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## Cagle named director for civil engineer society

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Bob Cagle of Goldsboro has been named director for the eight-state Region 4 of the American Society of Civil Engineers.



Bob Cagle

The three-year term runs through October 2021. ASCE represents more than 150,000 members of the civil engineer profession in 177 countries. The nation's oldest engineering society was founded in 1852.

The organization is a provider of technical and professional conferences and continuing education. It serves students pursuing degrees in the field on through those in the profession, which is reflective of the path Cagle took.

"I have been associated with ASCE for probably 45 years," he said. "I joined when I was a student chapter member, when I was a student at N.C. State University in 1973.

"When I got out with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering, I became an associate member."

He has been active in the ASCE over the years, he said, crediting the organization with serving him well throughout his career. A civil engineer by trade, his specialty was in the area of construction, he said.

"(The ASCE) gave me a couple opportunities — one, the opportunity to give something back to the profession and also to give me the opportunity to develop my skills, leadership skills, management skills," he said.

His career path included 35 years with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineering, as a civilian, starting in the Wilmington district. Among his roles was construction engineer.

"I worked on flood control-type things like the Falls Dam as a construction engineer," he said. "I was also area engineer and oversaw the cleanup of Hurricane Fran for the whole state, but the Wilmington district was responsible."

He moved to Goldsboro in 1997 to be a resident engineer for the Army on Seymour Johnson Air Force Base. Three years later he was transferred to Fort Bragg as a resident engineer.

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## Schools threatened via Facebook

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Goldsboro Police Department officers arrested and charged a Goldsboro man for communicating threats of mass violence against two Wayne County schools through Facebook.

Goldsboro Police Capt. Doug Bethea said Adam Craig, 24, of 907-B. N. George St., was arrested Monday after threatening a mass school shooting at Wayne Community College and Goldsboro High School. Bethea said police officers were notified of the message by a concerned citizen.



Adam Craig

"He was threatening a shooting at

those two schools, that he had guns, that he had ammunition," Bethea said. "We take it very seriously. We received the message, we checked it out and made the appropriate arrest."

Bethea confirmed there was credibility to the threat made against WCC and GHS, but said no additional details regarding the case would be released at this time. The threat was not related to several mass bombing and shooting threats sent to five Wayne County public schools in November, he said.

N.C. General Statute 14-277.6 states any person who, "by any means of communication to any person or

groups of persons, threatens to commit an act of mass violence on educational property" is guilty of a Class H felony. N.C. General Statute 14-277.5 defines an act of mass violence as any "physical injury that a reasonable person would conclude would lead to permanent injury" or "death to two or more people."

According to a GPD incident investigation report, Craig was taken into custody after GPD officers secured a warrant for his arrest. He was charged with one felony count of communicating a threat of mass violence on educational property and was transported to the Wayne County jail under a \$750,000 secured bond.



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The Mount Olive airport's new hangar can accommodate several aircraft. The airport contributes more than \$21 million to the area's economy — a 35 percent increase from three years ago — and supports 180 jobs — a 50 percent increase from three years ago, according to a recent study of the state's airports by the N.C. Department of Transportation's Division of Aviation.

## Mount Olive airport contributes \$21 million to area's economy

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MOUNT OLIVE — The town's airport contributes more than \$21 million annually to the area's economy — a 35 percent increase from three years ago — and supports 180 jobs — a 50 percent increase from three years ago, Town Manager Charles Brown said.

The airport, and its aviation-related jobs, also provides \$8 million in per-

sonal income and contributes \$687,000 in state and local tax revenues annually, according to a statewide study of airports by the N.C. Department of Transportation's Division of Aviation.

Located just off the Old Mount Olive Highway north of town, the airport is named in honor of Chuck Yeager, the first pilot to fly faster than the speed of sound.

Mount Olive showed up very well in the report, Com-

missioner Barbara Kornegay said during the town board's Monday session.

"The data show other interesting things like the jobs that are related to airports such as construction jobs and the other spinoff jobs that happen as the result of having an airport in your community," she said. "Part of the attractions pilots have to our particular airport is that our fixed base operator, Bass Aviation, is well known

in the aviation community because he can fix things and make sure that they pass inspections."

The company works on fixed-wing and rotary aircraft as well as jets, Brown said. He said a large reason for that \$21 million economic impact is the number of aircraft that come there for maintenance and service and inspections.

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## Trump pleads on TV for wall money



Carlos Barria | Pool Photo via AP

President Donald Trump speaks from the Oval Office of the White House as he gives a Tuesday prime-time address about border security.

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WASHINGTON — In a somber televised plea, President Donald Trump urged congressional Democrats to fund his long-promised border wall Tuesday night, blaming illegal immigration for the scourge of drugs and violence in the U.S. and framing the debate over the partial government shutdown in stark terms. "This is a choice between right and wrong," he declared.

Democrats in response accused Trump appealing to

"fear, not facts" and manufacturing a border crisis for political gain.

Addressing the nation from the Oval Office for the first time, Trump argued for spending some \$5.7 billion for a border wall on both security and humanitarian grounds as he sought to put pressure on newly empowered Democrats amid the extended shutdown.

Trump, who will visit the Mexican border in person on Thursday, invited the Democrats to return to the White

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