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TEEN MENTAL HEALTH: THE PAIN INSIDE

Issues on rise in nation, Chatham

BY ZACHARY HORNER
News + Record Staff

RAMSEUR — It started on the way to lunch one day in 6th grade. She called it the worst panic attack she's ever had, and it was her first.

"I will never forget it," says Abigail Paige Holmes, 14, now a 9th-grader at Chatham Charter School.

Without warning, Abigail started breathing heavily. Her eyes watered, her heart



Abigail Holmes, 14, began dealing with anxiety and depression in the sixth grade, leading to self-harm and thoughts of suicide. Now, she gives presentations to her Chatham Charter School classmates about her story and mental health in general. (Staff photo by Zachary Horner)

pounded. She started crying, hands shaking. Fellow students crowded around her in the lunchroom, asking if she wanted them to get a teacher or adult. No, she insisted, she didn't want to make a scene; she wanted to keep it "on the down low," in teen speak.

It took 20 minutes for her to calm down, she says now. But that 20 minutes wouldn't be the only time spent in her short life trying to relax and overcome extreme anxiety.

In 7th grade, the depression came. Abigail started self-harming, cutting herself on her leg, hiding in her room so no one else would see. She knew people would notice — she spotted a teacher at gymnastics eyeing the scars — but she didn't open up.

"You feel a lot of pain inside, and you don't know how to take it out," she says about self-harm. "It's a release that makes people feel better. That's just how they release it because they don't know any other way to fix the problem."

A teacher would call on Abigail in class, and she would freeze.

She recalled one time when the correct answer was on the page right in front of her, and she said something else. The rest of the day she was angry with herself for how she messed up, worried that friends and classmates would be laughing at her or making jokes or judge-

ments behind her back. She would ask friends if they had, but they didn't remember her getting the answer wrong.

She didn't eat much and, in her words, looked "like a skeleton."

The depression and anxiety reached a boiling point one night. Abigail was alone in her home — her mother Jennifer, step-father David and sister Samantha were all gone. It was bad.

"I was like, 'I think my plan is to down as many pills as I possibly can because I just want it all gone,'" she said. "I just want to leave."

After 10 minutes of considering trying to end her own life, she decided she couldn't do that to her family.

"That was when I was like, 'I need to do something right now,'" Abigail said.

A common disease

Abigail is not alone in her experiences.

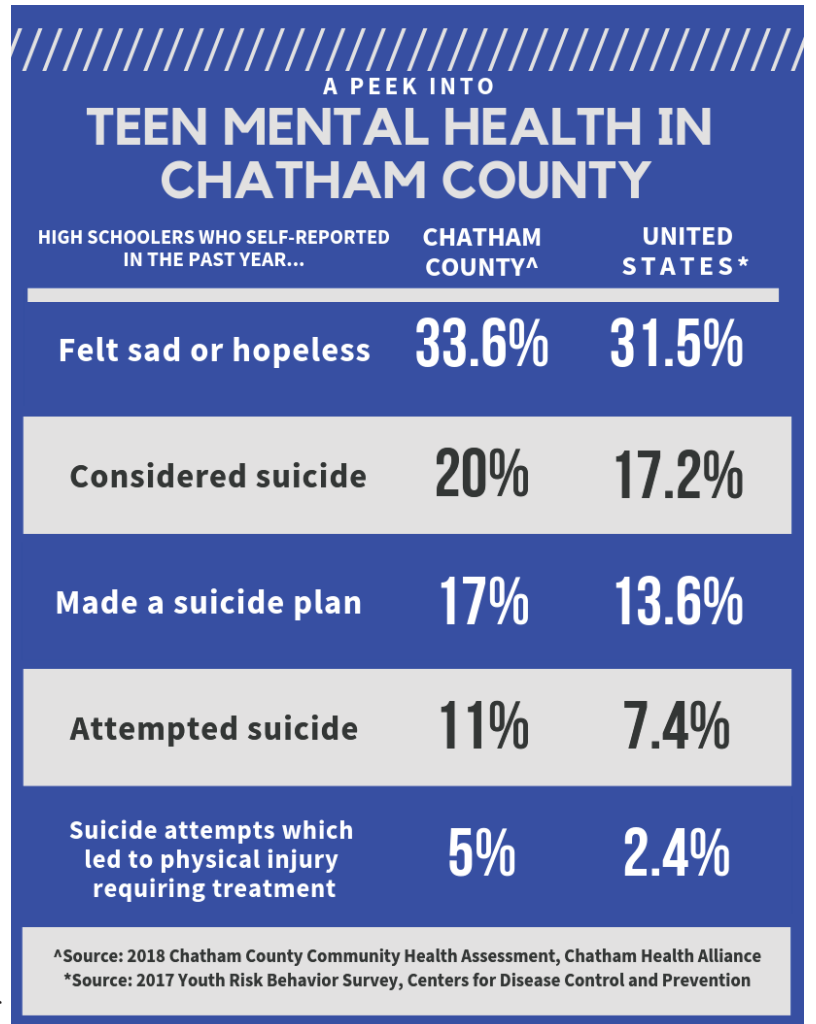
The mental health of America's teenagers, and of Chatham County's in particular, has risen to such prominence that the county's government, public school system and other institutions have been trying to find more solutions to help the rising number of

teens who struggle.

According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, a

nonprofit focused on mental

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You would have thought you were in Wyoming somewhere Sunday in Pittsboro. The snow that fell in Chatham was enough to crank up the ole snowmobile, then take it for a spin. That's just what this snow lover did, seen above. It's not often you have enough snowfall to take a spin, especially in Chatham but the driver took full advantage of the opportunity. (Staff photo by Jeff Davis)

Did county's tax-sharing deal change?

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

The unique property-tax sharing agreement Chatham County signed with the City of Sanford last month, worth potentially millions of dollars in revenue, may have actually been structured differently than Chatham officials

originally intended.

In the deal, which was lauded by representatives from both bodies when it was finalized on Nov. 5, Sanford agreed to pay the lion's share of construction costs for a wastewater line that will connect the Moncure megasite to Sanford's Big Buffalo Wastewater Treatment

Plant.

In exchange, Chatham County agreed to pay Sanford 20 percent of the additional commercial tax revenue earned by commercial and industrial properties that are served by the line for the next 50 years. That additional revenue would only

be paid after any Chatham County incentives package had been fulfilled.

But closed session minutes from a Sept. 24 Chatham County Board of Commissioners closed session meeting show the board was hoping for an even

better deal.

The agreement, originally negotiated by former Chatham County manager Renee Paschal and Sanford City Manager Hal Hegwer, was initiated because of higher than anticipated construction costs.

Sanford and Chatham County had already agreed to split construction costs for the project. The \$11 million project was to be funded by a \$4 million Golden LEAF grant Sanford received for the project. The remaining \$7 million would be split evenly with Chatham paying its \$3.5 million share with coal ash settlement funds.

Dan LaMontagne, Chatham's interim county manager, said the bids for the project came in at about \$17 million.

Sanford was able to reduce some of the costs by reducing the capacity of the project by 20 percent, but that would have still meant that Chatham would have to pay an additional \$3 million over the \$3.5 million it agreed to spend.

In Chatham County Board of Commissioners closed session minutes from Aug. 20 obtained by News + Record, Paschal informed the commissioners of the additional costs at that time. In that meeting, Paschal noted that Sanford was interested in sharing tax revenue generated by the Moncure megasite.

During a subsequent Sept. 24 meeting, commissioners discussed an agreement to share 20 percent of revenue for 20 years with a cap

WINTERIZING YOUR CAR: IT'S NOT TOO LATE

Vehicles need TLC when it turns cold

BY JOHN HUNTER
News + Record Staff

Navigating icy roads can be treacherous enough, but if you don't winterize your car properly, you might not even make it out of your driveway.

Local mechanics suggest to avoid the frustrating experience of a car that won't start in the cold, the solutions are easy — starting with checking antifreeze, your car's battery, tires and wiper blades.

Use the correct antifreeze: Steven Oakes, supervisor of Performance Auto & Tires in Pittsboro, said the first step for drivers is to get the right coolant or antifreeze.

"You need to make sure that it will handle the temperatures during the winter," Oakes said. "Usually around here it doesn't get below zero, so you want something rated

for that. You can easily crack your radiator if you don't keep

an eye on the coolant. Then you're dealing with a bigger

and lengthy repair."

Oakes said his crew will see lots of "busted hoses and cracked radiators" during the winter months.

In fact, your entire engine block could crack without the proper fluids, according to Jimmy Brower, owner of Siler City Automotive.

"The radiator takes heat as you drive," Brower said. "But those radiator fluids will freeze and not circulate if you don't have the right antifreeze. Your car can overheat easily if you don't pay attention."

Check your battery: "You want to make sure that your battery isn't drained and can handle the extra juice that your defroster and heater will require," Oakes said.

Keep an eye on tire pressure: "Colder weather makes the pressure go down in your tires," Oakes said. "When you're driving on slick roads, you want to make sure that you



School transportation employee Eugene Dowdy checks the antifreeze solution on a bus at Moncure School last week. With the winter upon us, it's not too late to get your vehicles winterized. (Staff photo by Jeff Davis)

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Community Calendar

ON THE AGENDA

- The Siler City Board of Commissioners will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 17 at the Town Hall Courtroom in Siler City.
- The Chatham County Board of Commissioners will hold its regular and work sessions at 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 17 at the Historic Chatham County Courthouse in Pittsboro.
- The Chatham County Soil and Water Conservation District will meet Thursday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. in the conference room downstairs in the new Agriculture Building in Pittsboro. This is an open meeting. To confirm the meeting or for additional information call the office at 919-542-545-8440 or 919-542-8228.
- The Triangle Area Rural Planning Organization (TARPO), Rural Transportation Coordinating Committee (RTCC) and Rural Transportation Advisory Committee will hold their regular bi-monthly meetings in Sanford on Dec. 13 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lee County Government Center, Gordon Wicker Room, 106 Hillcrest Drive, Sanford. The agendas include the following decision items: (1) letters of support for FTA 5310 funds, (2) letter of support for Town of Carthage grant application, (3) acceptance of donated STI points from Piedmont Triad RPO, (4) endorsement of Moore County Comprehensive Transportation Plan, and (5) approval of 2019 meeting calendar.

THURSDAY

- Join the Pittsboro Farmers' Market on Dec. 13 from 3 to 6 p.m. as the market says thanks to their customers by feeding them homemade items made by each one of the farmers and

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vendors. Purchase a mug made by local potter, Hamish Jackson, and get it filled with your choice of hot coco or hot cider. Get your knives sharpened by Pro Chef. Listen to live music while you holiday shop from local artist, crafters and farmers. For more information or to be a craft vendor mail lillydenfarm@yahoo.com

ALSO HAPPENING

• Wake Up Wednesday, the local forum for sharing news about your products, services, skills, or non-profit events and programs, is held on the third Wednesday of every month at the Carolina Brewery near Lowes Home Store in Pittsboro. Doors open at 8 a.m. The program starts at 8:30 and ends at 9:30. \$5 gains you entry, a fresh hot breakfast with coffee, and access to approximately 50 people looking for new clients and customers in the community.

• Chatham County Rescue Squad Blood Drive will be held Monday, Dec. 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 201 South Second Avenue, Siler City. To schedule your life-saving appointment, visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: ChathamRescue or call 1-800-REDCROSS. Give more life! Donate blood.

• The Council on Aging will host a Health & Wellness Discussion Group on the Third Friday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Eastern Chatham Senior Center in Pittsboro. To sign up for information, contact Alan Russo at 919-542-4512 or alan.russo@chathamcoa.org.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, NC District 33, Meeting schedules available at 866-640-0180 for Chatham, Alamance, Caswell and Orange Counties. Alcoholics Anonymous, NC District

• The Carolina Mountain Dulcimer Players will meet at the Seymour Center on Home-stead Road in Chapel Hill at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 20. Beginners, experts, and all stringed instruments are welcome. For more information, contact Shirley Ray at ShirleyRay@aol.com or 919-929-5359.

• Start your New Year off on a good foot with a First Day Hike! Join Friends of Lower Haw on Jan. 1, 2019 for a "Discover the Winter Landscape" walk in the Lower Haw River State Natural Area led by botanist Ken Moore, retired Assistant Director of the NC Botanical Garden. Contact lowerhawevents@gmail.com to pre-register.

Opportunities for Scouting

- Boy Scout Troop 93 in Pittsboro meets Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Harold Boone Scout Park on Hwy 64W, just past CCCC. Open to boys, ages 11-17. Visit www.bstroop93.org for more information.
- Pack 924 of Siler City First United Methodist Church meets on Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

• A new exhibit in the Chatham Historical Museum highlights the sacrifice of Chatham County resident William T. Durham, Seaman First Class on the USS Arizona, who perished in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. William's re-mains were identified from his Pittsboro High School ring, which is among artifacts recently donated to the Chatham Historical Museum by his family. Some of these items are on display at the Museum during December. The Museum is located in the Historic Chatham County Courthouse and is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m., weather permitting. 919-542-6222.

• For Drug problems in the family, Narcotics Anonymous helps! Call 1-800-721-8225 for listing of local meetings.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, NC District 33, Meeting schedules available at 866-640-0180 for Chatham, Alamance, Caswell and Orange Counties.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

• Santa's Reindeer Roundup Express, December 15 - the only event in the Triangle where attendees can visit and have their photo taken with Santa Claus while riding a real train. NHVR is located 30 minutes from Raleigh off of Old U.S. 1. Early reservations encouraged.

• Two shows of Miracle On Hillsboro Street will take place at the Historic Courthouse in Pittsboro. The trial of the century occurs at the historic courthouse, where Santa is on trial. Enjoy audience participation, local actors, and the real Kris Kringle. Performances at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Dec. 15. Admission is a \$5 donation to benefit Jamie's Vision. Children under 5 are free. Seating is limited, so advanced ticket purchase is encouraged. Tickets can be purchased at Chatham Business Services, Pittsboro Toys, Pittsboro Roadhouse, and M2Graphics Store. The event is hosted by the Pittsboro Business Association as part of the 2018 Pittsboro Holly Days.

• Second anniversary of the Chatham County Public Libraries Giving Tree. 'Tis the season for giving! From now through December 20, Chatham County Public Libraries invite you to give back to the Chatham County community by sponsoring books from our Library Giving Tree. Each library branch will host a tree. Patrons may take a tag from the tree, follow the URL on the tag to the Library Giving Tree Amazon wish list and purchase a listed item. Items purchased from the Library Giving Tree list will be donated to the Sunflower Seeds Christian Preschool & Learning Center in Siler City. Purchased items will ship directly to the Center.

Avoid these holiday scams

From the Better Business Bureau of Eastern NC

RALEIGH — The National Retail Federation (NRF) expects consumers to spend approximately \$1,000 this year leading to \$720 billion spent overall for holiday shopping.

As shoppers set records on spending Better Business Bureau serving Eastern North Carolina (BBB) urges consumers to be prepared for scammers looking to take a bit of your holiday cheer.

"Consumers need to be extra careful during the holiday shopping season," said Alyssa Gutierrez, Director of Communications for BBB serving Eastern NC. "Scammers know that people are out shopping in stores and online and will do anything they can to steal money."

Top holiday scams targeting consumers:

Look-Alike Websites. Many consumers will see an increase in the number of email alerts announcing deals, gifts, and sales. While mailers can look legitimate, the links may lead to look-alike websites meant to trick you into entering private information or give scammers an opportunity to

download malware onto your computer. To protect themselves, consumers should review the email for misspellings, poor grammar and avoid clicking on any links.

Social Media Gift Exchange. Purchasing one gift and receiving several in return may sound like a harmless way to give and receive presents, but this seasonal scam is a pyramid scheme, which is illegal.

Grandparent Scams. Scammers target seniors posing as a grandchild or other family member and claim they have been in an accident, arrested, hospitalized or another urgent issue. The circumstance often requires money be sent immediately to resolve. If you receive one of these calls, hang up and contact the family member in question.

Temporary Holiday Jobs. Many businesses require extra help with the holiday rush and often seek temporary employees. Beware of fraudsters who attempt to glean personal information and require you to send money prior to an interview.

Free Gift Cards. Who doesn't love free stuff especially around the holidays? Scammers hope

to take advantage of that fondness through phishing emails and pop-up ads offering gift cards. If you receive one of these offers, do not click on any links as there is a high chance it may be malware.

E-Cards. Christmas cards are sent out this time of year and while some friends and family may be going high-tech by using e-cards, so are scammers. Avoid opening any suspicious email but if you do and see an attachment that ends in ".exe" which indicates an execute command and could download a virus, do not open it.

Fake Shipping Notifications. Deliveries notifications can often be expected throughout the holiday season as many consumers go online to purchase gifts, but some of these announcements may be phishing scams. These false notification emails often use a legitimate businesses name and logo to trick you into opening the email and allowing thieves to gain access to personal information and passwords.

Phony Charities. Charities often get a boost this season as consumers are in the giving spirit but scammers seeking to take advantage can pose as

charities or needy individuals soliciting donations. To find out more information on a charity, check out BBB's Wise Giving Alliance or Give.org.

Letters From Santa. Many legitimate businesses offer personalized letters from Santa, but some copycat scammers are only looking to glean personal information from unsuspecting parents. Be suspicious of unsolicited emails offering special prices or packages for letters from Santa.

Unusual Forms of Payments. When making your holiday purchases be wary of anyone asking for a strange form of payment as they often can't be traced or undone. These may include: prepaid debit or gift cards, wire transfers or third parties.

Travel Scams. Traveling for the holidays can get expensive and bargains may be tempting, but some offers may be scams that end up costing you more instead of helping you save. Consumers should be cautious when it comes to email offers, especially if it is from an unknown sender or company. Also never wire money to someone you don't know.

Area Obituaries

BARBARA ANN BURKE ANDREW



Barbara Ann Burke Andrew, 90, of Siler City died Friday, December 7, 2018 at UNC Hospice House in Pittsboro.

She was born in Chatham County on September 1st, 1928; the daughter of the late Joe Thomas and Annie Dowdy Burke. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Murray Milton Andrew, an infant daughter, and a brother Guy Thomas Burke.

She graduated from Siler City High School in 1947. She began working at an early age in downtown Siler City; her first job being at Roses Dime Store at age 14. She especially cherished the time working at Carolina Furniture with Bill and Mae Tidy. In 1972, she became the secretary of Jordan-Matthews High School until her retirement in 1990. She worked alongside her husband, Murray Andrew, who was the principal of the school. She loved interacting with the students and was always happy to run into former students and staff from her time there.

After retirement, she enjoyed playing an active role in her children's, grandchildren's, and great-grandchildren's lives. She spoiled them and taught them, when faced with difficulties, that we would "deal with it" as a family. She traveled many miles to attend their sporting and milestone events.

She had a vibrant personality, quick wit, and was an all-around classy lady. She lived life to the fullest everyday. Strangers that she met quickly became friends. She loved Talbots, Johnson's, Chick-Fil-A, and Pepsi. She was an avid reader, especially books by Mary Higgins Clark, and enjoyed time in her yard tending to her flowers. Her love for her family, friends, church, and her Lord was limitless. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, the Faith Sunday School class, and the Virginia Highfield Mission Meeting, where many lifelong friendships were made.

She is survived by a son, Steven Andrew of Raleigh, a daughter, Yvonne Andrew of Siler City; granddaughter, Lauren Hadley Grant and husband Tony of Holly Springs; grandson Benjamin Hadley and wife Melissa of Elon; great-grandchildren, Ella and Bryce Hadley and Bryce Grant; sister-in-law, Annette Burke of Camp Hill Pennsylvania; nephew Michael Burke, niece Linda Burke and husband Mike Webster, and great-nephew Ryan Burke.

The family will receive friends at Smith and Buckner Funeral Home on Friday, December 14th from 6:00-8:00pm. The celebration of her life will be conducted at First Baptist Church on Saturday, December 15th at 2:00pm. Burial will follow the services at Rives Chapel Baptist Church (4338 Rives Chapel Church Road, Siler City).

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to First Baptist Church (314 North Second Avenue Siler City NC 27344) or to UNC Hospice House. Checks for UNC Hospice House should be made payable to "The Medical Foundation of NC, Inc." and mailed to UNC Medicine % The Medical Foundation of NC Inc (P.O. Box 1050 Chapel Hill, NC 27514-9981). Please designate "Patient & Family Care Fund (349472)" in the lower left. Memorial gifts can also be made online at go.unc.edu/unchoospice.

A very special thank you to the competent and caring staff of UNC Hospice House in Pittsboro for the excellent care they provided to our loved one and to our family and friends.

MRS. TILLIE WALKER PAUL THORNBURG

Mrs. Tillie Walker Paul Thornburg, 95, passed away Wednesday morning, December 5, 2018 at her home in Siler City, NC.

A Beaufort County native, "Miss Tillie" was born November 27, 1923 in Little Washington, NC, to the late Oscar Tillman Paul and Nona Delilah Walker.

This devoted wife, loving mother and adoring grandmother was well known for her kind heart and gentle spirit. Tillie enjoyed her many afternoon Bridge games with her good friends. She was a true southern lady from a bygone era and had a genuine interest in all the lives she met. She and William Hugh Thornburg were married for nearly 65 years, until his passing in 2012.

Tillie is survived by her three daughters, Cynthia T. Hughes of Siler City, Terri T. Leith of Raleigh and Lois Elaine Thornburg of Wilmington; her grandchildren, David Brewer Hughes (Kimberly), Candace Hughes Thomas (Bob), Allison Hughes Kuglitsch (Ryan), Darcy L. Weaver (Chris), Aaron Johnson, and Ava Johnson; her great-grandchildren, David Brewer Hughes, Jr. (Kayeleigh), Zackery C. Hughes (Megan), Jackson Weaver, Rusty Kuglitsch, Rosie Kuglitsch, Haylee Kuglitsch, Johnathan Thomas and Jake Thomas; her great-great-grandson, Kohen Hughes; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, Tillie was preceded in death by her great-grandson, Andrew "Drew" Davis Hughes.

A service to honor the life and memory of Tillie Walker Paul Thornburg will be held 1 p.m., Friday, December 14, 2018, at First United Methodist Church, 1101 W. Raleigh St., Siler City, NC 27344. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a generous contribution to: Chatham Council on Aging, Pittsboro, NC 27312 or Liberty Home Care & Hospice, PO Box 715, 401 East Third Street, Siler City, NC 27344 or First UMC Methodist Church, 1101 W Raleigh St., Siler City NC 27344, Tel: 1-919-742-2722, Email: office@fumcsilercity.org, Web: <http://fumcsilercity.org/>

Condolences may be made at www.donaldsonfunerals.com

THOMAS H. BARROWS

Thomas H. Barrows, age 71, of Barnegat, NJ passed away November 27, 2018.

He was born in Harvey, IL to his late parents Buford and Wilma Barrows of Siler City. A graduate of Tulane University and the University of Denver School of Law, he served in the US Army National Guard and was a long-time resident of Denver where he was the senior partner of Barrows & Sisun in Denver before retiring in 1990 due to MS-related health issues. He moved to Barnegat, NJ in 2011.

Surviving Tom are his beloved daughter Lauren Jaine Duncan and her husband Kurtis of Littleton; and Tom's devoted sisters, Betti and Karen Barrows of NJ.

A memorial service will be held at Wright Memorial Presbyterian Church, Barnegat, NJ on December 15 at 11 a.m. Burial will be at Hickory Mountain Baptist Cemetery in Siler City, NC.

More information may be found at www.BarnegatFH.com/notices/Thomas-Barrows.



BETTY RAE MAULDIN HOLDER

Betty Rae Mauldin Holder, 82, passed away on Sunday, (12-02-2018) at UNC Medical Center.

The funeral service was held in the Chapel at Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home at 2 p.m. with Rev. Jerry Parsons officiating. Burial followed in Lee Memory Gardens.

She was born in Montgomery County on February 23, 1936 to the late Thomas Ivey Mauldin and Flora Smith Wilmoth. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Delmas Douglas Holder; son, Delmas "Dale" Douglas Holder, Jr.; brothers, Ralph Wilmoth, Clarence Wilmoth, Bob Wilmoth, Stuart (Pee Wee) Wil-

moth and Thomas Jasper Mauldin; and sister, Ernestine Seagroves. Betty Rae worked at Lufkin and Cornell Dubilier before retiring from Eaton Corporation.

