

The 87th Annual North Carolina

Chadbourn, N.C.

April 29 - May 4, 2019

Strawberry Festival



**Sara Hughes
2018 Strawberry Queen**



**Shandorah Tedder
2018 Strawberry Princess**

87 Years of Strawberry Memories

2018 N.C. Strawberry Queen farewell

By **SARA ALEXANDRA HUGHES**

A really small town with a really big heart is where the Strawberry Festival got its start the strawberry capital of the world home to the sweetest berry girls... what seems like just yesterday I was crowned the 86th North Carolina Strawberry Festival Queen, but little did I know that it would sweep me off my feet. I have been given many wonderful opportunities while representing the strawberry festival for the town of Chadbourn, from the mountains to the coast, endless nights of dancing, singing, and laughter there is not a single moment I would trade for anything. From meeting new people, traveling to new places, learning so many new things and making new friends it had truly been a journey.

I would like to start out by thanking my lord and savior for being with me every step of

the way, without him none of this would have been possible.

Densil Worthington thank you for all your hard work, patience, and determination to make the Strawberry Festival flourish, and so many others that all had a hand in making the Strawberry Pageant a success, I truly thank you from the bottom of my heart.

To Cathy Causey I love you and will never forget you, you have made my reign so special. Thank you for not only welcoming us into your home but treating us like family and to make being a Strawberry Queen a memory you won't forget. To our late night waffle house trips to our early morning coffee and Daryl's bakery croissants, I could not have done it without you. You haven't the slightest idea how much of an impact you have had on me and my berry sisters.

To Bob Hensley thank you for always treating the Strawberry girls like your own and

always making me laugh when you line us up for pictures spilling out your funny line of our festival names.

To Phillip and Shannon Britt, wow what great memories that will never be forgotten like those late night cheese burgers, those were the best burgers I have ever had, Shannie and I agree. Ya'll are awesome and we do not know what we would have done without you two. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for being two of my biggest supporters and for always making sure we were safe.

To Nathan Moore, thank you for being an awesome Strawberry Festival President and for all the support that you have given to the Strawberry Queens, thank you for all your hard work and dedication.

To my berry sister, Shandorah thank you for being like a sister to me. Always making sure my makeup looked good,

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Sara Alexandra Hughes
2018 N.C. Strawberry Queen

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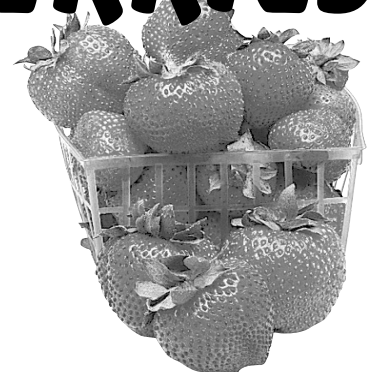
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TOWN OF CHADBOURN

Princess Tedder farewell

I can't believe it has been two years since my crowning! I can still feel how nervous I was to go out on stage to dance and present my momento. From that moment on, my confidence has grown exponentially. Now, public speaking is a pleasure. This experience has given me the chance to meet new people and travel to new and exciting places. Strawberry made it possible for me to attend several wonderful festivals, such as The Rhododendron Festival, Threshers, The Watermelon Festivals, The Yam Festival, The Fairmont Farmers Festival, and the Pecan Festival.

There are so many people who I would like to thank for helping me on this journey and I know I will leave out a few. Know, however, that you are in my heart.

First, to my mom and dad, thank you for all your support. I am who I am because of you and your guidance. Mom, you always made sure I was dressed my best and that my crown was on straight. Thank you for staying

up late to sew on loose stones and pearls. Thank you for hand beading and sewing the strawberries for my overalls, capris and hat. You worked tirelessly, and I'm ever so grateful. Thank you for being my chauffeur, photographer and dance floor partner. Daddy, thank you for making sure my parade cars were spotless, my signs were on straight and for making sure I had candy to throw. None of this would have been possible without you guys. Thank you for believing in me and loving me unconditionally. I am blessed and thankful to have the best parents in the world I love you.

