC Aquarium on Roanoke Island

\* July 17 at 11 a.m. - StoryTime & Pop-Up/STEAM program

\* July 18 at 1 and 4:30 p.m. - Bet the Heat Movies

I have no way to describe this movie — it's one of Joyce's favorite animated films of the past 10 years — please call and ask

\* July 20 at 10:30 a.m. - The Jetsons continue Fiction

The Flight Portfolio - Julie Orringer DVDs

Star Trek: The Original Series - Season 1

Steel Magnolias with Queen Latifah

Westworld - Season 2  
Jennifer Finlay is the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library librarian.

**FIREWORKS**

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prepare for planned events, like ones that occur annually in their hometowns.

But unexpected rat-at-at of firecrackers could bring them back to the battlefield and set them on edge.

Shawn Gourley, the co-founder of the nonprofit Military with PTSD, notes that some people may be concerned about bringing up the issue because it may infringe on others' fun, or because of the stigma that

might surround PTSD.

However, she encourages them to move forward if they're comfortable: most people simply aren't aware that their celebration could be affecting others, and conversations help start that awareness.

She also adds that parties should have both individual and community meetings about the topic, so that everyone can understand that fireworks are okay — when both parties can agree on to limits on when and where they can be used.

An app has been developed for smartphones

called PTSD Coach, which allows veterans to find comfort quickly if they are suffering from anxiety or becoming distressed.

Veterans also can call the Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255, then pressing one.

One other way to help veterans is by helping to foster community awareness, so everyone can help.

**Fireworks and pets**

\* Leave pets indoors with a TV or radio on to drown out the noise. Create a safe space to distract them. If you need to take them out,

or if you plan on taking them with you to an event, make sure they stay leashed and under control at all times.

\* Ask your veterinarian about any medications or techniques that can help alleviate your pets' anxiety.

\* High heat puts pets at risk of heat stroke. Don't leave pets in hot cars or leave them outside for extended periods of time. Make sure they have water available, as well.

\* Make sure they are microchipped, collared and have identification in the event that they try to escape.

**OBITUARY POLICY**

For information on submitting obituaries or death notices, call 329-9505 or email [obits@apgenc.com](mailto:obits@apgenc.com) between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and specify that you are interested in obituary information for The Chowan Herald. On weekends and holidays, email [obits@apgenc.com](mailto:obits@apgenc.com).

Obituaries must be received, processed and approved by 8 a.m. Tuesday to appear in print in the Wednesday edition.

Death notices can include the name and age of the decedent; funeral and visitation or viewing information; and the name of the funeral home.

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**Dear Friends,**  
I just can't thank you enough for the love and support you have shown to Clayton and me this past year. Many of you have given to Clayton's education fund at State Employees Credit Union. Unfortunately, I am not aware of each donation that was made. Please know that every thought, gift, and prayer has been appreciated. We are so thankful to live in Edenton where there is so much love and support. From the bottom of our hearts thank you, thank you, thank you! We are forever grateful!  
Much love to all of you!  
**Kim Willis and Clayton**

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