Betty Rae is survived by her daughters, Sherri Rae Holder of Sanford, Traci Lynn Holder of Sanford; brothers, Francis Wilmoth of Carthage, Wayne Wilmoth of Sanford; a sister, Joyce Wilmoth of Greensboro; three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the funeral home to assist the family with funeral expenses, 600 West Main Street, Sanford, NC 27332 or online at: www.funeraldonationapp.com.

Condolences may be made at www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com.

RHONDA ELLIS DRAKE

Rhonda Ellis Drake, 58, of Pittsboro died Monday, (12-03-2018) at her residence.

The funeral was held Friday, (12-07-2018) at 12 noon at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Wesley Thomas officiating. Burial

HOWARD BAXTER MANESS

Howard Baxter Maness, 90, of Robbins passed away on Friday, December 7, 2018 at Pinnacle Health and Rehabilitation Center surrounded by his family.

A Celebration of Life Service was officiated by Pastor Danny Meetze at the First Baptist Church in Robbins on Wednesday, December 12th at 2 p.m. Burial, with Military Honors, followed at Pine Rest Cemetery in Robbins.

Howard was born in Robbins on August 4, 1928, the son of the late Lemuel and Florence Maness. After proudly serving his Country in the United States Army, he worked in the Robbins Mill (Milliken) for forty-six years. During that time he was a friend and mentor to many men and women who admired him as a great supervisor due to his never-ending love, friendship and encouragement. He was preceded in death by his sisters Blanche Brown (Glen), Alma Scott (Clinton); brothers, Ernest and Richard Maness and wife Ann and niece, Linda Scott Maness.

Howard is survived by his wife of 65 years, Barbara (Bobbie) Saunders Maness; daughters, Kim Williams (Bruce) and Pam Davis (Steve); grandchildren, Shannon Criscoe (Caleb), Kirk Williams (Gina), Kelly Davis (Sabrina) and Ashley Davis (Hunter); great-grandchildren, Madison and Easton Criscoe; niece, Karen Smith (Ronnie) and nephew, Gary (Skip) Brown. He is also survived by his beloved dog, Gracie.

Howard's greatest joy was his wife and family and spending time with them. He was also a devoted fan of Tar Heel basketball and enjoyed watching his grandkids playing sports. He will be greatly missed but his family rejoices in his ascension to his heavenly home.

The family received friends at Kennedy Funeral Home on Tuesday, December 11th from 6 until 8 p.m. and other times at their home.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: Robbins First Baptist Church, P O Box 400, Robbins, NC 27325 or the Moore County Humane Society, 5355 NC Hwy 22, Carthage, NC 28327.

Kennedy Funeral home is honored to serve the Maness family.

Online condolences may be made at pinesfunerals.com.

JOHN ROY COLTRANE

John Roy Coltrane, 96, of Siler City passed away peacefully Wednesday, December 5, 2018, at UNC Hospice Home, Pittsboro and is now walking in the presence of the Lord.

Mr. Coltrane was born June 11, 1922 in High Point the son of Nathan C. Coltrane and Essie Bame Coltrane Bond. Roy was a Veteran of the US Marine Corps during World War II. He served in the Pacific Theater (Midway, Iwo Jima, Occupied Japan), received several medals and was honorably discharged as a Sergeant. He married Allene Beck Coltrane on October 19, 1947. Roy's working career included, builder, textiles, meat cutter/ manager, insurance salesman, and salesman/ manager of Oakwood Mobile Homes.

He was a member of Community Baptist Church, Siler City, 5th Marine Division Association, Randolph County Honor Guard, Asheboro Marine Corp League, American Legion Post # 81, Siler City Masonic Lodge # 403, Past Master and District Deputy Grand Master # 14, Order of Eastern Star Chapter #9, Past Worthy Patron, and Shriners. He was a member of the Gideon International and supported local and Foreign Missions.

Roy was an avid outdoors man who enjoyed deer hunting, fishing and gardening. He loved his family, his church family, military family and Masonic brothers and friends. He looked forward to the times of fellowship and sharing stories. Roy was patriotic through and through and believed "once a Marine, always a Marine". He was also interested in his ancestry and proud of his Scottish heritage.

He was preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Ruth C. Roberts, Kelly (KL) Coltrane (Emir), and Alma C. Perry; sister-in-law, Doris Pearce (Frank).

He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Allene (Beck) Coltrane; two daughters, Kay Watts (Oscar) and Valerie Dorsett (Jimmie), all of Siler City; brothers, Howard Coltrane (the late Christine) of Greensboro, NC and Claude L. Coltrane (Betty) of Ramseur, NC, grandchildren, April Watts Peterson (Ryan) of Stuttgart, Germany, Page Watts (Denise) of North Myrtle Beach, SC, Dacia Barnes (Jeremy) of Pittsboro, NC, Jonathan Auman (Andrea) of Pensacola, FL, James "Jamie" Dorsett (Allison) of Greensboro, NC, Patrick Dorsett (Sydney) of Siler City, NC; great-grandchildren, Aaron Barnes, Morgan Barnes, Kalyeann Coltrane Barnes, Max and Tate Peterson, Hayden Dorsett, Bryce Auman, Kinsley Dorsett; in-laws, Clifford and Rosalee Beck, Welford (the late Helen) Beck, Clyde (Doris) Beck; and several nieces and nephews.

The family received friends Friday, December 7, 2018 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Smith & Buckner Funeral Home, 230 North Second Avenue, Siler City, NC.

The funeral was held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Community Baptist Church, 2575 Hamp Stone Road, Siler City with Rev. Mark Agan and Pastor Billy Joe Brady officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to FMDA (5th Division Association) c/o President Kathy Painton, 62-3928 Lou'i Place H-1, Kamulea, HI 96743 (Tax Deductible Contribution) or Community Baptist Church Building Fund, 2575 Hamp Stone Road, Siler City, NC 27344.

The family wishes to express a heartfelt "thank you" for the thoughts and prayers that have been sent. A special thank you to his private caregivers in his home and UNC Hospice Home.



was in Rock Springs Baptist Church Cemetery, Pittsboro.

Mrs. Drake was born in Davidson County on December 16, 1959, the daughter of Bob Wade and Greta Freida (Slutz) Ellis. Rhonda was a homemaker, attended Rock Springs Baptist Church and was a former employee of Townsends.

She was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by two daughters, Rebecca Drake of Graham and Nicole Wall of Chapel Hill; one son, Michael Drake of Stuart, VA; sister, Rita Evans of High Rock Lake; brothers, Ronnie Ellis of Bynum, Robert Ellis and Roland Ellis, both of Bear Creek; and five grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Smith & Buckner Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.pughfuneralhome.com.

ERNEST PRESTON GASTER, JR.

Ernest Preston Gaster, Jr, 89, passed peacefully at his home on Friday, (12-07-2018).

He was born on December 24, 1928 to the late Ernest Preston Gaster, Sr. and Mildred Bridges Gaster of Sanford. He attended Louisburg College, and was

employed with the U.S. Postal Service. He retired and ran a vegetable farm for many years. He was a member of Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church, serving as a Deacon and on the Building and Grounds Committee. He was preceded in death by his wife, Pattie L. Gaster and his sister, Doris G. Reid.

Survivors include sons, Scott Gaster of Oshkosh, WI, Preston Gaster of Sanford; daughter, Linda Wicker of Sanford; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Memorials can be made to Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church, 316 Main Street, Sanford.

A Celebration of Life service was conducted Wednesday (12-12-2018)

at 4 p.m. at Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church, with a private burial at Shallow Well Cemetery.

Condolences may be made at www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com.

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JIMMY WRENN STURDIVANT

Born and raised on his family's farm in Chatham County, NC, Jimmy Wrenn Sturdivant loved his family and community. He was a master of repairing the unrepairable, sharing a good story, and enjoying his time outdoors. He departed this world peacefully, on Thursday, December 6, 2018, doing what he enjoyed most, helping his family.

Jimmy was born on April 2, 1939 in Chatham County to Robert Junior and Lena Andrews Sturdivant. He graduated from Pittsboro High School and later began his business career as co-owner of Johnson-Strowd-Ward Furniture Store in Chapel Hill, NC. He was a loving husband, friend, farmer, and small business owner. His lived his strong faith and values daily. He was an active member of Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church and role-modeled living a simple abundant life. His friendly demeanor and conversational gift will be missed by his family, friends, and many loyal customers.

Jimmy was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters, Bobbye Lee Sturdivant Marler, Billie Jo Sturdivant Norwood, and Virginia Dare Sturdivant. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Sheila Dawson Sturdivant; son, Michael Wesley Sturdivant and wife Margaret of Pittsboro, NC; daughter, Kimberly Wrenn Sturdivant McCown and husband Thomas of Carrboro, NC; three grandchildren, Wesley Charles Sturdivant, Laura Beth Sturdivant, and Rachel Irene McCown; two sisters, Norma Frances Sturdivant Coggin of Raleigh, and Phyllis Sturdivant Jordan of Pittsboro.

Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m. on Thursday, December 13, 2018 at Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church, 269 Manns Chapel Road, Pittsboro, NC 27312. The family will receive friends following the service in the church fellowship hall.

In lieu of flowers, the family ask that any contributions be given in his name to Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church, the American Heart Association or the donor's charity of choice.



Opinion

From the Publisher's Desk

When #fakenews becomes real

TV sitcoms are responsible for most of the catchphrases that have entered the pop culture lexicon over the last few decades, but one of the latest additions to the collection was promulgated by none other than our esteemed president.

Now that I think about it, Donald Trump was the star of a TV show (which I don't think I ever saw), so maybe "fake news" (or, as The Donald most often characterizes it, #fake-news) still partially qualifies as a TV catchphrase — even though his turns on "The Apprentice" were mostly in the years before he ascended into the top elected office in the free world and in the days before Twitter became his communication platform of choice.

And, to be fair, it was also back in the days when most newspapers and newspaper reporters told the news straight — not with the kind of accusatory clickbait headlines and unflinchingly lopsided narratives you see from time to time in some of the nation's metropolitan dailies.

The truth is, nowadays it can be hard to tell #fake-news from real news. And it's bad for all of us.

I'm a third-generation newspaperman, and after parts of five decades working in the industry, I'm still a student of newspapering — a business which was already a decade or more on the ropes back in December of 2016, right after Trump's election, when his use of "fake news" began to become more frequent. Since then, President Trump has officially said "fake news" more than 400 times — in speeches and in postings on his Twitter account — in an attempt to discredit reporting he didn't like. (More recently, he seems to favor "enemy of the people" when describing America's news media. Frighteningly disappointing. Doesn't he know I voted for him?)

Sadly, in some cases,

he's been right about the fake news bit. But in most cases his "#fakenews" turned out to be nothing more than embarrassing and unflattering coverage of news about him that was unflinchingly genuine and true.

The results? Aside from our president coming across as a crybaby, and all the other ramifications of his actions, there's less trust in newspapers and other traditionally solid avenues of news gathering and reporting. In addition, "fake news" has more and more become the byword for politicians and nations — with fans and followers simply nodding their collective heads in agreement without stopping to fact check what's real and what's not.

It's a sad state of affairs that makes me think about my grandfather, a curmudgeonly cuss who built a newspaper, *The Sanford Herald*, during the Great Depression. He survived fistfights with local politicians in town who didn't like the paper's (very accurate) coverage of their doings, but was honored when Sanford's main thoroughfare was named for him. He was a principled, non-nonsense man who expected nothing less from those who worked for him. He taught me a lot, but one of the most enduring lessons came from something he said to me on more than one occasion:

"A lot of people called me an SOB," he said. "But no one ever called me a lying SOB."

Which is to say: Even if it's bad news, tell the truth. Even if it hurts you or others, do the right thing. Be accountable and hold others likewise.

All of which are *real* lessons being forgotten in the age of the fake.

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What can the NFL teach us about business?

By Dr. Mike Walden

Many consider the National Football League (NFL) to be the most successful professional sports organization in the world. To many, having an NFL team is a signal a city and region have arrived and are in elite company. This is one reason why NFL franchises sell for in the multi-billions of dollars.

But the NFL wasn't always a success, as

recounted in John Eisenberg's fabulous new book, *The League*. The New York Giants were purchased in 1925 for \$500 (\$7140 in today's purchasing power). Many teams floundered and disbanded — including an earlier NFL team in my hometown — the NFL Cincinnati Reds — which lasted only two years from 1933-34.

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'Oh boy!' or 'Oh no!' Either way, we had snow

Snow is like a Rorschach test.

Some look at it — snow itself, and forecasts of it — and it brings them joy.

To be sure, snow falling is pretty and fallen snow can be fun, with snowball fights and sledding and making snow cream.

Others — and if you're in the first group, you may call them curmudgeons -- find snow not so much fun.

"I hate winter!" said one co-worker first thing Monday morning as he brushed some of the snow that was still falling outside with ferocity off the lapel of his winter jacket.

I know what he means.

On the other end of the spectrum, my sister texted me Sunday night expressing her disappointment with the relatively light accumulation of snow in our area, which saw far less of it than points fur-

ther north.

I didn't share her disappointment.

Children looking at a snowflake-like inkblot might likely see days without school, sledding sessions, hot chocolate and, provided the power remains on, hours of television or video games or whatever other activity they can find to occupy the hours they aren't spending in the classroom.

Teachers likely see interrupted lesson plans, lost work, make-up days, hassles.

Those concerns would largely mirror those of most other working adults, folks for whom a good old-fashioned snow day isn't a leisurely stroll through a Thomas Kinkadee come to life but

more of a touch-and-go drive to work.

As I write this, we're in the middle of what, for us in this part of the world, is an early snowfall.

It's also a heavy one and a persistent one.

When I woke up Monday morning, the first thing I did — and it required no thought because my brain, even while I slept, remained in winter weather mode — snatched back the curtains to see nature's progress.

Late Saturday and early Sunday had gifted us with a blanket of snow, but that had been followed up with mostly rain, best I could tell, the remainder of Sunday.

What the snatching back of the curtain revealed was that the blanket of snow from the day before

had melted.

I rejoiced.

Half an hour later, I was on the road to Siler City and as the road shortened as my drive furthered, road conditions were again worsening.

This early snow was a gift that wasn't finished giving.

By the time I'd made it into the downtown district, gone was the rain that had taken the snows place and back was the snow that was falling steadily and quickly on everything underneath it, including my co-worker's lapel.

This, too, shall pass, as we're reminded of everything in life.

For those of you who love snow, I'm glad you got an early peak at it.

For the rest of us, isn't it a wonderful thing that snow melts?

One man's steak is another man's potted meat

It's been said of humanity that we are what we eat.

If that's true, I'm beginning to think I might be in trouble.

It's not that I'm fond of such things as raw possum or apple leaves; those are things most anyone — I hope — would find disgusting. Instead, it's the subtle things, the twists and turns and fine-tuning of the staples and things most folks like. And that's not a new phenomenon in my life.

Case in point going back to my childhood is a dish I'm pretty sure is my own creation — at least I've never heard of anyone else coming up with it. And when I describe or even mention it, the response usually varies from "Ugh!" to "Are you serious? Do you really eat that?"

And the answer is "Yes," and it's because I really like it, or did then since it's been awhile since I had one.

The dish dates back to those childhood years when I got off the bus at the end of the school day and Mama was at work at her nursing job and Daddy wasn't home yet. Obviously, my folks considered me old enough to function alone for a few hours, not to open the door to strangers and not to call my uncle in

Hawaii.

We had plenty of food in the house when I got inside. Sometimes it was a snack or treat Mama had left for me or it could be what was supposed to be supper if I didn't eat it first. But more often than not my after-school snack was my teenage creation.

It involved fresh bread; Sunbeam was my preference. And bologna, the high-dollar Jesse Jones variety. And American cheese, either hoop cheese if Daddy had gotten some but usually Kraft in the big yellow block. Added to that was peanut butter; it had to be Peter Pan and either smooth or crunchy was fine. The final ingredient was catsup or ketchup — I'm never really sure which is correct — and most often it was Hunt's.

In a pinch, you could substitute some of the branded ingredients, but the final product was not quite as good as the top of the line result, at least in my teenage thought process.

Not only were the ingredients important but there was also a method to the preparation. First you started with the bologna and carefully pulled

the thin covering off the slice, being careful not to tear the perfect circle of meat. If — and when — that happened, I was forced to scrape off the bits of bologna clinging to the skin with my teeth so as not to waste any.

The next step was key to the whole process: you took the bologna in hand and spread (or smeared, if you preferred) peanut butter on both sides of the bologna. Then you'd carefully place that on one slice of bread and carefully slice enough cheese to cover the top side of the meat and peanut butter.

Next came the crowning event in the form of enough catsup (or ketchup) to completely cover it all before topping everything with the other slice of bread. Even then, I was into tweaking the recipe by sometimes adding mayonnaise (Duke's, of course) to the top slice but most of the time not.

Then I'd find a 16-ounce belly washer and enjoy my feast.

Times two.

As I look back on those days and that food, several things come to mind. One is that frequent ingestion of that gastric marvel may

have something to do with the fine physical specimen I am today, namely my body's tendency to resemble a pear. There also could be an internal component that I'm coming to deal with after my heart surgery, namely that too much sodium (salt, to us locals) isn't the best thing for our tickers — and bologna tends to have an ample supply.

Still, I reason, what's the point of living to be 123 if you don't have some pleasure?

While I consumed enough of those sandwiches through the years to build a dam across the Haw River, I did, from time to time consume some other products ranging from chitlins to tripe to Mama's fried chicken and homemade tomato soup. Occasionally we'd throw in a New York strip steak, as well.

Funny what triggers your memory. Over the past few days I've been nursing the family pooch, who had to visit the vet for some surgery. I've never had much success forcing medicine down a dog's throat but if you hide the pills in a Vienna sausage, she'll inhale it.

I'd forgotten how good those things smell, at least to me. Long ago, I'd consume a can or two with Daddy when we made a lunch stop at G.R. ("Dobber") Williams Pure Oil gas station north of Bynum.

I'm pretty sure we don't have any bologna, but I think I'll ask the puppy if she'll share her Viennas. Maybe just one can won't be a sodium overload.

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NFL (Continued from Page A4)

Eisenberg describes the birth of the NFL in the 1920s and its numerous struggles over many decades to achieve the predominance it has today. And, although I don't know if Eisenberg intended this, the NFL's story reveals some rules about economics that are applicable to any business and industry.

First is perseverance. Starting and running a business and making it successful is hard, and often takes years. When the NFL (its original name was the American Professional Football Association) was formed, football was considered a college game.

Indeed, many thought paying individuals to play football was wrong (although payment was well established for professional baseball). For years, attendance at NFL games was a mere fraction of the number attending college games. Although some NFL team owners had deep pockets (such as Tim Mara of the New York Giants), others like George Halas of the Bears and Art Rooney of the Pirates (later Steelers) had to constantly borrow or rely on good fortune to stay afloat.

By the 1930s the NFL owners knew they had to innovate in order to compete with the colleges because they were still losing in attendance and notoriety. Innovation is a fancy word for "shaking things up" or "trying something new."

The league's goal was to make the professional game more exciting than the college game, hoping that excitement would lead to attendance. How did they do this? Their innovation was to change the nature of the game, by shifting away from the running the ball, which dominated the sport, to passing the ball. So the NFL enacted rules to make the passing game more lucrative and useful to coaches. It worked. Point totals rose and with them went excitement. Attendance soared.

Branding is another important business tactic. Using names, logos and advertising, branding is a way to quickly communicate to potential buyers a positive image of the company. Of course, ultimately the image must be backed-up by reliable and usable products and services. So when success was not achieved at the box office in the early years of the NFL, several teams were quick to realize they needed to revise their brand. Here are two examples.

The Chicago NFL team owned by George Halas was originally known as the Staleys, after a company that sponsored the team. In Chicago the Staleys played at Wrigley Field, home to the pro baseball team, the Chicago Cubs. Hoping the popularity of the Cubs would rub off on his football team, Halas renamed his team as a larger version of the Cubs – the Bears!

Going in the opposite direction of rebranding was the NFL's Pittsburgh team, the Pirates. Owner Art Rooney first named the team the Pirates to again capitalize on the popularity of the local baseball team by the same name. In fact, several early NFL teams used this idea, but it didn't work for Rooney. So, after struggling during the Great Depression of the 1930s, Rooney tried a different image by renaming his team the Steelers, after the dominant industry of Pittsburgh. The new name "took", and the rest is history!

Even successful industries have to deal with adapting new technology, and the NFL was no exception. Owners were initially worried the development first of radio, and then of television, would hurt their business by keeping fans away. Yet over time they incorporated use of these media as they found radio and TV expanded both their fan base and revenues.

Last, successful businesses must learn how to adjust to new competitors. In the case of the NFL, new competitors came in the form of several upstart rival leagues, including the first American Football League (AFL) in the 1930s, the All-American Football Conference (AAFC) of the 1940s, and a later version of the AFL in the 1960s. In the case of the AAFC and the 1960s AFL, the NFL tried a "beat them, then join them" strategy. Only the Cleveland Browns survived the AAFC, then later joining the NFL. Faring better, all teams of the 1960s AFL were ultimately absorbed into a reorganized NFL.

Perseverance, innovation, branding, adapting new technology and adjusting to new competitors are all challenges the NFL faced in its almost 100 year history. These are also challenges most businesses face. You decide if even the smallest business can learn from the mighty NFL.

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Something smells in 9th Congressional Dist.

Back in 1897, an eight-year-old girl, prompted by naysaying friends, wrote The New York Sun wanting the truth about the existence of Santa Claus. Today that letter might be answered by apparent congressman-elect Mark Harris, confirming not only Santa's existence, but also that his name is McCrae Dowless.

Something smells in North Carolina's 9th Congressional District election. Attention is focused on the abnormally high number of absentee ballots requested in Bladen County, the surprising number of them never returned to the county board of elections and the equally mystifying number who voted Republican, percentages greater than elsewhere in the district.

I've always been a "doubting Thomas," believing there was little evidence of voter fraud in our state. I was wrong. Those asserting widespread fraud obviously knew whereof they spoke, only it isn't the type of fraud they postulated. They claimed large numbers were attempting to vote using false names or in precincts in which they

were not registered.

Evidence appears conclusive that Dowless and others orchestrated a campaign to get voters to request absentee ballots, returning to those same residences to "harvest" the votes. Reports indicate some voters were told just to sign their names, provide their social security numbers and that they, the harvesters, would complete the rest of the ballot and turn it in. Harris' campaign reportedly received telephone calls each morning relaying the number of ballots harvested the previous day. Election laws clearly state that absentee ballots can be completed, sealed and returned only by the voter or a member of the voter's family.

How big a problem is this? Is it large enough to overturn Harris' 900 vote margin over Dan McCready? We don't know and won't, because we have no way to prove how many ballots were illegally completed or how many were harvested and

never returned.

This voter fraud may be the tip of a large iceberg. If this is going on in Bladen County, isn't it conceivable it was replicated throughout the 9th Congressional District? And if true in the 9th, isn't it plausible illegal activities were common elsewhere throughout the

state? The State Board of Elections has a clear and obvious mandate to throw out the results of this election and conduct a new one. Their only dilemma, in our view, is whether or not to conduct a new Primary Election. Incumbent Robert Pittenger was also defeated by a small margin and there is some suggestion of absentee ballot impropriety in that contest.

The issue is clouded because the courts declared the present makeup of the State Board of Elections unconstitutional. Terms of board members supposedly expired last weekend, but a stay of those terms was granted until later this month. Further

confusing an already complicated issue is the abrupt resignation of the Elections Board Chair, a replacement named from the current board, and a new member appointed to fill the vacated slot. Any decision this board makes will be challenged as an unconstitutional board making unconstitutional decisions.

Our legislature is devoting much time determining the kinds of identification needed for voters at the polls. They should spend even more time cleaning up our absentee ballot laws. That is a process apparently rife with fraud.

One fact seems clear: Santa will be bringing lumps of coal to some in the 9th district.

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My Spin
By Tom Campbell

Letters to the Editor

Alarming, exciting news about climate

To the editor:

In a five day period just after the recent Thanksgiving holiday, two important pieces of news came out regarding climate change; one very alarming and one extremely exciting.

On Nov. 23rd the 4th National Climate Assessment was released. It states in no uncertain terms that climate change poses a tremendous threat to our human civilization. Without getting too apocalyptic, the report says that climate change is real and already happening; it will get worse if we don't address it; it will be very costly to our health, property, national security, etc.; AND, that there is still time to do something about it.