Sissy, even though you didn't like going to some of the parades and pageants, you were my biggest supporter. I always knew how proud you were by that smile you always tried to hide. Pops, thank you for believing in me enough to lend your checkbook. When I get rich, I'll return the favor. April, thank you for believing in me and making the gor-

geous bows for my car. I love and admire you. Ashley, thank you for your beautiful artwork on my shoes. You have some amazing talent. Renee, thank you for all your help in making me look my best and for keeping me calm on pageant night. I needed you and you were there. CeCe, thank you for your guidance and wisdom in preparing for the pageant. You helped to prepare me in all aspects and I am so very grateful.

Mayor Philip and Shannon Britt, I cannot thank you guys enough. You both always made sure I had everything I needed. I'll cherish the time we spent together. From dancing in the streets to 3 a.m. cookouts, you two will forever have a special place in my heart. Always remember, "Drive don't fly. Arrive alive." I love you both.

Anthony, a.k.a Superman, you are hands down one of the most wonderful people I have ever met. Thank you for supporting me and for always making me feel safe. You've done a wonder-



Shandorah Tedder
2018 Strawberry Festival Princess

ful job. I'm proud of you and I love you.

Sara, wow...we have grown so close this year. I know that no matter what, I can always count on you. I'm going to miss singing at the top of our lungs on the way

to an event and while we are doing our makeup and hair. You are the best. I'll never forget almost getting whiplash on the way to Rhododendron and almost having to launch a search party in

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Queen farewell

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my hair was in place, rehearsing our speeches, dancing, laughing and having fun everywhere we went together. Thank you, for those memories are memories that I will cherish for a life time. No matter where life takes us I will always be here for you. To Donald and Jeanine Hughes, Mammy thank you for traveling with me every step of the way and for making sure I always had what I needed and that I looked my best. Thank you to you and papa for being my biggest supporters and pushing me to succeed and do my best in anything that I put my mind to. I don't know where I would be without you today. To my previous Strawberry sisters, you have been an inspiration to me and for other strawberry queens that are to come. You will always be my berry sisters. And lastly to the town of Chadbourn for making Strawberry such a wonder-

ful name to represent we could not have done it without you, without all of you. Strawberry is not something that is taken lightly by the Strawberry girls. When we represent we represent with pride we are proud to be known as the Strawberry Queens of Chadbourn.

Now the time has finally come for me to end a chapter in my life that has held so many wonderful memories. I can't help but want to shed a tear knowing that it is coming to an end. But this is not the end but only until I see you again because who can really resist a visit to Chadbourn for some of those delicious strawberries from Edmund Farms. Thank you to the entire Strawberry committee for helping me from the moment I was crowned until now. I am so thankful for the time and effort that you put into making the Strawberry Festival so wonderful and

for the opportunities that the North Carolina Strawberry Festival scholarship has afforded me to be able to further my education. You have all made an impact on my life that I will never forget.

And now for the last time I am and forever will be your 86th North Carolina Strawberry Festival Queen

I love you all so berry much!

Sara Alexandra Hughes
86th North Carolina
Strawberry Festival Queen



Princess farewell

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that very same trip. I will never forget our trips to Cracker Barrel, though I will never remember how that lady taught us to beat the peg board game.

Cathy, thank you for taking us under your wing and loving us. I'll miss going to the Waffle International at 12 in the morning and laughing so loud from delirium. I love you. Nathan, the passion you bring to the festival as president is phenomenal. You've done a great job. Grandma, Papa, Mimi, Aunt Kay, Uncle Curt, Aunt Laura, Aunt Jennifer and all my cousins, thank you all for your unending support throughout my rein. I love you all very much!

For the girls out there with the desire to run in pageants but who lack the courage, just do it! You have nothing to lose but so very much to gain! As Philippians 4:13 says "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." With God anything is possible so go out and do that pageant you

are scared to do and watch God work wonderful miracles in your life. It might not come instantly, and you may get knocked down but don't stay down. Get back up and come back even stronger. Do your best, but never think that you are better than others because a true queen wears her crown in her heart, not on her head.

