

Who's Who: Getting to Know the Members of the Kerr-Tar Regional Food Council (2024)

Dorothy E Barker - barkerdorathy@gmail.com

A leader and advocate for small family farmers with 33 years of experience in farming and market development. Mrs. Barker is a co-founder of Operation Spring Plant, Inc. She currently serves as the Executive Director, where she has been actively involved in all OSP programs and has been a major contributor in each of the organizational accomplishments.

Thomas L Blaine - thomas@strongarmbaking.com

My wife, Julia, and I, co-founders of Strong Arm Baking in Oxford, NC, are deeply rooted in Granville County, where we were both raised. We established our business in this vibrant community due to its robust support for local enterprises. Our passion lies in nurturing local food systems, enhancing opportunities for fellow entrepreneurs, and preserving the rich agricultural legacy of our hometown.

Judith Burnett - judithalston4@gmail.com

Outreach Specialist for Warren, Vance and Granville with the Sustainable Forestry and Land Retention Project. Business Owner & Farmer from Warrenton NC. Background in agriculture spanning over 18 years community engagement, education and advocacy to foster collaboration and empower local farmers.

Ardis Crews - ardisc4242@hotmail.com

Founded Green Rural Redevelopment Organization (GRRO) with husband, Henry, to address poverty, food insecurity, and chronic diseases in the region.

Gabriel Cumming, PhD - gabriel@workinglandscapesnc.org

I am Co-founder and Associate Director of Working Landscapes in Warrenton. I have led development of the ByWay Foods hub, which supplies fresh-cut vegetables to schools, along with food boxes and meals for food insecure households.

Madeline Eaton - fairportfarms@gmail.com

A retired educator who transitioned into organic farming, focusing on regenerative and sustainable practices. Proud Latina passionate about cultivating healthy food and promoting environmental stewardship in the local community.

Melissa Elliott - melissa.gangfreeinc@gmail.com

I am the Mayor of the City of Henderson and a staunch advocate for food insecurity, healthy food choices and fresh food options.

Bo Freeman - lrfreem3@ncsu.edu

NC State Extension Person County. We work with all parts of the food chain. We have researched based information for our customers to make better decisions.

Terry Jones - tjones@gvph.org

I am Health Promotion and Wellness Supervisor with Granville Vance Public Health. I live in Warren County, and I am concerned about the well-being of people.

William Landis - wllandis@ncsu.edu

I am the Smalls Farms/Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent for Franklin County Cooperative Extension. I grew up in Franklin County and currently live in Warren.

Wykia Macon, PhD - wsmacon@ncsu.edu

I am the County Extension Director at Vance County Cooperative Extension. I work with a variety of partners in the community, focusing on youth development, agriculture, food and nutrition, family and consumer science, and parenting.

Earline Middleton - earlinem.grronc@gmail.com

During her 32 years of service to the Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC, Earline played a vital role in the implementation of anti-hunger and anti-poverty legislation. She now serves as Executive Director for the Eva Clayton Rural Food Institute.

Martha Mobley - martha_mobley@ncsu.edu

As the Local Foods Coordinator with Franklin County Cooperative Extension, I am excited to serve on this important new committee in hopes of showcasing sourcing and buying local foods along with learning of opportunities for marketing foods. As a small farmer of meats and organic vegetables, I hope to bring lifelong experiences and challenges of being a farmer.

Jacob Moore - jacobmoore007@gmail.com

Lifetime resident of Southern Granville County who is currently employed by the NC Dept of Agriculture & Consumer Services in its Food Distribution Division based out of Butner. As Assistant Warehouse Manager, I orchestrate the deliveries of dry, cooled, and frozen food to 70% of NC School systems and the Food Banks of Central & Eastern NC, Food Bank of the Albemarle, & Second Harvest Action Pathways in Raleigh, Elizabeth City, & Fayetteville.

Allison Satterfield - butchersdaughterdeli@gmail.com

I am owner of Butcher's Daughter Market & Deli in Roxboro where we focus on bringing quality retail food items to our community through our specialty market, restaurant, and catering. I have also served on the Board of Directors for the Roxboro Area Chamber of Commerce for 7 years. I come with a sincere interest in supporting local farms, a vast understanding of the business network in Person County, and relevant experience of the challenges and opportunities that retailers and restaurants are facing in food service.

Patrick Brown (*ex officio*) - info@connectgroupllc.com

Patrick has extensive and deep experience in agriculture and the U.S. government. This experience encompasses 30 years of farming and 10 years as the Owner and Operator of Brown Family Farms in Warren County, NC. In addition, Patrick worked for 16 years in the federal government, including 13 years in various management roles there.

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