On Nov. 27th a bipartisan group of US Congressional representatives introduced a bill that has the potential to do something about it! 3 Republicans and 3 Democrats from four different states are sponsoring the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividends Act (H.R. 7173). This bill will be effective in reducing our greenhouse gas emissions, will be good for people's health as pollution is reduced, and good for the overall economy as millions of new jobs are created in the emerging clean energy economy. Also, it's a revenue-neutral policy. Government will not keep any of the fees collected, they will all be allocated to Americans as dividends to spend in any way they choose. For more information on this exciting piece of legislation including an extensive frequently asked questions page, please visit the energyinnovate.org website.

Also, please ask Congressman Mark Walker and our other North Carolina representatives to take a good look at this bill. Climate change is a tricky political issue and will take courage to act on it. Our representatives need our encouragement and support.

Thankfully, this new bill has members from both political parties who are uniting behind it.

Holmes Graybeal

Climate change too important for sides

To the editor:

100 years ago my grandfather moved his young family to the property I now call home. I often wonder what the land looked like for him as I have seen many changes in the past 60 years and then some things like local job opportunities haven't changed enough. I have spent most of my life away from NC since I wasn't cut out to be a dairy farmer and my love for making things work took me into a career of engineering physics and science. Now there are times when multiple sources present the same message that makes me pause and consider what is changing and why. In the 70's I was well aware of the adverse effect of CO2 which helped motivate me to pursue an education in nuclear engineering physics. On 28th of November, a bipartisan bill was introduced in Congress to help move our energy dependence on fossil carbon by changing the economics such that carbon energy sources are recognized for their impact on the heat balance of our planet and the damaging economic cost we share. And a recent Nobel prize on using economics to enable us to turn away from CO2 sources underscores both the CO2 problem and an effective way to change our carbon dependence. And then the international IPCC report and our own National Climate report all were released in the last few weeks. Four major reports from diverse sources really makes me stop and realize we are in trouble. So as I rediscover this land of my childhood and the inspiration it gave me to learn, I am saddened by the new things that don't belong (privet) and many of the old ones that have vanished (salamanders and fence lizards). I have always embraced being a conservative and doing the right things, those things

that are for our higher good. In some ways I know it's difficult to think our climate is changing when the prospect of snow in early December doesn't feel like global warming but that's our fickle NC weather. But the dogwoods bloomed way too early and the leaves were on the trees well before the 10th of May

as my grandfather taught me to watch for. You can become active in the bipartisan Citizen Climate Lobby and learn about climate issues and you can call your member of Congress Mark Walker to support this bipartisan bill called Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act HR7173. I always thought climate

change was a distant and unlikely event but the rate of change is accelerating and the consequences are much too important to choose sides.

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have as much traction as possible.”

Browner added, “When you’re driving on different terrain and different surfaces, you need to make sure your tires have the right amount of pressure.”

Functioning wiper blades are also a must during winter driving. “You definitely want to have working wiper blades all year round,” Oakes said. “But during the winter, they need to be able to hold up to the frost and the ice and snow. They need to have durable blades.”

“You need to make sure your wiper blades aren’t torn,” Brower

added. “And make sure you have antifreeze in your wiper fluid. Straight water will freeze.”

Both Performance Auto & Tires and Siler City Automotive winterize cars as a part of normal service.

“We winterize cars when we do oil changes,” Brower said. “We start winterizing in August, because by the time people hit the 3,000 miles for their next oil change, it may already be the dead of winter.”

Joel Caviness doesn’t just have to worry about his own vehicle during the winter. As Chatham County Schools’ director of transportation, he has to make sure that more

than 200 of the school district’s vehicles, including 140 buses, are performing at the optimal level.

Because Chatham County and Chatham County Schools share a Joint Transportation and Vehicle Maintenance Facility, Caviness and his 14 employees are also responsible for the care of 275 vehicles belonging to the county.

“We keep an eye on them all year long,” Caviness said.

He said that there’s no special preparation for the winter any different than the rest of the year.

“We do make sure the wipers are working properly, and we change them out if they are worn,” he said. “We are always monitoring the coolant. The tires are constantly checked and changed if they need to be. We try to make the vehicles ready to handle all seasons.”



A guy’s gotta eat! Motorists out on Sunday had to find a place to grab some food. Only some of the sit-in restaurants were closed. But the drive thrus were open, at least. The driver above made the drive thru window a walk up and order at Bo-Jangles in Siler City Sunday. But he had a good reason, it would have been hard to drive his tractor-trailer under the awning. (Staff photo by Jeff Davis)

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of \$4 million – not the 50-year, non-cap agreement that was ultimately approved.

The board was responding to an initial draft of the agreement from Sanford, according to LaMontagne.

According to the draft document provided by Chatham County, Sanford wanted to receive 20 percent of additional commercial tax revenue for 99 years.

While the minutes of an October closed session were not made available, LaMontagne told the News + Record that under the agreement that was passed, 20 percent of revenues for a period of 50 years – with no cap on revenue – was the end result.

The agreement was passed by Chatham’s board without public discussion on the consent agenda on Nov. 5. The consent agenda was approved unanimously by the four commissioners in attendance; Commissioner Jim Crawford was absent.

Commissioner Diana Hales, who was chairman of the Board of Commissioners at the time of the negotiations noted that the agreement was the result of negotiations between the county and Sanford.

Hales explained not having a cap was an exchange for Sanford’s risk over time, noting no one has any way of knowing what or when something may happen at the site – adding the revenue “may be less, it may be more” than Sanford’s investment. She also reiterated the importance of the agreement being put in place in a timely manner. Hales said the county attorney informed her the 50-year period began the moment the agreement was signed.

“The reason for no cap was that the agreement was more of a regional partnership rather than that of a loan from a bank,” LaMontagne said.

When asked about potential revenue in the area, LaMontagne noted difficulty in making predictions on a hypothetical while emphasizing that without wastewater, it was unlikely that any industry would locate there.

“This is a proposed industrial site with 8 million square feet of development potential,” LaMontagne said. “Property taxes are assessed based on value of buildings placed on the landscape. It is impossible to estimate tax revenues until an industry locates here. Without the wastewater infrastructure realized through this agreement, it would be unlikely that significant tax growth would occur with this site or with any of the existing industries in the area.”

“I think this is a very worthwhile partnership for the county as wastewater is essential for any development in the area,” Hales said.

Groceries, Christmas shopping, frozen pipes had residents out during snow

BY JOHN HUNTER
News + Record Staff

The main roadways were passable, yet still treacherous for many Chatham County motorists on Monday morning.

Schools were closed. Businesses didn’t open or were shutting down early. For many, it was an official snow day, a time to stay off the road and sit in their warm homes.

But then there were the others, who for their own reasons, braved the hazardous roads on Monday.

GROCERY RUN

Tiffany Snipes and Teandra Alston were not anticipating on making a trip during the snow storm. Instead, with the snow still falling on Monday morning, the pair walked into the Siler City Walmart to shop for groceries.

“We did not really expect to be out in all of this,” Snipes said. “We thought we had bought everything we needed before the snow.”

Alston added, “We have family that we are taking care of, so we had to buy some groceries. You have to take care of your family.”

Alston said the pair had driven in a van and had avoided some “bad spots” on the roads. The North Carolina Highway Patrol responded to nearly 700 crashes statewide during the storm.

“We are going to try to get in and get out of here quick,” Snipes said.

COVERT SANTA

Unlike Snipes and Alston, Mike Sharpe planned his trip to Walmart because of the snowstorm.

“I actually came in to do some Christmas shopping,” Sharpe said. “I figured it would be quiet in here and I could take my time and look around. It beats fighting with the crowds.”

“But when I got here, I realized I needed some groceries in the process.”

DUTY CALLS

For Travis Core, driving in the snow wasn’t a luxury, but rather a risk that comes along with his occupation.

On Monday morning, Core, a plumber, found himself walking into Lowe’s Home Improvement in Pittsboro to get supplies for a job.

“People’s pipes freeze up this time of the

year, and especially in this weather,” he said. “Plumbers have to get out and fix them. If we can drive in it, we got to fix it.”

PREPARING FOR THE NEXT ONE

Chip Stockton of Chapel Hill was also heading into Lowe’s on Monday morning. He was looking past this snowstorm and preparing for potential inclement weather in upcoming weeks.

He said he hadn’t properly prepared for this weather event — his driveway and sidewalks had not been salted — but he pledged to be ready for the next one.

“I’m looking for a good snow shovel today to take care of my driveway,” he added. “I have a feeling, based on nothing other than my own gut feeling, that we are going to see a lot more of this stuff this winter.”

Rock quarry could open regardless of zoning request

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

A rock quarry is slated to open just outside Goldston town limits, even if Chatham County denies the owner’s zoning request.

For a month, public hearing notices have lined the Daurity Spring Quarry’s 220-acre property along Goldston’s Main Street, alerting local residents to a public hearing. The company has requested the zoning for the property be changed from residential to heavy industrial, causing backlash from community members on social media.

Residents have expressed concerns about the quarry since it was first announced in 2014. Little Texas Farms, which owned the land, is owned by the Patterson Exploration Services of Sanford.

Originally, the company hoped to remove between 800,000 to 1 million tons of rock from the site. The group noted back in 2014 it would likely create 12 jobs, but the project is only now taking shape.

The quarry land was zoned residential by Chatham County when county-wide zoning was instituted in 2016. Any land that was not developed or in use was provided the zoning designation of residential/ agriculture at the time.

In August, Daurity Springs Quarry acquired the property and began

working to rezone it to heavy industrial.

Chatham Commissioners are scheduled to meet Monday to vote on the rezoning, but it may not have a choice. According to Chatham County Planning Director Jason Sullivan, Daurity Springs acquired its mining permit from N.C. Dept. of Environmental Quality (N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources, at the time) prior to county-wide zoning, meaning the county cannot interfere with the mining process.

If the zoning change is denied anyway, the site would still be allowed to operate as a quarry and “non-conforming” property, according to Sullivan. However, if Daurity Springs wished to sell or re-develop the property for a different use, once the quarry was exhausted, the project would still be zoned residential.

Activity at the site combined with the public hearing notices have reignited a Facebook page – Goldston/Bear Creek Against Daurity Rock Quarry – created four years ago by community members to oppose the quarry. Posts on the page cite increased traffic, noise, pollution, vibrations caused by heavy equipment and the impact of run-off to the water table.

In addition, residents were concerned about the effect the quarry would have on property values

and the rural character of the small town of Goldston.

Goldston Mayor Tim Cunnup said the town has had little input since the site is just south of town limits. He voiced similar concerns to the Facebook group about side effects of the mining.

“All I can do is hope we are getting a good neighbor,” he said.

Cunnup voiced concerns about the possible effect the quarry could have on Goldston’s residents – noise, dust, traffic – adding he hoped the group would be “good neighbors about those issues.”

The public hearing on the zoning request will take place at 6 p.m. on Dec. 17 at the Historic Chatham County Courthouse in Pittsboro.

Quarry timeline

Winter 2014 – Residents begin receiving notices announcing the intention to mine the property.

Residents begin organizing in opposition.

April 2014 – Residents attended a public hearing held by the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Summer 2014 – Residents worked throughout the summer to voice their opposition as the permit was considered.

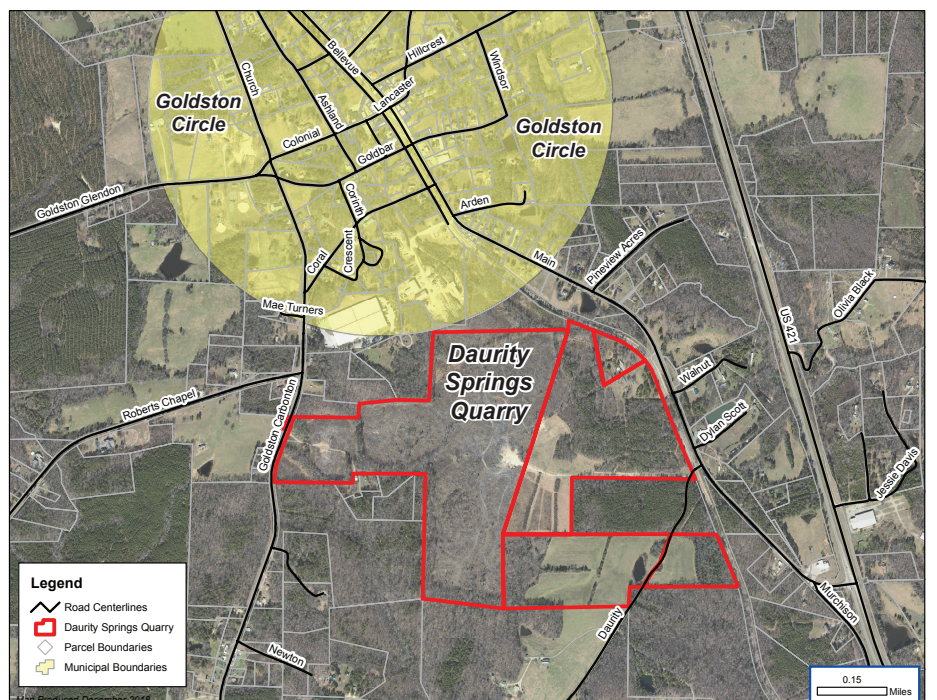
October 2014 – Even with public opposition, N.C. DENR approved the

permit application to Little Texas Farms.

2016 – Chatham County institutes county-wide zoning

August 15, 2018 – the 220-acre quarry was purchased by Daurity Springs Quarry LLC of Delaware.

Paperwork with the N.C. Secretary of State lists an incorporation date of Aug. 8, 2018. The company’s principal office is located at the old BB&T building on Main Street in Goldston.



The 220-acre Daurity Springs Quarry lies just south of the Goldston “circle” limits. The owners of the quarry have requested a zoning change to heavy industrial from residential. However, as the company had applied for a mining permit prior to county-wide zoning in 2016, the mining project cannot be impeded by county action.

Chatham in the Snow

Cancellations

- Town of Pittsboro Christmas Parade canceled. Will not be rescheduled.
- Chatham County Board of Education meeting canceled Monday.
- Pittsboro Board of Commissioners meeting canceled Monday.

Closings

- Chatham County Schools, Chatham Charter School and Central Carolina Community College closed Monday & Tuesday.
- Chatham County Court sessions closed Monday & Tuesday.
- Town of Pittsboro offices closed Monday.
- Chatham County Library and Wren Memorial Library closed Monday.

Numbers to Know

7,949	Power outages in Chatham County at its peak of 1 p.m. Sunday.
4.5-8	Inches of snow in Chatham County as of 12:45 p.m. Sunday.
700+	Vehicle crashes responded to statewide during the storm.

Sharp script boosts 'The Favourite'

If you're among those who view the oeuvre of Yorgos Lanthimos as a funhouse reflection of Stanley Kubrick, then "The Favourite" is Lanthimos' "Barry Lyndon." Both films tell the tales of 18th century rubes who worm and woo their way into the English gentry, bedding influential women and dispatched rivals along the way. But Lanthimos imprints his own distinctive flair. While "The Favourite" makes liberal use of wide-angle long shots, a Kubrick staple, Lanthimos filters many of them through a fisheye lens distortion. Whereas Kubrick was a fan of the tracking shot, Lanthimos uses copious whip pans.

However, Lanthimos ascribes other visual and thematic influences to his wicked portrait of palace intrigue, including Bergman's "Cries and Whispers," Peter Greenaway's "The Draughman's Contract," and Milos Forman's "Amadeus." The common denominator is that all these films capture the ugly side of courtly manners, wallowing in the excesses of aristocratic hedonism, a milieu full of bacchanalia and backstabbing. "The Favourite" relishes in the absurdity of it all, fashioning an iconoclastic rejoinder to power and politics that we still need today.

The most devious trick



Neil Morris Reviews

The Favorite
Grade: A -
Director: Yorgos Lanthimos
Starring: Rachel Weisz, Emma Stone, Olivia Colman, Nicholas Hoult, and Joe Alwyn
MPPAA Rating: R
Running Time: 2 hr.

pulled by Deborah Davis and Tony McNamara's sharp-edged script is basing this farce on a true story. It's essentially a three-woman play, set during the reign of mad Queen Anne (Olivia Colman). Anne's life-long friend, adviser, and furtive lover is Sarah Churchill (Rachel Weisz), the Duchess of Marlborough, who effectively runs England via intimate whispers in the queen's ear and the axe Sarah wields at court and Parliament. Abigail Hill (Emma Stone), Sarah's younger cousin, unceremoniously arrives to palace literally covered in mud, the disgraced daughter of a fallen nobleman who lost his station to bad speculations. Abigail, once forced to service a fat German to pay for

daddy's debts, comes to court begging for a job. Sarah accepts her into the household, more out of embarrassment than pity.

As Sarah's arrogance and enemies grow, Abigail seizes an op-

portunity to further her status. Abigail's flirtations earn the attention Robert Harley (Nicholas Hoult), an influential member of Parliament, and the affections of Samuel Masham (Joe Alwyn), a baron and courtier. As Abigail sweet-talks her way into Anne's bedchamber, it comes at the expense of Sarah, who gradually sees her influence diminish. Both women find themselves on a ruthless collision course, to the delight of Anne, whose amusement often devolves into bemusement due to her many illnesses and the emotional scars of personal tragedies, including over a dozen miscarriages and premature deaths. Abigail ultimately

finds herself coming full circle, even in victory, still servicing the whims of a corpulent master.

A large part of the film's guilty pleasure is that Lanthimos takes moments that are already risible and tacks on surreal touches. Indulgent palace parties also include duck racing. A nighttime walk ends with Robert summarily shoving Abigail into a ditch when she gets a little too mouthy. When Sarah is severely injured in the countryside, the peasant couple who nurses her back to health also runs a brothel and nearly conscripts Sarah into service.

Believe or not, "The Favourite" is Lanthimos' most accessible film, following the inscrutable "The Lobster" and the pitch-dark "The Killing of a Sacred Deer." That doesn't mean it's mundane or mainstream, however. Behind their pre-Georgian costumes, all three lead performances are awards-worthy, with Colman leading the way with the showier role. Their gender-switching triumvirate is a misanthropic joy ride that, if nothing else, shows that men don't have a monopoly on the currency of sex and power.



Actress Emma Stone portrays one of three characters central to director Yorgos Lanthimos' story of 18th century royal intrigue. (Submitted Photo)

Pittsboro Commissioners

UDO vote delayed over questions about limits

BY ZACHARY HORNER
 News + Record Staff

PITTSBORO – After nearly 18 months of work on the rules that will govern development and expansion in the town, the Pittsboro Board of Commissioners have delayed a vote to make a major update to those very rules.

That decision came at the end of a lengthy workshop Thursday night at Town Hall, where the five commissioners, Mayor Cindy Perry, Planning Director Jeff Jones and consultant Roger Walden parsed a particular part of the town's Unified Development Ordinance without coming to a total agreement.

Instead, the board agreed to set aside a half-day of its February retreat to discuss UDO issues in an attempt to allow time for members to read and digest the more-than-500-page document, leaving some commissioners concerned about its ramifications. Approval of the UDO had been in consideration for the board's Monday agenda, but was pulled after Thursday's workshop. Monday's scheduled meeting was canceled because of inclement weather.

The main sticking point was the introduction of a Natural Resource Conservation Overlay (NRCO) District, which would "provide special protection to significant natural resource areas located within Pittsboro's zoning jurisdiction," according to section 2.6.5. of the document. The NRCO would encompass all properties that have land within:

- 500 feet of the banks of the Haw River
- 200 feet from the banks of the Robeson and Camp Creeks
- 150 feet of any identified perennial or intermittent stream
- 100 feet of any identified isolated wetland.

According to the draft of the UDO, each of those properties would have to limit its "impervious surface area" — land area that doesn't allow water to seep into the ground — to no more than 20 percent of the tract, and no more than 10 percent if it's within a Significant Natural Resource Area, which have separate and more stringent regulations regarding proximity to bodies of water and habitats of endangered species.

Concerns were raised primarily by Commissioner Michael Fiocco, who expressed his worries that this type of regulation would essentially hamstring about 70-80 percent of the town's land and create havoc for expansion and development. Fiocco, who said last week he was still working through all the details of the plan, added that the UDO as currently written was "going to be exceptionally harmful."

Walden, in turn, said he didn't think it would make that much of an impact.

Local developer Kirk Bradley spoke to commissioners, saying he was concerned about potential legal ramifications; he said state statute could actually prevent such an ordinance from being put in place. (Bradley is a partner in the ownership group of the Chatham News + Record.)

The board's ultimate decision was to wait and allow time for town staff to develop a map of all areas that would be included in the NRCO.

Prior to the decision to delay, Commissioner John Bonitz said he didn't want to wait for the UDO to get passed and didn't want concerns about allowing growth to prevent the regulations from being approved. Commissioner Bett Wilson Foley agreed with Bonitz, saying the town didn't need to "get everything worked out yet."

"I think we need to quickly come up with a version," she said. "We can keep changing (the UDO), we can keep creating it. I just think we need to move as quickly as possible."

Jones said not having a UDO like the current draft in place could lead to results board members may not want, such as subdivisions with one way in and out and projects that could have negative environmental repercussions.

With the board at an impasse, Mayor Pro Tem Pamela Baldwin's comment reflected the town's next steps.

"I don't want to just piecemeal it," she said. "I think we need to take our time to get through this. If there's things that we're looking at and we have major concern about, we do need to bring that to the forefront first."

The board's retreat is scheduled for February.



One down, 100 to go! That's probably what this worker is thinking as he installs fence poles on the Moutaire Poultry property. The worker was lucky, we guess, all the holes were dug mechanically, using a power auger. But some old-fashioned work had to be added to the holes to make sure they were at the correct height. He was spotted by Chatham News+Record photographer Jeff Davis on East Raleigh Street in Siler City last week. (Staff photo by Jeff Davis)

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Chatham Charter School is now accepting applications for openings in kindergarten and limited openings in first through twelfth grade for the 2019-2020 school year. Kindergarten applicants must be five years of age on or before August 31, 2019. The application period ends on January 25, 2019. Applications may be obtained online (www.chathamcharter.org) under the "Admissions" link, at the school (2200 Hamp Stone Road, Siler City) or by calling (919) 742-4550.

Chatham Charter School is a nonprofit, nondenominational public school providing quality education for children of all races, creeds, handicaps, and national origins.

La Escuela de Chatham Charter

La Escuela de Chatham Charter ahora está tomando aplicaciones para espacios del primer grado hasta el grado doce para el año escolar 2019-2020. Los niños que asistan al kinder deben tener cinco años de edad antes del 31 de agosto, 2019. El periodo de aplicación termina el 31 de enero, 2019. Puede obtener una aplicación al Internet (www.chathamcharter.org) al enlace admissions, a la escuela (2200 Hamp Stone Road, Siler City) o por una llamada (919.742.4550).

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Living in Chatham

Chatham County School Menus

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**** Middle and High School Menus**
Monday, December 17

Breakfast: Mini Waffles, Peaches
(**Chicken Biscuit, Fresh Fruit)

Lunch: Big Daddy's Cheese Pizza, Chicken Grinder, PB&J w/Smoothie Combo, Seasoned Green Beans, Seasoned Corn, Mandarin Oranges (**Same as above, add Fresh Fruit)

Tuesday, December 18

Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs & Toast, Mandarin Oranges, Hashbrowns (**Scrambled Eggs & Toast, Fresh Fruit)

Lunch: Breakfast for Lunch - Sausage Biscuit, Mini Waffles w/Cheese Stick, Southwest Chicken Salad, Oven Baked Tater Tots, Gold Rush 100% Juice Box, Chilled Pears (**Breakfast for Lunch - Sausage Biscuit w/Eggs, Ft Tst Stx w/Egg & Sausage, Ham & Cheese Combo, Southwest Chicken Salad, Oven Baked Tater Tots, Gold Rush 100% Juice Box, Chilled Pears, Fresh Fruit)

Wednesday, December 19

Breakfast: Sausage Biscuit, Fresh Fruit (**Bacon Egg & Cheese Biscuit, Fresh Fruit)

Lunch: Crispy Chicken Sandwich, Baby Carrots w/Dip, Seasoned Pinto Beans, Chilled Applesauce (**Crispy Chicken Sandwich, Baby Carrots w/Dip, Seasoned Pinto Beans, Chilled Applesauce, Fresh Fruit)

Red Cross gets help for ongoing mission of relief

CN+R Staff Report

WILMINGTON, N.C. -- This month, the American Red Cross accepted a \$1 million check from the Anheuser-Busch Foundation to support Red Cross Disaster Relief through the Annual Disaster Giving Program (ADGP).