Last but not least, I want to thank my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Without him nothing would be possible. He has helped guide me in the right direction, and He still is. I hope that I touched everyone's lives that I met and made a positive impact on them, not only for myself but for Strawberry. So, for the last time, I am the 85th and 86th North Carolina Strawberry Festival Princess, Shandorah Tedder.

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Schedule of Events for the 87th Annual N.C. Strawberry Festival '87 years of Strawberry Memories'



Thursday, April 25

5 p.m.-8 p.m. Pancake Supper. Chadbourn Elementary School Cafeteria. \$5 per plate.

Friday, April 26

2 p.m. Judging for Residential Display Contest.

Judging for Commercial Display Contest.



Saturday, April 27

10 a.m. Fireman's competition in field beside Amy's School of Dance.

6 p.m. N.C. Strawberry Festival Scholarship Pageant Auditorium at Southeastern Community College. \$10 at door.

Monday, April 29

5-8 p.m. Chicken Bog Fund-raiser for the Chadbourn Depot Museum, \$7 per plate at the event field behind Hardees.

6 p.m. Pre-concert with "Scott Free" band.

7-9 p.m. Opening ceremonies for the 87th North Carolina Strawberry Festival at the event field behind Hardees. McArthur Supply presents free concert featuring "The Holiday Band."

Thursday, May 2

Noon. National Day of Prayer hosted by Timothy Lance (entertainment and prayer) at the gazebo at the intersection of East

1st Avenue and Wilson Street.

Friday, May 3

5-9 p.m. ***R&D Amusements*** at the event field behind Hardees. Pay one price for an unlimited ride wristband. (Present this ad and receive \$3 off a wristband purchase at the ticket booth (Friday night May 3 only). Good for up to 4 wristbands per person.

6-9 p.m. Evening of Strawberry Encounters at Chadbourn Pentecostal Holiness Church, 518 N. Elm Street. Tickets purchased in advance.

Saturday, May 4

7:30-9 a.m. Registration for professional arts, crafts and food court. Event field.

7:30-9:30 a.m. Strawberry Quality Contest entries. Chadbourn Pentecostal Holiness Church Family Life Center.

8:30-10 a.m. Entries for Food Products Contests. Chadbourn

Community Library, 301 N. Wilson St.

9:30 a.m.-until. Professional Arts and Crafts and Food Court. Event field behind Hardees.

10 a.m.-until. R&D Amusements at the event field

10-11 a.m. Judging for Food Products Contest. Chadbourn Community Library.

10:30 a.m.-until. N.C. Strawberry Festival Entertainment/Variety Show. Event field next to Food Lion shopping center.

11 a.m. Viewing for Food Products Contest (Lewis Library)

11 a.m. Strawberry Luncheon. Chadbourn Pentecostal Holiness Church Family Life Center. Open invitation - purchase tickets in advance. \$20. 518 N. Elm St.

Noon-1:30 p.m. Auction of Strawberry Quality Contest entries. Chadbourn Pentecostal Holiness Church Family Life Center.



2 p.m. North Carolina Strawberry Festival Parade.

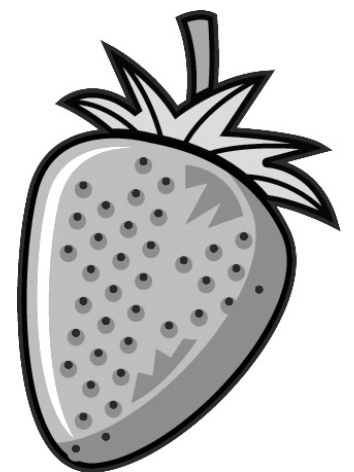
5 p.m. Strawberry spitting contest at the event field next to Food Lion.

(Times are approximate; Performers and events are subject to change.)



