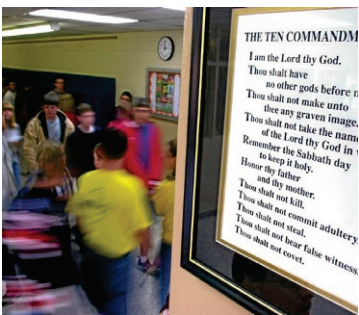


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Low water reveal animal tracks on the sandy edges of Randleman Lake at Wall Road in Greensboro on Friday.

Despite recent storms, much of the area remains in severe drought. Here's what residents should know about water conservation and the weekend forecast

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July in the Triad has started hot and stormy, but Greensboro has received less than an inch of rainfall in the last week, according to National Weather Service Senior Service Hydrologist Barrett Smith. "Some areas over near Greensboro, which are in the exceptional drought, reported around a third of an inch, maybe 4/10 of an inch,"

Barrett said of the past seven days. Winston-Salem received less than half an inch of rain, according to data from the United States Geological Survey. "It does help when we have rainfall like this, it helps because people don't need to use as much water for irrigation or outdoor water use," said Linwood Peele, of the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality. "But to

really help, we need those reservoirs to refill, and that will take time. We're in a huge deficit."

Dry conditions persist

Drought status remains the same for Guilford County, D-4 Exceptional Drought, and Forsyth County is at D-3 Extreme Drought.

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Jamestown man arrested in 1988 murder in Florida

DNA evidence leads to breakthrough for Orlando police

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Florida authorities say DNA evidence led them to this week's arrest of a Jamestown man for first-degree murder in the grisly homicide of an Orlando woman nearly 40 years ago, according to court documents and the Orlando Police Department.

The U.S. Marshals Service took Willie J. Carpenter, 68, into custody in Jamestown on Thursday for the 1988 murder of Diane Matthews in Orlando.

He is jailed in Guilford County, awaiting extradition to Florida to answer to charges about the death of Matthews, found dead at a call center where she worked on Sept. 8, 1988. Police said her injuries from a beating, 43, were so severe that her face was unrecognizable.

Since that time, Carpenter has been arrested in North Carolina.

Court records show he pleaded guilty in Durham County in 2013 to indecent liberties with a minor, kidnapping and statutory rape involving a 14-year-old girl.

As part of the investigation of that case, Carpenter's DNA was entered into a national law enforcement database capable of cross-referencing such samples. The system alerted Orlando police to the possibility that Carpenter's DNA was a possible match to the Matthews crime scene, according to police.

Matthews was found dead at her workplace on Sept. 8, 1988.

According to arrest documents, detectives interviewed Carpenter about the Matthews case in 2013 after the



Carpenter



Matthews

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Foodborne illness prompts concern in NC

Washing fresh produce remains one of the best ways to reduce your risk

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North Carolina has at least 145 confirmed cases of a foodborne illness clinically known as cyclosporiasis, but increasingly identified as "extreme or explosive diarrhea."

The diarrhea, in most instances, is watery, not bloody, but occurs at "a pretty high volume," Dr. John Sanders, an infectious disease expert at Atrium Health, said Wednesday.

Other symptoms are stomach cramps, nausea and loss of appetite.

The N.C. Department of Health and Human Services said that as of Wednesday, no outbreaks of cyclospora have

FDA recommendations

The Food and Drug Administration has the following tips about handling and cleaning fresh produce:

- Wash hands for 20 seconds with warm water and soap before and after preparing fresh produce.
- If damage or bruising occurs before eating or handling, cut away the damaged or bruised areas before preparing or eating.
- Rinse produce before you peel it so that

dirt and bacteria aren't transferred from the knife onto the fruit or vegetable.

- Gently rub produce while holding under plain running water. There's no need to use soap or a produce wash.
- Use a clean vegetable brush to scrub firm produce, such as melons and cucumbers.
- Dry produce with a clean cloth or paper towel to further reduce bacteria that may be present.
- Remove the outermost leaves of a head of lettuce or cabbage.

been reported. Sanders said he's "not aware of accurate numbers" for cases in the Triad.

The number of reported cases does put the state in the top 5 nationally, according to a USA Today report that lists more than 700 cases in 17 states.

Symptoms can take 1 to 2 weeks to develop after exposure, making it difficult to identify the source of their illness.

There's a glass-half-full, half-empty public health perspective on cyclosporiasis, Sanders said, particularly that 95% of cases are mild to moderate and don't

require hospitalization to recover.

Of those who require hospitalization, Sanders said stays tend to be a few days "since it does respond well to standard antibiotics."

"We just recommend maintaining hydration, drink a lot of fluid, continue to eat, and most people just get over it and don't even know they have it," Sanders said.

What is cyclosporiasis?

Cyclosporiasis is caused by a microscopic parasite called cyclospora, which is not transmitted person to person.

Rather, fresh produce — berries, herbs and vegetables — is almost always the source. It is found in food that is served uncooked, according to Sanders and the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services.

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Greensboro woman pleads guilty to bilking Medicaid of \$1.7 million with fake drug tests.

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