Each year, the Red Cross responds to nearly 64,000 disasters across the country, including home fires, hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, tornadoes and wildfires.

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Kitchen Kapers

(or Good Grief, It's supptime again')

By Mary John and Alan Resch

By Mary John Resch

During one of Steve's visits he raved about a pork tenderloin dish that Mary Alice had prepared that the whole family enjoyed. The next time I was at their house I had Mary Alice copy the recipe for me. She said that it was in a fall 2016 Taste of Home Simple and Delicious magazine. However she added the ginger because that is a flavor that her family enjoys. I hope you like this recipe as much as her family did.

HOISIN PORK TENDERLOIN

- 1/3 cup hoisin sauce
- 3 tablespoons reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon minced ginger (from tube)
- Dash crushed red pepper flakes
- 1 pork tenderloin
- 1/4 cup water
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 packages ramen noodles or 2 cups hot cooked rice
- Sliced green onions

Preheat oven to 475 degrees. Off the heat, mix the first six ingredients in a saucepan. Place pork on a greased rack in a foil-lined 15 x 10 x 1-inch pan; brush with 1/4 cup of the hoisin mixture. Roast tenderloin until a thermometer reads 145 degrees, about 15-20 minutes. Remove from oven and keep warm. Watch carefully because you don't want to overcook the pork.

Stir water into remaining hoisin mixture; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, to allow flavors to blend, about 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat; stir in butter. Keep warm.

After removing pork from oven; let stand 5 minutes before slicing. Cook noodles according to the package directions, omitting seasoning; drain. Serve with sliced pork; top with sauce and green onions. Serves 4.

Governor says new business locating in Alamance County

CN+R Staff Report

RALEIGH — Universal Preserv-A-Chem, Inc. (UPI) has selected Mebane as the new location for its natural ingredients and chemical supply business, creating 39 jobs, Governor Roy Cooper announced this week.

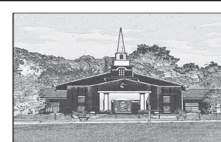
The company plans to invest \$17 million in Mebane with the project.

"Communities like Mebane attract manufacturing companies and their suppliers because of North Carolina's strong transportation infrastructure and experienced workforce," said Governor

Cooper. "UPI will be well positioned to grow and add to Alamance County's manufacturing and distribution industry."

"We are very excited about making Mebane the new home for our state-of-the-art distribution center. This move will allow UPI to continue to provide world-class customer service with on time delivery and competitive pricing, as well as exceed conventional industry standards as one of the world's premier distributors of natural ingredients and chemicals for the food, cosmetic, pharmaceutical and industrial trades," said Daniel Ravitz, President of UPI.

UPI provides raw materials and ingredients to many industries, including personal care, food and beverage, flavor & fragrance, pharmaceutical, industrial manufacturing and sport nutrition. UPI was established in 1967 and now has 4,000 different product offerings.



Church News

GETHESEMANE HOLY CHURCH

The Christmas program will be held at Gethsemane Holy Church on Thursday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m.

The church is located at 243 Vernie Phillips Road, Bear Creek.

LOVES CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Join us for our Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 16 in the 9:45 a.m. worship service. "Glory to You in the

Highest" will be presented by the adult choir.

Come celebrate the birth of our Savior with us!

The church is located at 1745 E 11th Street, Siler City.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Monday, December 24 from 5 to 5:45 p.m., you are invited to participate in the annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. This will be the conclusion of the celebration of the Advent Season with the lighting of the Advent Christ Candle.

Music and carol singing will also be part of this candlelight service. Communion will be served.

Join us if you can. We are located at 314 North Second Avenue, Siler City.

CARD of THANKS

The family of BURL EDMISTEN thanks each of you for the prayers, visits, and cards he received during his lengthy illness. We also thank you for the many, many cards we received at his passing. My mailbox was overflowing many days with cards of prayers and encouragement, which we need and appreciate.

Thank you also for the many dishes of food and the donations to different organizations in his memory. Such blessings you have been and we will always remember them.

Our thanks also to Carolina Dialysis Center for the 10 years of giving him such good care. He praised you often for that.

An important word to everyone. PLEASE remember to be an organ donor so others may live. The need is great. God Bless each of you!
Shirley and Family

Duke Energy restores 685,000 power outages

CN+R Staff Report

CHARLOTTE -- Duke Energy has restored more than 685,000 outages after a weekend winter storm rolled through the Carolinas, dumping record amounts of snow and ice.

As of noon Tuesday, a total of 45,000 Duke Energy customers were still without power — 31,000 in North Carolina and 14,000 in South Carolina.

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Teen (Continued from page A1)

health education, 20 percent of American youth ages 13-18 currently live with a mental health condition. Fifty percent of all cases begin by age 14.

North Carolina's numbers line up almost exactly. The N.C. School Mental Health Initiative, a 2016 study, showed that 19 percent of North Carolina students aged 8-15 years old have a mental health disorder, and the state Department of Health and Human Services said in 2016 that there were nearly 400,000 instances of mental health counseling sessions in the state's public schools during the prior school year.

Thanks to the Chatham Health Alliance's Community Health Assessment from earlier this year, officials were able to see that the problem has not skirted around the county. According to the study, 33.6 percent of Chatham high school students have "felt sad or hopeless" in the last year, 20 percent "seriously considered attempting suicide," 17 percent "made a plan about how they would attempt suicide," 11 percent actually attempted suicide and 5 percent had an attempt "that resulted in an injury, poisoning, or overdose that had to be treated by a doctor or nurse."

Chatham is higher than the national average in all those categories, according to the 2017 Youth Risk Behavior Survey by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the number of high school students feeling sad or hopeless, seriously considering suicide and attempting suicide have all risen since 2014, according to the CHA.

Chatham County Health Director Layton Long can't say why Chatham is higher, or why those numbers are the way they are, but they leave him with a question: "What are the issues that are causing kids to feel this way?"

On the frontlines

Share the same numbers with Jennifer Bannon, the student support specialist at Chatham Charter School, and her initial reaction is: "Oh my."

But ultimately, it's not surprising.

"I can think of some reasons for these numbers, just in the change in our world in general and how our teenagers are coping and what stressors they have that maybe we didn't have as much of four years ago," Bannon says.

The rise of active shooter drills in schools is just an example, she says, of teens feeling more unsafe in the world as they've seen some of their peers across the country slain in school shootings. Additionally, she's seen more students under pressure in academics or athletics to "be the best" and more external pressures from social media networks.

"Teenagers are dealing with an inability to manage conflict because they haven't had that face-to-face contact that you had in the 'good old days,'" adds Samantha Mahon, a licensed clinical social worker who owns Peak Professional Group in Apex and Pittsboro. "You didn't have all that technology back then."

Mahon — who calls working with trauma, teens and tweens and women her particular "passions" in the field of counseling — says that teenage girls are facing additional stress from "devaluing of their bodies."

"There's a lot around sexuality," she says. "Gender identity (and) sexual orientation is definitely coming to light more than it maybe has in previous years."

Something nearly everyone who spoke to the News + Record for this story mentioned is a stigma around mental health issues, for both the parents and their children.

"I think that they face some struggles in obtaining mental health because a lot of them are not really aware that it's OK to

seek counseling," Mahon says. "There's still a lot of stigma in that particular area of life. Sometimes they want to be in therapy but then the parents don't."

For Chatham County in particular, access to mental health services was at one point limited, and statistics suggest that it might still be. According to the CHA, there are just 1.34 psychologists per 10,000 residents in Chatham County, compared to the North Carolina average of 10, and just 39.5 percent of residents know where to access mental health services.

Debra Henzey, Chatham County government's director of community relations, also serves as the chair for the Mental Health Subcommittee of the Chatham Health Alliance. She and Long said that while there are resources in surrounding areas and access to

push for access to mental health."

Chatham Charter began an initiative this year called "Knights on a

better in the classroom," she says. "I can speak to what I'm seeing with kids who are struggling academically and are

'As a teenager, we take a lot of things to heart. We think about it and stress over it, and it just consumes us.'

-Abigail Holmes, 14

Crusade" to help students focus on positivity. Faculty participated in a mental health first aid workshop and student support services staff have taught lessons on positivity and good relationships in various classrooms.

This kind of focused attention to teens, Bannon says, helps students beyond their emotional state.

"They really perform

emotionally dis-regulated. If we put the time in at the forefront, it's a big difference in what they can handle academically."

Beyond institutions

Along with treating those who struggle, Mahon says it's important to kill the stigma that surrounds mental health among those who don't

struggle.

"If you had a broken bone, would somebody say, 'Just get over it'? No, nobody would say that," she says. "You may not see what's going on on the inside, but that doesn't mean that it isn't going on."

She adds that it's vital to listen to teens struggling and validate their feelings, particularly in serious cases. Mahon jokes that she's not "PC" — politically correct — and she's willing to get in the messy stuff.

"Suicide is something we don't talk about and we need to talk about it," she says. "People don't even want to mention the word 'suicide' around a kid. The idea is already there. Most of my kids that I've seen over the years have thought about suicide once or twice over the years."

Mahon estimates that around 95 percent of her

patients have considered suicide or para-suicidal actions like self-harm.

The work isn't done in Chatham County. Long and Henzey said the CHA's results have led them to consider further surveys, particularly into the reasons why teens feel the way they do, and action plans for this issue.

"They're telling us something through the data," Long says.

Henzey adds, "Once you figure out the whys, you can figure out the strategies."

Finding peace

Near the beginning of her eighth grade year, Abigail finally broke down and told her mother. Sitting on her bed, crying, she talked about the depression, the anxiety. Instantly, Jennifer knew what to do. Her family has a history of anxiety and depression, and Samantha, now 22, had similar issues.

Abigail started seeing a therapist and was eventually prescribed sertraline, more commonly known as Zoloft, joining the growing number of people taking anti-depressant medication. According to a study from the CDC, just 1.8 percent of Americans were taking anti-depressants from 1988-1994. That number jumped to 10.7 percent in 2011-2014.

Abigail says it's helped her "so much."

Eventually, she decided she wanted to do something more. After talking to Bannon and her mother, Abigail began giving presentations about mental health and shared some of her own story with other classes at Chatham Charter. Jennifer said it made her cry with pride in her daughter.

"That was a wonderful, eye-opening experience for our students," Bannon says. "What came out of that was a lot of students coming to me and saying, 'I think I have this, I think I have this.'"

She adds that it allowed for conversations about differentiating between a moment and a continuum of feelings, but meant so much more as far as having students thinking about their feelings and emotions and how they affect them.

Abigail has found new ways to cope. She taught herself how to play the piano and paints and draws. A wall in her bedroom is covered with depictions of some of her favorite music artists — prominent art includes Tyler, the Creator and Selena Gomez, both of whom have publicly discussed their mental health struggles — and photos of friends and family.

How far has she come? Two years ago, Jennifer says, she wouldn't have sat for a newspaper interview about this, and Abigail readily agrees.

But not all has been roses. While her fellow students have responded well to her presentations, she says adults have not always been supportive.

"It's really frustrating when people say, 'Why do you speak about this when you don't know much about it?'" Abigail says. "I'm like, 'I do know a lot about it.' They don't look at your side of the story."

Still, she persists, telling her side of the story to anyone who will listen. And she encourages parents to start that conversation with their teenage children.

"As a teenager, we take a lot of things to heart," she says. "We think about it and stress over it, and it just consumes us."

"I took a lot of it out on myself. There was just a lot of self-hatred during all of it. I would look in the mirror and be like, 'I don't even want to look in the mirror. I'm disgusting.' That's what I would think every single time. It's hard to find coping mechanisms when you feel like no one's there to help you."

"If anyone has kids or anything, start a conversation about mental health. Bring it up and start talking about it. That's the easiest way, I'd say."



Abigail Holmes taught herself how to play the piano as part of coping with her anxiety and depression. She enjoys playing piano versions of some of her favorite songs. (Staff photo by Zachary Horner.)

HOW TO HELP: In their own words

The 2018 Community Health Assessment, put together by the Chatham Health Alliance, said the number of Chatham County high school students feeling sad or hopeless is on the rise, as well as those seriously considering and/or attempting suicide. Here are tips from those featured in this story about how to make a difference in the teens in your life.

Teach them that they have control. "They are in control of what they think and what they feel and their behaviors. If you learn absolutely nothing from me, learn that you are in control." - Samantha Mahon, Practice Owner and Clinician, Peak Professional Group

Help them to find some escape from social media. "They're always plugged in and feel like they have to perform and be at their best. It is so important to turn that off during the day and get away from it." - Jennifer Bannon, Student Support Specialist, Chatham Charter School

Break the ice. "If anyone has kids or anything, start a conversation about mental health. Bring it up and start talking about it. That's the easiest way, I'd say." - Abigail Holmes, 9th grader, Chatham Charter School

Work to kill the stigma. "If you had a broken bone, would somebody say, 'Just get over it'? No, nobody would say that. You may not see what's going on on the inside, but that doesn't mean that it isn't going on. Each person has their own story. People don't know what these kids are going through. They need to be validated and they need to be heard. If you had cancer, I wouldn't tell you, 'No, don't go get treatment. Smile, everything will be fine.'" - Mahon

Listen and learn from them. "Get involved with the kids, even before they're teens, as a preventative measure. What our teens are waiting is for someone to stop and give their time and let them purge and get all their feelings out." - Bannon

Refer them to services available. "Some of these kids, it's pretty acute. They're very depressed and they don't get services if we don't go give it to them." - Mahon



This is Abigail's art wall, where she has pictures of friends and drawings or paintings of some of her favorite music artists. They include rapper Tyler, the Creator and singer Demi Lovato, both of whom have addressed their mental health issues publicly. (Staff photo by Zachary Horner)

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-Samantha Mahon, Practice Owner/Clinician, Peak Professional Services

Keeping Chatham's roads clear of snow and ice

DOT maintenance engineer uses special recipe for mixing

Justin Bullock is entering his seventh winter working for the N.C. Dept. of Transportation. He's the county maintenance engineer for Chatham County, and as Winter Storm Diego approached, he was busy monitoring the spread of brine on Chatham's roads as a winter storm approaches. But on Friday morning, he was standing near three large piles of salt — one of which is a mixture with sand.

"This is basically where it all happens," Bullock says, referring to the DOT's salt storage facility on U.S. Hwy. 64 east of Pittsboro. "This is what we use to treat our roads."

The piles are oddly artistically arranged — one a light gray, one a Carolina blue (we'll handle that later) and one the tan color of sand, with splashes of white. Standing near his salt storehouse, Bullock spoke to the News + Record about preparing for a winter storm, why something called "brine" works best and how they decide when to prep roads beforehand or tackle them afterwards.

How long do you wait before deciding to lay brine? What signs do you look for in the weather?

We have a general plan that we always keep on hand. We make our original plan around October or so, and we do a dry run in November just to prepare for anything that may happen. When specific forecasts come, say a week out, we start to make our plan, a new plan for that particular storm. Some storms start off as pure snow, some storms may start off as rain. Of course, if it starts off as rain, we may not be able to brine initially. So we'll come up with something different. Some storms don't affect the whole county. Some storms may affect just the Northwest corner. So we may shift resources that direction

if that's necessary.

If they're pretty certain it's going to rain before, we won't put out the brine. The brine will sim-

ply wash away. If there's some uncertainty, like this storm, we're going to put out the brine just to make sure we're covered. But most of the time, if it's going to be pure snow, we're going to put out the brine about two days before.

Why choose brine — which is made of 23 percent salt and the rest water — over other substances?

It prevents the bond between snow and the roadway. It makes it easier for us to remove the initial part of the snow. It's cheaper to make.

It's just another tool in the toolbox for us.

What about the salt? Why is one pile blue?

Most of the times we'll use this salt/sand mix. If there's a threat of ice, we may incorporate a little sand in it for traction purposes. Our provider gives us blue salt. I don't know if that's the mineral that they get when they mine it from the earth. I don't know if that's an anti-caking agent. I don't know. But it is nice to look at. All of it is blue at some time.

When you start to clean up afterwards or during, how long does it take?

If we're lucky and nature helps us remove the snow, we can do it quick-

ly, actually. What slows us down sometimes is the nighttime temperature. If it drops below freezing, obviously everything we don't clear re-freezes. Also too, traffic has some type of effect. We're not able to clear as much as we'd like to. Also traffic packs the snow too. It turns what would have been easy to push snow into hard to push ice.

We try not to put too much into amounts. We're going to push it no matter what it is. But when we try to prepare, we use forecasts from different local stations,

and also NOAA (National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration) as well.

What is something interesting about the work your crew does that most people may not know?

I don't know that we do a lot that people aren't aware of. People see us out when we're going through our tasks. I don't know that we do anything extraordinary. We're just here to do what we can so people can get back to their normal activity.

World War II veteran of Pacific Theater

'True Blue' Marine Coltrane dies

By Randall Rigsbee News + Record Staff

SILER CITY — John Roy Coltrane, a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps who fought in the Pacific Theater in Midway and Iwo Jima, was buried Saturday with grains of sand from Iwo Jima under his pillow.

Placed there by one of his grandsons, the portion of "black sand" — actually volcanic soil which Coltrane acquired on a return visit to the Japanese Island in 2015 — was a nod to the high regard with which Coltrane viewed his six years of service to his country during the war.

A lifelong resident of Siler City, Coltrane passed away last Wednesday at the age of 96 at the UNC Hospice Home in Pittsboro, where he spent his final days.

His daughter, Valerie Dorsett of Siler City, said that shortly before her father's death, another member of the family played a recording of the Marine's Hymn for him.

"It was everything he could do, but he got his hand up and he saluted," she said.

Dorsett said her father didn't discuss his military service much when she was a young girl, and her knowledge of his years of service was vague. She knew he'd been involved in the war, and she knew he'd been a Marine.

And sometimes from his room at night, she could hear him having nightmares.

"He didn't talk much about his service," Dorsett said. "Those veterans of the war were supposed to just come home and pick up where they'd left off, it didn't make any difference. But I knew there were things that bothered him. My mother said he would call out orders in his sleep."

Coltrane was the oldest of seven siblings, raised on a farm.

He aimed to join the Army, but the Army rejected him because of flat feet. Undaunted, he turned to the Marines and Coltrane "scrunched up his toes" during the medical exam, and passed, Dorsett said.

Coltrane's service with the Marine Corps ran from May 7, 1941, to May 9, 1947.

"He was proud of his service to his country," Dorsett said. "But anytime someone called him a hero, he always said, no, the heroes were the ones who didn't come home. He was very humble about it."

Coltrane fought in two battles in Midway and in the Battle of Iwo Jima and served in Occupied Japan. In Iwo Jima, he sustained a shrapnel injury to his elbow.

"He was a true blue Marine," his daughter said.

Dorsett said her father was educated only through the 8th grade and was "a self-taught man, a simple man, grew up in the country."

Coltrane retired from a job as salesman/manager of Oakwood Mobile Homes at the age of 62 and became increasingly active in a number of veterans' organizations.

"That was kind of cathartic for him," Dorsett said. "He didn't have as many nightmares."

Over the last few years, he attended veterans' events in San Antonio, Tampa and Washington, D.C. In 2015, marking the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima, he returned to Japan. Last year, confined to a wheelchair, he attended a reunion of WWII veterans in Hawaii.

Coltrane was a member of Community Baptist Church in Siler City, where he was buried on Saturday. The church flew its United States flag at half-mast in honor of the veteran.



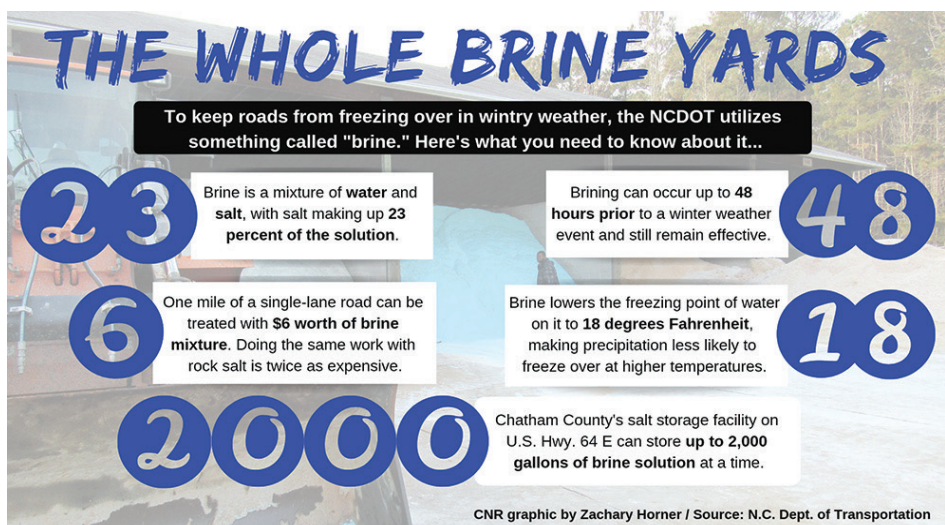
John Roy Coltrane



John Roy Coltrane played a bugle during a ceremony for veterans in Siler City in 2006. (Submitted Photo)



Justin Bullock



Pittsboro man charged with indecent liberties

CN+R Staff Report

PITTSBORO — Sean Evan Bancroft, 40, of Pittsboro, has been charged with multiple counts of sexual offenses and placed in custody after his arrest this weekend.

The arrest comes after the victim, a child under 15 years old, disclosed the alleged sexual contact to a family member before contacting law enforcement in December 2017, ac-

ording to a release from the Chatham County Sheriff's Office. The arrest came after a forensic interview and further investigation.

Bancroft was charged with two counts of felony indecent liberties with a child, felony statutory sexual offense involving a child under the age of 15 and two counts of sexual battery. He was held under a \$250,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County

District Court in Pittsboro on Jan. 7, 2019.



Sean Evan Bancroft

Robbery suspect still at large

CN+R Staff Report

CHAPEL HILL — Law enforcement is on the lookout for a Chapel Hill man suspected in multiple robberies of Subway restaurants, including one in Chatham County.

Thomas Lester Laney, 36, of Jack Bennett Road in Chapel Hill, is at-large after his most recent alleged robbery.

According to a press release from the Chatham County Sheriff's Office, Laney is suspected of assaulting an employee of a Subway restaurant on Saturday in Governor's Village before fleeing the scene with an undisclosed amount of cash.

After further investigation, law enforcement said that Laney is also suspected of committing similar robberies at Subways outside of Chatham County, including one in Carrboro just prior to the robbery in Governor's Village.

The sheriff's office has charged Laney with felony common law robbery, felony attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon, two counts of assault on a female and communicating threats. Members of the public with any information on Laney or the incidents are asked to call the Chatham County non-emergency line at 919-542-2811.



Thomas Lester Laney

Advertisement for newspaper ads showing 'YOUR AD HERE' on a laptop, tablet, and smartphone.

Advertisement for Brenda's Jewelers store closing sale. Includes items like 14kt Yellow Gold 1 ct diamond Solitaire Ring (Sale \$995.00), Ladies White Metal Seiko Watch (Sale \$75.00), and Sterling Silver CZ Pendant (Sale \$60.00). Total Stock Liquidation and All Sales Final!




CRIME REPORTS




SHERIFF'S OFFICE

On December 3, Slade Messer, 38, of 8108 Siler City Glendon Rd, Siler City, was arrested by Deputy David Nixon for Possess methamphetamine, possess drug paraphernalia. He was jailed under a \$5,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on December 12.

James Stevens, 44, of 107 Shambley Rd, Mebane, was arrested on December 3 by Deputy Daniel Ortega for obtain property false pretense, violation of court order. He was jailed under a \$7,000 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Durham County District Court in Durham on December 27.

On December 4, Damani Allison, 19, of 2470 Pleasant Hill Church Rd, Siler City, was arrested by Deputy Ashley Hinson for failure to appear/possession marijuana. He was jailed under a \$260 secured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on January 2.

Thurna Carter, 51, of 671 Pittsboro Goldston Road, Pittsboro, was arrested on December 6 by Deputy Dexter Jarmon for Violation of domestic violence protective order. He was jailed under a no bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on December 12.

On December 6, Amanda Johnson, 36, of 152 York Ave, Hoffman, was arrested by Deputy David Nixon for financial card theft, obtain property by false pretense. She was released under a \$1,000 unsecured bond and is scheduled to appear in Chatham County District Court in Pittsboro on January 7.