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The 87th N.C. Strawberry Festival Logo

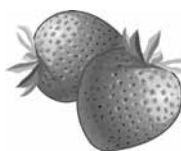
The logo represents the past and present. In 1926 the first Chadbourne Strawberry Festival was held; the prevailing variety of strawberry plant was called the Klondyke Berry; the wooden container which was the standard container in 1926 has also been replaced by the paper mache container. Many things have changed over the past



93 years, but the constant factor of all, is that we still celebrate the sweetest, the most delicious and aromatic fruit of all the strawberry in 2019.



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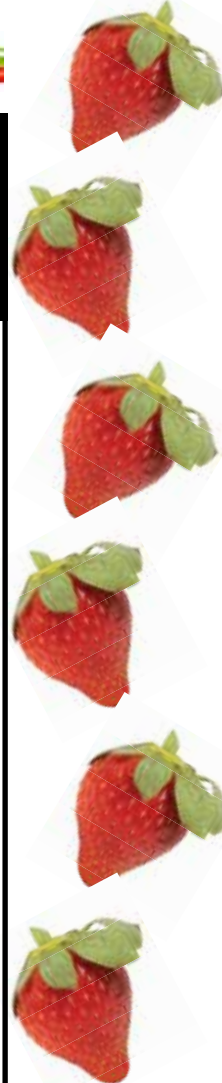


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Display contest judging set Friday, April 26

Judging for the Strawberry Display Contest, sponsored by the Chadbourn Garden Club, will take place starting at 2 p.m. on Friday, April 26.

Out-of-town judges determine winners in two categories: commercial and residential. There is no registration fee and there is no entry form.

First, second and third place winners will be recognized in both the commercial and residential categories. First, second and third place winners will receive blue, red and white ribbons, respectively. In addition, each first place winner will receive a \$50 cash prize from the N.C. Strawberry Festival.

Contest entries must adhere to the following rules in both categories:

1. The business or home must be in the Chadbourn town limits.

2. The display must be strawberry- or Strawberry Festival-oriented.

3. The display can consist of a specific area, such as a window, door, porch, yard, etc. or the entire business or home in its entirety.

4. A first

place winner is excluded from winning first place in the subsequent year.

5. Members of the Chadbourn Garden Club are not eligible to participate.



Laura Matrazzo
Miss North Carolina 2018

Miss N.C. coming to Strawberry Festival

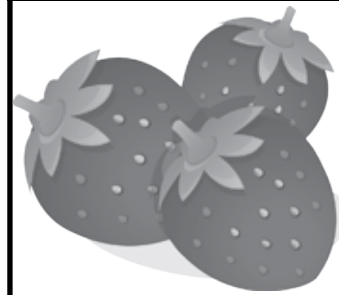
Laura Matrazzo of Chapel Hill earned the title of Miss North Carolina 2018 on June 23 representing the metropolitan area of Charlotte as Miss Metrolina. Collectively, Laura has earned \$31,000 in scholarships from participation in the Miss America Organization and graduated from Clemson University with a bachelor of science degree in marketing. Laura passionately advocates for financial literacy in North Carolina with her social impact initiative, "Money Talks: Student-Focused Principles of Financial Management" for which she received the Miss Amer-

ica Community Service Award as well as a Wells Fargo Community Impact Scholarship.

Miss North Carolina will be entertaining at the 87th North Carolina Strawberry Festival on May 3rd - 4th. Come out and enjoy the festivities of the North Carolina Strawberry Festival.



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87th North Carolina Strawberry Festival opening ceremonies

Opening ceremonies for the 87th N.C. Strawberry Festival will be held Monday, April 29 at the N.C. Strawberry Festival Event Field located behind Hardees in Chadbourn. This year's event will begin at 5 p.m. with a chicken bog plate sale. Each plate is \$7 with all proceeds benefiting the Chadbourn Depot Museum Maintenance Fund. We will have outside tables and chairs for your dining pleasure or plates may be carried out. Plate sales will continue throughout the evening until every last drop of this Southern delicacy has been consumed.

Strawberry shortcake may be purchased throughout out the evening. Stick around for an evening of great food and even better music. At 6 p.m., a local band will take the stage and entertain us with music of all types.

