

### Jazz in April at the Theatre on the Green

The Cheraw Arts Commission will present a jazz concert at the Theatre on the Green on Friday, April 27 during Jazz Appreciation Month. The evening performance "Celebrate America's Art Form" will feature saxophonist Robert Gardiner and regional musicians.

Cheraw native Dr. Robert A. Gardiner is a Professor of Music at Lander University. He conducts the jazz ensemble and teaches applied saxophone, jazz improvisation and courses in music education. Joining him for the performance will be Bert Ligon on piano and guitar, Sam Edwards on bass, vocalist Kristi Kirk Hood and drummer Kobie Watson.

The performance begins at 7 p.m. at the Theatre on the Green in Cheraw. \$5 tickets are now available at the Cheraw Community Center- 200 Powe Street. Students up to age 18 will be admitted at no charge. Contact the Cheraw Arts Commission 843.537.8420 x 12 for additional information

### Sixth Annual Uwharrie Naturalist Day



Spotted Sandpiper

The LandTrust for Central North Carolina will host their 6th Annual Naturalist Day on Saturday, May 5. It is a day of nature exploration, and showcases the 1,300-acre Low Water Bridge Preserve on the Uwharrie River in Montgomery County.

Participants are invited to join LandTrust staff and ornithologist Brian O'Shea for a morning hike, where you will likely see an abundance of neotropical migrant songbirds and other wildlife along the way.

Participation is limited to 30 people so register asap! To register visit [landtrustcnc.org/2018/sixth-annual-uwharrie-naturalist-day](http://landtrustcnc.org/2018/sixth-annual-uwharrie-naturalist-day).

### Governor Roy Cooper Declares April As Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Proclamation encourages everyone to embrace their voice

Governor Roy Cooper has declared April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) in North Carolina. In honor of this year's theme, "Embrace Your Voice," Gov. Cooper and First Lady Kristin Cooper will emphasize to stop sexual violence before it happens by promoting safety, respect and equality within their communities. The purpose and goal of SAAM is to raise public awareness about sexual violence and educate communities on how to prevent it.

"Prevention of sexual violence is critical and we also need to make sure survivors are supported in their healing and seeking justice," said Gov. Cooper.

The NC Council for Women & Youth Involvement supports victims and survivors of sexual violence across North Carolina by offering resources for sexual assault, human trafficking and on family violence prevention services. The Division also administers funds for prevention and intervention programs to stop the cycle of violence in our communities.

The Department of Administration's Secretary Machel Sanders said these programs are essential to the state to support survivors of sexual assault as well as educate others to facilitate change.

"The sexual assault statistics around our nation and state are unacceptable," she said. "It is critical that we continue to promote advocacy and support programs that educate our communities. It is an important time for everyone to embrace their voice on this issue."

According to the North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault, 1 in 5 North Carolina women have been sexually assaulted at some point in their lives. While, 1 out of every 10 men will experience rape within their lifetime. In 2016, the North Carolina Rape Crisis Centers answered over 24,000 hotline calls from survivors of sexual assault or their loved ones. Free and confidential services are available across the state to all North Carolinians who experience sexual violence. These centers provide services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year.

For more information, please visit the NC Council for Women site at [www.councilforwomen.nc.gov](http://www.councilforwomen.nc.gov).

### Pee Dee Electric Energy Efficiency Loan Program

Pee Dee Electric is offering an Energy Efficiency Loan program to its members. Developed with the member in mind, Energy Efficiency Loans are available to qualified members who want to increase the efficiency of their homes.

With the help of Pee Dee Electric, members can now borrow funds from the cooperative and repay the loan through their monthly electric bill. Loans from \$400 to \$7,000 are available and can be used towards new electric heat pumps; duct repair or replacement; insulation for ceilings, walls or floors; window and door upgrades; installing water heaters; and caulking or weather stripping.

Loans are available to any member of Pee Dee Electric who owns an existing home served by the cooperative and who receives a monthly electric bill. Applicants must have had service with Pee Dee for at least two years and have a good credit history established with the cooperative and with Online Utility.

For more information about Energy Efficiency Loans through Pee Dee Electric, members are encouraged to visit [PDEMC.com](http://PDEMC.com), or call the cooperative directly at 704-694-2114.

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Katie turned 3 years old on April 15, 2018.

Olivia will turn 1 year old on April 21, 2018.

Katie and Olivia are the daughters of Vanessa Lambert Moore and Ted Moore Jr., RN, from Sylva, North Carolina. They are also the little sisters to Hannah Grace Moore, 10 years old, from Monroe, North Carolina.

Grandparents: Lesa & Robert Lewis and Jimmy & Lynn Lambert; and great-grandparents: Elizabeth and Walter Bowers, all from Bryson City, North Carolina.

Grandparents: Virgie Moore-Long & Tommy Long of Stanfield, North Carolina, Ted & Mary Moore of Wadesboro, North Carolina, and the late Irene Katherine & Addison Moore, Sr. of Wadesboro.