NORTH CAROLINA HWY PATROL

On December 4, Devin Kessler of Princeton, WV was pulling out of the private drive at Tall Pines Trl just over a hill crest. Michelle Brown of River Forks Rd, Sanford was traveling west on Old US 421 approaching Tall Pines Trl. Kessler did not see Brown's vehicle due to the hill crest and Brown was unable to see Kessler's vehicle at the time. Kessler's vehicle struck Brown's vehicle as it was passing by. Brown ran off the right side of the road in an attempt to avoid being struck. Both vehicles came to rest at the area of impact. Kessler was cited for failure to yield.

Eddie Minter of Harkey Rd, Sanford was traveling south on Rosser Rd on December 4. Minter's vehicle ran off the right side of the roadway and struck a tree. Minter's vehicle came to rest in the wood line west of Rosser Rd.

On December 5, Brandy Greer of 34th Ave, Hickory and Cole Fuller of Sulphur Springs Rd, Hickory were traveling south on Taylor Rd. Fuller was stopped due to the traffic signal. Greer failed to reduce speed and collided with Fuller's vehicle. Greer was cited for driving while intoxicated and reckless driving.

Jeffrey Baldwin of Belford Rd, Sanford was traveling south on Farrington Rd on December 5. Lauren Leonard of Ross Rd, Pittsboro was traveling east on Lystra Rd. Leonard failed to stop at a red light, and entered the intersection and the path of Baldwin's vehicle. Both vehicles collided in the intersection. After the collision, both vehicle came to uncontrolled rests after the collision. Leonard was cited for failure to stop at a steady stop light, possession of marijuana up to 1/2 ounce, and possession of marijuana paraphernalia.

On December 6, Daniel Rollins of Finsbury St, Durham vehicle 1 was traveling east on O Kelley Chapel Rd and ran off the right side of the road. Rollins then struck a driveway culvert and over turned coming, to rest facing east in the edge of the wood line. * NOTE: Rollins stated that when he topped the hill a vehicle traveling west was riding on the center line and appeared to be crossing into his lane. Rollins was cited for a lane control violation.

Jacquelyn Nygren of May Farm Rd, Pittsboro, Cindy Ocampo of E. 10th St, Siler City, and Victor Gutierrez of Bradenton, FL were traveling north on US 15-501 on December 7, with Nygren in the back Ocampo in the middle and Gutierrez in the front. Ocampo and Gutierrez slowed and stopped due to traffic. Nygren failed to reduce speed striking Ocampo's vehicle. Ocampo's vehicle struck Gutierrez's vehicle. All three vehicles came to rest near the area of impact. Nygren was cited for failure to reduce speed and failure to wear a seatbelt.

Concrete truck overturns while trying to avoid an accident



A concrete truck overturned last Wednesday morning on Silk Hope Gum Springs Road. Crews used a pulley system to turn the truck upright before the vehicle was moved and the roadway was cleared. The driver, Rodney Duncan suffered minor injuries in the accident. (Staff photo by John Hunter)

**By JOHN HUNTER
News + Record Staff**

Early morning commuters traveling through Silk Hope were detoured last week after a concrete truck overturned.

Rodney Duncan of Siler City was driving a mixer belonging to Pugh Concrete Inc west on Silk

Hope Gum Springs Road at around 7:30 a.m. Dec. 5 when according to an eyewitness, drove the truck off the right side of the road. The witness told investigating officers that Duncan was attempting to avoid colliding with silver passenger car that was traveling with left tires on the center line.

The truck crossed left of center, ran off the left side of the roadway, and then overturned on its right side.

Duncan was taken to Chatham Hospital in Siler City by First Health with injuries, according to the N.C. Highway Patrol accident report.

In addition to the patrol, First Health and the Silk Hope Fire Department responded to the call. Crews worked for several hours to remove the truck, and quarter-mile portion of Silk Hope Gum Springs Road remained closed while crews cleared the scene.

No charges were filed.

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JAMES LYNWOOD WILSON

James "Jim" Lynwood Wilson, age 77, of Liberty/Siler City, North Carolina passed away on December 7, 2018, at 12:00 noon at Duke Hospital with his family by his side.

The family received friends on Wednesday evening, December 12, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Loflin Funeral Home in Liberty and other times at the home of Clint and Jessica Fields. The funeral service will be held on Thursday, December 13, at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Siler City.

"Jim" grew up in Dunn, North Carolina. When he was a young man his family relocated to Staley where his parents operated Wilson's Store for many decades. He worked as a depot agent for the Staley and Liberty depots and other train depots throughout North Carolina, thus beginning his long time love of trains and train memorabilia. He graduated in 1967 from Elon University with a double major in business administration and history and a minor in English. As a Babcock Scholar, he attended the Wake Forest University School of Law on a full academic scholarship. During the summers of his legal education, he worked as an intern in the legal department of Southern Railway (now Norfolk Southern Railway) in Washington, DC. After graduating from Wake Forest with honors in 1970, he practiced corporate law for Southern Railway in Washington, DC for four years. He returned to Liberty in 1974 to set up his general practice. He handled domestic, real estate, corporate, criminal and civil cases to make his practice successful. He even found time to take on pro bono cases for the local humane society involving animal cruelty. His legal career also included successful arguments before the NC Court of Appeals. He served as Liberty's town attorney for over a decade. He was an astute businessman, who in 1965, became co-owner of an international pet food company based in Great Britain. He, along with his late wife, Peggy Elmore Wilson also successfully owned and operated eight convenient stores in Alamance and Randolph Counties until 1999. He has been honored as Businessman of the Year by the Liberty Chamber of Commerce and Man of the Year by the Liberty Rotary Club.

In 2000, he began to concentrate his law practice in the areas of estate planning, Medicaid planning and asset protection. He was regarded by many of his colleagues as an expert in the field of elder law. To date, his firm still does not advertise nor does it have a web site; nonetheless, his firm has been successful in serving Medicaid clients and their families in 98 counties through referrals only, primarily from existing clients or their families. With the help of his long time legal staff, the firm expanded into the Law Offices of James L. Wilson in 2005.

And once he lovingly completed the three-year renovations, his firm relocated into the 1800's Victorian home known locally as "The Wylie House" where his practice remains today. The renovation of The Wylie House and the Liberty Train Depot were some of his proudest accomplishments. He expanded his firm in 2012 and again in 2016 with the hiring of two attorneys to carry on his practice of caring for the elderly and to ensure that his staff, which he loved like family, would be secure.

Besides his passion for the law he was also an avid sports fan who loved his Wake Forest Demon Deacons and attended most home basketball and football games. He had a kind heart when it came to all animals, but he was especially devoted to his beloved dog Coco and she to him. He appreciated the love of his family and often said that God blessed him twice when he married Sue and gained two children, who he referred to as his own.

He is survived by his wife of 15 years, Sue Fesmire Wilson; two children and spouses, Gina Fields Pike and her husband Murphy and Clint Ryan Fields and his wife Jessica; two sisters, Shirley Beasley of Staley and Betty Parker of Garner; his nephews and spouses, Chris Wilson and his wife Janet, Mike Wilson and his wife Mary, Danny Parker and his wife Lisa, Ronnie Parker and his wife Amber, Wayne Beasley and his wife Ann, and Anthony Beasley; and grandchildren, Madilyn Fields, Lillian Pike and Cooper Fields.

He was the son of the late James Alton Wilson and Nora Jernigan Wilson; and was also preceded in death by his first wife, Peggy Elmore Wilson and his brother, Tommy C. Wilson.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions to the First Baptist Church of Siler City, 314 N 2nd Avenue, Siler City, NC 27344; Happy Hills Animal Foundation, 3143 Happy Hills Drive, Staley, NC 27355; or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, PO Box 1000, Department 142, Memphis, TN 38148-0142.

Please share your thoughts and memories with the family at www.LoflinFH.com. Loflin Funeral Home of Liberty is honored to serve the Wilson family.



SHARON DIANE LINDLAND O'QUINN

Sharon Diane Lindland O'Quinn, 54, of Sanford, passed away on Monday, (12-10-2018) at her home.

The family will receive friends at Bridges-Cameron Funeral Home

on Friday, (12-14-2018) from 5 to 7 p.m.

She was born in Waco, Texas on August 12, 1964 to the late Curtis Duane Lindland and Nancy Corbin Lindland.

Sharon is survived by her daughter, Jamie Jones and son, James Britt, both of Sanford.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the funeral home to assist with funeral expenses, 600 West Main Street, Sanford, NC 27332 or online at www.funeraldonationapp.com.

Condolences may be made at www.bridgescameronfuneralhome.com.

RICHARD LEE TABON
Richard Lee Tabon, 33, Tuesday, (12-11-2018) at

Central Carolina Hospital. Arrangements By: Knotts Funeral Home, Sanford.

NATHANIEL BROOKS

Mr. Nathaniel Brooks, Jr., 91, of Siler City, passed on Thursday, (12-06-2018) at VA Hospital in Durham.

Arrangements by: Knotts and Son Funeral Home - Siler City.

WILLIAM D. BURNETT

Mr. William D. Burnett, 63, of Siler City, passed on Monday, (12-10-2018) at Chatham Hospital. Arrangements by: Knotts and Son Funeral Home - Siler City.

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Chatham County hit with A snow daze



'Ole Man Winter' dropped into Chatham Sunday and Monday. He was named Winter Storm Diego, an alias. What Diego did was make a mess, but the mess he made left the roads in a hurry, thanks to the Department of Transportation and employees from Pittsboro and Siler City.

Slick conditions caused many motorists to slip and slide into ditches, but having to wait their turn for the NCHP to arrive. A couple of drivers slid onto the median separating Highway 64, just east of Siler City, and had been waiting an hour for law enforcement to arrive. With so many fender benders the HP had to write reports on, the drivers had to wait their turn.

Thank goodness, for now, the 10-day forecast is for temps to be well above freezing to get rid of the white stuff.

In the top photo, continuing clockwise, a Christmas wreath hangs with snow covering it in Pittsboro Sunday.

Ole 'Bossy' takes it easy as snow begins to cover him in a pasture. Colorful leaves add to the scene as snow falls on Monday. Good samaritans help to chain up a tractor-trailer on the entrance ramp to Highway 64 off of Highway 421 Monday morning. The tractor-trailer got stuck and could not get enough traction to crest the grade, halting traffic for a short time. A Christmas bear decoration shows a coat of snow on a front porch Sunday. A lone driver sits in a median on Highway 64, east of Siler City, on Sunday. In the next photo two men attempt to dig out the front wheels of a car that became stuck after sliding off of Highway 64. The winter weather on Monday was surely a wonderland as a pedestrian walks along a sidewalk in Siler City as a truck motors by. In the last photo, a NCHP writes up a report where a car slid and hit an embankment on South Chatham Avenue in Siler City Monday morning.



Staff photos by Jeff Davis





SPORTS

Thursday, December 13, 2018

Treiston Burnette

Former Jet named defensive coordinator at Barton

BY DON BEANE

News + Record Staff

Barton College head football coach Chip Hester has announced the addition of Treiston Burnette as the program's defensive coordinator and the first assistant hired for the newly-formed team.

Burnette, a Siler City native and Jordan-Matthews graduate, comes to Barton after spending the past two years (2017-18) as Defensive Coordinator and Defensive Backs Coach at Averett University, an NCAA Division III school in Danville, Va.

For Burnette, it was all about the opportunity for the 31-year old and his family.

"It was hard to leave the kids at Averett, this graduating class came in with me and the relationships and bonds you have with them are what makes coaching special," said Burnette. "We had a great deal of success, and turned around a program that had never really won. So I'm very proud of our accomplishments."

But the opportunity presented at Barton was too much to pass on for Burnette.

"Honestly it was a combination of factors, it's the chance to start a new program, moving up to Division II, coaching with Chip Hester and practicing every day against a great offensive mind," noted Burnette. "And for my family, it's the chance to continue building a better life for them."

That family includes Jessica Beal Burnette, a Siler City native and Jordan-Matthews grad as well, and son's Maddox, four, and Mason, who turns one on Thursday of this week.

"Coaching scholarship football at the collegiate level has always been my dream, and now I have that opportunity, and I want to make the best of it. It's a lot of hard work, but I couldn't make it without my wife Jessica. If you don't have a woman like her supporting you and your family, you won't be successful."

This past season, Averett had their best record in school history at 8-2 while Burnette guided the conference's top defensive unit, allowing a meager 12.9 points per game.

Averett's defense produced 13 All-USA South Conference selections the past two seasons including the 2018 league defensive rookie of the year. The Cougars also allowed just 13.8 points per game on average in 2017 and 2018 and won a combined 14 contests.

"We are very fortunate to have Treiston (Bur-

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Former Jet Treiston Burnette was named defensive coordinator at Barton College.



Chatham Charter Knight Cole Milholen, 0, attempts to sneak up on a Lee Christian player in their game last week. Milholen was unable to catch up with the dribbler before he passed the ball away. Chatham Charter went on to a 72-43 win. (Staff photo by Jeff Davis)

Spartans take control, down NW

BY DUCK DUCKSON
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Southern Durham's Jayvis Harvey poured in 22 points, including four three-pointers, while teammate Ricky Council chipped in 11 before being ejected just before halftime as the Spartans took control of the contest early in the second

quarter prior to pulling away down the stretch to collar a 70-58 triumph over Northwood in the Big Eight 3A Conference opener for both squads Thursday evening in Lewis Norwood Gymnasium.

Defeating the Chargers for the 11th straight time, Southern Durham improved to 3-1 for the

season while Northwood fell to 2-2 overall.

The victors connected on 25-of-55 (45%) of their field goal attempts and held a 29-23 rebounding advantage while committing 11 turnovers.

Deuce Powell notched 15 points and Aaron Ross finished with 10 for the Chargers, who

shot 23-of-46 (50%) from the floor while turning the ball over 17 times.

The opening period featured seven lead changes, with neither team enjoying more than a three-point advantage, before

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At Chatham Central

Fuquay, Jets post up 54-43 win

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Camden Fuquay tallied 10 of his team-high 20 points in the second quarter, including the basket that put Jordan-Matthews ahead to stay midway through the frame, as the Jets completed a sweep of their season series with arch-rival Chatham Central for the first time since 2015 by posting a 54-43 non-conference triumph Wednesday evening in Gerald L. Binkley Gymnasium.

The victory evened J-M's record at 3-3, while the Bears dropped to 1-5 overall.

Joining Fuquay in double

figures for the winners were Seth Moore and Huston Causey, who totaled 11 points apiece, as Jordan-Matthews connected on 16-of-36 (44%) of its field goal attempts and held a 20-19 edge in rebounds while turning the ball over 10 times.

Michael Moore fired in a game-high 23 points for Chatham Central, which shot 12-of-38 (32%) from the floor while committing nine turnovers.

With Michael Moore scoring all of his team's points in the first 4:15 of play, the Bears surged to an early 8-2 lead before three-pointers from Seth

Moore and Fuquay helped to pull the Jets within 13-10 after one period.

Fuquay's drive off the left baseline with 4:09 remaining in the second stanza then broke a 17-all stalemate and ignited a 16-7 quarter-ending run that propelled J-M into a 33-24 advantage at halftime.

Following a layup by Jordan-Matthews' Brayden Teague to start the third period, Chatham Central trimmed its deficit to 35-29 on Jamieon Degraffenreid's layup with 3:52 left in the frame prior to Seth Moore's trey from the left wing and two Fuquay charity tosses that sent the Jets

into the fourth quarter with an 11-point lead.

After back-to-back hoops by the Bears' Nik Wilson narrowed the gap to 43-35 with 5:11 to go in the contest, a pair of Fuquay foul shots culminated an 8-3 J-M burst that gave Jordan-Matthews its biggest advantage of the night at 51-38 with 44 seconds left and Chatham Central never got closer than 10 in the time remaining.

**Jets 54,
Bears 43**

J-M 10 23 7 14 - 54
CC 13 11 5 14 - 43
Jordan-Matthews (3-3) - Fuquay 6 7-9 20 Matthews 1 0-0 2 Teague 1 0-0 2 Campbell 0 0-0 0 SMoore 2 5-6 11 Waden 0 1-2 1 Woods 2 1-4 5, TMoore 1 0-0 2 Johnson 0 0-0 0 Causey 3 2-3 11. **Totals 16 16-24 54.**
Chatham Central (1-5) - Dodson 0 0-0 0 MMoore 6 11-12 23 Cheek 1 1-3 4 Degraffenreid 3 1-2 8 Skertich 0 1-2 1 Wilson 2 3-4 7 Lagenor 0 0-0 0. **Totals 12 17-23 43.**
Halftime-Jordan-Matthews, 33-24.
Three-point goals-Jordan-Matthews 6-15 (Causey 3-6, SMoore 2-3, Fuquay 1-3, Waden 0-1, Matthews 0-1, Campbell 0-1); Chatham Central 2-13 (Cheek 1-3, Degraffenreid 1-6, Dodson 0-1, Skertich 0-1, MMoore 0-2). **Fouled out-Cheek. Rebounds-** Jordan-Matthews 20 (Fuquay 6); Chatham Central 19 (MMoore 9). **Turnovers-** Jordan-Matthews 10; Chatham Central 9 **Total fouls-** Jordan-Matthews 18; Chatham Central 20.

Rally by Southern Durham sinks NW

Big 8 Conference opener not kind to Lady Chargers

BY DUCK DUCKSON
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Southern Durham overcame a three-point halftime deficit by outscoring Northwood 11-5 in a pivotal third quarter and never relinquished the lead down the stretch as the Lady Spartans held off a furious late rally by their host to capture a 52-48 victory in the Big Eight 3A Conference opener for both teams Thursday night in Lewis Norwood Gymnasium.

Claiming its fifth win in a row over the Lady Chargers, Southern Durham elevated its overall record to 3-1, while Northwood slipped to 2-2 for the season.

Taylor Robinson registered a double-double with 22 points and 13 rebounds while Kayla Cadlett added 10 points for the Lady Spartans, who shot just 29% (17-of-59) from the floor but converted 14-of-21 free throw attempts. Southern Durham also commanded a 36-30 advantage on the boards while committing 19 turnovers.

Jyrea Smith topped the Lady Chargers with 13 points and Chandler Adams chipped in 11 as Northwood connected on 40% (17-of-42) of its field goal attempts but was 10-of-22 from the

charity stripe while turning the ball over 27 times.

After falling behind 4-0 at the outset, the Lady Chargers battled back behind Smith's three-pointer from the left corner and jumper off the right baseline to fashion a 10-5 advantage with 1:24 to go in the initial stanza before the Lady Spartans used a pair of Robinson foul shots and a Cadlett trey to pull even at the end of the opening period.

Following five ties over the course of the second quarter, Northwood eventually eased in front 25-24 on a Smith free throw with 29.3 seconds remaining until halftime prior to Jaela Harris scoring a reverse layup at the buzzer to give the Lady Chargers a three-point lead at the break.

With Robinson tallying seven straight points to begin the third period, Southern Durham managed to seize the advantage for good and opened up a 35-30 lead on Robinson's bank shot in the lane with 30.2 seconds left in the frame before Caitlyn Bailey's layup nine seconds later got Northwood within three entering the last eight minutes.

The Lady Spartans put together an 11-3 run at the start of the fourth quarter to forge their biggest advantage of the night at 46-35 following Chloe Richmond's lane jumper with 5:50 to play prior to the Lady Chargers staging a comeback that

reduced the margin to 49-48 on Rae McClarty's layup with 32.6 ticks left on the clock.

But Southern Durham would then hold Northwood scoreless in the time remaining while the Lady Spartans sank three-of-four charity tosses in the closing seconds to secure their triumph.

**Spartans 52,
Chargers 48**

SD 10 14 11 17 - 52
NOR 10 17 5 16 - 48

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Lady Knights Olivia Cheek, left and Miranda Griffin, 14, cover up a Lee Christian ballhandler in action from their game last week. The Lady Knights won the game. (Staff photo by Jeff Davis)

Burnette (Continued from page B1)

nette) at Barton College," said Hester. "He is an experienced and successful defensive coordinator that believes in developing young people in all aspects of their lives." Prior to Averett, Burnette spent five years on the coaching staff at Guilford, an NCAA Division III school in Greensboro, N.C., holding the following positions: defensive backs coach (2011, 2013-

14), linebackers coach (2012) and co-defensive coordinator (2015-16). The last two years as coordinator with the Quakers, Guilford went 17-3 and coached Satiir Stevenson and Jermario Gooch to All-American honors, while also coaching Hunter Causey and Jalen Wiley of Jordan-Matthews.

Burnette also served as a football operations intern for the Atlantic Coast Conference (2008-10). Burnette lettered one year in both football and baseball at Guilford. Burnette earned his bachelor's degree at UNC Greensboro in 2012. Barton is scheduled to begin intercollegiate play in 2020. The school is fielding its first team since 1950 (then known as Atlantic Christian College).

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the quarter ended with the Spartans on top 18-15. Following a pair of Alex Snively foul shots that pulled Northwood even at 18-all with 5:32 left in the second stanza, Council's put-back in the paint one minute later gave Southern Durham the lead for good, and the Spartans went on to increase their advantage to 32-24 on Council's two-handed slam dunk with 24.6 seconds remaining until intermission. But Council was given a technical foul for hanging on the rim and was tossed from the game for using profanity at the officials. Ross then dropped in a pair of free throws to draw the Chargers within six prior to Southern Durham countering with Daquonye Parrish's fast break layup with eight-tenths of a second on the clock to send the Spartans

into the break with an eight-point lead. Northwood trimmed the margin to three on two occasions in the third period, the last time at 38-35 following a Ross foul shot with 5:05 left in the frame, before Lamar Lightbrown's trey from the right corner followed by his drive off the right baseline helped push Southern Durham's advantage to 48-41 by the end of the quarter. The Spartans forged their biggest lead at 60-46 following a Jashaun Hawkins rebound bucket off the right baseline with 2:51 remaining in the contest before the Chargers crept within 63-56 on Tommy Ocariza's three-pointer from the right wing with 1:25 to play. But Southern Durham was quick to restore a double-digit advantage 18 seconds later and coasted to the win.

Spartans 70, Northwood 58

SD 18 16 14 22 - 70
NOR 15 11 15 17 - 58
Southern Durham (3-1, 1-0) - Lightbrown 4 0-3 9 Wilkerson 1 0-0 2 Harvey 6 6-9 22 Council 5 1-1 11 Person 2 1-2 6 Hawkins 1 1-2 3 Hall 2 4-7 8 Parrish 3 0-0 6 Webb 0 0-0 0 Hamilton 1 1-2 3. **Totals 25 14-26 70.**
Northwood (2-2, 0-1) - Powell 7 1-6 15 Thompson 2 0-0 4 McAfee 3 0-2 7 Ross 3 4-6 10 Snively 1 2-3 4 Brower 2 0-0 4 Omar 0 0-0 0 Mehlinger 0 0-0 0 Shadoan 2 0-0 6 Ocariza 3 0-0 8 Arnold 0 0-0 0. **Totals 23 7-17 58.**
Halftime-Southern Durham, 34-26. Three-point goals-Southern Durham 6-22 (Harvey 4-8, Lightbrown 1-2, Person 1-3, Hawkins 0-1, Council 0-1, Webb 0-1, Wilkerson 0-2, Parrish 0-2, Hamilton 0-2); Northwood 5-15 (Shadoan 2-2, Ocariza 2-3, McAfee 1-2, Powell 0-2, Ross 0-2, Omar 0-2, Snively 0-2). Fouled out-McAfee. Technical foul-Council. Ejected-Council. Rebounds-Southern Durham 29 (Harvey 9); Northwood 23 (Powell 9). Turnovers-Southern Durham 11; Northwood 17. Total fouls-Southern Durham 13; Northwood 20.

JM girls to see play in Courier-Tribune Christmas Tournament

It's that time of year, once again! The Christmas breaks begin next week and the basketball teams will be starting their holiday tournaments. The J-M girls see play in the Courier-Tribune Invitational on Thursday, December 20th against SW Randolph. Game time is set for 7 p.m. A win against SW Randolph will have them playing at 7:30 p. m. on Friday evening. A loss sets them up to play at 3:30 p. m.