Immediately following, our ears will feast upon one of the Carolina's #1 beach bands, The Holiday Band, featuring beach, pop, rock and roll, classics and soul.

Throughout the evening tickets will be sold for a 50/50 raffle. Ticket sells will continue until 9 p.m. at which time the winning ticket will be drawn. You must be present to win.

Bleachers are provided, however, you may bring along a lawn chair. Come join us and dance the night away at the 87th N.C. Strawberry Festival. We hope to see you on Monday, April 29.

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'Scott Free' A four piece "Oldies and Beach" Band will perform at 5 p.m. on the Strawberry Event Field Stage on Saturday, May 4 at The 87th N.C. Strawberry Festival. Admission is free.




The N.C. Strawberry Spitting Contest will be held at the Strawberry Event field stage on Saturday, May 4 at 5 p.m. Winner in adult category pays \$50 and winner in childrens category pays \$25.




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"The Strawberry Encounters" will be held Friday, May 3, from 6-9 p.m. at Chadbourn Pentecostal Holiness Church Family Life Center, 518 N. Elm Street. This year's Encounters will feature Miss North Carolina Laura Matrazzo. The price for attending is \$20 and you may download the luncheon invitation at www.ncstrawberryfestival.com or contact Shanna Kay Williamson at 910-234-1955. Due to the high demand for this event: ticket availability is limited.



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Please reply by Friday, April 26, 2019. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER THIS DATE. Sorry, no exceptions this year.


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“Shecaniah” A fourteen member gospel group will perform at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 4 at the Strawberry Event Field Stage. Shecaniah was formed in February 2017 with band members from Mission Outreach Cowboy Church in Raeford and East Holiness Church in Lumberton. Admission is free, so you are invited to come out and enjoy a program of good gospel music as they glorify Jesus Christ in song.

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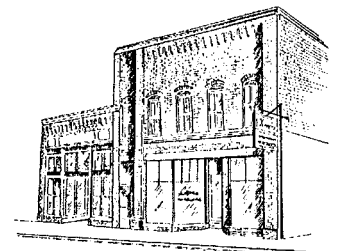
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Chadbourn ECA is ready for festival foods contest

Members of the Chadbourn Extension and Community Homemakers Association are getting ready for the annual Strawberry Food Products Contest, which will be held Saturday, May 4 at the Chadbourn Community Library.

Barbara Larrimore, the committee chair for the contest, is leading the organizational effort. The contest is designed to promote the use of the strawberry as a nutritious and palatable product and the contest is designed so that a person of any age or sex may enter. Novice and experienced cooks have enjoyed presenting both traditional and innovative recipes and over the years the cooks have enjoyed receiving acclaim for the efforts.

Three cash prizes will be offered in both the adult and youth (first grade through high school senior) divisions.

Qualified judges from a wide geographical area will judge the entries. They include retired extension home and nutrition agents.

The N.C. Strawberry Foods Contest has been one of the highlights of the festival for many years and members of the Chadbourn Extension and Community Association pride themselves in sponsoring the event.

Following are the contest rules:

1. The contest will be divided into two divisions: A. Adult B. Youth (first grade through high school senior).



Barbara B. Larrimore Chadbourn ECA and Rebecca Yates, 96, member for 70 years.

2. Dishes will be judged in five categories in each division. Only one entry from an individual in each category.

A. Appetizers. (Includes breakfast foods, breads, uncooked and cooked processed syrups, preserves, sauces, jelly and jam.) Note:

Two individual servings of each recipe will be accepted by the Strawberry Food Products Committee.

B. Cakes. (One-fourth of a cake is acceptable or a whole cake may be entered.) No slices or squares accepted.

C. Pastries, Pies and Tarts. (Pastries: two individual servings of each recipe are acceptable. Pies: an eight-inch pie is acceptable.)

D. Salads and Other Deserts. (Includes all types of gelatin dishes, ice cream, etc. Two individual servings are acceptable.)

E. Low Calorie or Sugar Free.

The food exhibit will be closed to the public during judging and will reopen at 11 a.m., remaining open until 2 p.m.