Northwood's junior varsity team hosted Western Harnett in basketball action last week but the outcome was not good for the Chargers. The Spartans romped by the JV Charger team 70-44. (Staff photo by Jeff Davis)

Lady Bear trio helps CC romp to easy win

BY DUCK DUCKSON News + Record Staff
 Mary Grace Murchison led a trio of Chatham Central players in double figures with 16 points and the Lady Bears never trailed while outscoring Jordan-Matthews every quarter as they romped to an easy 65-33 non-conference win over their arch-rival Wednesday night in Gerald L. Binkley Gymnasium. Sweeping the season series against the Lady Jets for the fourth year in a row, Chatham Central improved to 5-1 overall while J-M saw its record evened at 3-3. Cami Hughes and Maddy Elkins contrib-

uted 14 points each for the Lady Bears, who shot 42% (28-of-67) from the floor while committing 11 turnovers. Jocelyn Mitchell came off the bench to toss in 20 points for Jordan-Matthews, which connected on 38% (15-of-39) of its field goal attempts and outrebounded Chatham Central 30-26 while turning the ball over 34 times. Murchison's three-pointer from beyond the top of the key three minutes into the contest put the Lady Bears ahead 7-2 before four points apiece from Taylor Hughes and Elkins allowed the winners to expand their lead to 17-10 after one period.

Chatham Central then blitzed the Lady Jets with a 14-0 run to begin the second stanza, opening up a 21-point advantage on Cami Hughes' layup with 2:09 left until halftime, before consecutive rebound buckets off the right baseline by Mitchell and Jasmine Scotton, plus a Mitchell free throw, capped a 7-2 quarter-ending J-M spurt that cut the difference to 33-17 at intermission. Following Mitchell's trey from the right wing that got Jordan-Matthews within 43-28 with 1:55 to go in the third period, the Lady Bears closed out the frame with an Abby Elkins jumper in the lane, Cami Hughes' jumper from the left side and Maddy Elkins' bank shot in the paint to reconstruct a 21-point lead entering the last eight minutes. Chatham Central then proceeded to steadily pull away over the course of the fourth quarter to complete the rout, with the final score representing its biggest advantage following an Eliana Phillips layup with 24 seconds remaining.

Boxscore (Continued from page B1)

Southern Durham (3-1, 1-0) - Ingram 1 0-0 2 Robinson 7 7-10 22 KSmith 1 1-2 3 Cadlett 4 0-1 10 Resto 1 0-0 3 Richmond 3 3-4 9 Lindsay 0 1-2 1 Stanley 0 2-2 2 Hughes 0 0-0 0. **Totals 17 14-21 52.**
Northwood (3-2, 0-1) - Harris 3 0-1 6 JSmith 4 2-4 13 Adams 3 5-9 11 Marve 1 0-0 3 McClarty 2 0-1 4 Bell 1 0-0 2 Snively 2 2-3 6 Bailey 1 1-4 3. **Totals 17 10-22 48.**

Halftime-Northwood, 27-24. Three-point goals-Southern Durham 4-16 (Cadlett 2-6, Robinson 1-1, Resto 1-7, Richmond 0-2); Northwood 4-10 (JSmith 3-4, Marve 1-1, Bell 0-1, Harris 0-1, Snively 0-3). Fouled out-Cadlett, McClarty. Rebounds-Southern Durham 36 (Robinson 13); Northwood 30 (Adams 9). Turnovers-Southern Durham 19; Northwood 27. Total fouls-Southern Durham 24; Northwood 19.

Bears 65, Jets 33

J-M 10 7 11 5 - 33
CC 17 16 16 16 - 65
Jordan-Matthews (3-3) - Brooks 0 0-0 0 Wiley 0 0-2 0 Scotton 2 0-2 4 Headen 2 0-0 4 Wright 2 0-2 5 Mitchell 9 1-2 20 Ray 0 0-0 0 Glover 0 0-0 0 Artis 0 0-0 0 Payne 0 0-1 0 Alston 0 0-0 0 Honeycutt 0 0-0 0. **Totals 15 1-9 33.**
Chatham Central (5-1) - Melkins 7 0-2 14 THughes 3 0-0 6 AElkins 4 0-0 8 CHughes 6 2-3 14 Murchison 5 4-4 16 Collins 2 0-0 4 Oldham 0 0-0 0 Phillips 1 1-2 3 Hudson 0 0-0 0 Fields 0 0-0 0 Nava 0 0-0 0. **Totals 28 7-11 65.**
Halftime-Chatham Central, 33-17. Three-point goals-Jordan-Matthews 2-12 (Mitchell 1-3, Wright 1-4, Brooks 0-1, Headen 0-4); Chatham Central 2-8 (Murchison 2-5, THughes 0-1, Collins 0-2). Fouled out-None. Rebounds-Jordan-Matthews 30 (Scotton 9); Chatham Central 26 (Melkins 6). Turnovers-Jordan-Matthews 34; Chatham Central 11. Total fouls-Jordan-Matthews 8; Chatham Central 12.

NW boys hosting 1st Bank Holiday Tourney

Northwood will be playing host to the 1st Bank Holiday tournament beginning Thursday, December 20. Besides the Chargers playing, Wallace Rose Hill, Apex Friendship, Union Pines, Westside, Grace Christian, Lee Senior, and Southern Alamance will also entertain fans. On Thursday, December 20, the Charger boys team will tangle with Southern Alamance at 7 p.m. Former JM basketball coach PJ Lowman, now coaching at Apex Friendship will play Wallace Rose Hill at 5 p.m. on the same day.

Thursday December 20

4 p.m. Game 1 - Asheboro vs. Trinity

5:30 p.m. Game 2 - Wheatmore vs. Providence Grove

7 p.m. Game 3 - SW Randolph vs. Jordan-Matthews

8:30 p.m. Game 4 - Randleman vs. Eastern Randolph

Friday, December 21

2 p.m. Game 5 - Loser of Game 1 vs. Loser of Game 2

3:30 p.m. Game 6 - Loser of Game 3 vs. Loser of Game 4

6 p.m. Game 7 - Winner of Game 1 vs. Winner of Game 2

7:30 p.m. Game 8 - Winner of Game 3 vs. Winner of Game 4

Saturday, December 22

1 p.m. Game 9 - Loser of Game 5 vs. Loser of Game 6

2:30 p.m. Game 10 - Winner of Game 5 vs. Winner of Game 6

6 p.m. Game 11 - Loser of Game 7 vs. Loser of Game 8



Area Sports Calendar | Week of Dec. 12-18

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Monday	Tuesday
Dec. 12	Dec. 13	Dec. 14	Dec. 15	Dec. 17	Dec. 18
<p>Wrestling NW at So. Guilford-6 PM CC at Tri-Meet- 6 PM</p> <p>Basketball So. Alamance at Central-Girls 6:30 pm</p>	<p>Wrestling Randleman, Chatham Charter at JM 6 p.m.</p> <p>Basketball NW at Franklin-Boys 7:30 PM</p>	<p>Wrestling CC,NW at East Alamance 6 p.m.</p> <p>Basketball JM at E. Randolph-Girls 6 PM Boys 7:30 PM Chatham Charter at Clover Garden-Girls-6 pm Boys 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Wrestling CC,NW at East Alamance 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Wrestling CC at E.Davidson-6 pm</p>	<p>Wrestling JM at Central- 7 pm</p> <p>Basketball CC at Cornerstone Girls 6pm Boys 7:30 pm</p>



NW girls rout Western 54-32 in Pittsboro

BY DUCK DUCKSON
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Northwood jumped out to an 11-0 lead in the first three minutes of play and placed 10 players in the scoring column as the Lady Chargers took advantage of Western Harnett turnovers in cruising to a 54-32 non-conference victory Tuesday night in Lewis Norwood Gymnasium. Chandler Adams and Myla Marve tallied a dozen points apiece for the winners, who climbed to 3-1 for the season. Northwood connected on 18-of-47 (38%) of its field goal attempts while committing 14 turnovers.

Lahaina Bell notched a game-high 14 points for the Lady Eagles, who fell to 2-3 overall. Western Harnett shot 11-of-36 (31%) from the floor and held a 33-26 advantage on the boards but turned the ball over 35 times. Following the Lady Chargers' 11-0 burst to open the contest, the Lady Eagles narrowed the gap to 12-6 with 3:40 left in the initial stanza on three-pointers by Bell and Taija Pruitt prior to Northwood closing out the period with a 7-2 spurt to regain an 11-point lead after one quarter.

Western Harnett managed to pull within 23-15 on Kayling Matson's free throw with 2:35 to go in the first half before the Lady Chargers used a Marve foul shot and Adams' turnaround jumper in the lane to fashion another 11-point advantage at the break.

Northwood's lead ranged from nine to 14 points throughout the third quarter prior to the Lady Chargers entering the final 12 minutes up 35-24.

Natalie Bell's charity toss with 1:57 remaining in the game then gave the victors their biggest spread of the evening at 52-28 before Northwood went on to close out its third win in a row over the Lady Eagles dating back to 2011.

WH 8 7 9 8 - 32
NW 19 7 9 19 - 54
Western Harnett (2-3) - LBell 5 1-2 14 Farrington 0 0-0 0 Mackey 1 0-0 2 McDougald 0 0-1 0 Pruitt 1 3-6 6 Matson 0 2-4 2 Barber 2 0-0 4 MBailey 1 0-1 2 Bryson 0 0-0 0 McLean 1 0-1 2 Rice 0 0-0 0. **Totals 11 6-15 32.**
Northwood (3-1) - Harris 2 1-4 5 Smith 2 0-0 5 Adams 3 6-12 12 Marve 5 1-3 12 McClarty 1 3-4 6 CBailey 1 2-3 4 NBell 1 1-2 3 Snively 2 0-0 4 McKnaught 0 1-2 1 Kanapkey 0 0-0 0 Hill 0 0-2 0 Forbes 1 0-0 2. **Totals 18 15-32 54.**
Halftime-Northwood, 26-15.
Three-point goals-Western Harnett 4-17 (LBell 3-14, Pruitt 1-1, Farrington 0-1, Barber 0-1); Northwood 3-14 (Marve 1-1, McClarty 1-3, Smith 1-3, Adams 0-1, Snively 0-1, Kanapkey 0-2, NBell 0-3). Fouled out-None. Rebounds-Western Harnett 33 (MBailey 9); Northwood 26 (Adams 7). Turn-overs-Western Harnett 35; Northwood 14. Total fouls-Western Harnett 22; Northwood 16.

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Chatham Charter Knight Morgan Lineberry starts to shoot the ball after posting up in the lane against Lee Christian last week. Lineberry scored two of her points on the shot and the Lady Knights went on to win the game. (Staff photo by Jeff Davis)

NCHSAA Cheer Champs crowned up in Raleigh

The 2018 NCHSAA Cheerleading Invitational wrapped up a full day of competition featuring 129 cheerleading squads across all divisions at the Raleigh Convention Center. The Northwest Guilford Vikings took their first Carolina Cup with top overall honors in the 16th Invitational in the history of the NCHSAA.

The NCHSAA awards four \$500 scholarships annually, one to a cheerleader in each of the NCHSAA's four classifications.

To qualify, recipient must be a college-bound senior varsity cheerleader at an NCHSAA member school. Recipients must be on a participating team at the NCHSAA Cheerleading Invitational for that year and be planning to enroll in an accredited institution of higher education in the year following graduation. Applicants must be well-rounded individuals demonstrating excellence in Cheerleading with outstanding presence of school spirit, community service involvement and academics with a minimum average GPA of 3.0 throughout the student's high school career.

The 1A scholarship winner is Carolyn Baylee Haynes a senior at West Columbus High School who plans on attending Clemson University in the Fall of 2019. Baylee has been chosen as an All-American Cheerleader for three years and is also a member of the tennis team.

Macy Carmichael, a senior at Ledford High School, is the 2A scholarship winner and is currently mulling over her decision on where to attend college.

The 3A scholarship winner, Somer Caulder, is a senior at Eastern Guilford High School where she is a member of Student Council, National Honor

Society, BETA Club, LEO Club, Wildcat Crazy's Pep Club, and the Medical Careers and the Society of Future Healthcare Professionals. She will look to further her education at UNC-Wilmington where she will major in nursing and minor in business management.

Jordan Feldman, a se-
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Heading up court, Lady Charger Jaela Harris moves around a defender en route to set up a play. Northwood lost a close one to Southern Durham, 52-48. (Staff photo by Jeff Davis)

Chargers fast out of gates, hold off Eagles

BY DUCK DUCKSON
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Putting four starters in double figures, Northwood built as much as a 14-point third-quarter advantage before withstanding a late Western Harnett rally to hold off the Eagles 57-52 in non-conference action Tuesday evening in Lewis Norwood Gymnasium.

With the victory the Chargers raised their season record to 2-1, whereas Western Harnett stumbled to 1-4 overall.

Deuce Powell led the way for Northwood with 19 points, Aaron Ross and Alex Snively chipped in 12 apiece while Jalen McAfee added 10. The Chargers shot 48% (24-of-50) from the floor and held a 27-25 edge on the glass while turning the ball over 16 times.

Tre Richardson topped the Eagles with 18 points and Anthony Brewington registered 15 as Western Harnett connected on 49% (18-of-37) of its field goal attempts while committing 22 turnovers.

After forging a pair of ties in the first three minutes of play, Richardson's trey from the right wing sparked an 8-5 quarter-ending run that gave the visitors from Lillington a 14-11 advantage at the end of the initial period.

Northwood eventually reclaimed the lead for good at 20-18 following a Ross layup with 3:02 left in the second frame, and after the Chargers went up 28-22 on Powell's conventional three-point play with 1:04 remaining in the stanza, the Eagles used a Tobias Dillard dunk and Wesley Lassiter's put-back in the paint to draw within two with 23.8 seconds left in the first half.

But Northwood would extend its advantage to 31-26 at halftime when Snively buried a three-pointer from the right side as the horn sounded.

The Chargers seized their biggest lead of the night at 44-30 on Powell's jumper in the lane with 2:59 to go in the third quarter before back-to-back Richardson and Tay Davis treys trimmed the margin to eight heading into the fourth period.

With Richardson pumping in 10 of his points in the final stanza, Western Harnett battled back to close within 54-52 on a pair free throws by the senior guard with

2:21 showing on the clock, but the Eagles were held scoreless the rest of the way while Northwood would seal its triumph with a McAfee foul shot and a Snively layup in the time remaining.

WH 14 12 10 16 - 52
NW 11 22 11 13 - 57
Western Harnett (1-4) - Brewington 6 0-0 15 Jones 1 3-5 5 Dillard 3 2-2 8 Harper 0 1-2 1 Richardson 6 3-7 18 Davis 1 0-0 3 Smith 0 0-0 0 Lassiter 1 0-0 2 McLean 0 0-0 0 Rankin 0 0-0 0. **Totals 18 9-16 52.**
Northwood (2-1) - Powell 8 3-9 19 Thompson 1 0-0 2 McAfee 4 2-7 10 Ross 6 0-0 12 Snively 4 2-6 12 Omar 0 0-1 0 Brower 0 0-0 0 Arnold 1 0-0 2. **Totals 24 7-23 57.**
Halftime-Northwood, 32-26.
Three-point goals-Western Harnett 7-16 (Brewington 3-3, Richardson 3-6, Davis 1-1, Rankin 0-1, Harper 0-1, Dillard 0-1, Lassiter 0-3); Northwood 2-7 (Snively 2-4, Powell 0-1, Omar 0-2). Fouled out-Brewington, Davis, Richardson. Technical foul-Brewington, Davis. Rebounds-Western Harnett 25 (Brewington 6); Northwood 27 (Powell, McAfee 8). Turnovers-Western Harnett 22; Northwood 16. Total fouls-Western Harnett 23; Northwood 15.



Charger Alex Snively shoots the ball in basketball action last week. The Chargers lost their game to Southern Durham, 70-58. (Staff photo by Jeff Davis)

2018 NCHSAA Football State Finals Pairings

<p>Duke University - Wallace Wade Stadium</p> <p>Friday, December 14, 2018 7:30 pm - 4AA - Wake Forest vs. Vance</p> <p>Saturday, December 15, 2018 3:00 pm - 1A - Pamlico County vs. Murphy 7:00 pm - 4A - Scotland vs. East Forsyth</p> <p>NC State University - Carter Finley Stadium</p> <p>Saturday, December 15,</p>	<p>2018 11:00 am - 2A - Northeastern vs. Reidsville 2:30 pm - 2AA - North Davidson vs. Shelby 6:00 pm - 1AA - Tarboro vs. East Surry</p> <p>University of North Carolina - Kenan Stadium</p> <p>Friday, December 14, 2018 7:30 pm - 3AA - SE Guilford vs. Weddington</p> <p>Saturday, December 15, 2018 11:00 am - 3A - Jacksonville vs. Charlotte Catholic</p>
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nior at Lake Norman High School, is the 4A scholarship winner and has her sights set at either UNC Chapel Hill or Duke University. She is interested in the field of Neuroscience.

2018 NCHSAA Cheer Invitational Results by Division

High School Non-Building
 1st Pamlico County HS 55.4
 2nd Franklin Academy HS 48.4

Small Varsity Non-Tumble
 1st Forbush HS 80.4
 2nd Southwest Edgecombe 61
 3rd West Iredell HS
 4th Patton HS
 5th Princeton HS 55.8
 6th North Carolina School of Science and Math 50.9
 7th Owens HS 47.1

Small Varsity Non-Tumble
 1st South Rowan HS 73.1
 2nd Northeastern HS 72.4
 3rd Nash Central HS 63.6
 4th Beddingfield HS 61.1

Small Varsity D1-A
 1st Hopewell HS 64.8
 2nd TC Roberson HS 64.55
 3rd Sanderson HS
 4th Richmond County HS
 5th Middle Creek HS 50.45

Small Varsity Non-Tumble
 1st Eastern Guilford HS 79.3
 2nd Mountain Island Charter School 62.3
 3rd North Buncombe HS 60.1
 4th Parkwood HS 60
 5th West Brunswick HS 58.6
 6th Swansboro HS 58.4
 7th Rocky Mount HS 57.4
 8th Franklinton HS 56

Small Varsity D1-B
 1st Heritage HS 75.9
 2nd Lake Norman HS 74.2
 3rd Apex HS 71.1
 4th Southern Alamance HS 59.6
 5th Western Alamance HS 57
 6th Athens Drive HS 50.2
 7th Jack Britt HS 44.6

Small Varsity D1-C
 1st Charlotte Catholic HS 76.45
 2nd Harnett Central HS 57.5
 3rd Reagan HS 56.4
 4th Gray's Creek HS 44

Medium Varsity D2
 1st Lake Norman Charter South Point HS 39.8

Medium Varsity Non-Tumble D2
 1st Currituck County HS 78.4
 2nd West Columbus HS 66.4
 3rd Farmville Central HS 62.7
 4th Bear Grass Charter
 5th Goldsboro HS 50.9

Medium Varsity Non-Tumble D1
 1st Mallard Creek HS 68.4
 2nd Southern Nash HS 58.6
 3rd Topsail HS 58.3
 4th Reynolds HS 58.2
 5th New Bern HS 52.4
 6th Fike HS 51.7
 7th Erwin HS 47.1

Medium Varsity D1-A
 1st Broughton HS 75.3
 2nd Green Hope HS 67
 3rd East Rowan HS 58.15
 4th Panther Creek HS 58.1
 5th Jacksonville HS 56.3
 6th Union Pines HS 53.75

7th Cleveland HS 49.45
 Medium Varsity D1-B
 1st Cardinal Gibbons HS 81.3
 2nd Hough HS 65.9
 3rd Millbrook HS 64.3
 4th Carson HS 61.4
 5th Hoggard HS 59.85
 6th Charles B Aycock HS 48.6
 7th North Brunswick HS 47.6
Large Varsity Non-Tumble D2
 1st Pisgah HS 62.3
 2nd North Johnston HS 62.2
 3rd Camden County HS 59.6
 4th St. Pauls HS 57.8
 5th Northside HS - Pinetown 55.92
 6th Trask HS 41.1

Large Varsity Non-Tumble
 1st Northwest Guilford HS 85
 2nd Enka HS 65.4
 3rd Tuscola HS 61
 4th North Henderson HS 59
 5th Ashley HS 58.4

Large Varsity D2
 1st Ledford HS 76.5
 2nd Piedmont HS 50.1

Large Varsity D1
 1st Holly Springs HS 74.5
 2nd Conley HS 69.1
 3rd Wake Forest HS 64.4
 4th Marvin Ridge HS 63.55
 5th South Caldwell HS 62.85
 6th Wakefield HS 60.9
 7th Overhills HS 47.9

Varsity Coed
 1st Davie County HS 82
 2nd Leesville Road HS 71.9
 3rd A. L. Brown HS 67.5
 4th Apex Friendship HS 64.3

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Small Junior Varsity Non-Tumble D2
 1st Pisgah HS 67.2
 2nd North Johnston HS 65.8
 3rd Southwest Edgecombe HS 54.6
 4th Richlands HS 48.5

Small Junior Varsity Non-Tumble D1
 1st Apex HS 59.2
 2nd West Carteret HS 58.3
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 4th Athens Drive HS 56

Small Junior Varsity D2
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 1st Ardrey Kell HS 59.6
 2nd Apex Friendship HS 55.5
 3rd Green Hope HS 53.4

Large Junior Varsity Non-Tumble D2
 1st Langtree Charter 52.3
 2nd West Columbus HS 49.4
 3rd John Holmes HS 43.7

Large Junior Varsity Non-Tumble D1
 1st Eastern Guilford HS 70.1
 2nd Topsail HS 68.2
 3rd Franklinton HS 55.9
 4th New Bern HS 54.1
 5th Fike HS 50.4
 6th West Brunswick HS 45.9
 7th Overhills HS 45.1

Small Varsity D2
 1st Cherryville HS 70.4
 3rd Maiden HS 69.9
 2nd Washington HS 69.9
 4th Christ the King 57.6
Eastern Randolph HS 53.45
 6th West Stokes HS 45.3
 7th Richlands HS 41.65

NCHSAA Football Scores

1A Football Playoff Fourth Round Scores
East
 Pamlico County 16, Rosewood 12

West
 Murphy 28, Robbinsville 6

1AA Football Playoff Fourth Round Scores
East
 Tarboro 48, Holmes 7

West
 East Surry 44, Starmount 27

2A Football Playoff Fourth Round Scores
East
 Northeastern 47, Southwest Onslow 36

West
 Reidsville 24, Brevard 21

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East
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West
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East
 Wake Forest 49, Pinecrest 7

West
 Charlotte Vance 21, Myers Park 13

Northwood High Wrestling Results

Nick Sgroi Invitational:
 126 Semifinals - Timothy Hepler (Thomasville) over Joe Sipper (Northwood) (Fall 1:16)
 145 Semifinals - Grant Ray (Northwood) over Tim Brooks (Thomasville) (Fall 3:24)
 152 Quarterfinals - Jacob Brown (Thomasville) over Nathan Davis (Northwood) (Fall 1:31)
 170 Semifinals - Leo Bravo (Thomasville) over Nolan Ellis (Northwood) (Fall 2:54)
 285 Quarterfinals - Abraham Pena (Northwood) over Isiah Dalton (Thomasville) (Fall 2:33)

Bartlett Yancey Tri-Meet:

Northwood 60 Bartlett Yancey 17
 106 Double Forfeit
 113 Zion Verinder (Northwood) over Unknown (For.)
 120 Andrew Kimbrel (Northwood) over Evan Lucas (Bartlett Yancey) (Fall)
 126 Anthony Brintzer (Northwood) over Kameron Scott (Bartlett Yancey) (Fall)
 132 Joe Sipper (Northwood) over Zaquan Cagle (Bartlett Yancey) (Fall)
 138 Jamison Davis (Northwood) over Tristan Smith (Bartlett Yancey) (Fall)
 145 Grant Ray (Northwood) over Unknown (For.)
 152 Kyle Grodem (Bartlett Yancey) over Nathan Davis (Northwood) (Fall)
 160 Justin Guy (Bartlett Yancey) over Montgomery Allgood (Northwood) (TF 23-7)
 170 Triston Winn (Bartlett Yancey) over Nolan Ellis (Northwood) (Fall)

182 William Lake (Northwood) over Dylan Wall (Bartlett Yancey) (Fall)
 195 Harrison Knapp (Northwood) over Antonio Donnell (Bartlett Yancey) (Fall)
 220 Matt Briggs (Northwood) over Unknown (For.)
 285 Abraham Pena (Northwood) over Unknown (For.)