Prizes will consist of cash awards (\$15 and blue ribbon for first place); (\$10 and red ribbon for second place); (\$5 and white ribbon for third place in each of the categories).

Participants will be responsible for collecting their dishes and prizes at 2 p.m. on contest day.

No entries will be sold or sampled by the public.

Recipes are to be written on 5x8 inch index cards and left with the strawberry dish. The correct ingredients and method for preparing should be listed. The recipes become the property of the Chadbourn Extension and Community Association.

Entries will be received between 8:30 a.m. until 10 a.m. Judging to take place from 10-11 a.m.

Call Barbara Larrimore at 654-4540 for more information.

Strawberry dirt pudding

Oreo cookies
1 box white chocolate
pudding

8 oz. cool whip
Strawberries
1 T. confectioners sugar

Put some oreos in blender till they are crumbs. Make pudding according to directions on box. Once pudding has set up, combine with cool whip and powdered sugar. Chop up fresh strawberries. Layer ingredients -- first cookie crumbs, pudding mixture and then strawberries. Continue layering, topping with cookie crumbs. This dish can be as big as you want it to be.



Strawberry tea

Drain 2 (10 oz.) pkgs. frozen sliced strawberries. Prepare 2 lipton tea bags according to directions. Mix strawberry juice and prepared tea. Sweeten to taste. Serve over ice. (Lemon if desired)

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Pancake supper April 25

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Strawberry culture and the Strawberry Festival

Strawberry culture began in Chadbourn in 1895. The first planting of strawberries failed, but the next year six and three-quarters acres of berries were planted. The grower sold berries for a total value of \$5,562.

In 1897, 632 quart crates of berries were shipped from Chadbourn and the following year 6,000 crates were shipped, a phenomenal increase of a thousand percent!

The growth of the industry

continued and in 1907, the peak year of the movement, 347,000 32-quart crates were shipped and Chadbourn became the Klondyke Strawberry Capital of the World.

In 1907, the largest one-day shipment of strawberries was made. A hundred and eighty railroad box carloads – 36,000 crates or 1,152,000 quarts of strawberries – all of which had been harvested between sunrise and sunset was moved by rail

from Chadbourn to points all over the country.

The industry continued to thrive and produce income for growers. Eventually it also provided entertainment. In the early 1930s, the American Legion decided to sponsor a dance for the purpose of raising funds for the building they were constructing. This was the first Strawberry Festival Dance.

The dance was a great success and the Legion adopted it as an

annual event. In the years of the 1930s they brought to town the big name bands of the era: Tommy Dorsey, Guy Lombardo and many others. One area resident remembers that the night Guy Lombardo played, the dance floor overflowed and 1,000 spectators watched and listened to the music.

Another resident remembers a Strawberry Festival that lasted all week. Dances were held every night and the week was climaxed with the big dance featuring a nationally-famous band.

The American Legion passed sponsorship of the dance on to other groups and clubs. For a number of years, the Chadbourn Civitan Club was the force behind the festival dance.

In recent years, the N.C. Strawberry Festival has sponsored a parade of admirable proportions for a small rural town. Cooking contests, beauty contests, art exhibits, homemade strawberry shortcake and many other events now contribute to a great Strawberry Festival.



The “hey days” of strawberries in Chadbourn



Growers and laborers load strawberries onto refrigerated boxcars in this early 1900's photograph of the large Chadbourn market. Each car held 200-225 crates - packed 32 quarts to the crate.







Chadbourn was a major U.S. strawberry market.




Directions to Chadbourn: We are located at the corner of N.C. Hwy. 410 and N.C. Hwy. 74. It is 54 miles west of Wilmington on 74/76 and 30 minutes east of Lumberton. The festival itself is located at the corner of 410 and 74 as well. Otherwise known as Strawberry Blvd. and Brown Street. You will see a Hardees and a Food Lion.