Northwood 53 Cedar Ridge 22

106 Walter McGhee (Cedar Ridge) over Unknown (For.)
 113 Zion Verinder (Northwood) over Unknown (For.)
 120 Andrew Kimbrel (Northwood) over CJ Jackson (Cedar Ridge) (Fall)
 126 Anthony Brintzer (Northwood) over Katie Watkins (Cedar Ridge) (MD 13-0)
 132 Darius McLeod (Cedar Ridge) over Joe Sipper (Northwood) (Fall)
 138 Jamison Davis (Northwood) over Don Pough (Cedar Ridge) (MD 12-4)
 145 Grant Ray (Northwood) over Don Pough (Cedar Ridge) (Dec 7-2)
 152 Alex Christian (Cedar Ridge) over Nathan Davis (Northwood) (MD 11-2)
 160 Montgomery Allgood (Northwood) over Ruffin Wyrick (Cedar Ridge) (Fall)
 170 Wyatt Robinson (Cedar Ridge) over Nolan Ellis (Northwood) (Fall)
 182 William Lake (Northwood) over Cutter Tate (Cedar Ridge) (Fall)
 195 Harrison Knapp (Northwood) over Jonas Urban (Cedar Ridge) (Fall)
 220 Matt Briggs (Northwood) over Unknown (For.)
 285 Abraham Pena (Northwood) over Houston Stone (Cedar Ridge) (Fall)

Chatham Charter Wrestling Results

USAF-Rosewood Eagle Invitational

Chatham Charter Results:
 113 Champ. Round 1 - Chandler Steele (Chatham Charter) received a bye
 113 Quarterfinals - Chandler Steele (Chatham Charter) over Eric Sanchez Aparico (Trask, Heide) (Fall 1:01)
 113 Semifinals - Chandler Steele (Chatham Charter) over Evan Kite (Laney) (TF 15-0 4:15)
 113 1st Place Match - Christian Decatur (Rosewood) over Chandler Steele (Chatham Charter) (Dec 4-0) 120
 120 Champ. Round 1 - Eli Kays (Sanderson) over Sam Blanton (Chatham Charter) (Fall 1:42)
 120 Cons. Round 1 - Sam Blanton (Chatham Charter) received a bye
 120 Cons. Round 2 - William Kimball (Rosewood) over Sam Blanton (Chatham Charter) (Fall 2:09)
 145 Champ. Round 1 - James

Womack (Chatham Charter) over Wesley Robinson (Holly Springs) (Fall 3:07)
 145 Quarterfinals - Alex Soroka (Aycock) over James Womack (Chatham Charter) (Fall 5:33)
 145 Cons. Round 2 - James Womack (Chatham Charter) over Seth Wright (Trask, Heide) (Fall 2:22)
 145 Cons. Round 3 - James Womack (Chatham Charter) over Wadshon Pierre-Louis (Southern Wayne Senior) (Fall)
 145 Cons. Semis - John Baker (Britt, Jack) over James Womack (Chatham Charter) (Fall 3:32)
 182 Champ. Round 1 - Kameron Russ (New Hanover) over Collin Semrad (Chatham Charter) (Fall 0:32)
 182 Cons. Round 1 - Collin Semrad (Chatham Charter) received a bye
 182 Cons. Round 2 - Ryan McOwen (Manteo) over Collin Semrad (Chatham Charter) (Fall 0:33)

Chatham Central Wrestling Results

Chatham Central 42 Chatham Charter 17

120 Chandler Steele (Chatham Charter) over Brantly Hart (Chatham Central) (TF 19-4)
 126 Cole Armstrong (Chatham Charter) over Sam Blanton (Chatham Charter) (Fall)
 132 Caden Fields (Chatham Charter) over Unknown (For.)
 138 Noah Rinell (Chatham Charter) over Unknown (For.)
 145 James Womack (Chatham Charter) over Nick McNeill

(Chatham Central) (Fall)
 152 Double Forfeit
 160 Kyle Garner (Chatham Central) over Unknown (For.)
 170 Double Forfeit
 182 Collin Semrad (Chatham Charter) over Unknown (For.)
 195 Jarrett Mashburn (Chatham Charter) over Unknown (For.)
 220 Gabriel Silva (Chatham Central) over Unknown (For.)
 285 Wesley Buie (Chatham Central) over Unknown (For.)
 106 Double Forfeit



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Applicants sought for Board of Health and Planning Board

CN+R Staff Report

PITTSBORO — Both the Chatham County Board of Health and Planning Board have vacancies to fill and seek qualified applicants for each.

The Board of Health vacancy is designated for a professional engineer, as provided by state law. The person appointed would complete an existing three-year term ending June 30, 2020 and would be eligible for reappointment for up to two additional three-year terms.

The deadline to apply is Friday, January 18, 2019, at 5 p.m.

The Planning Board has two vacancies, one representing county commissioner District 4 in northwest Chatham and the other representing commissioner District 5 in southwest Chatham. Both of these appointees would serve terms expiring on December 31, 2022. The deadline to apply is Friday, December 28, 2018, at 5 p.m.

An online application to serve on either board is found at: <https://chathamnc.seamlessdocs.com/f/CommitteeForm>.

To receive an email or printed copy, contact Lindsay Ray at lindsay.ray@chathamnc.org or call 919-542-8200.

Governor unveils 'The Navigator'

RALEIGH — Governor Roy Cooper has announced a free, first-of-its-kind online tool to lead the way in connecting education to career.

The new work-based learning tool, called "The Navigator," brings together members of the business, education, and workforce development communities in a space where they can post, search for and measure work-based learning opportunities.

These opportunities are hands-on learning activities ranging from guest speaking roles to apprenticeships, posted by businesses and used by educators.

The Navigator platform was developed through a

partnership between the Governor's Office, Fidelity Investments and the North Carolina Business Committee for Education (NCBCE).

It is populated by employers who list virtual and in-person work-based learning activities. Educators, counselors and job coaches then go online to 'shop' for those opportunities. There is no cost to list and no cost to shop.

The Navigator debuted at the December 7 Experience More Summit on Work-Based Learning hosted by NCBCE.

New thrift store opens, needs your donations

CN+R Staff Report

PITTSBORO — The Second Bloom of Chatham Inc. thrift store, which opened Dec. 2, is called Santa's Shop on the Circle and will be open for donations and shopping during the month of December.

The store is located on the southwest corner of the circle in Pittsboro, just east of the Roadhouse, at 10 Sanford Road.

The Santa's Shop on the Circle thrift store will be open for donations and shopping throughout the month.

The thrift store will be accepting new and gently used donations seven days a week between noon and 4 p.m., and will be open for shopping on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays through December 22, between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Chatham Charter club sponsors food drive to help feed the hungry

CN+R Staff Report

SILER CITY — Chatham Charter School's Knights in Service Club recently sponsored a drive for two local charitable organizations, West Chatham Food Pantry and The Salvation Army.

During this time of year, these groups have a high demand for supplies and food necessary for local individuals and families to make the transition for cooler weather and holidays.

The aim of the club's drive was to provide

donations ranging from household products, to self-care and hygiene necessities, to basic food and nutritional items.

The Knights in Service Club is a K-12 organization with the goal of providing volunteer service and support to our school and community.

Recently, the group collected and packed gift items for goody bags to be delivered to local servicemen recently home from deployment.

This month, club members will design holiday crafts and cards for residents of a nearby nursing home.



Members of the Chatham Charter Knights in Service club pack items from a recent school food drive. (Submitted photo)



The sun's glow as it sets gives off just enough light to illuminate the dark clouds in the westward sky last week. They were part of a front that moved through the area, casting one of those picturesque moments. (Staff photo by Jeff Davis)

Nu-Blu to be at Oasis Dec. 16

CN+R Staff Report

SILER CITY — Siler City-based bluegrass band Nu-Blu is bringing its Vagabonds Tour to the Oasis Fresh Market in downtown Siler City on Dec. 16.

The event, called Tapas n' Tunes with Nu-Blu, will be from 1 to 3 p.m. at Oasis Fresh Market, 117 S. Chatham Ave., Siler City. Tickets for the event, available through the band's website - www.nu-blu.com, are \$30 and include food and a beverage and the Nu-Blu concert.

In the last year, the four-time Billboard Top 10 artists have performed coast-to-coast promoting their current album, Vagabonds.

Nu-Blu is comprised of Carolyn Routh, who handles bass and vocals; Zach McCracken on banjo; Justin Harrison, who plays mandolin; and Daniel Routh, who is the band's guitarist, singer, manager, and tour coordinator, among other roles.

In addition to touring the country steadily, Nu-Blu is also gearing up for the release of their upcoming DVD, "The Stories We Can Tell." As details continue to emerge, fans can keep up with the latest news by visiting the group's official website nu-blu.com.

Workshop set for nonprofit funding applications

CN+R Staff Report

PITTSBORO — Nonprofits interested in applying for a grant from Chatham County or the United Way of Chatham County are encouraged to attend a workshop which will cover the funding application and the 2019-20 allocations process on Tuesday, January 15, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Workshop attendance is required for all human service nonprofit planning to request funding.

The workshop will be held at the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center in Pittsboro.

To ensure that there are enough handouts and instructional materials for everyone, attendees are asked to sign up

for the workshop no later than Friday, January 11, by emailing the United Way office at uwaycc@emji.net.

Chatham County will provide the details of their new nonprofit RFP process at the workshop. Other workshop topics include components of the application process, criteria used to evaluate proposals and the online

application.

The application form will be accessible beginning Tuesday, January 15, 2019. Applications must be submitted online by Thursday, February 28, 2019.

Contact the United Way office with questions at 919-542-1110 or uwaycc@emji.net.

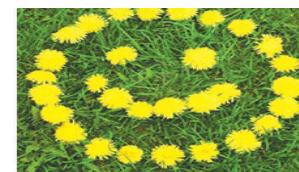
Wildlife Commission Seeks Public Comment on Proposed Regulation Changes

RALEIGH — The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission has opened the public comment period for proposed changes to agency regulations related to enforcement, wildlife management, inland fisheries and game lands for the 2019-2020 seasons.

The comment period will be open until Friday, Feb. 1, 2019.

Comments may be submitted online, emailed to regulations@ncwildlife.org (must include name, phone number and mailing address in e-mail) or mailed to: Rule-Making Coordinator, N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, 1701 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1700.

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Chatham Charter 2nd graders sow Trees of Thankfulness

CN+R Staff Report

SILER CITY — As part of its Knights on a Crusade positivity and kindness initiative, Chatham Charter School is encouraging students, staff, and family members to make a conscious effort to display these qualities as often as possible.

Leading up to the Thanksgiving holiday, school staff created a paper "Tree of Thankfulness" for each building (elementary, middle, and high school).

The Student Support Services staff spearheaded the project and was assisted by students in their lunch groups who cut out paper leaves.

Students wrote things they are thankful on colorful paper leaves and taped them to the tree. Family, friends, and fun activities were among the things students listed.

High school Spanish students and middle and high school French students wrote theirs in those languages to encourage peers to use their language skills in reading them.

"Taking time to be thankful helps us get in the spirit of the season, but also helps us learn more about each other," said Head of School Dr. John Eldridge.



A group of Chatham Charter 2nd graders hang leaves with things they are thankful for on the Tree of Thankfulness in the elementary building hallway. (Submitted photo)

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Co-Executors:
 • William Craig Lambert
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 N22,N29,D6,D13,4tp

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Monty G. Justice, Administrator

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS 18 E 534

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of HOMER S. MITCHELL of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before March 1, 2019 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This 29th day of November, 2018.

Co-Executors
 Billie Jo James, Executrix
 4104 Goldston Glendon Rd
 Goldston, NC 27252
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY The undersigned, Thomas P. Dark, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of IMO T. DARK, deceased, late of Chatham County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 9th day of March, 2019, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This 29th day of November, 2018.

Thomas P. Dark, Executor
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TYLER HUNTINGTON, CO-EXECUTOR, ESTATE OF GAIL S. HUNTINGTON
 SUSAN SPINELLI, CO-EXECUTRIX, ESTATE OF GAIL S. HUNTINGTON
 Tillman, Whichard & Cagle, PLLC,
 501 Eastowne Drive, Suite 130
 Chapel Hill, NC 27514
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS 18 E 507

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of JAMES WALTER HILL of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before March 1, 2019 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This 26th day of November, 2018.

Marilyn N. Hill, Administrator
 PO Box 24
 262 Moncure Loop Rd
 Moncure, NC 27559
 N29,D6,D13,D20,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 18 E 613

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of JOYCE MERRITT MOTE of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before March 1, 2019 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This 29th day of November, 2018.

Billie Jo James, Executrix
 4104 Goldston Glendon Rd
 Goldston, NC 27252
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY The undersigned, Thomas P. Dark, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of IMO T. DARK, deceased, late of Chatham County, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 9th day of March, 2019, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This 29th day of November, 2018.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of JULES MALVIN BARON of Chatham

County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before March 6, 2019 or their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This is the 29nd day of November, 2018.
Dale Baron, Executor
107 Parkridge Avenue
Chapel Hill, NC 27517

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TOWN OF SILER CITY
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on Dec. 17, 2018 at 7 pm in the City Hall Courtroom located at 311 N. 2nd Ave. Public hearing and Board discussion will be conducted on the following requests:
1. Town of Siler City proposes text amendments to §156 Gaming Establishment, Adult (separation requirement from residential uses) of the UDO.

2. Town of Siler City proposes text amendments to §194 Access to Lots (points of access for residential developments) of the UDO.
The proposed items are available for review in the Planning office. All persons interested in the outcome of the application are invited to attend the public hearings and present comments, testimony, and exhibits on the above referenced items. The Planning Board will meet on Dec. 10 @ 6:30 pm to consider a recommendation to the Town Board.
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Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma bajo petición. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Jenifer Johnson al johnson@silercity.org o 919-742-4731 en 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344 de alojamiento para esta solicitud. D6,D13,2tc

CHATHARIDGE 222 OLD LYSTRA RD CHAPEL HILL, NC 27517 SELF-STORAGE PUBLIC SALE

Chatharidge Self-Storage, Pursuant to N.C. Statute 44A shall conduct a public sale of storage space #14 located at 222 Old Lystra Rd., Chapel Hill, NC 27517, Chatham County.

Sale will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. on the 27th day of December, 2018. All successful bidders shall take possession and remove contents of space immediately. For information on submitting a bid, call 919-932-6208. D6,D13,2tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 18 E 617

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of DORIS EDWARDS BROWN, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned at his address, 157 Manley Edwards Drive, Siler City, North Carolina 27344, on or before the 6th day of March, 2019, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 3rd day of December, 2018.

Dwight Bradley Brown, 157 Manley Edwards Drive Siler City, North Carolina 27344 GUNN & MESSICK, LLP PO Box 880 Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312-0880 D6.D13.D20.D27.4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 18 E 31

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of CAROL LYNN FRIEDMAN of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before March 6, 2019 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 4th day of December, 2018.

Richard E. Friedman, Executor 895 Greens Landing Rd. Manson, VA 98831 D6,D13,D20,D27,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 18 E 615

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of RUDOLPH WARD HOWARD, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms or corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at Post Office Box 1867, Pittsbor, North Carolina 27312, on or before the 6th day of March, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms or corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 30th day of November, 2018.

STARR HOWARD FAIR, Executrix of the Estate of Rudolph Ward Howard PO Box 1867 Pittsboro, NC 27312 D6,D13,D20,D27,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 18 E 616

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of GERALDINE BOWLING HOWARD, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms or corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at Post Office Box 1867, Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312, on or before the 6th day of March, 2019, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms or corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 30th day of November, 2018.

STARR HOWARD FAIR Executrix of the Estate of Geraldine Bowling Howard PO Box 1867 Pittsboro, NC 27312 D6,D13,D20,D27,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 18 E 614

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of EFFIE PHILLIPS POE of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before March 13, 2019 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 13th day of December, 2018.

Barbara H. Poe, Executor 153 Robert Poe Rd.

P.O. Box 72 Gulf, NC 27256 D13,D20,D27,J3,4tp

REQUEST for QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) TOWN OF PITTSBORO, NC On-Call Professional Civil Engineering Services

PURPOSE: The Town of Pittsboro (http://www.pittsboronc.gov) seeks professional engineering services from qualified engineering firms, licensed to do business in North Carolina. The Town of Pittsboro is undergoing unprecedented growth where additional professional service needs are expected.

SCOPE OF WORK: The Town of Pittsboro is looking to retain the services of a panel of firms for on-call services and on an as-needed, Task Order basis. The firms selected will be expected to have a familiarity of the Town of Pittsboro's ordinances and standards. Interaction and input from Town Staff will be required as well as periodic presentations to the Town Board of Commissioners. Specific work requirements include but are not limited to the following activities:

- Analyze survey reports, maps, drawings, blueprints, aerial photography, topographical or geologic data to plan projects
Preliminary analysis and conceptual design of minor engineering projects
Construction monitoring and inspection services
Water Distribution system modeling support using latest version of WATER-CAD
Assist Town Staff with review of private development plans as assigned
Assist Town Staff in the development of plans and specifications for Town projects
Assist Town Staff in the review and development of needed updates to the Engineering design standards and specification

SUBMITTAL OF QUALIFICATIONS STATEMENTS: Two (2) copies of the qualifications statement (not to exceed 10 pages front and back) must be submitted to the Town Engineer by 5 p.m. Friday, December 21, 2018. Qualifications must be placed in a sealed envelope clearly marked with - "Response to RFQ for On-Call Professional Civil Engineering Services" and may be submitted physically to the Town of Pittsboro Town Hall at 635 East Street, or mailed to the Town of Pittsboro, Attention Elizabeth Goodson, at PO Box 759, Pittsboro, NC 27312.

REQUIRED INFORMATION: All qualifications statements shall include the following information, at minimum: 1. Resumes of the proposed project team. 2. Proposed scope of services and project scheduling. 3. Information on similar projects accomplished for similar-size clients. 4. Provide summaries of previous water distribution projects of similar size and scope. 5. Two (2) minimum references with contact information.

EVALUATION CRITERIA: Qualifications statement meeting the minimum required information and overall quality. 1. Technical qualifications of the firm. 2. Project experience of the team proposed. 3. Experience in working with the above-listed state and federal funding agencies. 4. Capability to meet time schedules and project budget requirements. 5. Ability to work in a team environment with the Town Staff and the neighborhood citizens.

SELECTION PROCESS: Upon Board of Commissioner approval, the Town will seek to engage with three engineering firms immediately. Additional firms may be added depending on funding and volume of work. It is expected that the first three (3) best-fit, qualified firms will be selected. Interviews may be conducted via conference call if deemed necessary by the Town. It is anticipated that the three (3) contracts for on-call engineering services will be executed by the Town Manager by the end of January 2019. D13,D20,2tc

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS Water Treatment Plant Improvements - Phase 1 Project No. H-SRP-D-17-0076 SILER CITY, NC

Separate, sealed bids for the project entitled Water Treatment Plant Improvements - Phase 1 will be received by the Town of Siler City at 2:00p.m. local time on January 3, 2019 in the Town of Siler City Town Hall located at 311 N. 2nd Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina, 27344. At said place and time, all Bids that have been duly received will be publicly opened and read aloud. The bidder shall show evidence of appropriate contractor's license by clearly displaying his or her current license number on the outside of the sealed envelope in which the bid is delivered.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 2:00 p.m. local time December 20, 2018 at the Town of Siler City Town Hall located at 311 N. 2nd Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina, 27344. Minority business participation requirements and other important project issues will be discussed. Interested parties are encouraged to attend this meeting to review the plans, ask for additional information or clarification and to visit the project site.

THE PROJECT GENERALLY CONSISTS OF the replacement of the filter media for each of the four (4) filters at the Siler City Water Treatment Plant (WTP). The Contractor shall remove the old media, inspect the filter underdrains and filter boxes and install replacement media as shown on the drawings and as specified herein. Work shall include the removal of all existing filter media, proper disposal of the removed media, inspection of the filter underdrains and filter basins, and repair if necessary. Contract Documents may be examined at the following: Town of Siler City Town Hall, Siler City, NC; McGill Associates, PA, Pinehurst, NC; and QuestCDN at https://www.questcdn.com/. Digital copies

of Bid Documents are available for purchase at www.mcgill-engineers.com for a fee of \$50.00 per set. These documents may be downloaded by selecting this project from the "Bids" link and by entering Quest Project Number 6035835. For assistance and free membership registration, contact Quest CDN at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com.

Each bid shall be accompanied with a cash deposit or certified check drawn on a bank or trust company insured by the FDIC or a Bid Bond prepared on the form of Bid Bond contained in the Bidding Documents or a Surety Company's standard form and properly executed by a corporate surety licensed under the laws of North Carolina to execute such bonds. The amount of the bid bond shall be equal to five (5) percent of the total of the bid. The bid deposit shall be retained by the Owner if the successful bidder fails to execute the contract or fails to provide the required bonds, as stated above, within ten (10) days after the proper notice of award of the contract.

Bidders must comply with the requirements of the State of North Carolina and be appropriately licensed as a Contractor as provided in General Statutes Chapter 87.

Neither the Owner nor the engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including any Addenda, obtained from any source other than the Owner's representative, McGill Associates, P.A. Each Bidder shall be responsible for the review of all addenda for the project and shall acknowledge the addenda on the bid form.

The Owner reserves the right to reject all Bids, to waive informalities, or to reject non-conforming, non-responsive, or conditional bids. The Owner reserves the right to award a contract to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder or bidders, taking into consideration quality, performance and time.

Contractors submitting a Bid on this project must solicit bids from minority subcontractors and provide documentation of any outreach efforts as required by the SRP Conditions.

The Town of Siler City as an Equal Opportunity Employer, invites the submission of proposals from minority and women-owned firms and certified Section 3 business concerns if the contract is over \$100,000 for non-construction contracts.

The Town of Siler City will make appropriate arrangements to ensure that disabled persons are provided other accommodations, such as arrangements may include, but are not limited to, providing interpreters for the deaf, providing taped cassettes of materials for the blind, or assuring a barrier-free location for the proceedings.

This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact Nancy Hannah at 919-742-4731, 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344, or nhannah@silercity.org for accommodations for this request.

Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma bajo petición. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Nancy Hannah al nhannah@silercity.org o 919-742-4731 en 311 North Second Avenue, Siler City, North Carolina 27344 de alojamiento para esta solicitud. D13,1tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 18 E 626

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of CHARLES MICHAE TILLMAN of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before March 13, 2019 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 13th day of December, 2018.

Charlene Alice Binkley, Executor 1709 Westcott Dr Raleigh, NC 27614 D13,D20,D27,J3,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 18 E 634

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of THURMAN HART WALTERS of Chatham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before March 13, 2019 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 13th day of December, 2018.

Jean Phillips Walters, Executrix 709 N 3rd Ave Siler City, NC 27344 D13,D20,D27,J3,4tp

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 18 E 542

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of ROBERT G. QUERY, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned at his address, 600 Castleberry Road, Sanford, North Carolina, 27330, on or before the 13th day of March, 2019, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 7th day of December, 2018.

Robert F. Castleberry, Executor 600 Castleberry Road

Sanford, North Carolina 27330 GUNN & MESSICK, LLP P. O. Box 880 Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312-0880 D13,D20,D27,J3,4tc

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The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of CHARLES DANIEL KING, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned at his address, 50 Bluff Trail, Pittsboro, North Carolina, 27312, on or before the 13th day of March, 2019, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 7th day of December, 2018.

Charly JBjohn King 50 Bluff Trail Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312 GUNN & MESSICK, LLP P. O. Box 880 Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312-0880 D13,D20,D27,J3,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 18 E 630

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of BLAINE G. CUSTER, JR., deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned at his address, 916 Chatham Church Road, Moncure, North Carolina, 27559, on or before the 13th day of March, 2019, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 7th day of December, 2018.

Gary A. Custer, Executor 916 Chatham Church Road Moncure, North Carolina 27559 GUNN & MESSICK, LLP P. O. Box 880 Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312-0880 D13,D20,D27,J3,4tc

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 18 E 581

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of MARIE F. MARKHAM, deceased, late of Chatham County, North Carolina, notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned at his address, 1353 Lewter Shop Road, Apex, North Carolina, 27523, on or before the 13th day of March, 2019, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 7th day of December, 2018.