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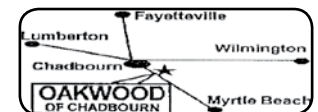


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In the early 1900's, Chadbourn was nicknamed "The Sunny South Colony". The main crop in Chadbourn was Strawberries. Although there are plenty of strawberries around during the annual festival, there are not nearly as many (hundreds of train loads) as there were back then. Chadbourn was dubbed "The Strawberry Capitol of the World". The Strawberry Festival has been the largest agricultural festival in the state for many years now.

Chadbourn is the boyhood home of Broadway and Film star, Ben Vereen. He still has family who reside in Chadbourn. Chadbourn's current population is approximately 2000, with half living in the city limits and half living outside the city limits.

Chadbourn's nickname is "Chadbourn Beach". (The closest beach is actually 45 miles away).

Each year, The NC Strawberry Festival draws about 10,000 participants from all over the country.



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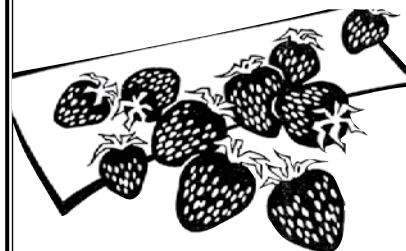
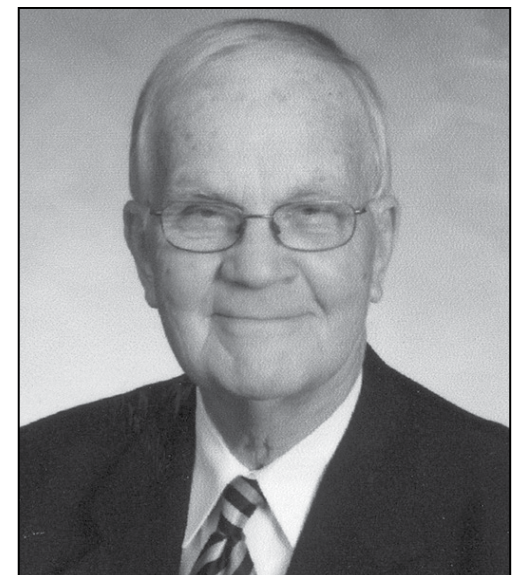
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Chicken bog to benefit Depot Museum

Proceeds from a chicken bog fundraising meal at the event field behind Hardee's in Chadbourn will benefit the Chadbourn Depot Museum. Plates will be served Monday, April 29 from 5-8 p.m. and will be \$7 each and may be purchased in advance or at the event field during opening ceremonies.



Strawberry jam



5 cups whole strawberries
1/2 bottle liquid fruit

5 cups sugar
1/4 cup lemon

Measure 5 cups strawberries. Pack well, but do not crush in large saucepan. Add the sugar and mix well. Place over high heat and bring to boil. Stir gently so berries will not crush. Let stand for about 2 hours. Add lemon juice to fruit, bring to rolling boil for 2 minutes. Remove from heat and add liquid pectin. Skim off foam with metal spoon. Stir and skim for 10 minutes. Ladle quickly into jars.

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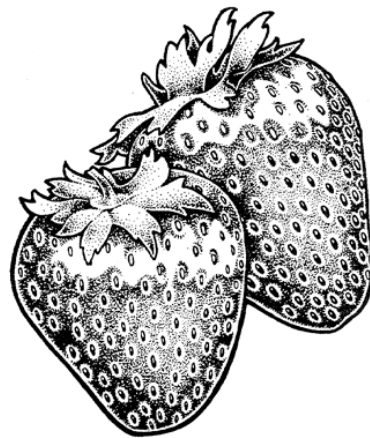
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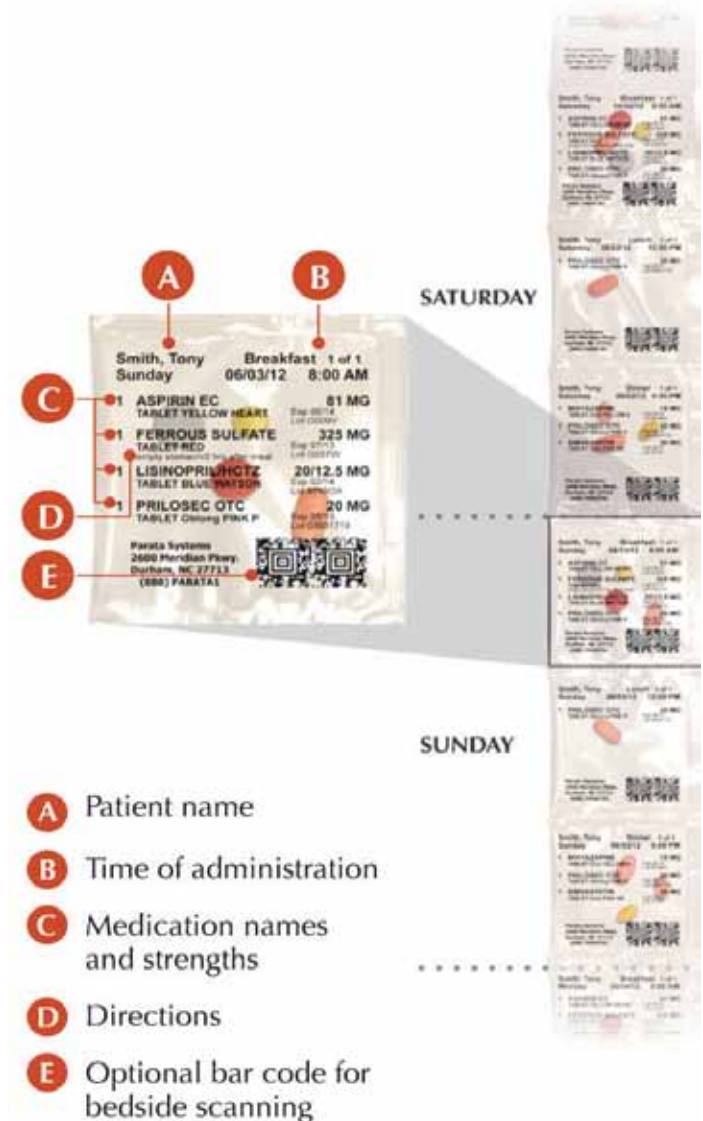


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Nathan Moore
2019 N.C. Strawberry
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The growth of the industry continued, and in 1907, 347,000 thirty-two-quart crates were shipped, and Chadbourn became the Klondyke Strawberry Capitol of the World. In 1907, the largest one-day shipment of strawberries was made. One hundred eighty railroad box carloads of strawberries, all of which had been harvested between sunrise and sunset, requiring 15,000 workers, was moved by rail from Chadbourn to points all over the country.

Without the Klondyke Strawberry and the all-important railroad, we wouldn't be together this year for the 87th year of The North Carolina Strawberry Festival celebrating our storied past as the Klondyke Strawberry Capitol of the World.

A little over 46 years ago, Richard J. Corman, a native of Nicholasville, Kentucky, started doing railroad construction right after graduating high school. In a little over 40 years, he turned a railroad service company with a single backhoe into one of the nation's leading railroad service providers.

This year, the North Carolina Strawberry Festival is excited to honor Mr. Corman's legacy and his company, RJ Corman Railroad. Mr. Corman's famous line was "working hard to be lucky." That has never been more relevant than with the investment into the transportation infrastructure of Chadbourn and throughout Southeastern North Carolina and South Carolina by RJ Corman. We are grateful for all companies that choose to call Chadbourn home.

A special thanks to the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Goodness Grows in North Carolina for their many years of support and guidance. An enormous thank you to all our volunteers, members of the various committees, local businesses, town employees, administration, and the families that are supportive and have given up time with their loved ones to carry on this rich tradition.

To everyone that chooses to attend or support the NC Strawberry Festival, thank you for being our guest.

Welcome to the 2019 North Carolina Strawberry Festival! Enjoy the festivities and get "All Aboard the Strawberry Express."

Nathan J. Moore
President of the 87th NC Strawberry Festival