Reid B. Markham, Executor 1353 Lewter Shop Road Apex, North Carolina 27523 GUNN & MESSICK, LLP P. O. Box 880 Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312-0880 D13,D20,D27,J3,4tc

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SPECTRUM TV LINEUP

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Effective on or after January 15th, 2019, Pop will no longer be available on Digi Tier 2/ Spectrum Gold. Pop will continue to be available on Spectrum Select with no change in channel position. For a current channel lineup, visit www.Spectrum.com/channels. To view this notice online, visit www.Spectrum.net/programmingnotices. D13,1tc

CHATHAM COUNTY REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS for Engineering Design Services - Pokeberry Creek Walking Bridge

Chatham County is requesting statements of qualifications for Engineering Design services for a walking bridge to cross Pokeberry Creek near the point of intersection with the Haw River in Pittsboro, NC. The bridge is being added as an enhancement to the Haw River Trail system. The county is interested in the post and cable style suspension bridge with a plank walking surface. It is preferred that the firm have suspension bridge experience, but not required.

Federal grant funds will be used for this project. Award of a contract is contingent upon a successful negotiated contract with the most qualified submitting firm and compliance with all federal requirements.

Architects must submit four (4) written bound responses and one electronic copy by 5:00 pm EST on Tuesday, January 8, 2019. Written responses must be delivered to Robin James, Chatham County Finance Office, 12 East Street, P. O. Box 608, Pittsboro, NC 27312. The electronic copy should be submitted in .PDF format included in the submittal on electronic media or e-mailed to robin.james@chathamnc.org. Both the written and electronic copies must be received by the deadline above. Responses received after this time will not be accepted.

Questions regarding the RFQ must be submitted in writing either via e-mail to Robin James, Chatham County Procurement Manager, at robin.james@chathamnc.org or by fax to 919-545-2417. All questions requiring additional information will be responded to in an addendum. The deadline for questions is January 2, 2019 by 12:00 Noon. This announcement and attachments can be found on

the County's "Bid Opportunity" webpage at http://www.chathamnc.org/business/current-bid-proposals-al-opportunities. Any addendum issued will be posted here as well.

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The \$100k food truck rally

BY CASEY MANN News + Record Staff

Chatham County will consider whether to continue funding a food truck festival in Moncure amidst a debate about whether the group's initial request of \$100,000 was granted - and if not, how best to fund the event moving forward.

The Moncure-Haywood Event Organization put on the event in September, supported by funding from the county. The group, represented by Quentin Murray, requested funding in July in an amount not to exceed \$100,000. The group estimated its costs would be about \$17,000 with an estimated attendance of 2,500.

At that time, Murray noted that the group was not yet a fully formed non-profit and as such was having a difficult time raising funds for the event. Murray also noted the group was interested in hosting other events in the future.

The commissioners asked that the group work with former Chatham County manager Renee Paschal to create a contract for the food truck event, not to exceed \$100,000, with a budget that would be based on receipts.

Based on the agreement passed by commissioners in August, the county allocated just under \$25,000 to be available to the group.

The money used was drawn from the Coal Ash settlement, millions of dollars Duke Energy was required to pay to Chatham for dumping coal ash at Brickhaven located on Moncure-Flatwood Road in Moncure.

Murray's organization was required to prepare a final report for the county following the event, listing vendors, performers and attendance. The report also had to list any revenue received at the festival and proof of expenses paid.

Murray presented that report to the Board of Commissioners on Nov. 19 - saying the event drew about 1,800 visitors, with expenses of \$15,425. Responding to questions from the board, he said total revenue was just over \$1,600.

Following the presentation, Murray requested the group be funded by the county for the next three years at \$25,000 each year.

"My interpretation was that we asked for \$100,000 and then met with Renee [Paschal]," Murray said. "My interpretation was that with the approval of up to \$100,000, that since we did not use - only a portion of it - we could continue with asking for support for next year."

Murray noted that the group received its status in the mail the day before the event. The N.C. Secretary of State's office, however, notes the group's official formation date as July 24.

Commissioner Walter Petty, noting the group had achieved non-profit

status, said he felt the group should be "moved into the pool of non-profits" with funding to be considered in the same budgeting process as other non-profits.

"Surely if the funding was there two months ago, we should be considered for it again," Murray said.

"We can't sit here and pick and choose the agencies we are going to fund and not fund," Petty said. "It's got to be a system that goes through and evaluated and put on a scale of performance. Now I'm not discounting the fact that it's a good service. Don't take this message that way. It's about deciding who you're going to fund and not fund without some sort of process."

The board did not arrive at a decision about whether the initial approval was for \$100,000, nor did it decide if or how the non-profit group should receive funding.

The board did determine that they would bring the issue back at a later meeting, likely Dec. 17, as two members of the commission, commissioners Mike Dasher and Karen Howard were not in attendance.

Petty requested the county manager put together all expenses paid out in support of the Moncure area since the coal ash agreement. This would include air and water quality monitoring, funding for wastewater lines to the Moncure megasite, and other efforts in the community. This will also likely be on the Dec. 17 agenda.

"I'm not going to let this be a one-sided...like we don't care," Petty said. "I voted for every one of those things. I believe we should do those things."

After the meeting, Petty elaborated on the situation to the News + Record, noting his concern for oversight for any entity that uses public funds.

"Although community events are a crucial part of building an active, engaged and viable community, the county doesn't normally fund them," Petty said. "Most of these events are handled by some civic organization that does its own fundraising and possibly gets support dollars as a nonprofit."

"When I questioned what we were asked to do, it was seen as not supporting the event. This wasn't the case at all. The problem I have with the Moncure/Haywood Food truck event is that we didn't follow any of our budgeting protocol," he said.

Petty then noted the county's non-profit funding process which includes a ranking system based on the community needs assessment.

"The nonprofit process has a system that ranks the request to assist in decision process," Petty said.

The board will likely take up the subject at its next meeting on Dec. 17 at the Historic Chatham County Courthouse in Pittsboro.

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Meet the new Chairman

Mike Dasher takes gavel for commissioners

BY CASEY MANN
News + Record Staff

Mike Dasher was selected as chair of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners on Dec. 3, a little less than two years into his first term on the board.

Just a few days into his new seat, he's already picked out a priority.

"As Chairman, I think my most important role is to facilitate good, robust conversation," he said.

Dasher spoke with the News + Record about himself and his goals for the coming year.

Personal life

Dasher grew up in northwest Ohio and lived there until his family moved to Greenville when he was a teenager. He said that he and his two brothers grew up with "lots of books and newspapers and lively discussions at the dinner table about history and politics, literature and music."

But he admitted that he was "least academically-minded" of the family and dropping out of high school. He received a GED and went to Barton College in Wilson to study political science and economics.

After college, he took a year off to apply to law school. During that time, he performed service work with Habitat for Humanity through the AmeriCorps program.

"Twenty years later, I'm still building houses and never did make it to law school," he said. "I have a small business, developing and building small projects in Pittsboro."

Dasher met his wife, Selbe Bartlett, before college and the two have been together ever since. They have two children, a 14-year-old daughter and 10-year-old son.

"They keep me in check and remind me what's important," he said. "It sounds painfully corny, but, at the end of the day, if my kids think I'm a good dad, all the other stuff matters a lot less. So just hanging out with them is how I de-stress."

Dasher says he likes Chatham County "because it's such a fascinating mi-

crocosm of the country at large. All the big problems we face as a nation seem fixable here, which I suppose is why I enjoy being a county commissioner."

Goals for the upcoming year

Hiring a new county manager

Former Chatham County manager Renee Paschal retired from the position this year and the commissioners appointed Deputy Manager Dan LaMontagne to serve as interim. Dasher wants to move forward in selecting

unity in the county's various development guidelines.

"I think we've moved beyond the debates about whether we grow or whether we need to aggressively manage it," he said. "Residents have made it clear over the last few election cycles — they want to see our towns be the engines of growth, and our county retain its rural character and agricultural heritage. Now we need to develop the ordinances and regulations to codify that."

Master parks plan



CHAIRMAN MIKE DASHER

a permanent replacement for the position soon.

"They are going to need to have some of understanding of Chatham County and where we are in upcoming projects and growth balanced with the technical knowledge," Dasher said. "The board's job is to lay out the vision, but it takes the right people to make that vision a reality."

Development Rules

The county will be moving forward in 2019 on creating a Unified Development Ordinance, the rules for what and how development happens in the county. Dasher said the UDO will help "put some teeth behind" the recent land use plan and he hopes it will allow for

The county has been working on a Parks and Recreation Master Plan that is nearing completion. A planned public meeting presentation at the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center was scheduled to take place Tuesday.

Dasher, noting the upcoming public input sessions, is hopeful the board can adopt a plan within the next year.

"I would like to move forward on some land conservancy ideas and see greenway connectivity," Dasher said. "I want us to really come up with a good long-term plan to parks and public spaces."

Affordable housing

After an initial alloca-

tion to an affordable housing fund from the traditional budgeting process, Dasher said he'd like for the county to continue supporting the project fiscally.

"I think we can find a system to contribute to it whether from developers or from a portion of property taxes," he said. "We need to come up with some mechanism to sustain so funds are available when opportunities for projects come up."

Government complex

The county has been working with consultants to develop plans for a new government complex in downtown Pittsboro to replace the old Ag Building and annex designed to handle growth in the county.

"What's most important to me is that we end up with some kind of usable community space here in the heart of Chatham County, the county seat," Dasher said.

"We need a good space for outdoor events."

Dasher would like to see the process move toward the public input phase so the board can learn what Chatham residents want to see in the complex.

That's not the only capital project the county's undertaking in coming years, with a new Central Carolina Community College building, animal shelter, elementary school and high school also on the docket.

"We are making enormous investments in Chatham's future but also trying to catch up to our present," Dasher said. "It's tough to do it all."

Chatham Promise

Dasher said he has high hopes for the proposed Chatham Promise program — which would guarantee free tuition to CCCC for Chatham high school graduates who qualify. It's on the agenda for the board's Dec. 17 meeting.

"I'm a strong supporter of the concept," he said. "I think it's a project that we should roll out and see whose using it. We want to make sure it's working for the folks who most need it and if not fix it."

'Superstreet' improvements on 64

New turnaround design from NCDOT draws concerns from Siler City board

By JOHN HUNTER
News + Record Staff

A new redesign to a popular intersection of the "superstreet" improvements scheduled for U.S. Hwy. 64 has raised concerns from some Siler City Town Board members.

The North Carolina Department of Transportation is planning to install medians through the stretch of U.S. 64 from the Walmart just east of N.C. 421 westward near the State Employees Credit Union.

A year ago, the NCDOT held two public meetings to gather comments from input from residents.

According to maps, once the median is installed, drivers will no longer be able to drive directly across U.S. 64 except at specific locations; at other locations, drivers will be allowed only to turn left. Drivers will be directed to u-turn "bulb outs" to navigate across the road.

On those intersections, the North Glenn/Perry Avenue and U.S. 64, has drawn concern from Siler City Town Board Commissioner Cindy Bray.

"If I wanted to go to Asheboro, I would have to go down the road and turn around?" Bray asked NCDOT officials during the board's December 3 meeting.

The turnaround bulb for the intersection has been designed approximately 800 feet east, across from the intersection of Dogwood Avenue and U.S. 64.

"There are a lot of people that live in that neighborhood that are going to be affected by this and are not going to be happy," Bray said.

The intersection of U.S. 64 and Glenn Avenue is not currently signalized, and it did not fit the criteria to receive traffic signals, according to North Carolina Department of Transportation engineer Matthew Kitchen.

"We are following the systematic process for the whole corridor," Kitchen said.

"We are going to get a lot of complaints about this turnaround," Bray said. "And they are going to complain to the commissioners about it. We are the ones that are going to have to hear the complaints."

Commissioner Michael Constantino agreed, saying, "This is the only way to get out of this neighborhood. The traffic could get piled up if they all are trying to turn out at the same intersection."

Jeffrey Teague, the project leader for NC DOT Division 8, said that the project balances safety and efficiency and reduces "points of conflict" on the roadway in half.

Conflict points are any points where the paths of two through or turning vehicles diverge, merge, or cross.

Teague also said that the turnaround "bulb" option could actually be quicker for drivers than turning left out of Glenn Avenue.

"Think about the time you spend at Glenn Avenue trying to make a left turn at a busy time of the day," Teague said. "It will be much more efficient and quicker to go down, make the left and turn around."

Currently the NCDOT is working to acquire right of way rights throughout 2019. Construction is set to begin on the project in 2020.

Other design modifications include:

- A revised shoulder section to a curb and gutter section berm has been added to the connector road from north Chatham to US 64.
- The left turn lane into the N.C. Highway Patrol Station has been lengthened and the concrete has been lengthened to encourage right turns in and right turns out at the existing intersection of Memorial Drive and U.S. 64.
- Memorial Drive will be extended and will tie into N. Chatham Avenue.
- An eastbound left-over has been added at North Avenue.
- A retaining wall as been added to maintain an existing service road at Sir Pizza.
- A new drive was added to Love's Creek Church parking lot from Love's Creek Church Road.

Farmers eligible for hurricane relief

Pasture-based livestock producers within eligible counties with damage to standing forage as a result of Hurricane Florence and/or Tropical Storm Michael are eligible for the Hurricane Florence Agricultural Disaster Program of 2018. Applications are being taken until December 10th for

the program. All crops are covered under the program including forages standing in hay fields and pasture for grazing livestock. The program does not cover loss of hay that was already harvested, but rather covers any forage that was standing in the field at the time of the storm.

To be eligible for the program the farmer needs to start their application prior to December 10, but will have time after that to complete the application process. To complete the process they will need to have a USDA FSA 578 form which is the standard crop acreage report. Farmers with only grazing livestock

often do not file an annual 578 form. In that case FSA will allow for a late filing of the report with a small (usually less than \$50) late fee.

To start your application you can go to the website: <https://www.ncagr.gov/agriculturaldisasterprogram/> or contact your local extension office for assistance.



The Haw River is framed by snow built up on the old Bynum Bridge railing in Bynum on Sunday. The peaceful scene above was provided by Winter Storm Diego, who dumped anywhere from 8.5 to 10 inches on Sunday and Monday in Chatham County, giving the kids a chance to play. Snow lovers came out in force, snapping photos, recording memories of the winter precipitation that Chatham received. Chatham County Schools were cancelled Monday and Tuesday but as of press time no decision had been made if Wednesday's start would be delayed. (Staff photo by Jeff Davis)



The crowd that gathered in downtown Siler City on parade night were greeted by cold, and colder. Blankets, heavy coats and toboggans were the dress code in the Thursday night event to welcome Santa to town. Dignitaries, bands, floats and of course, Santa Claus greeted the folks lined up and down Chatham Avenue. Winter Storm Diego caused Pittsboro to cancel their Christmas parade Sunday afternoon. It will not be re-scheduled. (Staff photos by Jeff Davis.)



Siler City's Christmas parade was cold, festive

Bill would split bipartisan elections, ethic boards once again

By Lindsay Marchello
Carolina Journal

RALEIGH — After several court battles and a failed constitutional amendment, the Bipartisan Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement may once again become separate boards.

Rep. David Lewis, R-Harnett on Monday, Dec. 3, introduced House Bill 1117, which would reconfigure and split the Bipartisan Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement.

The Bipartisan Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement has been the focus of several constitutional challenges since the Republican-led General Assembly tried to restructure the makeup of the elections board during a 2016 special legislative session.

“By combining the ethics enforcement and election oversight, it was almost giving too much for one committee to do,” said David McLennan, a political science professor at Meredith College. “It seems like there was more focus on the election oversight than the ethics enforcement.”

Courts have rebuffed attempts to remove or dilute the governor’s sole appointment power to the elections board. Superior Court decisions from October ruled the board unconstitutional. But because midterm election voting had already started, the court kept the board in place until Dec. 3.

A proposed state constitutional amendment to preserve changes to the elections and ethics board failed in November. The court has decided to allow the bipartisan board to stay in place until Dec. 12 so an election investigation into allegations of absentee ballot irregularities in the 9th Congressional District can move forward.

Andy Taylor, a political science professor at N.C. State University, said it looks as if lawmakers are throwing in the towel in their quest for a bipartisan board of elections and ethics.

“If you’re going back to what the [2016] status quo was, that seems as uncontroversial of a position as you possibly can get,” Taylor said.

One agency would be a five-member board overseeing the administration of elections. As with the original elections board, the governor would have control over appointments. Three of the five members would come from the governor’s party; state leaders in the other major party would nominate candidates for the two remaining spots.

County election boards would return to three members instead of four, with no more than two members coming from the same party. In odd-numbered years, the chair would be a member of the political party with the highest number of registered party affiliates, currently the Democratic Party. During even-

numbered years, the chair would be a member of the political party with the second-highest number of registered party affiliates, now the Republican Party.

The second agency would be an eight-member bipartisan board addressing ethics, campaign finance, and lobbying. Half the members would be appointed by the governor; the other half by state lawmakers.

“[H.B. 1117] gets a better chance of standing bipartisan support than the previous iteration of a bill to combine the ethics enforcement and election oversight,” McLennan said.

McLennan said these changes make clearer the terms of responsibilities for each board and may remove some partisanship from the agencies.

The current edition of the bill includes a variety of other provisions, such as abolishing six state boards tied up in court over separation-of-powers concerns. If the bill passes, the following would be dissolved: the State Building Commission, the Clean Water Management Trust Fund Board of Trustees, the state Parks and Recreation Authority, the Private Protective Services Board, the Rural Infrastructure Authority, and the Child Care Commission.

H.B. 1117 would also repeal a law requiring state political investigations to be handled by the Wake County District Attorney’s office. Instead, the prosecutorial district

responsible for the investigation would depend on where a candidate lives.

The bill also would repeal the Constitutional Amendment Publication Commission. The three-member commission was in charge of writing ballot descriptions of proposed constitutional amendments for voter information materials. Secretary of State Elaine Marshall and Attorney General Josh Stein, the two Democrats on the commission, earned the ire of Republican lawmakers when Marshall and Stein claimed lawmakers used deceptive language in some of the 2018 constitutional amendments.

“That part is a sort of way of rebuking the Constitutional Amendment Publication Commission,” Taylor said.

Taylor said this provision may be a way for Republican lawmakers to gain something in exchange for returning to the status quo. Whether Democratic lawmakers are on board remains unclear.

“I think at least the main provisions of it could get bipartisan support and may be able to get through pretty quickly,” McLennan said. “It’s just the other things like the commissions and relocating the investigations that may be the sticking points.”

Museum exhibits highlights man's wartime sacrifice

CN+R Staff Report

A new exhibit in the Chatham Historical Museum highlights the sacrifice of Chatham County resident William T. Durham, Seaman First Class on the USS Arizona, who was killed in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

Durham’s remains were identified from his Pittsboro High School ring, which is among artifacts recently donated to the Chatham Historical Museum by his family.

Some of these items are on display at the Museum during December.

The Museum is in the Historic Chatham County Courthouse and is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., weather permitting.



WILLIAM T. DURHAM

Gas prices in N.C. continue to fall

CN+R Staff Report

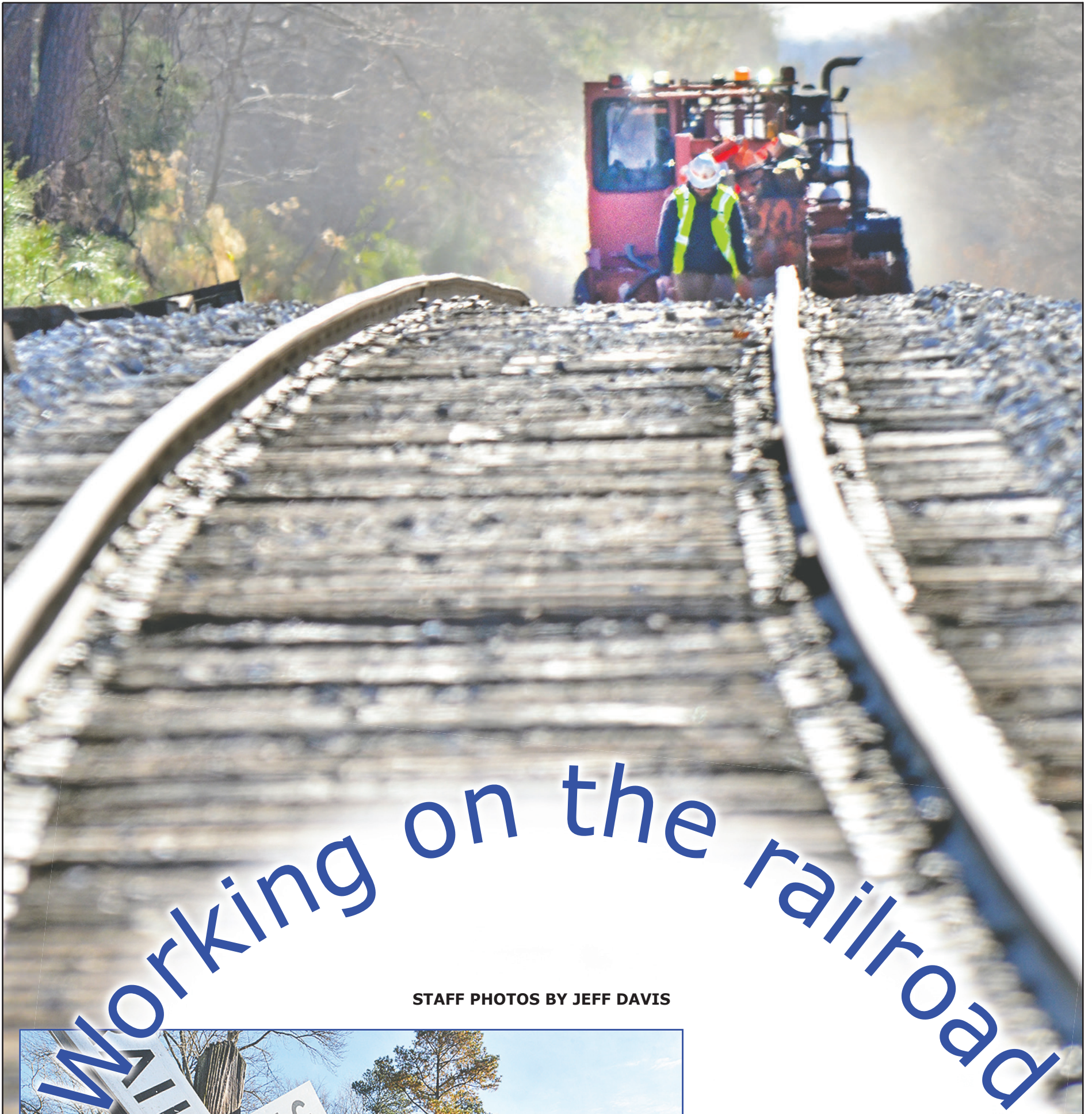
Gasoline prices in North Carolina have fallen 3.8 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.28/g on Sunday, according to GasBuddy’s daily survey of 6,092 stations in North Carolina.

This compares with the national average that has fallen 2.7 cents per gallon versus last week to \$2.41/g, according to GasBuddy.

Average gasoline prices on December 10 in North Carolina have ranged widely over the last five years: \$2.32/g in 2017, \$2.17/g in 2016, \$1.98/g in 2015, \$2.61/g in 2014 and \$3.27/g in 2013.

Including the change locally during the past week, prices on Sunday were 3.7 cents per gallon lower than a year ago and are 28.8 cents per gallon lower than a month ago.

The national average has dropped 28.0 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 3.8 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

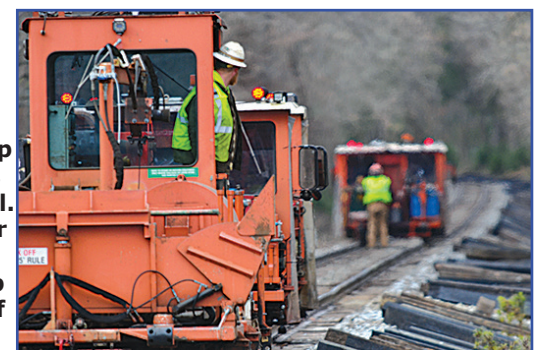


Working on the railroad

STAFF PHOTOS BY JEFF DAVIS



The rumble of work trains is in the air. Workers from Norfolk-Southern Railroad have been busy up and down the line, taking out old cross ties and replacing them with new ones while at the same time raising the tracks. State roads and private crossing have been closed in several locations to get the work done, but only for a short time. Like a well-oiled machine, the work cars are placed in line to where each can do their job in a shorter time. As one sets the new cross ties in place, another will come behind it and pick up the old ties for disposal. Yet another will come and pick up a section of rail while four small metal bars pack the rock under the pre-existing rail and lay the track back down, giving it a few inches of lift. Occasionally, just like in any work, something breaks down. But no fear: the railroad has its own service vehicles that follow the crews as they work to make repairs on the go.



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